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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

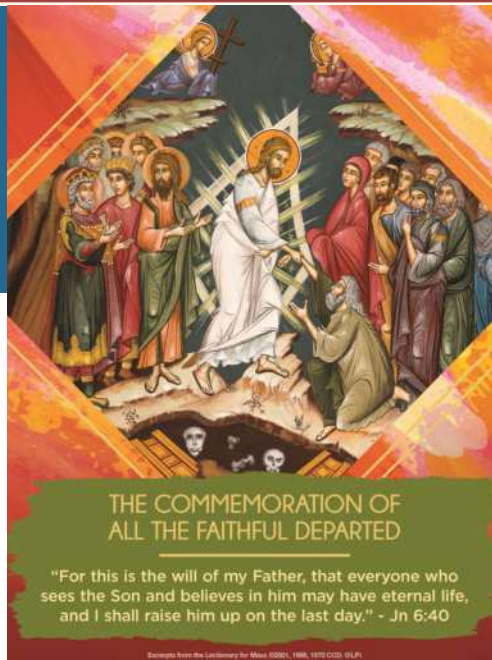
CONFESSION

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

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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 (11/1) Solemnity of All

Saints

7 AM THAT MAN IS YOU! (LL)

8 AM Mass

12 PM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (11/2) The Commemoration

Of All The Faithful Departed

(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 Gregorian Mass

MONDAY (11/3)

12 PM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6 PM Mass with Confession following

TUESDAY (11/4)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (11/5)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-8 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (11/6)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass w/Adoration following

7 PM Confession

FRIDAY (11/7)

12 PM Mass with Adoration following

6:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (11/8)

7 AM THAT MAN IS YOU! (LL)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (11/9) Feast Of The

Dedication Of The Lateran Basilica in Rome

Altar Flowers donated by Betty Phillips in memory of John Wm (Bill) Phillips

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

11/5 Saint Peter Chrysologus

11/6 Saint Nicholas Tavelic and Companions

11/7 Saint Didacus

10/8 Blessed John Dun Scotus

11/9 Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica

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 (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

MONDAY (11/3)

8AM † Douglas McAdams (Patricia McAdams) Garrett Minor Smith, Jr

(Diane Auger Smith)

6PM † Naomi Wells (Melinda Wells)

TUESDAY (11/4)

8AM Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)

† Angelina Akulow (Marlene Wood)

WEDNESDAY (11/5)

8AM Through the Holy Family of Nazareth

THURSDAY (11/6)

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

FRIDAY (11/7)

12PM For Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY (11/8)

8AM For Holy Souls in Purgatory

5PM For Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY (11/9)

8:30AM † John William "Bill" Phillips (Betty Phillips)

11AM Members of the Parish

2PM † Edith Zinman (Peter Zinman)

SAINTS OF GOD

10/1 Solemnity of All Saints

11/2 The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed

11/3 Saint Martin de Porres

11/4 Saint Charles Borromeo

PARISH NEWS



PARISH SUPPORT

Week Ending October 26, 2025

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$3,262
 - Online Giving \$4,805
- Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)
Below Weekly Budget (\$1,433)

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


NOVEMBER MONEY MINUTE

During November, our Money Minute will focus on our **Outreach Ministry**. During the last fiscal year, our Soup Kitchen served over 3,900 individual meals, and over 5,400 individuals from nearly 2,000 households received groceries from our USDA Food Pantry¹. Unfortunately, contributions were 36% lower than the year before and it is expected there will be a greater need this year than last. We invite you to use the gold envelopes in the Commons to contribute to **Outreach**. We will take up our usual monthly collection, and contributions are also accepted online. Thank you for your support! ¹USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and leader.

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET

 Our parish operating budget for the new fiscal year is \$494,000 which requires Holy Comforter 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

Hello November! This weekend, we celebrate the The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, "All Souls" Day. Not every year does All Souls fall on a Sunday. However, this year it does. The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for and assisting the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Also, please note the All Souls Day for the Latin Mass Community will be celebrated on Monday, November 3rd at 6 pm. Confessions will be heard after Mass on Monday, November 3rd.

There is a change for our weekly Thursday evening Mass in the month of November. We will incorporate evening prayer for the deceased. Thursday evening Mass time is 6pm, followed by Adoration, evening prayer and Confessions. This is a great time to pray for those who have gone before us. However, Thursday, November 27th is Thanksgiving and this day we will not have a 6 pm Mass. Instead, we will have a 9 am as our Thanksgiving Mass.

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**
- ◆ **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**

2025-2026 Catechist & Substitute catechists are needed!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Feast of the Dedication
of
the Lateran Basilica in Rome

First Reading *Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12*

I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9

God is our refuge and our strength.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17

You are the temple of God.

Gospel

John 2:13-22

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

November 2, The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls)

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: Thank you for your donations of canned vegetables in October. For the month of November donations of boxes of stuffing are appreciated. Thank you all for your donations, contributions and time. God Bless! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer & leader.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:

 Thanks to your generosity, we raised **\$22,043.66** from our recent walk. Our neighbors are appreciative! We won't be meeting on Nov 4th due to election day. Our next meeting will be held on Nov 18 at 7pm via Zoom. For more info or to donate, please see our website at www.svdp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org.

The Knights of Columbus will hold a drive to fund COATS FOR KIDS on Saturday, November 15, and Sunday, November 16. We have already ordered 120 coats, at a cost of nearly \$3000 so your support is needed! Bring cash or checks made out to Knights of Columbus to Mass. The Knights will be grateful.

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

Discover Charlottesville Catholic School! Applications are now open for JK-8 for the 2026-2027 school year. Please visit www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions or call 434-964-0400 today!

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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 WWWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

FROM THE LITURGY COORDINATOR



Pray for All Souls!

By

Alicia Vinklarek, LMC Liturgy Coordinator

Welcome to the month of November. Last week, I started a piece on Music in Mass and was going to continue this week. However, Father and I thought it would be best to share on the month of November. This month is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. During this month, we the faithful are encouraged to commemorate and pray for all who have departed from this life and has not reached the eternal joys of Heaven. By observing both scriptural roots and the deep compassion of the Church for those souls who are undergoing purification, we engage in meaningful prayer, sacrifices, and acts of charity that benefit both the souls in purgatory and our spiritual growth.

St. Paul, in his letters, implores Christians not to “be ignorant concerning the dead,” reminding the faithful that death is not the end but a transition for those who die in Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). The Church teaches that purgatory is a state of purification for those who have died in a state of grace but still require purification before entering the fullness of Heaven. The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms this belief by explaining that souls undergo a “final purification” necessary to attain the perfection required for Heaven (CCC 1030-1032). This teaching is drawn from Scripture, Tradition, and centuries of theological reflection.

By praying for the souls in purgatory, we engage in an act of charity, as these souls can no longer pray for themselves and depend on the prayers of the living to ease their suffering. The efficacy of

our prayers, alms, and sacrifices on behalf of the Holy Souls is a testimony to the profound interconnectedness of the Church, which is known as the Communion of Saints. Our prayers assist the souls in their journey, bringing them closer to the beatific vision of God.

The most traditional and accessible way to help the souls is through prayer. Prayers such as the Eternal Rest Prayer (“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them”) and the De Profundis (Psalm 130) are commonly recited for this purpose. We can also:

- Offer Masses: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most powerful prayer that can be offered for the dead. Attending Mass and offering it for the repose of souls in purgatory is a profound act of charity.
- Give Alms: Alms given in memory of a loved one are spiritually meritorious for both the giver and the deceased. Donations to the Church or charitable causes on behalf of the dead can also aid in their spiritual journey.
- Offer Sacrifices: Sacrifices, such as fasting or personal sacrifices, can be offered for the release of the souls in purgatory. This act of self-denial, united with Christ’s suffering, reflects our solidarity with those undergoing purification.
- Gain Indulgences: During November, the Church grants plenary indulgences applicable to the Holy Souls. By visiting a cemetery and praying for the deceased (especially from November 1st to November 8th), the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions.
- Say a Novena for the Holy Souls: This nine-day prayer seeks God’s mercy and the intercession of saints on behalf of the souls in purgatory.
- Pray the Rosary for the Holy Souls: Each decade of the rosary can be offered for different groups of souls, such as forgotten souls or those most in need of prayer.
- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy: St. Faustina Kowalska, who had visions of purgatory, recommended this chaplet as a means of intercession for the dead.

So, let’s have a productive prayer life in the month of November. Through our prayers, sacrifices, and acts of charity, we can alleviate the suffering of the souls in purgatory and deepen our relationship with God. Remembering our departed loved ones, we join in a mission that stretches beyond our world, honoring the Holy Souls and inviting their future intercession. As we do, we unite with the Communion of Saints, reinforcing the beautiful and enduring unity of the Church on earth, in purgatory, and in Heaven. God Bless!

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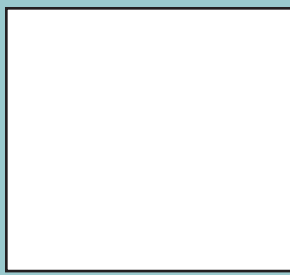
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