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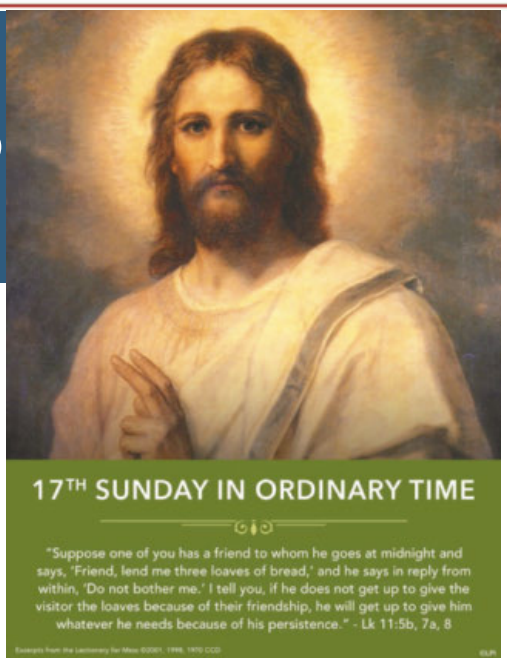

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM + 11 AM + 2 PM
Monday + Friday	12 PM
Tuesday + Wed	8 AM
Thursday	6 PM
Saturday	8 AM

ADORATION

Monday	1—3PM
Wednesday	6—8 PM
Thursday	7—8 PM
Friday	1—3PM

CONFESSION

Sunday	1 PM
Mon + Wed + Fri	6:30—7:30 PM
Thursday	7—8 PM

Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9 AM—4 PM

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: We, the members of Holy Comforter Parish, united in faith by God, nourished by Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist, and guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, believe that we are called to worship, formation, service, and evangelization within our parish, our local communities, and all those in need.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (7/26)
8 AM Mass
5 PM Vigil Mass
SUNDAY (7/27) Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Altar Flowers Donated in honor of Father Joseph Mary and our Parish
Second Collection: Maintenance Fund
8:30 AM Mass
11 AM Mass
1 PM Confession
2 PM Mass
MONDAY (7/28)
10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry
12PM Mass
6:30-7:30 PM Confession
TUESDAY (7/29)
8 AM Mass
10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY (7/30)
8 AM Mass
10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry
6 PM Choir (on summer break)
6-8 PM Adoration
6:30-7:30 PM Confession
THURSDAY (7/31)
12-1 PM Soup Kitchen
6 PM Mass with Adoration following
7 PM Confession
FRIDAY (8/1)
12 PM Mass
1-3 PM Adoration
6:30-7:30 PM Confession
SATURDAY (8/2)
8 AM Mass
5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (8/3) Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Altar Flowers donated by the Lannon Family to Honor the Wedding of Talia and Harley Davis
8:30 AM Mass
11 AM Mass
1 PM Confession
2 PM Gregorian Mass

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Leo,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

SAINTS OF GOD

7/26 Saints Joachim and Anne
7/27 Saint Titus Brandsma
7/28 Saint Blessed Stanley Rother
7/29 Sts Mary, Martha, and Lazarus
7/30 Saint Solanus Casey
7/31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola
8/1 Saint Alphonsus
8/2 Saints Liguori
8/3 Saint Eusebius of Vercelli

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Michael Capps & Cheryl Ehrenfried
Salvador & Rosemary Sierra

We welcome you to join our Holy Comforter Parish Family. Registration Forms are in the Office and on the Commons Credenza.

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:
Contact the Parish Office 434-295-7185
Reception@holycomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (7/26)
8AM The Ill and Homebound
5PM † Normand Auger (Therese Auger)

SUNDAY (7/27)
8:30AM Members of the Parish
11AM John Thomas Schrank (Melinda Wells)
2PM Deceased Members of the Charles Smith Family (Patricia McAdams)

MONDAY (7/28)
12PM Sumerton Family (Rosemary and Salva Sierra)

TUESDAY (7/29)
8AM George Walendowski (Fr. Joseph Mary)

WEDNESDAY (7/30)
8AM Robert and Mary Klein (Fr. Joseph Mary)

THURSDAY (7/31)
6 PM Father Nicholas O.P.

FRIDAY (8/1)
12 PM † Catherine and Urbain Auger (Therese Auger)

SATURDAY (8/2)
8AM Joseph and Rose Marie Madero (Fr. Joseph Mary)

5PM Ed and Marianne Walendowski (Fr. Joseph Mary)

SUNDAY (8/3)
8:30AM Ed and Anna Stelow's 30th Wedding Anniversary (Ed & Anna Stelow)
11AM Members of the Parish
2PM † Douglas McAdams (Patricia McAdams)

PARISH NEWS

PARISH SUPPORT

Week Ending July 20, 2025

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail $2,544
- Online Giving $2,865

Weekly Offertory Budget ($9,500)

Below Weekly Budget ($4,091)

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JULY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

7/13/2025 Outreach

7/27/2025 Maintenance Fund

WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET

Our parish operating budget for the new fiscal year is $494,000 which requires us to receive offertory contributions of **$9,500 per week**. In order to meet our obligations, it is necessary for our 224 registered and active families to contribute $2,200 per year, or about $42 per week. Thank you for your support and may God bless you abundantly.

PLEASE KEEP HOLY COMFORTER IN MIND DURING YOUR SUMMER TRAVELS

If you will be away this summer, you can make your offertory contributions with Online Giving from wherever you are! And, when you do so, it helps us to meet our regular financial obligations. Please visit https://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/ for Online Giving. Thank you!

SCAN HERE to support Holy Comforter!
Thank You!!

LITURGICAL NOTES

As we celebrate this 17th Sunday of Ordinary time, our Gospel passage, from Luke 11, we are called to reflect on how Jesus calls us to prayer. Jesus tells us how we should pray and to pray the "Our Father – The Lord's prayer". Jesus gives us this prayer because it perfect model of how we should pray. This prayer is so important, it is included in every Mass that is celebrated. Why is that? The Lord's Prayer, first and foremost, gives glory and honor to God as the first intention of our prayer, no matter what we may need. We start with stating that we Honor God's name and know that His name is HOLY. Then we pray that his will be done and not ours so that we be united with Him on earth as it is in Heaven. We continue and ask for our "Our daily bread". We need to receive His body in the Eucharist in order to serve him and others. We acknowledge our sins, as we ask for forgiveness and to help us forgive those who sin against us. This is the hardest part of the Lord's Prayer. However, we continue by also acknowledging that we will continue to be tempted and that we truly wish to be delivered from every evil. Then we end our prayer, as we Glorify Him for His kingdom is the power and the glory forever!

God bless, *Alicia Vinklarek, LMC, Liturgy Coordinator*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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A SPECIAL DAY WITH THE ANGELS-Sept. 27
At HOLY COMFORTER! Save The Date!

A wonderful way to learn about the angels and the role they play in God's plan! It's also 2 days before the Feast of the Archangels Angels, 9/29, and 4 days before the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, 10/2! The retreat will based on the theme ***"A Special Day with the Angels!"*** **It will be at Holy Comforter from 8AM, beginning with Mass, and will end promptly at 12PM. A light breakfast will be served.** It promises to be a fun-filled time of catechesis for the children!

Registration begins August 16!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading *Colossians 3:1-5,9-11*
There is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all in all.

Gospel Reading
Luke 12:13-21
A person's life does not consist of possessions.

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS
(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers)
Ann Carothers, Teresa Cook, Connie Flamm, Kelton Flinn, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Jim and Bobbie Hoskins, Ann Jackson, Mary Nguyen, Mae Trentanove, Mary Wheeler, and Mary Ann Ziminski.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS
Leroy and Felicia Anderson, Blanding Attey, Ben and Katherine Barahona, Christine Bentejac, Ken Brunk, Max and Hadley Burch, Stephen Crews, Kaylee Carter, Petra Vera Chavez, Molly Clarke, Stephanie Crews, Roxanne Crittenden, Nancy Joan Debiese, Jimmy Dominguez, Linda Doyle, Gene Flamm, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Brad and Debbie Ferguson, Sue Gilbert, Paula Goodburn, Genevieve Halfen, Margaret Heritage, Maddie Hermack, Liana Haseltine, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Betty Kapeluch, Kelly Lembo and Family, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Chelsea Massey, Dot McAllister, Michael McNeil, Fr. Richard Mooney, Robert Maute, Stephen McAdams, Vince Newton, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Lawrence Randolph, Saathoff Family, Maya Sanchez, Coby Savona, Schrank Family, Tara Singh, Aiden Smith, Christopher Tomaselli, Brendan and Maria Walsh, and Residents and Staff of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY
Matthew Mickiewicz, and Joey Smith.

If you would like your family member/fellow parishioner added, email to Works of Mercy Ministry mercy@holycomforterparish.org or call the church office at 434-295-7185.

To request Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary, please call the office 434-295-7185 or email reception@holycomforterparish.org

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Office of Development – the Catholic Community Foundation, is seeking to fill the following positions: for **Administrative Coordinator** – Executive and Board Affairs. Please go to https://bit.ly/46fv47S. For **Marketing and Communications Manager**, please go to https://bit.ly/3Ukw8Qk. For **Parish Fundraising and Stewardship Officer,** please go to https://bit.ly/46N1wyu. The **Catholic Diocese of Richmond** is seeking a full time **Internal Audit Manager** for the Office of Finance, in Richmond, Virginia. Please go to https://bit.ly/4dfR0kq. Also seeking a full time **Program and Marriage Preparation Coordinator** for Office for Evangelization, in Richmond, Virginia. Please go to https://bit.ly/4cNBz2S. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org. **Sacred Heart Center, in Richmond Virginia,** is seeking an **Executive Director**. For the full ad, please visit https://warrenwhitney.isolvedhire.com/jobs/1546029

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: In the month of June, we served 308 meals in Soup Kitchen. Thank you all for your support to Outreach through your donations, contributions and time. For the month of August, we are asking for donations of peanut butter. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and leader. God Bless!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE: We regularly meet at 7pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. The 1st Tuesday meeting is held at the Church of the Incarnation Conference Room and the 3rd Tuesday meeting is via Zoom. Our next meeting is on Aug 5 at the Church of the Incarnation. You are welcome to attend any meeting to see if this ministry may be calling you. If you would like to donate, please visit our website at www.svdp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org. Looking ahead, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Friends of the Poor Walk will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. More details to follow.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ***"Band of Brothers" (BOB) is finishing up Year 1 of "That Man is You".*** Starting in June, BOB will start meeting outdoors at Washington Park on Saturday mornings from 6:30 -7:30 am, to read St Augustine's confessions alongside Custos, a 33 day consecration to St Joseph. Please text Steven Sisman 434-465-5783 if interested.

HAITI: Our twinning with St. Michel is not charity—it is communion. It is Christ binding brokenness into hope. Through the Haiti Ministry we; feed and educate 600+ students at St. Michel School, sustain a clinic where care is scarce, maintain food and fuel amid gang violence, fund church and the repairs to keep the parish a beacon. These are not just relief efforts—they are acts of incarnate love. The Gospel ends not in theory but with a command: "Go and do likewise." Sponsor a student for $175/year. Pray. Act. Become a neighbor. HOPE FOR HAITI Golf Tournament: Dan Wassilchalk, 410-852-6126, dmw9v@virginia.ed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Ready for an Amazing 2025–2026 School Year! *At Charlottesville Catholic School*, we nurture each student's God-given gifts by instilling acceptance, respect, and compassion. Our students grow into advocates, leaders, and stewards; confident collaborators, achievers, and creators prepared to make a difference in the world. Now accepting applications for Junior Kindergarten through 8th Grade for the 2025–2026 school year. For information, email admissions@cvillecatholic.org.

WHO ARE THE LAY DOMINICANS? What do St. Catherine of Siena, St. Martin de Porres, and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, have in common? They were all Lay Dominicans! You are invited to come meet people living out this unique vocation in the modern world. Meetings are on the first Saturday of each month at St. Thomas Aquinas parish at 401 Alderman Road. Meetings begin with 8:30 AM Mass, followed by the Rosary, and with breakfast and community in St. Thomas Hall across from the sanctuary. Our annual "Come and See" meeting will be held Saturday, September 6. All visitors are welcome! For more information, contact Diane Auger Smith oplaity511@gmail.com or see the website https://stauva.org/dominican-laity/

FROM THE PASTOR

JESUS' BLOOD SHED FOR OUR SALVATION

Part III

Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

"Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins"
Hebrews 9:22

We are aware that blood is the central life supply to each of our body's cells, of which there are millions. Each cell in your body receives new blood…new life… they say every 50 seconds! The life-giving substance of blood constantly supplies your body with strength to continue living. The shed blood of Jesus gives us continual life too, Jesus himself said: **"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day "(Jn. 6:54).** Through the blood of Jesus, you now have a full supply of abundant life…divine, eternal life that begun in you the moment you were baptized (**born again**)! From that moment you stepped into a new life—the life of Trinity became your life—to sustain and strengthen you forever!

We must be aware also that the blood of Jesus restores our relationship with God as **Ephesians 2:13 says*; "now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."*** *At the heart of this "bringing near" is the restoration of humanity with the divine. On the individual level, it's the creation in Christ of personal access to and a relationship with God that we, born into sin, never could have secured. On the corporate level, it's the restoration in Christ of the relationship with God for which we were made. Our sin and rebellion against God have put distance between us and him. In his old-covenant grace, he drew near to his covenant people called Israel. But now, in the new covenant, he draws near not to a particular ethnic people, but to all who receive his Son in faith, no matter who they are or how far they had run. In fact, the phrase "**brought near by the blood of Christ**" gets at the heart of what each of these divine gifts in Jesus's blood does for us: it brings us to God. There may be no better summary of what we've seen so far about the power of Jesus's blood than 1 Peter 3:18: "**Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God."***

*Finally, the God-centered aim of the effects of Jesus's blood is confirmed in its peace-making between God and his people. In Christ, God reconciles his people "**to himself . . . making peace by the blood of his cross**"(Col.1:19-20). That he shed his blood on the cross has been implicit in each instance, but here Paul makes it plain. It is "**the blood of his cross**" that makes peace between God and man. He made peace with an instrument of intentional and horrific torture and execution.*

*Jesus did not shed his blood by accident. This was no random death. Tragic as it was, it was deliberate and voluntary. He was executed unjustly, and his blood was spilled on purpose at the cross, both by sinful men and the holy God-man. They took his life, and he gave it. In doing so, he absorbed the righteous wrath of God, granted us his full legal acceptance, purchased our true freedom, restored our most important relationship, and made peace for us with God himself. This is how, as Paul says elsewhere, he secured "**the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood"** (Acts. 20:28**).***

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