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OCTOBER 5, 2025

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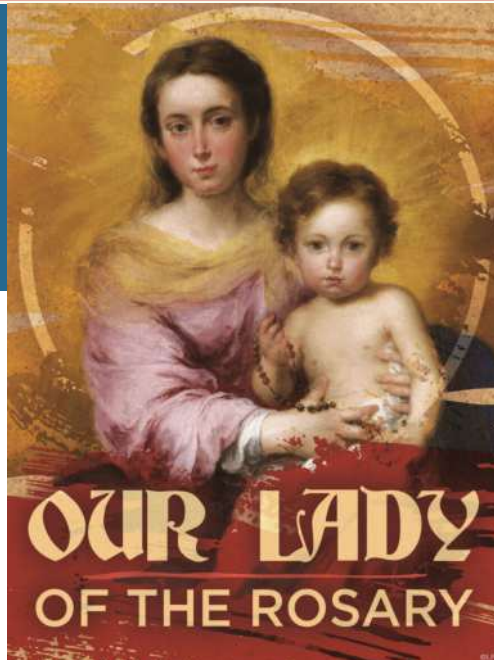
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Sunday	1 PM
Mon + Wed + Fri	6:30—7:30 PM
Thursday	7—8 PM

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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 (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 Gregorian Mass

4-6 PM Swing Dance (LL)

MONDAY (10/6)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 AM Confession

TUESDAY (10/7)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (10/8)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-8 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (10/9)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass w/Adoration following

7 PM Confession

FRIDAY (10/10)

12 PM Mass

12:45-3 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7-8:30 PM Youth Group

SATURDAY (10/11)

7 AM THAT MAN IS YOU! (LL)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (10/12)

Altar Flowers donated by Neil and Sylvia James and Family in Honor of Jimmy Dominguez

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

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

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 (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)

MONDAY (10/6)

12PM Zachary Smithley

(Michaela Reyes-Smithley)

TUESDAY (10/7)

8AM Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)

† Richard Nordin, Sr. (Richard Nordin, Jr.)

WEDNESDAY (10/8)

8AM Through the Holy Family of Nazareth

THURSDAY (10/9)

6 PM † Therese Auger (John and Renee Allison)

FRIDAY (10/10)

12PM † Roger Landrey (Patty and David Myatt)

SATURDAY (10/11)

8 AM Barbara and Hank Rainville

(Mary Frances Lilly)

5PM Dotty Lilly (Mary Frances Lilly)

† Therese Auger (Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (10/12)

8:30AM † Pedro Lavadia and Deceased Lavadia Family Members (Patricia Cuadros)

11AM Members of the Parish

2PM Members of the James Smith Family (Savino Family)

SAINTS OF GOD

10/4 Saint Francis of Assisi

10/5 Saint Maria Faustina Kowalski

10/6 Saint Bruno

10/7 Our Lady of the Rosary

10/8 Saint John Leonardi

10/9 Saint Denis and Companions

10/10 Saint Francis Borgia

10/11 Saint John XXIII

10/12 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

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 September 28, 2025

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$2,597
 - Online Giving \$1,030
- Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)
Below Weekly Budget (\$5,873)

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... On the second Sunday of every month, we accept your contributions to our **Outreach Ministry** which provides groceries to members of the community every Monday through Wednesday, and a prepared meal every Thursday. Many volunteers are needed to provide these services, and we employ three part-time employees, as well. During the last fiscal year our expenses exceeded our income by \$16,000 and we hope to eliminate that deficit this year with your assistance. Thank you for your consideration and support!



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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

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.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Happy October! This month is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This month is also for Respect Life. Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV is asking us to pray the Rosary every day. On October 11, he will pray the Rosary in St. Peter's Square for the Jubilee year of Marian Spirituality. Did you know that Marian Spirituality has taken many forms in the contemporary life of the Church? There is a document on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website (USCCB.org) on the Marian Spirituality. It is called, "'Lumen Gentium' and the Renewal of The Marian Spirituality of 'Lumen Gentium' and the Renewal of Marian Devotion in the Church Today Marian Devotion in the Church Today."

The spirituality of Marian devotions has deep roots in the history of the Church. This devotion to the Blessed Mother has transcended time and place to become a central spiritual pillar for the faithful. From the first moment when Christ spoke the words "Behold your mother" (John 19:26) the Virgin Mary has been a pivotal figure in Christian devotion.

Also, the month of October is for Respect Life. Please keep all life, especially the most vulnerable in our prayers as we pray the Rosary.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

- ◆ **Friday: 7-8:30PM Middle School Youth Group**
- ◆ **Sunday: 9:45AM-10:45AM Children's & HS Christian Formation**
- ◆ **Sunday: 9:45AM-10:45 AM First Sacraments and HS Confirmation**
- ◆ **Sunday: 12:30PM RCIA**

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

First Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4

Rejoice! The salvation of God is made known to all.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Leroy and Felicia Anderson, Blandine 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, Mike and Donna Kerrigan, 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, Mary Nguyen, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Hank and Barbara 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.

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

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MINISTRIES

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

Announcements

SACRED HEART SWING DANCE! This Sunday, October 5. Families are invited for informal swing dance with lessons on alternate Sundays from 4 pm to 6 pm in the lower level of Holy Comforter. Boys are encouraged to wear pants with a button-down shirt. Girls are encouraged to wear a skirt or dress at or below the knee (with shorts). Under 18 must be accompanied by parent. No dance experienced needed! All are welcome!

CATHOLIC FEST! Join Bishop Knestout and the entire diocese at a FREE one-day festival in Richmond. Place: *The Diamond, Richmond VA* When: *October 11, 2025 10AM – 9PM*. The day will be full of music, food, fun, fellowship, faith, and celebrating the Mass as the Diocese of Richmond.

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's 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.

IGNITING THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO EVERY HEART Sunday, October 12th Please join us for a special visitation of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to the Mid-Atlantic Region. *St. Isidore the Farmer Catholic Church (Orange County) is the 1st stop!* Holy Mass will be offered at 11:00AM, followed by the Flame of Love Rosary Rally, passing of the Flame of Love candle ceremony, presentation & potluck meal! The Flame of Love Pilgrim Statue and a Relic of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, first American-born Saint, will be available for veneration. The Flame of Love blue dairy and other items will also be available. For more information, contact k.weakleyjp@gmail.com.

FROM THE LITURGY COORDINATOR



Minister and Laity Roles in the Church

Part I

By

Alicia Vinklarek, LMC Coordinator of Liturgy

It is so good to have Father back. He has asked that I continue to share correspondence of the Mass. As such, this week, I would like to share with you the Duties and Ministries in the Mass.

The celebration Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist and is the action of Christ and of the Church, namely, we who are gathered as we become the whole Body of the Church. We all have a role! Whether it be the Celebrant, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Usher, Altar servers or Musician and Choir. We are “a chosen race, a royal Priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession,” expressing our cohesion in the hierarchical ordering. We the faithful, are fulfilling function and duty, as we carry out our role that pertains to us.

◆ The Duties of Those in Holy Orders

All legitimate celebrations of the Eucharist is ultimately directed by the Bishop, either in person or through Priests who are his co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

When the Bishop is present at a Mass where the people are gathered, it is most fitting that he himself is the main Celebrant and other Priests assisting are called concelebrants. This is done to signify more vividly the mystery of the Church, “the sacrament of unity.” However, the Bishop mainly cele-

brates in the Cathedral of where he is assigned as Bishop. On occasions, he will venture out to the surrounding Parishes.

In the local Parish, like our Parish, our Pastor is our main Celebrant. A Priest possesses the sacred power of Orders within the Church to offer sacrifice in the person of Christ. He proclaims to us the message of salvation and associates the people with himself in the offering of sacrifice through Christ in the Holy Spirit to God the Father, and gives his brothers and sisters the Bread of eternal life and partakes of it with them.

After the Priest, the Deacon, in virtue of the sacred Ordination he has received, holds first place among those who minister in the celebration of the Eucharist. For the sacred Order of the Diaconate has been held in high honor in the Church even from the early time of the Apostles. At Mass the Deacon has his own part in proclaiming the Gospel, from time to time in preaching God’s Word, in announcing the intentions of the Prayers of the faithful, in ministering to the Priest, in preparing the altar and in serving the celebration of the Sacrifice, in distributing the Eucharist to the faithful, especially under the species of wine, and from time to time in giving instructions regarding the people’s gestures and posture.

◆ The Functions of the People of God

In the celebration of Mass, we the faithful form a holy people, a people of God’s own possession and a royal Priesthood, so that we may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him and so that they may learn to offer our very selves.

We are to form one body, as we hear the Word of God, take part in the prayers and in the singing and above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by participating together at the Lord’s table. This unity is beautifully apparent from the gestures and bodily postures observed together by we the faithful.

We the faithful, moreover, should not refuse to serve the People of God in gladness whenever we are asked to perform some particular service or function in the celebration. Next week, we will go deeper into the role of the Faithful in our particular Ministries.

To be Continued...

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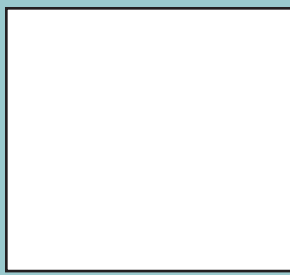
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