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

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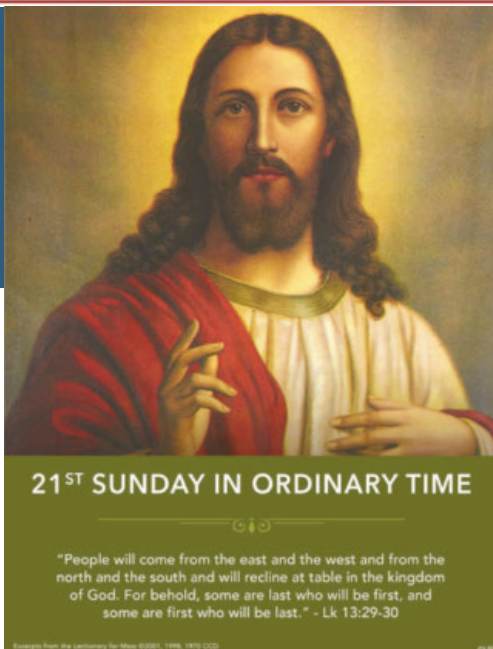
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PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (8/23)

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (8/24) Twenty First

Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated by
Brian & Heidi Hess in honor of
their wedding Anniversary

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

MONDAY (8/25)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

TUESDAY (8/26)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (8/27)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

THURSDAY (8/28)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

FRIDAY (8/29)

12 PM Mass

SATURDAY (8/30)

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (8/31) Twenty First

Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated
Anonymously

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2 PM 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

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to note that Blessed Pier Giorgio was a Vincentian and on Sept. 7, 2025, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) will be canonized.

(Blessed Carlo Acutis will be also be canonized.)

8/27 Saint Monica

8/28 Saint Augustine of Hippo

8/29 Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8/30 Saint Jeanne Jugan

8/31 Saints Joseph of Arimathea
and Nicodemus

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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@holyccomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (8/23)

5PM Steve and Carol Ham and family
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

SUNDAY (8/24)

8:30AM Members of the Parish
11AM Gwendolyn Hess (Heidi Hess)
2PM † Jean Andrus (Heidi Hess)

MONDAY (8/25)

8AM Lee and Dominique Faust
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

TUESDAY (8/26)

8AM † Normand Auger (Terese Auger)

WEDNESDAY (8/27)

8AM Kevin Haag and Family
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

THURSDAY (8/28)

6 PM Edmund and Marianne Walendowski
and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

FRIDAY (8/29)

12PM Deceased Members
and Benefactors of Holy Comforter

SATURDAY (8/30)

5PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (8/31)

8:30AM Stephanie Crews (Mel Crews)
11AM † Sherman Moore
(Richard Nordin, Jr.)
2PM † Jean Andrus (Heidi Hess)

SAINTS OF GOD

8/23 Saint Rose of Lima

8/24 Saint Bartholomew

8/25 Saint Louis of France

8/26 Saint Joseph Calasanz

PARISH NEWS



PARISH SUPPORT

“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

Week Ending August 17, 2025

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$4,292
- Online Giving \$1,800

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)

Below Weekly Budget (\$3,408)

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 225 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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

8/10/2025 Outreach

8/15/2025 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8/24/2025 Maintenance Fund

MONEY MINUTE

Every week we plan to share details about how your financial contributions are being put to use in the parish, our local community, and elsewhere throughout the world...

Our **Walking with Moms in Need Ministry** organized a Baby Bottle Campaign during Lent for LifeSpring resulting in donations to them of over \$1,800! Thank you to all the parishioners who participated!!

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 the Online Giving link. Thank you!



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Thank You!!**

LITURGICAL NOTES

Happy 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. My note this weekend is just a reminder that we are in need of Liturgical Ministers. We are looking for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and even adult Altar servers.

Prior to COVID, we had two Lectors reading and many Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. During COVID, we cut back due to regulations. However, Father is asking us to incorporate the two Lectors again. As such we need more Ministers. Please consider this beautiful Ministry. We have people that will train you and help you be comfortable and succeed.

Also, we need Adult Altar servers for the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass. At this time we have only two and they serve every Saturday evening. If interested in serving, please email me at liturgy@holycomforterparish.org. I will also be happy to have you trained in any Liturgical Ministry. You can also contact the Altar Servers Ministry Lead, Jackson Kulick directly. His contact information is Jackson@brgtshirts.com.

Alicia Vinklerek, LMC Liturgy Coordinator

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Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those wishing to explore or enter the Catholic Church. A Welcome and Orientation session will be held *Sunday, August 24th at 12:30 PM* in the lower level of the Holy Comforter. Meetings will take place most Sundays at 12:30-1:45 PM starting September 7th and going through May 24, 2026, in the downstairs Conference Room.

Children's and HS Christian Formation AND Sacramental Prep
CF begins Sunday, September 7, 9:45AM-10:45AM. The Forms for Registration of CF classes, First Sacraments, and Homeschooling First Sacraments are on the RE Table-Commons

HOLY COMFORTER'S "A SPECIAL DAY WITH THE ANGELS"

The retreat will be for ages 5-10 years at Holy Comforter, **beginning with 8AM 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! **Forms are on the RE Table!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favor with God

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 68:4-7,10-11*

The just rejoice and exult before God.

Second Reading *Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24*

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel Reading *Luke 14:1,7-14*

When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

August 24, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

MINISTRIES

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, Patricia McAdams, 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, Lauren Rundall, Elaine Cone, Stephanie Crews, Roxanne Crittenden, Nancy Joan Debiese, Jimmy Dominguez, Linda Doyle, Gene Flamm, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Brad and Debbie Ferguson, Sue Gilbert, Paula Goodburn, Dan Grogan, 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, Vince Newton, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Lawrence Randolph, Saathoff Family, Maya Sanchez, Coby Savona, Kathryn 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, Elijah Schrank, and Joey Smith.

If you would like your family member/fellow parishioner added, email 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**

Charlottesville Catholic School CCS Golf Tournament

Join us **Monday, September 29** at **The Club at Glenmore**. Registration is open for individuals and foursomes—**\$225 per player**. Sponsorships are available—promote your business to 100+ golfers! Visit our [Golf Tournament website](#) or contact **Ms. Kowalski** for more info.

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST is accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year. CASJE is a classical high school in the Catholic tradition with a higher purpose. For more information, email info@chestertonsje.org
IS GOD CALLING YOU TO GO DEEPER? Have you felt that God is asking you to go deeper with your faith? You might be called to be a Lay Dominican! Please visit <https://stauva.org/dominican-laity/> to learn more about this unique vocation. Consider visiting us for a monthly meeting (the first Saturday of each month), or attending our annual Come & See meeting, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Contact Diane Auger Smith, oplaity511@gmail.com.

OUTREACH: In the month of July, we served 402 meals in soup kitchen and handed our 209 food bags to 611 individuals. We are seeing an increase in folks to our Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen. We appreciate of the support of the parishioners through donations, contributions and time. Thank for the donations of peanut butter for August. For the month of September, we are asking for donations of small canned soups. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and leader.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: THAT MAN IS YOU! The Fight of Faith equips and enables men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in our day. Biblical identities will emerge to inspire heroic lives of service to a calling greater than ourselves. Uncover the ultimate truth that sheds light on all things: God's own identity. Fight the good fight of faith to win an imperishable crown of glory. Join us for coffee and bagels, fellowship and faith at Holy Comforter, starting Saturday September 13th @7 am, Lower Level. All men are welcome. Learn more at ThatManIsYou.com or reach out to Steven Sisman.

TREASURES OF THE TRADITION resumes with two Fall reading groups:

1. Dante's *Paradiso*. The magnificent concluding phase of Dante's spiritual and psychological ascent toward God! Weekly.

2. Reading Scripture: The Tradition. How should we read the Bible today, when we face, as Joseph Ratzinger once wrote, such challenges that the church itself scarcely knows how? We'll seek inspiration in writings about Scripture from Augustine, Jerome, Gregory of Nyssa, & others (modern authors, eventually Thomas Aquinas). Every other week. *Groups begin mid-September* and first meeting is a free trial, with reasonable sliding-scale rates thereafter. Meeting times determined by groups' needs, so please contact group leader John Bugbee bugbee@thetreasures.org

Holy Comforter's Middle School Youth Group! Youth in grades 6-8 are welcome to join for games, fellowship, and faith formation! Registration information is in the Commons. Please direct your questions to the Middle School Youth Group Leaders, Anna Sisman at 434-466-3694 or Tristan Majewski at (434) 242-9100/temajewski@gmail.com

Come meet the Works of Mercy Ministry team and find out what the ministry has accomplished under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Who knows what we can accomplish with you on board! We hope to see you on Wednesday, August 27 at 5:30PM on the lower level, Conference Rm.

Announcements

FAITH. FAMILY. ADVENTURE. Your family is invited to join a Catholic Scouting Community here at Holy Comforter! Catholic Scouting is a great way to encourage your kids to engage in real-life activities that develop a wide range of skills, strengthen their values, teach them how to serve and lead in our community and help them grow in their Catholic faith! Catholic Scouting is a proven and fun way to support you in raising your children to become responsible, well-rounded adults who are good citizens and faithful Catholics. Please contact Audrey Storm 434.989.2411 or email cvillecatholicscouting@gmail.com.

Holy Comforter Parish is seeking a part-time **Music Coordinator**. Bachelor's degree in music or equivalent education and experience, as well as instrumental and/or vocal skills. One-three years of related experience and strong knowledge and appreciation of Roman Catholic Liturgy is required. Please submit a Catholic Diocese of Richmond application for employment and send it along with a resume to Father Joseph Mary, 208 East Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902. office@holycomforterparish.org

FROM THE LITURGY COORDINATOR



The Mass

Part 1

By

Alicia Vinklarek, LMC Liturgy Coordinator

As I mentioned in the Liturgical Note a couple of weeks ago, while Father is on his working vacation in Uganda, I will use this part of the bulletin to share information on parts of the Mass and hopefully breakdown the reason and the meaning of why and what we do at Mass. So let us begin with "Preparing for Mass".

As we live day to day, our lives we have our rituals and routines. We are accustomed to a certain way of doing things we seldom ask why we do it that way. At Mass or at a Liturgical celebration that includes the Eucharist, we have many ritual actions which we perform without asking why. So this is a good time to reflect.

A good way to describe the Mass is to say that it is Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday made present and available to us today and daily. It is not merely a meal which reminds us of the Last Supper, or a Passion play which helps recall Good Friday, or a Sunrise Service which celebrates the Lord's Resurrection.

We are community of families and friends gathering to share our faith and lives with each other around our Lord. When family and friends gather for a meal, we sit and talk: Eventually they move to the table, say grace, pass the food and eat and drink, and finally take their leave and go home. As we go through the Mass we will follow this same ritual.

As we enter a home for a meal, we greet each other in our own special way. When we arrive to Church, we are usually greeted by a Person (Usher). Then as we continue into Church, we dip our finger in water and crossing ourselves. We do so because the water has been blessed by our Priest, which makes it "holy water." Then by crossing ourselves beginning with touching our forehead and saying "In the name of the Father" then touch our lower chest, saying, "and of the Son," next touch our left shoulder, saying, "and of the Holy Spirit. Amen". This is our greeting as we begin to encounter God and His Blessings. This ritual is a reminder of our Baptism, when we were baptized with water and signed with the cross. Every time we attend Mass we renew our promises to die to sin.

Then we take our seat, we usually bow or genuflect before entering our Pew and sitting.. Some of us do not even know why we do this. The basic idea is that you bow to the altar, and genuflect (touch your right knee to the floor) to the tabernacle. The tabernacle is a locked box where the Body of Christ is kept for adoration, and in reserve to give to the sick that are not able to attend Mass. We can usually find the tabernacle by looking for a lit candle in a red candle holder. This is a sign of reverence for our Lord and Savior, who gave His life for our sins. In medieval Europe, genuflection was a custom to go down on one knee (to genuflect) before a king or person of rank. This secular mark of honor gradually entered the Church and people began to genuflect to honor the altar and the presence of Christ in the tabernacle before entering the pew. Today many people express their reverence with an even older custom and bow to the altar before taking their place.

Once we enter our pew to sit down before Mass starts, we usually kneel and pray to prepare our minds and hearts for what we are about to experience and receive. Now we are ready to worship by singing, listening and receiving the word of our Lord. Our posture is very important in how we participate. It expresses our attentiveness to the word of God and our readiness to carry it out.

To be continued....

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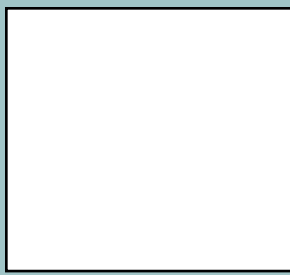
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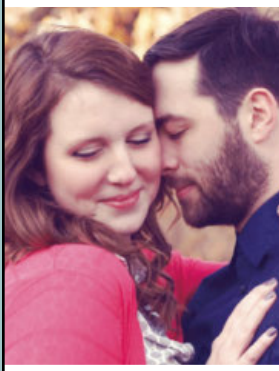
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