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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

Please Send Bulletin Submissions by 1:30PM Monday
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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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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 (10/25)

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

MONDAY (10/27)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

TUESDAY (10/28)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (10/29)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-8 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (10/30)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass w/Adoration following

7 PM Confession

FRIDAY (10/31)

6 PM All Saints Vigil Mass

Adoration & Confession following

SATURDAY (11/1) All Saints

7 AM THAT MAN IS YOU! (LL)

8 AM Mass

12 PM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (11/2) All Souls

Altar Flowers donated by Erin Ferguson for Lilly and Emma Williams and for † Ashley and † Steve Williams

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

10/28 Saints Simon and Jude

10/29 Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem

10/30 Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez

10/31 Saint Wolfgang of Regensburg

10/1 Solemnity of All Saints

11/2 Solemnity of All Souls

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 (10/25)

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

MONDAY (10/27)

8AM † Therese Auger (Colette Hall)
† Ashlin Smith (Colette Hall)

TUESDAY (10/28)

8AM Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)
Hamill Family (Michaela Reyes)

WEDNESDAY (10/29)

8AM Through the Holy Family of Nazareth
† Therese Auger

THURSDAY (10/30)

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

FRIDAY (10/31)

6PM Deceased Members and
Benefactors of Holy Comforter

SATURDAY (11/1)

8AM The Ill and The Homebound

12PM † Phyllis Thomas (Anna Stelow)

5PM † Therese Auger (Schemmel Family)

SUNDAY (11/2)

8:30AM † Michael Kerrigan (Melinda Wells)

11AM † Jane Till Danilek

2PM Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

10/25 Saint Antonio de Sant'Anna Galvao

10/26 Saint Peter Alcantara

10/27 Saint Blessed Bartholomew of
Vincenza

PARISH NEWS



PARISH SUPPORT

“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Week Ending October 19, 2025

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$4,727
- Online Giving \$2,580

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)

Below Weekly Budget (\$2,193)

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 parish is committed to children, youth, and adult faith formation and evangelization, spending \$57,500 last year. We invite parishioners to contribute to our **Christian Formation** ministry, and nominal fees are collected for Vacation Bible School and from families enrolling their children in Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation classes. Last year we collected \$4,600 and the remaining \$52,900 was supported by your offertory contributions. Thank you!



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SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

- 11/1/2025 Solemnity of All Saints
- 11/2/2025 All Souls' Day
- 11/9/2025 Outreach
- 11/16/2025 Archdiocese for the Military Services
- 11/23/2025 Maintenance Fund
- 11/30/2025 Christmas Flowers

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 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This week our schedule has changed a bit. Father is out on Monday. However, Fr. Hesko will celebrate Mass at 8 am. Therefore, we will not have a Noon Mass on Monday, October, 27th or Confessions Monday evening. Also, next weekend, we celebrate “All Saints” and “All Souls” day, November 1st and 2nd. Here is the schedule:

- On Friday, October 31st, we will have an All Saints Vigil Mass at 6 pm, followed by Adoration and Confession. NOTE: We will not have a Noon Mass on Oct. 31st.
- Saturday, November 1st, we will have an 8 am Mass to celebrate All Saints. And at Noon we will celebrate in Latin.

For “All Souls” Day, we will have our regular Sunday Mass times. In addition, we want to remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Please bring a picture of your deceased loved one and place it on the table near the Confessional. We will leave the pictures there through November 16th.

Did you know that a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from November 1-8. The plenary indulgence is earned under the usual conditions: sacramental confession (within 20 days before or after), one Eucharistic Communion for each visit (20 days before or after), and prayer for the Pope's intentions (usually one Our Father and the Creed or Hail Mary, prayed each visit) while detached from sin.

God bless, *Alicia Vinklarek, LMC Liturgy Coordinator*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

- ◆ **Friday: 7-8:30PM Middle School Youth Group (No Youth Group October 31)**
- ◆ **Sunday: 9:45AM-10:45AM Children's & HS Christian Formation**
- ◆ **Sunday: 9:45AM-10:45 AM First Sacraments and HS Confirmation**
- ◆ **Sunday: 12:30PM Christian Adult Initiation**

Substitute catechists are needed!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SOULS

First Reading *Wisdom 3:1-9 or Wisdom 4:7-15 or Isaiah 25:6-9*

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6 or Psalm 25:6,7b,17-18,20-21*

Second Reading *Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 5:17-21 or Romans 6:3-9*

Gospel *Luke 24:13-16,28-35; John 5:24-29 or John 6:37-40 or John 6:51-59 or John 11:17-27*

October 26, Thirtieth 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 or email reception@holycomforterparish.org

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of September, the food pantry handed out food bags to 236 households/642 individuals and served 352 lunches at soup kitchen. For the month of October, donations of *canned vegetables* are appreciated. Thank you all for your donations, contributions and time. God Bless! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and leader.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:



Thanks to your generosity, we raised **\$22,043.66** from our recent SVdP Friends of the Poor Walk. Your neighbors are most appreciative! For more information or to donate please visit our website at www.svdp-ht.org or info@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 the Middle School Youth Ministers, Anna Sisman or Tristan Majweski at youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org

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

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MARRIED COUPLES: Just as we celebrate Thanksgiving by gathering together with family, why not celebrate your Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage. Space is limited so make your reservation now! Upcoming experiences are: December 5-7, 2025. - Ocean City, NJ...February 13-15, 2026 - Waynesboro VA and March 6-8, 2026 - Hampton VA For more information please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

FROM THE LITURGY COORDINATOR



Music and Song in the Liturgy

Part I

By

Alicia Vinklerek, LMC Liturgy Coordinator

The Place of Music in the Liturgical Celebration is important as it serves as the expression of our Faith. Among the many signs and symbols used by the Catholic Church to celebrate our faith, music is of preeminent importance. As sacred song united to words, it forms a necessary and integral part of the liturgy. However, the function of music is ministerial. Music accompanies the liturgy and should serve. Music should never dominate the liturgical celebration. Music is the expression of the people of God who are gathered as we share the gift of faith that is within us. Music can help nourish and strengthen our interior commitment of faith. Music imparts a sense of unity to all gathered and sets the appropriate tone for a particular liturgical celebration. However, we must be comfortable and secure with what is being presented for all to celebrate well. "He who sings, prays twice" (St. Augustine)

The choice of sung parts, the balance between them, and the style of musical setting used should reflect the relative importance of the parts of the Mass or other service and the nature of each part. Thus, elaborate settings of the entrance song, "Lord have Mercy" and "Glory to God" may make the proclamation of the word seem unimportant; and an overly elaborate offertory song with a spoken "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" may make the Eucharistic prayer seem less important.

The resources we have to guide us in song are Cantors and the Choir. A Cantor is an individual singer who can effectively lead the assembly, attractively proclaim the Word of God in the psalm sung between the readings, and take his or her part in other responsorial singing. The presence of such a singer is desirable even in

churches which have a choir, for those celebrations in which the choir cannot take part but which may fittingly be performed with some solemnity and therefore with singing." Although a cantor "cannot enhance the service of worship in the same way as a choir, a trained and competent cantor can perform an important ministry by leading the congregation in common sacred song and in responsorial singing."

A well-trained choir adds beauty and solemnity to the liturgy and also assists and encourages the singing of the congregation. The Second Vatican Council, speaking of the choir, stated emphatically: "Choirs must be diligently promoted," provided that "the whole body of the faithful may be able to contribute that active participation which is rightly theirs." "At times the choir, within the congregation of the faithful and as part of it, will assume the role of leadership, while at other times it will retain its own distinctive ministry. This means that the choir will lead the people in sung prayer, by alternating or reinforcing the sacred song of the congregation, or by enhancing it with the addition of a musical elaboration. At other times in the course of liturgical celebration the choir alone will sing works whose musical demands enlist and challenge its competence."

Song is not the only kind of music suitable for liturgical celebration. Music performed on the organ and other instruments can stimulate feelings of joy and contemplation at appropriate times. This can be done effectively at the following points: an instrumental prelude, a soft background to a spoken psalm, at the preparation of the gifts in place of singing, during portions of the communion rite, and the recessional. In the dioceses of the United States, "musical instruments other than the organ may be used in liturgical services, provided they are played in a manner that is suitable to public worship." This decision deliberately refrains from singing out specific instruments. Their use depends on circumstances, the nature of the congregation, etc.

The truth of the faith need not be—and indeed must not be—compromised or subordinated to the canons of compositional style or the needs of musical or poetic form. At the same time, the beauty of faith cannot be neglected, it must be revered and highlighted in the desire to communicate effectively the truth of what has been revealed. Catholic hymn-writers and composers necessarily inhabit a realm of creative interplay: they have the privilege and vocation of honoring and communicating the mystery of faith in word and music, and this requires genuine artistry, industry, and fidelity. While there are a number of factors that affect the suitability of hymns for use in Catholic liturgy, such as singability, beauty of language, poetry, etc.

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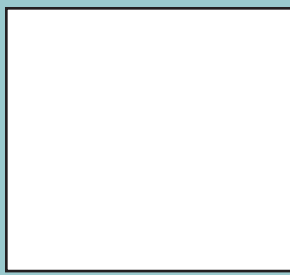
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