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OCTOBER 19, 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

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Wednesday	6—8 PM
Thursday	7—8 PM
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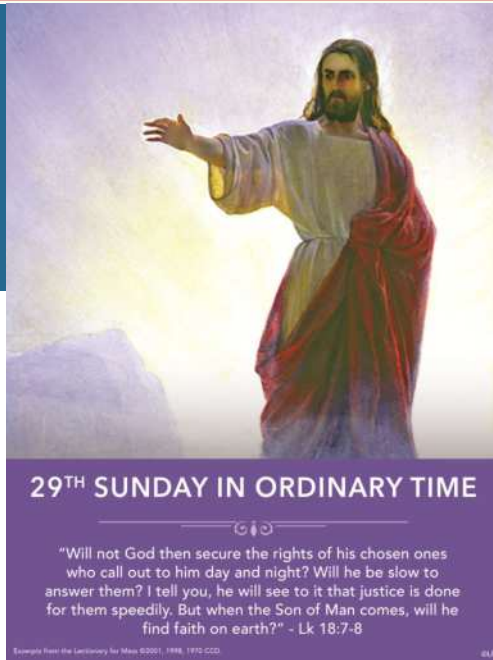
CONFESSION

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

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9 AM—4 PM

**Please Send Bulletin Submissions
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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8

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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 (10/18)

7 AM THAT MAN IS YOU! (LL)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

MINISTRY FAIR AFTER ALL

WEEKEND MASSES

SUNDAY (10/19)

Altar Flowers donated by Matthew Hanson and Jayla Crane in Honor of their Wedding this Weekend.

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM Adult Initiation (RCIA)

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

4PM Swing Dance

MONDAY (10/20)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (10/21)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (10/22)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-8 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (10/23)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass w/Adoration following

7 PM Confession

FRIDAY (10/24)

12 PM Mass

12:45-3 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7-8:30 PM Youth Group

SATURDAY (10/25)

7 AM THAT MAN IS YOU! (LL)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (10/26)

Altar Flowers donated by Joe Kannapell in memory of Adam Kannapell

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM Adult Initiation (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

10/21 Saint Hilarion

10/22 Saint John Paul II

10/23 Saint John of Capistrano

10/24 Saint Anthony Mary Claret

10/25 Saint Antonio de Sant'Anna Galvao

10/26 Saint Peter Alcantara

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 (10/18)

8 AM Lilly and Emma Williams and their parents,
† Ashley and † Steve Williams
(Erin Ferguson)

5PM † Dorene Walsh (John Walsh)
† Barbara Prichard (George Logusch)

SUNDAY (10/19)

8:30AM Members of the Parish
11AM † Adelaida Predilla and Deceased
Members of the Predilla Family
(Patricia Cuadros)

2PM Kathryn Young (Patricia McAdams)

MONDAY (10/20)

12PM † Sara Wise and Family (Schemmel Family)

TUESDAY (10/21)

8AM Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)
Michael and Pierette Reyes
(Michaela Reyes-Smithley)

WEDNESDAY (10/22)

8AM Through the Holy Family of Nazareth

THURSDAY (10/23)

6 PM Tim and Azin Dorss and Family
(Timothy Dorss)

FRIDAY (10/24)

12PM Ruben and Victoria Engracia
(Maria Engracia)

SATURDAY (10/25)

8 AM Major Aaron Smithley (USMC)
(Michaela Reyes-Smithley)

5PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (10/26)

8:30AM † Juana Buela and Deceased Members
of The Buela Family (Patricia Cuadros)

11AM † Charlie Kirk (Jeanne Mickiewics)

2PM † Normand and † Therese Auger

SAINTS OF GOD

10/18 Saint Luke

10/19 Sts. Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brebeuf,
And Companions

10/20 Saint Paul of the Cross

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 October 12, 2025

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$4,026
- Online Giving \$2,905

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)

Below Weekly Budget (\$2,569)

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... To foster a prayerful and fruitful celebration of the Eucharist, we must observe liturgical norms. The use of flowers in the church is specified in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. During the last fiscal year, we spent approximately \$6,400 on **Altar Flowers**. Your contributions for Christmas, Easter, and Sundays totaled \$4,600, and the remaining cost was supported by your offertory contributions. Thank you!



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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 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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This weekend is World Mission Sunday and our annual Ministry Fair. Please take time to stop by the Ministry tables after all Mass times. *All Ministries need more volunteers.* Please pray and consider how you can help. I am told the benefits of serving could be Heavenly.

As we prepare for “All Saints” and “All Souls” day, November 1st and 2nd, next weekend October 25th we will transform the Religious Education table to a Memorial table. Please feel free to bring a picture of your deceased loved one and place on the table for all to be reminded to pray for them. We will leave the pictures there through November 16th.

God bless, *Alicia Vinklarek, LMC Liturgy Coordinator*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education
dre@holycomforterparish.org

Holy Comforter’s Ministry Fair!!!

This Saturday and Sunday after all Masses!!!

Volunteers are needed!

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** Adult Initiation (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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Sirach 35:12-14,16-18

God hears the prayer of the poor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34:2-3,17-18,19, 23

The Lord hears and answers the cry of the poor.

Second Reading *2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18*

Paul perseveres in faith, confident that God will rescue him.

Gospel *Luke 18:9-14*

Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

October 19, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, Staff of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention, Williams Family and Napier Family

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

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.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of August, the need increased, we handed out 236 food bags to 642 individuals. We appreciate the support from 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 21, 2025, at 7pm via Zoom. You are welcome to attend! Please email info@svdp-ht.org for info. To donate 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 info., please contact Anna Sisman and Tristan Majweski at youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org

Works of Mercy Ministry invites you to stop by their table during this month's Ministry Fair to sign a greeting card for the lonely!

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

SACRED HEART SWING DANCE!

This Sunday, October 19!!! 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!

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Applications for the 2026–2027 school year being accepted for Jr K–8th. Space is limited and some grades are expected to waitlist, families are encouraged to apply early. Please contact Admissions admissions@cvillecatholic.org or call 434-964-0400, or visit our website at www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions to learn more or to schedule a tour.

THE STELLA MARIS WOMEN'S MINISTRY at St. Thomas Aquinas Church invites all women to our upcoming fall retreat, "The Inner Cathedral of the Heart," led by Father Joseph Hagan on Oct. 25, 8:30 am (beginning with Mass). It includes brunch, fellowship, time for confession, adoration, and talks. Nursing infants are welcome! Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/JPPuHLSKAesu3oGM9>

FROM THE LITURGY COORDINATOR



Minister and Laity Roles in the Church

Part III

By

Alicia Vinklerek, LMC Liturgy Coordinator

The following are Ministry Roles of the Sacristan, Usher, Altar servers and the gathered faithful assembly.

Sacristans: Sacristans are very important as they work behind the scenes. There are many functions of a Sacristan, who diligently takes care of and arranges the liturgical books, the vestments, and other things that are necessary for the celebration of Mass. At Holy Comforter those Sacristans that prepare everything for the Mass, we call Mass Sacristans. However, there are sacristans behind the scenes as well. Some Sacristans, wash the linen, clean and refill the Holy water finger bowls and ensure we do not run out of host, wine or candles. Then we have Sacristans that wash and iron the Altar and Sanctuary Linen. These Sacristans also work with the Liturgical office schedule to ensure we have the proper color displayed for our liturgical season.

Ushers: Ushers are not only those who greet us at the door and help us to find our seats. They also, take up the offertory collection and keep a well organized line for Communion. Ushers usually come early to ensure the Church environment is presentable and they stay after Mass to straighten up the pews, secure the collection and pick up afterwards.

Altar Servers: We are blessed to have amazing teams of Altar Servers. Saturday evenings we have two adult servers and Sunday Mass times we have the youth as servers. The youth belong to the St. Stephen's guild of Altar Servers. This program helps train

the servers who are just beginning and those who want to do more are capable of learning how to become a Master of Ceremonies Server. In this program there are several server positions to learn. They are:

- **Master of Ceremonies** – This person focuses and accompanies the Celebrant and makes sure all servers of that occasion are well positioned to carry out their duties to the Priest.
Thurifer – This server is focused on how to and when to incense.
- **Crucifer** – This server carries the Cross, handles the book for the Collect and closing prayer. Also, this server helps set the Altar for the Consecration.
- **Acolytes** – The Acolyte 1 and 2 are responsible for attending to the celebrant by handing him the water and wine for Consecration and for the washing of his hands.

The Gathered Faithful: We the faithful who are gathered are the People of God (the Laity) have responsibilities to ensure reverent environment. Through our Baptism are called to Holiness. To prepare for Holiness, we attend Mass and pray. At Mass, we are called to be fully active and participating in listening to the readings, be reflective in the prayers and sing the hymns and songs with the Choir and respond responsibly during the dialogue in the Mass.

Outside of participating at Mass, we the Laity members of the Body of Christ are to assist in working in God's vineyard as lay women and men transforming society towards the image of Christ Jesus. In fact, "lay people, too, sharing in the priestly, prophetic and kingly office of Christ, play their part in the mission of the whole people of God in the Church and in the World," according to the Second Vatican Council in *Apostolicam Actuositatem* (The Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity), no. 2, 1965.

The Catholic Bishops of the United States also noted that the vast majority of "lay men and women hear and answer the universal call to holiness primarily and uniquely in the secular realm." (USCCB, *Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord*). Within that, there are some who "cooperate with their pastors in the service of the ecclesial community" (St. Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (On Evangelization in the Modern World)) who are called "lay ecclesial ministers."

So, as I end this piece on Ministry roles, this weekend as we have our Ministry Fair and celebrate Mission Sunday, I ask you to reflect on your active participation. Please pray on your talents and gifts to how you could share with our Faith Family as we make up the Body of Christ at Holy Comforter.

God Bless!

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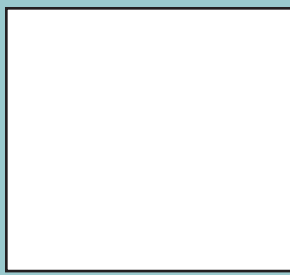
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