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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

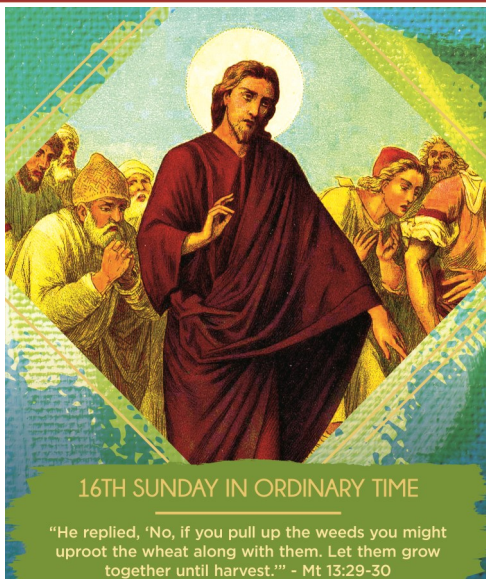
CONFESSION

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**



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.'" - Mt 13:29-30

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Soup Kitchen: Thurs 12PM-1PM

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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 (7/18)

8 AM Mass

9-11 PM *Children's Saturday with the Holy Family!* (LL)

5PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/19) Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers donated in Honor of Ed & Anna Stelow's Wedding Anniversary

Second Collection: Outreach

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

MONDAY (7/20)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (7/21)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (7/22)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-8 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (7/23)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass followed by Evening Prayer and Adoration

7-8 PM Confession

FRIDAY (7/24)

12 PM Mass followed by Adoration until 3 PM

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (7/25)

8 AM Mass

9-11 PM *Children's Saturday with the Holy Family!* (LL)

5PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/26) Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers donated in Honor of Beloved Son, Sammy

Second Collection: Venezuela

Earthquake Relief

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

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

MASS INTENTIONS

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office

434-295-7185

Reception@holycomforterparish.org

SATURDAY (7/18)

8:30 Elizabeth Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

5PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (7/19)

8:30AM Stephen Crews

† Paul Alexander
(Angie Alexander)

11AM † Charles McCranor
(Eileen Lavis)

2PM Deceased Members of the
Michael Savino Family
(Patricia McAdams)

MONDAY (7/20)

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

TUESDAY (7/21)

8AM Elizabeth Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

WEDNESDAY (7/22)

8AM Elizabeth Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

THURSDAY (7/23)

6PM Elizabeth Schnur (Elisa Schnur)
Jennifer for Healing

FRIDAY (7/24)

12PM Elizabeth Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

SATURDAY (7/25)

8:30 Mona Peglow

5PM Elizabeth Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

SUNDAY (7/26)

8:30AM Members of the Parish
Patrick Hennig (Heidi Hess)

11AM † Jane Till Danilek

2PM Members of the McAdams
Family (Patricia McAdams)

SAINTS OF GOD

7/18 Saint Camillus de Lellis

7/19 Saint Mary Mackillop

7/20 Saint Apollinaris

7/21 Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

7/22 Saint Mary Magdalene

7/23 Saint Bridget of Sweden

7/24 Saint Sharbel Makhlof

7/25 Saint James

7/26 Saint Joachim and Anne

PARISH NEWS



PARISH SUPPORT

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

Week Ending July 12, 2026

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$3,582
- Online Giving \$4,560

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$10,000)

Below Weekly Budget (\$1,858)

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 ..." (Prv. 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 parishioners 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

7/19/2026 Venezuela Earthquake Relief

7/26/2026 Maintenance Fund

MONEY MINUTE

Holy Comforter, like all parishes, provides financial support to the **Catholic Schools** in our Diocese. Our Parish Sharing Assessment for the last two years has been approximately \$30,500. Your offertory contributions enable us to meet this obligation. Thank you!

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LITURGICAL NOTES

Why is July Dedicated to the Precious Blood?

What do we mean by **Liturgy**? In the Catholic Church, liturgy pertains to the celebration of the mystery of Christ in public worship. The origin of the Greek word *leitourgia* originally applied to the duties of a citizen and their public service to the state. In the Old Testament, we find the word *leitourgeo* describing the public service of the temple, that is, the rituals of the priests. In the New Testament, we see Jesus described as a High Priest of the new law who has obtained a better liturgy (Heb 8:6). Why better?

Because Christ's sacrifice on the Cross is the eternal fulfillment of the Old Testament worship. The Church then, takes up the ever-present reality of the liturgy and fulfills the last prophecy of the Old Testament "My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations," says the Lord Almighty. (Mal 1:11)

<https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendiumccc/documents/archive2005compendium-cccen.html#The%20Celebration%20of%20the%20Christian%20Mystery> and <https://www.newadvent.org/bible/mal001.htm> and <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/09306a.htm>

Christopher Gilbert, Liturgy Coordinator

Religious Education

Melinda Wells, DRE dre@holycorforterparish.org

Children's Saturdays with the Holy Family!

Attention ALL kids! July 18, 25, 9:00-11:00AM in the lower level.

It will be a fun time of teaching, crafts, and so much more!

Older kids & teens are most welcome and needed to help! Please wear comfy play clothes, bring a water bottle and a sweet tooth! Sign-up is on the RE Table in the Commons Area...For any questions, please contact Sherry Schemmel 434-851-8144 / Melinda Wells, DRE

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. Text or call Anna Stelow at 434-249-2825.

The Religious Education Committee is looking for new members who To learn more, contact Suzanne Bailey at slank@ntelos.net or Melinda Wells, DRE.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5,7-12 Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130 The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:44-52 Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

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, 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, Liana Haseltine, Margaret Heritage, Maddie Hermack, Wilem Hommel, Ed Rodgers, Mark Rowland Huckabee, Joe Kanapell, 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, Dan Newton, 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@holycorforterparish.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@holycorforterparish.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. Please click <https://bit.ly/4fXnKCDF> for the full ad and to apply. **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/4dI5uM4> **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 full ad and apply, click bit.ly/4eMlqwC For any questions, contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist/Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

OUTREACH: During the month of June, we handed out food bags to 465 individuals in the Food Pantry and served 373 meals in the Soup Kitchen. We appreciate parishioners continued giving by to Outreach through donations, volunteering, and contributions. For the month of July, **chunky soups** donations are welcome. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:

 As Vincentians, our faith steadily steers us to reaching outside ourselves and toward others in love. Meetings occur on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Our next meeting will be on July 21st via Zoom. You are welcome to attend. For more information about our conference, or to donate, visit www.svdhp-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@holycorforterparish.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@holycorforterparish.org **HAITI:** The Tri-Parish Haiti Committee will host: Richard Joseph, Director of Education for the Diocese of Hinche on Sunday, July 26 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The meeting will be in Room 9 at 1 PM. All are welcome! St. Michel School in Saltadère now serves over 630 students, offering one of the strongest curriculums in the region and among the highest national exam success rates. Each \$175 sponsorship provides tuition, supplies, and a daily meal—often the child's only one. Let us continue to build hope, one child at a time. Thank you to Anne Knasel of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish for supplying this while I am away. God bless, Bob Fromme

ANNOUNCEMENT

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MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND will be held October 1-4, 2026, at The Blessings Lodge at Camp Overlook in Keezletown. Applications can be found online at www.valleykursillo.com and are due by September 3rd. Applicants must have a sponsor who has made a Cursillo weekend. The Theme of the weekend is "Open Our Hearts, Lord". Call Garrett Smith at (434) 960-7775, Karen or Roy Norville at 540-246-2371 for more information.

FROM THE PASTOR



The Precious Blood That Saved Us

Part II

Rev. Fr. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

**“For you know that it was not with perishable things
such as silver or gold that you were redeemed...
but with the precious blood of Christ,
a lamb without blemish or defect.”**

1 Peter 1:18-19

Our Savior died **“as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”**. In the Old Testament, the sacrificial animal had to be perfect. It had to be a male of the first year and selected on the tenth day of the month. The animal had to be under careful watch until the fourteenth day of the month. The animal then had to be killed **“in the evening”** or **“between the two evenings” (Ex.12:6)**. The apostle Peter would have been familiar with all of this when he wrote his epistle that; Jesus fulfilled every one of the requirements to be the lamb that would take away the sin of this world. Regardless of what others may say, especially some other Christian denominations, that it took the blood of Christ to purchase our salvation.

With kind of “feel good” teachings, they try to water down or remove the scandal of Calvary by saying that the blood of Christ was only symbolic. They falsely teach that it was the pouring out of His life that saved us and not the actual blood of Christ. The problem with this theology is that it is not in the Scriptures. Our understanding clearly shows that God places high value on the blood of His Son. He calls His blood precious! If the blood of Christ is precious to the Father, then it should be precious to us His children. We must not let the liberals cause us to back up on what the Bible teaches about the blood. The blood is on the Mercy Seat in Heaven and applied for all eternity for the sins of humanity. We must hold high the blood-stained banner of Jesus Christ. We must let the world know that there is “a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel’s veins!” Remember, Christ shed His blood; He did not spill it. Calvary was no accident but predetermined before the foundations of this world. Christ was a lamb slain before the foundation of the world, and He came into this world to go to the cross. Jesus did not live His life unaware of the mission before Him. He walked on this earth, but He was God in the flesh! He knew from the beginning what His purpose on earth would be. Oh, what joy we experience knowing that we stand redeemed by the blood of Christ.

Throughout Christian history, many mystics and spiritual writers have shared profound reflections on the mystery and power of Christ's blood: **St. John Chrysostom**: -“This blood, when worthily received, drives away demons and puts them at a distance from us, and even summons to us angels and the Lord of angels. This blood, poured out in abundance, has washed the whole world clean. This is the price of the world; by it Christ purchased the Church.” **St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi**:-“Every time a creature offers up this Blood by which he was redeemed, he offers a gift of infinite worth, which can be equaled by no other!” **St. Maximilian Kolbe**:-“You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, compenetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such! **St. Ephraem**:-“O Lord, we cannot go to the pool of Siloe to which you sent the blind man. But we have the chalice of Your Precious Blood, filled with life and light. The purer we are, the more we receive.” **St. Augustine**: “Don’t hold yourselves cheap, seeing that the creator of all things and of you estimates your value so high, so dear, that he pours out for you every day the most precious blood of his only begotten Son.”

To be continued...

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