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MASS TIMES

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

ADORATION

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

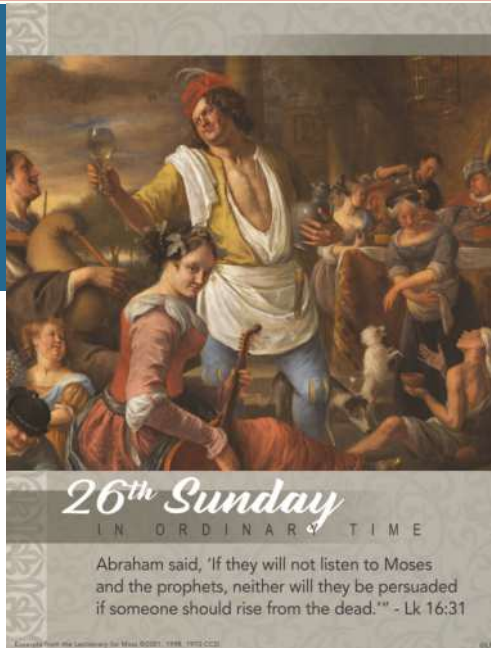
CONFESSION

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 (9/27)

7 AM THAT MAN IS YOU! (LL)

8 AM Mass

8-12PM *A Special Day with the Angels*

Children's Retreat beginning with Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (9/28)

Altar Flowers donated by Brian and Barb Cassidy, in memory of Caretti, Strishock, and Cassidy Families

Second Collection: Maintenance Fund

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

4:30 PM Annual Parish Picnic

(Going Away for Daniel Kirkland)

Pen Park, Shelter #3

MONDAY (9/29)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 AM Confession

TUESDAY (9/30)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (10/1)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-8 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (10/2)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass w/Adoration following

7 PM Confession

FRIDAY (10/3)

12 PM Mass

12:45-3 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7-8:30 PM Youth Group

SATURDAY (10/4)

7 AM THAT MAN IS YOU! (LL)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (10/5)

Altar Flowers donated by Neil and Sylvia

James and Family in memory of Elodia

Dominguez

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

4-6 PM Swing Dance (LL)

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

10/1 Saint Therese of Lisieux

10/2 Feast of the Guardian Angels

10/3 Saint Theodora Guerin

10/4 Saint Francis of Assisi

10/5 Saint Maria Faustina Kowalski

WELCOME

NEW PARISHIONERS

John & Emily Sacco with Charlie, Phoenix, Julian, and Danielle

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Crace

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 (9/27)

8 AM Ill and Homebound

5PM † Fiorangelo DiPaolo (Silvia DiPaolo)
Frank A. Dodaro (Michele Skarvelis)

SUNDAY (9/28)

8:30AM JoAnne Flinn
(Colette Hall and Kelton Flinn)

11AM In celebration of the marriage of Carrie
and Paul Wood (Ham Family)

2PM Members of the Parish

MONDAY (9/229)

12PM † Therese Auger

TUESDAY (9/30)

8AM Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)

WEDNESDAY (10/1)

8AM Through the Holy Family of Nazareth
Romula P. Lavadia (Patricia Chadros)

THURSDAY (10/2)

6 PM † Georgeen and † Theresa Ryan
(Rogers and Mary Hellman)

FRIDAY (10/3)

12PM † Douglas McAdams (Patricia McAdams)

SATURDAY (10/4)

8 AM † Therese Auger (Monday Food Pantry)

5PM † Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (10/5)

8:30AM † Charlie Kirk (Jeanne Mickiewicz)

11AM In Thanksgiving for John Thomas Schrank
(Melinda Wells)

2PM † Joseph Smith (Savino Family)

SAINTS OF GOD

9/27 Saint Vincent de Paul

9/28 Saint Wenceslaus

9/29 Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael

9/30 Saint Jerome

PARISH NEWS



PARISH SUPPORT

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits...”

Proverbs 3:9

Week Ending September 14, 2025

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$9,749
 - Online Giving \$1,870
- Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)
Above Weekly Budget \$2,119

Week Ending September 21, 2025

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$3,275
 - Online Giving \$2,795
- Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)
Below Weekly Budget (\$3,430)

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 OCTOBER

- ALL MONTH** Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace
10/12/2025 Outreach
10/19/2025 World Mission Sunday
10/26/2025 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...

Holy Comforter, like all parishes, provides financial support to the **Catholic Schools** in our Diocese. Our Parish Sharing Assessment for the last two years has been approximately \$30,500. Your offertory contributions enable us to meet this obligation. Thank you!

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LITURGICAL NOTES

Happy 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are so blessed and thankful that Fr. Joseph Mary has returned home. This means we are back to our regular schedule of Adoration. Someone asked me about Adoration what do you do in Adoration.

When we Catholics say we are “going to Adoration,” we are referring to Eucharistic Adoration. Which, in the most basic terms, is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, “Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator...” (CCC 2628)

When we go to Adoration, we are in the presence of our Lord and should always genuflect and maintain an attitude of respect, and if others are present, be silent. Let your posture reflect your worship. You can kneel, sit, stand, or even lay on the floor before the Blessed Sacrament. All are appropriate forms of prayer. If you are the only person before our Lord, don’t be afraid to pray or sing aloud. This is your personal time with Jesus, our Lord.

Here is a special quote from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta about Adoration:

“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.” – St. Teresa of Calcutta

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education

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THIS SUNDAY

- ◆ **Children’s and HS Christian Formation: 9:45AM-10:45AM**
- ◆ **First Sacraments & Confirmation: 9:45AM-10:45 AM**
- ◆ **RCIA: 12:30PM**

Substitute catechists are needed. If God is calling you to serve Holy Comforter’s Parish Families as a Catechist, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

First Reading *Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4*

The patience of the just man shall be rewarded when he sees the vision fulfilled.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,8-9*

Sing joyfully to God, our salvation.

Second Reading *2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14*

Paul urges Timothy to remain strong in the Spirit of faith Timothy received.

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God. .

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, Hank and Barbra Rainville, 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.


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OUTREACH: We appreciate the ongoing support of the parishioners through donations, contributions and time. For the month of September, small, canned soup donations are suggested. Thank you and God Bless! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and leader.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:

 Your support of the Friends of the Poor Walk this year was appreciated! Our next meeting is on October 7, 2025, at 7pm at the Church of the Incarnation. You are welcome to come to the meeting if you are interested in this ministry. Please email info@svdp-ht.org for more information. If you are interested in donating, please visit www.svdp-ht.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! For more information, please contact Anna Sisman and Tristan Majewski at youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org

PARISH LIFE: Please join us for our annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, 4:30PM September 28th at Pen park shelter 3. **This will also be a Going Away Party for our music director, Daniel Kirkland.** It will be a potluck so please sign up on flocknote to bring a dish to share.

HAITI: Come join us for the **Hope For Haiti Donor Appreciation and Fundraising Dinner!** A catered Italian dinner with wine donated by Cardinal Point Winery on Saturday, October 25, 6 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas (St. Thomas Hall). All are invited the cost is FREE! This is an opportunity to thank all the donors and sponsors, past, present, and future for their support of St. Michel Parish, School, and Medical Clinic and to invite anyone who is interested in opportunities to help the people in Saltadere, Haiti. Tickets are required and space is limited. Tickets must be obtained by October, 19, 2025. Contact August Sanusi at asanusi7@gmail.com.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: We will have a meeting this Sunday, Sept. 28. 10AM (library) to review a plan for our ministry for the Fall including training opportunities for volunteers.

Announcements

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 Fr Joseph Mary, 208 E Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902. or email office@holycomforterparish.org
Charlottesville Catholic School We can't wait to see you at our annual 5K on Saturday, October 11th at Darden Towe Park! The course is perfect for participants of all ages, whether you want to walk or run. Deadline to register (<https://tinyurl.com/CCS5K2025>) by October 9th.

FROM THE LITURGY COORDINATOR



The Mass

Part V

By

Alicia Vinklarek, LMC Coordinator of Liturgy

On this 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time. I will conclude the walk through the Mass with the final part of the Mass which is the Concluding Rite.

As a recap, there are Four major parts of the Mass.

1. The Introductory Rites
2. The Liturgy of the Word
3. The Liturgy of the Eucharist
4. The Concluding Rite

In this final part of the Mass, the "Concluding Rite", we should feel a sense of awe and wonder with peace in our hearts. Why? Because we just praised our God in song and prayer as we listened to the Word of God, participated in the prayer of Consecration and we received our Lord into our own dwelling. What a beautiful time shared with our Faith Community and family.

In this final part, the "Concluding Rite" includes the

final prayer and the Celebrant gives a final blessing to all who are gathered. Sometimes, the blessing is very simple. On special (feast) days, the blessing may be more extensive. If a more solemn formula for the blessing is used, or when a Bishop is present or even a prayer over the people, the deacon says: "Bow down for the blessing." There will be three prayers of which the gathered will respond with "Amen." In every case, we respond after the blessing with "Amen. Next, just as we do when we conclude all prayers, we do so "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." It is in the triune God and in the sign of the cross that we find our blessing.

After the blessing, when there is a Deacon is present, He will dismiss the people. In fact, the dismissal gives the liturgy its name. The word "Mass" comes from the Latin word, "Missa." At one time, the people were dismissed with the words "Ite, missa est," meaning "Go, you are sent. The word "Missa" comes from the word "missio," the root of the English word "mission." The liturgy does not simply come to an end. Those assembled are sent forth to bring the fruits of the Eucharist and the word of God to the world. However, when no Deacon is present, this falls upon the celebrant. After the Celebrant's blessing, the Deacon or Celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, dismisses them, saying: "Go forth, the Mass is ended" or using one of the other formulas of the Roman Missal (no. 185).

Along with the Celebrant, the Deacon venerates the altar with a kiss, makes a profound bow, and leaves in the manner prescribed for the entrance procession in the Roman Missal (no. 186).

As the clergy and servers process out, we who are gathered rejoice in song with the Choir. We do this especially on Sundays and on Feast days. We are now sent forth to live out the Gospel of the Lord.

God Bless, Alicia Vinklarek, LMC

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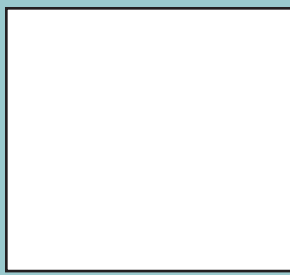
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