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✚ **MASS TIMES***

***During Father Joseph Mary's absence, please refer to the Bulletin or website Calendar for correct days/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

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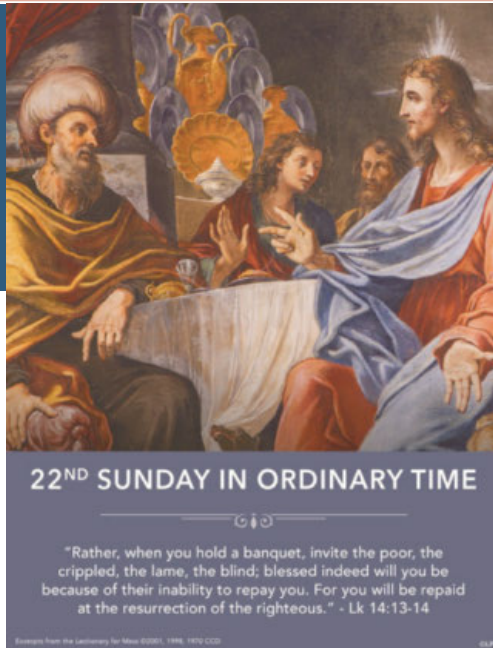
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: We, the members of Holy Comforter Parish, united in faith by God, nourished by Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist, and guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, believe that we are called to worship, formation, service,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

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PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (8/30)

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (8/31) Twenty-Second

Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated

Anonymously

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

MONDAY (9/1)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food

Pantry

TUESDAY (9/2)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food

Pantry

WEDNESDAY (9/3)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

THURSDAY (9/4)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

FRIDAY (9/5)

12 PM Mass

SATURDAY (9/6)

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (9/7) Twenty-Third

Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flower Donations Appreciated

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

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 Frasatti (1901-1925) will be canonized.

(Blessed Carlo Acutis will be also be canonized.)

9/2 Blessed John Francis Burte and Companions

9/3 Saint Gregory the Great

9/4 Saint Rose of Viterbo

9/5 Saint Teresa of Calcutta

9/6 Blessed Claudio Granzotto

9/7 Blessed Frederic Ozanam

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@holycomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY (9/1)

8AM Father Joseph Mary's Safe Travels

TUESDAY (9/2)

8AM Richard and Sharon

(Fr. Joseph Mary)

WEDNESDAY (9/3)

8AM † Douglas McAdams

(Patricia McAdams)

THURSDAY (9/4)

6 PM Gallagher Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

FRIDAY (9/5)

12PM Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Joseph Mary)

SATURDAY (9/6)

5PM † Henry Clark

(Mary Frances Lilly and Family)

SUNDAY (9/7)

8:30AM † Nasrat Ahmad Yar & Family

11AM † Jane Till Danilek

2PM Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

8/30 Saint Jeanne Jugan

8/31 Saints Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

9/1 Saint Giles

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)

The Offertory Report
for the **Week Ending August 24, 2025**
will appear in next week’s Bulletin.

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 SEPTEMBER

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace
9/7/2025 Gaza Relief
9/14/2025 Outreach
9/28/2025 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... **The Catholic Virginian** is produced by the Diocese and mailed to all registered families. Our parish was assessed over \$7,500 last year to support the cost of this service. To help us offset this expense, we distribute contribution envelopes and offer you the opportunity to provide support online. Your contributions totaled \$850 last year, and the balance was funded by your offertory contributions. Please contact our office to be added to the mailing list.



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LITURGICAL NOTES

Happy 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. As we end the month of August this weekend, we begin to focus on September. Following August’s devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, September is dedicated to “Our Lady of Sorrows”. September is an ideal time to strengthen our connection with Our Mother. In the month of September, we will celebrate “The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary” on September 8th and then on September 15th, we celebrate “Our Lady of Sorrows”. In addition to our Marian Feast days, we will also celebrate the “Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross” on September 14th, the day before “Our Lady of Sorrows”. This is a good month to pray for and be fully present to those who are struggling in life.

God bless, *Alicia Vinklarek, LMC Liturgy Coordinator*

PS: Monday, September 1st is Labor Day and Fr. Hesko will be here celebrating Mass at 8 am. However, the Church offices will be closed for the day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those wishing to explore or enter the Catholic Church, meetings will take place most Sundays at 12:30-1:45 PM, starting September 7th and going through May 24, 2026. (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, in the 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading *Wisdom 9:13-18b*
Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14-17 God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited by space and time

Second Reading *Philemon 9-10, 12-17*
Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.
Gospel *Luke 14:25-33*
Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

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, 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 & Jonathan Schrank, and Joey Smith.

If you would like your family member/fellow parishioner added or removed from the lists, contact the Works of Mercy Ministry mercy@holycomforterparish.org or church office 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**

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
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 [Golf Tournament website](#) or see **Ms. Kowalski**
Discovering Christ program at Church of the Incarnation. The class gives attendees a delicious free meal and friendships with other inquirers at a table that's a great place to ask questions and hear answers about life and a relationship with God. The course begins September 22 and will be held at Church or the Incarnation. For info, visit Incarceration's website and flocknote link.

MINISTRIES

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 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:

 Join us...our Friends of the Poor Walk on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. This walk raises funds to support our mission to help our neighbors. If you are interested in the SVdP society, our next meeting on Sept 2nd at 7pm at the Church of the Incarnation., Conference rm. Please email info@svdp-ht.org for more info. If you are interested in donating, please visit www.svdp-ht.org.

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. 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. Info at ThatMansYou.com or contact Steven Sisman.

TREASURES OF THE TRADITION resumes with two Fall reading groups:

1. Dante's Paradiso. Weekly.

2. Reading Scripture: The Tradition. How should we read the Bible today, when we face. 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, please contact John Bugbee bugbee@thetreasures.org

Holy Comforter's Middle School Youth Group! All youth in grades 6 through 8 are invited to *Middle School Youth Group on Fridays from 7-8:30pm*. There will be fun, fellowship, and faith-building! Please email Anna Sisman and Tristan Majewski with any questions you may have at youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org.

Announcements

St. Dominic Invites You to Come and See! The St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity of Lay Dominicans invites you to join us at our **Annual Come & See Meeting** to learn about St. Dominic and the lay men and women who follow in his footsteps by preaching for the salvation of souls in the modern world...this Saturday, Sept. 6 at St. Thomas Aquinas. The meeting begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass, then the Rosary, and breakfast & community in St. Thomas Hall. The meeting ends around 12:30 PM. All are welcome! Contact Diane Auger Smith at oplait511@gmail.com or go to <https://stauva.org/dominican-laity/>

All are invited to attend one of two IMPACT listening sessions to be held at Holy Comforter (LL) following the 5pm Mass on Saturday, Sept. 13, and after the 11am. Mass on Sunday, Sept. 21. An opportunity to continue your support of or learn more about IMPACT (Interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together), <https://impactville.com/>, and to share stories about problems you see in our community. Your hosts are Bridget Davis (slainte035@gmail.com) and Suzanne Bailey (slank@ntelos.net). Food will be provided, so RSVP so there is enough for all.

FROM THE LITURGY COORDINATOR



The Mass

Part II

By

Alicia Vinklerek, LMC Liturgy Coordinator

We have gathered and prepared ourselves as we await the Procession with Priest (Celebrant), Minister(s), and Altar Servers, to begin Mass.

There are four parts to the Mass: *The Introductory Rites*; *The Liturgy of the Word*; *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*; and *The Concluding Rites*. This week we will explore the first part of the Mass, the procession and *The Introductory Rites*.

We are notified Mass is about to begin by the ringing of the bell. Everyone stands up and an entrance song begins. Our posture is important, as it expresses our attentiveness to the word of God and our readiness to receive and carry it out. Usually, as the procession passes us, we reverence the Cross, the Book of the Gospels and the Celebrant.

Fun fact... The entrance procession at Mass is described in three locations in the General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM). These three elements are essential to understanding the *ars celebrandi* of the entrance procession —namely, what is to be done according to the explicit directives of the GIRM, how it is to be done according to the ritual customs drawn from the tradition, and why the liturgical action is taking place for the spiritual good of those worshipping.

For our purposes, in our celebration of our Sunday Mass, we do so without a deacon and most of the time without a concelebrant. However, we do have other ministers and several altar servers;

usually two altar servers hold candles as they walking side by side, a server/Acolyte carries the Processional cross, and occasionally for High Mass, we have a Thurifer for Incense.

Another fun fact... Did you know that the candle bearers' purpose is to light the way? Also, according to the General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM), incense is used five times during the parts of the Mass.

- Entrance Procession: Incense may be used as the priest and ministers enter the church.
- Incensation of the Altar: At the beginning of Mass, the altar is incensed to signify its importance as the place of sacrifice.
- Proclamation of the Gospel: The Gospel book is incensed to honor the Word of God.
- Preparation of the Gifts: Incense is used when the bread and wine are presented at the altar.
- Elevation of the Eucharist: During the Eucharistic Prayer, the host and chalice are incensed to show reverence for the sacrament.

Once the celebrant and other ministers enter into the sanctuary area, they then reverence the altar with a bow and the Celebrant(s) continues to proceed to the Altar and will kiss the Altar.

Another fun fact... The custom of kissing the altar traces back to early Christian practices, where reverence for sacred objects was common. The kiss became a part of the Roman rites by the Middle Ages and has theological meaning. Today, it remains a universal sign of respect in Catholic worship (CCC 1382). This imagery carries into the New Testament, where Christ's sacrifice fulfills the law. Kissing the altar honors this connection to Christ's redemptive act.

After the entrance song, the Priest (Celebrant) greets us with the Greeting. The priest will ask us to begin with the sign of the cross, again reminding us of Baptism, and will greet us, saying, "The Lord be with you." This is a profound statement of faith and is an ancient biblical greeting from the Book of Ruth 2:4, then we reply "And with your spirit," by which we return the statement of faith. Next is the Penitential Rite and Gloria. All the other ritual acts of this first part of the Mass are intended to gather us together into praying and worshipping together. Now for the Penitential Rite, we are asked to pause and recall our common need for salvation (the Penitential Rite).

On Sundays and Feast Days/Solemnities, the "Gloria" hymn "Glory to God in the Highest" is sung or recited at this point. The "Gloria" has been a part of the Mass since about the sixth century! The final part of the first part is the Opening Prayer. At the close of this first part of the Mass the Celebrant will ask us to join our minds in prayer, and after a few moments of silence he will collect our intentions into one prayer to which we all respond "Amen."

To be continued...

Resources: USCCB and Catechism of the Catholic Church

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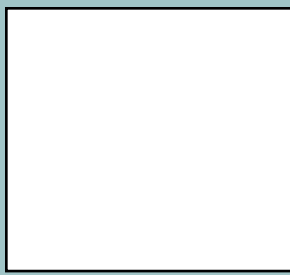
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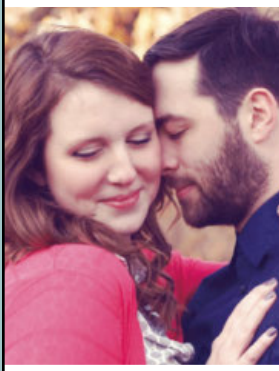
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