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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—3 PM

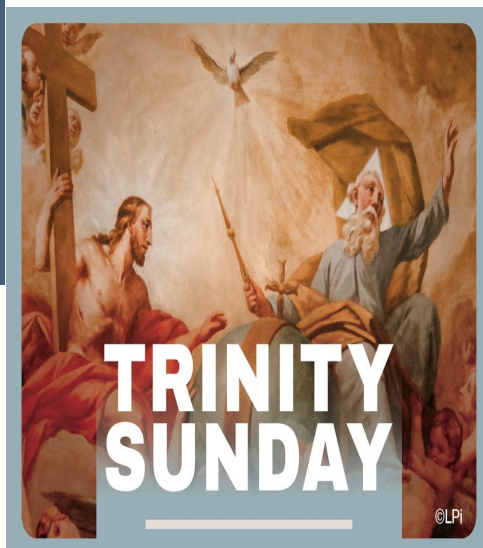
CONFESSION

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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by 1:30PM Monday
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: As members of Holy Comforter Catholic Church, located in Charlottesville, VA, redeemed by Jesus Christ and sustained by the Word and the Eucharist, we pursue growth in holiness. We are called to worship, discipleship, evangelization, and charity, bringing the presence of the risen Christ to our parish and all those in need, consistent with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (5/30)

6:30 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers

8 AM Mass

5PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (5/31) Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Altar Flowers were provided this weekend in loving memory of Deborah Okada by an anonymous donor.

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

4-6 PM Swing Dance (LL)

MONDAY (6/1)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (6/2)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (6/3)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-8 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (6/4)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass followed by Evening Prayer and Adoration

7-8 PM Confession

FRIDAY (6/5)

12 PM Mass followed by Adoration until 3 PM

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (6/6)

6:30 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers

8 AM Mass

5PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (6/7) The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Altar Flowers provided this weekend in loving memory of a loved one, by an anonymous donor

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to join our Holy Comforter Parish Family. Registration Forms are in the Office and on the Commons Credenza.

2 PM Mass

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE EUCHARIST

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us. Thank You for giving us the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament at this Mass. May Your Eucharistic presence keep us ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbor, and fruitful in virtue, that we may continue to receive You throughout life and attain final union with You at death.

Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office

434-295-7185

Reception@hollycomforterparish.org

SATURDAY (5/30)

8AM The Ill and the Homebound

5PM Scott Thor and Family

SUNDAY (5/31)

8:30AM Members of the Parish

11AM Matthew & Miranda Schrank and Family (Melinda Wells)

2PM † Manuel O. Calderon (Mona Peglow)

MONDAY (6/1)

12PM † Daniele DiSante (Silvia DiPaolo)

TUESDAY (6/2)

8AM Personal Intention: Beirut Staff member (Silvia DiPaolo)

WEDNESDAY (6/3)

8AM † Douglas McAdams (Patricia McAdams)

THURSDAY (6/3)

6PM Pascale Nassar (Silvia DiPaolo)

FRIDAY (6/5)

12PM † Suzanne Lank (Alicia Vinklarek)

SATURDAY (6/6)

8AM Personal Intention: Maximus (Silvia DiPaolo)

5PM † Jean Andrus (Heidi Hess)

SUNDAY (6/7)

8:30AM Robert Prinz (Mel Crews)

11AM † Suzanne Lank (Alicia Vinklarek) Members of the Parish

2PM † John G. Peglow (Mona Peglow)

SAINTS OF GOD

5/30 Saint Joan of Arc

5/31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6/1 Saint Justin Martyr

6/2 Saints Marcellinus and Peter

6/3 Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

6/4 Blessed Angelina of Marsciano

6/5 Saint Boniface

6/6 Saint Norbert

PARISH NEWS



PARISH SUPPORT



For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life (John 3:16)

WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET

Our parish operating budget for the current 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 families to contribute \$2,200 per year, or about \$42 per week. Thank you for your support!

*The Offertory Contributions for **Week Ending May 17, 2026** and **Week Ending May 24, 2026** will be reported next week.*

MONEY MINUTE

It is our top priority to provide a reverent and meaningful setting for worship. To that end, the Liturgy and Music ministries spent \$87,000 last year, which was primarily supported by offertory contributions. Thank you for your generosity!

SEMI ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT Copies are available in the Commons.

2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL *Sharing His Love With Others* Thanks to your support of this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal, **we have met our goal of raising**



\$27,950! Materials are available in the Commons to answer your questions and to contribute. **Your generosity is appreciated!!!**

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MAY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

5/10/2026 Outreach

5/17/2026 Diocesan Home Missions

5/24/2026 Maintenance Fund

SCAN HERE to support Holy Comforter! **Thank You!!**



LITURGICAL NOTES

We celebrate another beautiful Feast this Sunday, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. To celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity means being aware of God's provident care, of His faithfulness towards us.

With the Solemnity of Pentecost last Sunday, the Easter Season came to an end. On Monday, we began Ordinary Time, that is, the period when priests wear the color green, a time during which we are called to live the Gospel in the ordinariness of everyday life, witnessing the joy of being disciples of the crucified and risen Jesus.

Next Sunday, we celebrate The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and to celebrate, we will have a procession after the 11 am Mass.

*Next week, the **National Eucharistic Procession** will make its way through the Diocese of Richmond.* This incredible opportunity for prayer will bring us Catholics together to praise Jesus in adoration as well as provide a chance for us to pray for our nation on the occasion of our 250th anniversary.

On June 3rd at 2:00pm, at Saint Thomas Aquinas, we are invited to join other Parishes of our Deanery 10 in a Mass and Holy Hour as part of this procession across our diocese. Scan the QR code for more information



Religious Education

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All classes are done for this year.

Congratulations once again to all who received their sacraments.

Have a great Summer Break

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9
Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt. Sinai.

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56
We praise God who is exalted above all forever.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

Gospel Reading: John 3:16-18
God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

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, Bobbie Hoskins, Ann Jackson, Cassandra Johnson-Francisco, Patricia McAdams, Mae Trentanove, Mary Wheeler, and Mary Ann Ziminski.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Alex Ahn, Leroy and Felicia Anderson, Blandine Attey, Ben and Katherine Barahona, Christine Bentejac, Max and Hadley Burch, Stephen Crews, Kaylee Carter, Petra Vera Chavez, Lauren Rundall, Stephanie Crews, Roxanne Crittenden, Nancy Joan Debiese, Jimmy Dominguez, Linda Doyle, Gene Flamm, Lisa-Jane Faust, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Charlie Foster, Brad and Debbie Ferguson, Sue Gilbert, Paula Goodburn, Brian Gough, Dan Grogan, Fr. Theodore J. Haag, OFM, Genevieve Halfen, Liana Haseltine, Margaret Heritage, Maddie Hermack, Wilem Hommel, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Joe Kanapell, Betty Kapeluch, Sharon Lawrence, Kelly Lembo and Family, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Chelsea Massey, Patrick Mayer, Dot McAllister, Charles McCranor, Brett McQuhae, Cullen McQuhae, Michael McNeil, Fr. Richard Mooney, Robert Maute, Mary Nguyen, Lucy Pardee, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Lawrence Randolph, Anne de Rigal, Saathoff Family, Coby Savona, Kathryn Savona, Schrank Family, Tara Singh, Aiden Smith, Christopher Tomaselli, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Residents and Staff of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention, Williams Family and Napier Family

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Matthew Mickiewicz, Elijah & Jonathan Schrank, and Joey Smith, Nathaniel Byrd

If you would like your family member or fellow parishioner added or removed from the lists, contact the Works of Mercy Ministry mercy@holycomforterparish.org or 434-295-7185.

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

WE ARE HIRING: Charlottesville Catholic School, Charlottesville, VA, seeks Elementary Teacher (JK–5, 2026–2027) and Middle School Science Teacher (6–8, 2026–2027). VA teaching license required. Candidates should provide engaging, hands-on instruction, use 21st Century skills, communicate effectively, and collaborate well. Practicing Catholics preferred. Send resume, Diocesan application, 3 references, and license to Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal, 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or email v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: Thank you parishioners for your continued support to Outreach through donations, contributions and volunteering. Donations of crackers this month are appreciated. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE: Our



meetings occur on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. You are welcome to attend. For more information about our conference, or to donate, go to www.svdp-ht.org or email info@svdp-ht.org.

Walking with Moms in Need: A meeting of Walking With Moms in Need will be held on Sunday, June 21, 10AM in the Stairwell Library.

HC Middle School Youth Group: Middle School Youth Group will not meet over the summer but stay tuned for announcements and occasional get-togethers. **EPIC 2026** on August 8 at Blessed Sacrament Huguenot School in Powhatan, VA. EPIC is a high-energy day focused on two things: (1) building community & friendships with other Catholic middle school youth, and (2) encouraging zeal for our Catholic faith. Reach out to Anna Sisman youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org to register. More information can be found in the Commons.

THAT MAN IS YOU: BAND OF BROTHERS, Holy Comforter's Men's Ministry, meets Saturday mornings. For information, please contact Steven Sisman, mensgroup@holycomforterparish.org

HOLY COMFORTER'S ALTAR GUILD is looking for a flower arranger to help beautify our sacred space. If you are interested and have flower arranging skills, please contact Jean Mickiewicz Jean4greens@yahoo

HAITI: Another glorious—if slightly chilly—day of golf for our contestants and staff. My thanks, and the thanks of our entire tri-parish community, go to you for your outstanding effort, good spirit, and camaraderie. We are truly blessed with a supportive community and a wonderful group of volunteers for this, our second of three annual fundraisers in support of our twin parish, St. Michel in Saltadère, Haiti. A special thanks to Dan and Maria Wassilchuk for their leadership and guidance each year in making this event a success. They devote many months to planning, organizing, and encouraging the volunteer base that makes this day possible. *Mèsi anpil e Bondye beni ou* — thank you very much and God bless, from our Haitian community and from me, Bob Fromm, Tri-Parish Chair

WORKS OF MERCY: Our ministry sends a variety of cards to 40 residents at the Cedars Healthcare Center throughout the calendar year. We are looking for individuals, families, or groups to assist with signing cards. Supplies (cards, stickers, pens) will be provided and may be taken home. A ministry member will pick up the completed cards at church and deliver them to Cedars. No mailing! Some residents get very little personal mail. They appreciate happy and uplifting cards. For more info, please contact Sharon Dudley at mercy@holycomforterparish.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMFORTER FAMILY SWING DANCE: Families are invited for informal swing dance **Sunday, May 31 from 4pm to 6pm this weekend** 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). No dance experience needed and ALL are welcome! Children under 18 are welcome and must be accompanied by an adult.

FROM THE PASTOR



OUR LIFE IN THE HOLY TRINITY. (Pt.1)

("Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit") - Fr. Josep Mary Lukyamuzi

I invite you to take a reflective journey with me on our life in the Holy Trinity in this series entitled- "Our Life In the Holy Trinity". I begin with this great commissioning from Jesus to his Disciples to go and make Disciples, baptizing: 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. giving Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit"! Certain questions have been asked nearly as long as mankind has existed: Who are we? Who is God? Why are we here? And who is this Jesus that commissions his disciples to take on such job? These are the fundamental questions of human existence that have challenged philosophers, theologians and common folk throughout the ages. Any examination of our lifespan and its meaning at some point will arrive at these inquiries. As we contemplate the reality that everything that lives, grows and breathes will one day cease to be, and no one knows the hour it will end, we struggle to find the meaning behind it all. We have

a finite period to discover the answers. What does life mean? Who are we? Who is God? Why are we here? What is our life with OR without God?

For us to determine who we are and why we are here, we must first determine where we come from. If we are but "material," a soulless collection of cells, tissue, enzymes and minerals, then we are only the most evolved species on the food chain, and our lives mean nothing at all. If there is no God, no objective right and wrong, no source of wisdom outside of our own instincts and desires, then longing for meaning, human rights, justice, equality and peace is an empty chasing after the wind. The answers to our questions must come from a transcendent source, from something beyond us. We need something testable, something that is based on more than just opinions, desires and speculations. The Bible provides us with this source. It is the most widely attested collection of documents in historical antiquity, and it holds the scrutiny of historical, legal and scientific inquiry.

The first of God's commandments as recorded in the Book of Exodus tells us that "You shall have no other gods." If we are to follow this command, we must first understand who this God is in our life. The good news is that he has revealed himself to us clearly and concisely in his word: he is one God made up of three distinct persons. He is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is a profound mystery, and beyond our comprehension as many of God's attributes are. He is eternal, without beginning or end. He is in all places, and knows all things past, present and future. He is all powerful and cannot be defeated by any person or any force. He is truth and speaks truth. He created the universe, the world and everything in it by speaking. No one has ever looked upon the Father, except for when they looked into the face of Jesus Christ his Son (Jn. 14:9), and no one has believed in the Father or the Son except by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is what God has revealed to us about himself. (To be continued...).

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