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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

**Please Send Bulletin Submissions
by 1:30PM Monday
dre@holycomforterparish.org**



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

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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 (7/4)

9 AM Mass

5PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/5) Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers donated by Michael & Nancy Sullivan in Honor of the Lord

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

MONDAY (7/6)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (7/7)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (7/8)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-8 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (7/9)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass followed by Evening Prayer and Adoration

7-8 PM Confession

FRIDAY (7/10)

12 PM Mass followed by Adoration until 3 PM

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (7/11)

8 AM Mass

9-11 PM *Childrens Saturday with the Holy Family!* (LL)

5PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/12) Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers donated by Erin and Joe Ferguson in honor of their Wedding Anniversary

Second Collection: Outreach

8:30 AM Mass RCIA Penitential Rite

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

**Please join us
to celebrate
Father Joseph Mary's
Birthday
on Wednesday July 15th
after the 8am mass
for a potluck breakfast.
Please sign up
to bring a dish or two
in flocknote!**

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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

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

SAINTS OF GOD

7/4 Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

7/5 Saint Anthony Zaccaria

7/6 Saint Maria Goretti

7/7 Blessed Emmanuel Ruiz and
Companions

7/8 Saint Gregory Grassi and
Companions

7/9 Saint Augustine Zhao Rong
and Companions

7/10 Saint Veronica Giuliani

7/11 Saint Benedict

7/12 Saints John Jones and John Wall

MASS INTENTIONS

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office

434-295-7185

Reception@holycomforterparish.org

SATURDAY (7/4)

9 AM The Holy Souls in Purgatory

5PM Liam Michael Kelly
(Michael Del Rosso)

SUNDAY (7/5)

8:30AM Matthew & Miranda Schrank
and Family (Melinda Wells)

11AM Members of the Parish

2PM Mary L. Calderon (Mona Peglow)

MONDAY (7/6)

12PM † Jean Andrus (Heidi Hess)

TUESDAY (7/7)

8AM Elizabeth Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

WEDNESDAY (7/8)

8AM Elizabeth Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

THURSDAY (7/9)

6PM Jennifer for Healing

FRIDAY (7/10)

12PM † Alfred M. Goodison III
(Michele Skarvelis)

SATURDAY (7/11)

9 AM Laura Sullivan & Logan Davis on
their Wedding Day
(Michael Sullivan & Nancy Vilar)

5PM † Mary Caretti (Barb Cassidy)
† Betty & † Tony Kapeluck
(Barb Cassidy)

SUNDAY (7/12)

8:30AM Elizabeth Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

11AM Richard Nordin, Sr
(Richard Nordin)
Lisa Misraje and Family
(Melinda Wells)

2PM Members of the Parish
† Joseph Smith (Patricia McAdams)

PARISH NEWS



PARISH SUPPORT

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

*Due to an early publication deadline, the Offertory Contributions Report for **Week Ending June 28, 2026** will be made next weekend.*

WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET

God calls us to be generous with all our gifts, including our treasure. Our faith teaches us this through the Scriptures; **"Honor the Lord with your wealth, first fruits ..." (Proverbs 3:9)**



Our parish operating budget for the current fiscal year is \$520,000 which requires us to receive offertory contributions

of **\$10,000 per week**. In order to meet our financial obligations, it is necessary for our 224 registered and active families to contribute \$2,322 per year, or about **\$45 per week**. Thank you for your support!

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JULY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

7/12/2026 Outreach

7/26/2026 Maintenance Fund

MONEY MINUTE

Once a month we accept contributions to our **JUSTICE AND PEACE** Ministry. Those funds are then distributed to our parish charities. Last year, you enabled us to send \$2,000 to support IMPACT (Interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together), and \$1,740 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Trinity Conference. Thank you for your support!

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LITURGICAL NOTES

Thank you all for a wonderful and blessed send off last weekend, and I pray you had a safe and blessed Independence Day. My heart is full of gratitude to all of you and the love and support you gave me. By the time you read this, I will have departed Charlottesville. However, before I turn it over to Chris Gilbert, your new Liturgy Coordinator, I want to share a few words about Father's and my birthday month.

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. This dedication of the Precious Blood of Jesus emphasizes the profound spiritual significance of Christ's sacrifice and the salvific power of His Blood. The Precious Blood is seen as the ocean of Divine Mercy, the purest offering, and the hope and refuge of sinners.

Signing off.... God Bless, Alicia Vinklerek, LMC

Religious Education

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Religious Education Committee

Are you curious about Holy Comforter's history? Join other parishioners to explore our archive and share ideas for a history of Catholic Charlottesville. Please text or call Anna Stelow at 434-249-2825.

The Religious Education Committee is looking for new members who are interested in participating in the formation process for Holy Comforter's Parish Family. To learn more, contact Suzanne Bailey at slank@ntelos.net or Melinda Wells, DRE.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading *Isaiah 55:10-11*

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 65:10-14*

A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.

Second Reading *Romans 8:18-23*

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel *Matthew 13:1-23* Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

MINISTRIES

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, Patricia McAdams, Mae Trentanove, Mary Wheeler, 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, Travis Cole, Stephanie Crews, Roxanne Crittenden, Nancy Joan Debiese, Linda Doyle, Tarina Esclapez, Gene Flamm, Alexander Faust, 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, Sally Harris, Liana Haseltine, Margaret Heritage, Maddie Hermack, Wilem Hommel, Ed Rodgers, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Joe Kanapell, Betty Kapeluch, Sharon Lawrence, Kelly Lembo and Family, George Lilly, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Michael Paul Maloney, Chelsea Massey, Robert Maute, Patrick Mayer, Patrick McAdams, Dot McAllister, Brett McQuhae, Cullen McQuhae, Michael McNeil, Fr. Richard Mooney, Greg Mullenax, Mary Nguyen, Lucy Pardee, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Lawrence Randolph, Anne de Rigal, Saathoff Family, Coby Savona, Kathryn Savona, Schrank Family, Melancon Family, Tara Singh, Aiden Smith, Pat Tinberg, Christopher Tomaselli, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Residents/Staff of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention, Williams Family, Napier Family

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Matthew Mickiewicz, Benjamin and Elijah 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

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking the following positions: **Parish and School Auditor** to support the Office of Finance. For the full ad and to apply, click <https://bit.ly/3Swatao> **Administrative Coordinator** to support the Office of the Vicar for Clergy. For the full ad and to apply, click <https://bit.ly/4fXnKCD> **Executive Director of Campus Ministry** to serve the Catholic Campus Ministry at the College of William & Mary, in Williamsburg, VA. For the full ad and how to apply, click <https://bit.ly/4dl5uM4> **Director of Human Resources**. For the full ad and how to apply, click <https://bit.ly/4unnHED>. **Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction** for the Office of Catholic Schools. For the full ad and apply, click bit.ly/4eMIqWC For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist/Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

OUTREACH: Thank you, parishioners, for your generous giving to Outreach through donations, contributions and volunteering. For the month of July, donations of chunky soups would be 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. Our next meeting is on July 7 at 7pm in the conference room at the Church of the Incarnation. For more information about our conference, or to donate, visit www.svdp-ht.org or email info@svdp-ht.org.

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. To register, please reach out to Anna Sisman at youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org. 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

HAITI: A heartfelt thank you to Dan and Maria Wassilchuk and all our golf tournament volunteers. Because of your dedication, we now have an additional \$15,000 to support our twin parish. Your generosity makes Christ's compassion visible. Haiti's crisis deepens: a senior cabinet official was recently kidnapped in an area once considered safe; more than 1.5 million people are displaced, and over 2,300 lives have been lost this year. Gangs now control much of Port-au-Prince, and the UN warns the situation is entering an even more alarming phase. As our nation marks its 250th anniversary, we pray that our blessings inspire us to stand with those seeking peace and dignity. God bless, Bob Fromme

CHILDREN'S SATURDAY'S WITH THE HOLY FAMILY: Attention all kids 5-10! **July 11, 18, 25, 9:00-11:00 in the lower level.** It will be a fun time of teaching and crafts. Older teens are most welcome to help! Please wear comfy clothes and bring a big smile and a sweet tooth! Questions? Please contact Sherry Schemmel at 434-851-8144 or Melinda Wells, DRE, dre@holycomforterparish.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL: ENROLLING FOR 2026-2027!

Do you know a family who is looking for a Christ-Centered education? Charlottesville Catholic School is currently accepting applications for the 2026-27 school year for grades Pre-K through 8th. For more information email admissions@cvillecatholic.org, call 434-964-0400, or visit www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions. The school office will remain open during the summer Monday–Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR



OUR LIFE IN THE HOLY TRINITY

Part VI

Rev. Fr. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

*“Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit”*

*“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”*

2 Corinthians 13:14

What the saints have indicated by their experience of their interaction with the Holy Trinity shows us that our faithful response to life in the Holy Trinity is characterized by an ongoing participation in the inner life of God, defined primarily through **love, communion, and obedience**. By the grace of Baptism, we are drawn into a dynamic relationship with all three distinct-yet-unified persons of the Godhead. The Trinity calls for what could be a multi-dimensional, active response in our daily lives:

We respond to Father, the fountainhead of divine love, with reverence, praise, and prayer. We embrace the Father’s providence and

adopt a childlike dependence on His guidance. We bear good fruit and honor the Father by reflecting His character in the world, since we were created in the image and likeness of God.

We look to Jesus Christ, who became flesh to redeem us, as the ultimate model for how to love, obey, serve and suffer. We rely on Christ's sacrifice and mediation to bring us into favor with God, extending that same grace and forgiveness to others.

We yield to the Holy Spirit's conviction, comfort, and transformation, allowing Him to guide our decisions and sanctify our character. We act under the influence of the Spirit to develop virtues like love, joy, peace, and patience.

Because the Trinity is a perfect community of Persons, we are made for community and loving others, mirroring God's divine unity and diversity. We are therefore called to be a loving gift to others, putting God's love into practical action and standing alongside those in need. Exploring these dimensions further can help clarify exactly how to align your spiritual practices with Trinitarian spiritual understanding.

The Trinity is undoubtedly one of the most mysterious Christian doctrines. It can be intimidating to explain, and we tip-toe carefully with our words so as not to slip into heresy. However, we would miss the point if we left the Trinity as a mere doctrinal discussion. We must engage in how the Trinity practically apply to our everyday life!

The practicality of the Trinity is clear in **John 13-17**. Something I ask you to consider reading! The disciples were deeply troubled at Jesus’ words about leaving them, thinking it would bring a devastating break in their relationship with God. But Jesus spoke tenderly to them, giving them guidance for continuing their walk with God after his departure. In giving this instruction, Jesus spoke about God’s Trinitarian nature. This passage of Scripture teaches that knowing God as three in one should be at the center of our daily relationship with him

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