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MASS TIMES

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday 8 AM & 5 PM Vigil Mass*
Sunday 8 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM Latin Mass
Monday* & Friday 12 PM Daily Mass
Tuesday — Thursday 7 AM MASS
*Mass for the Vulnerable

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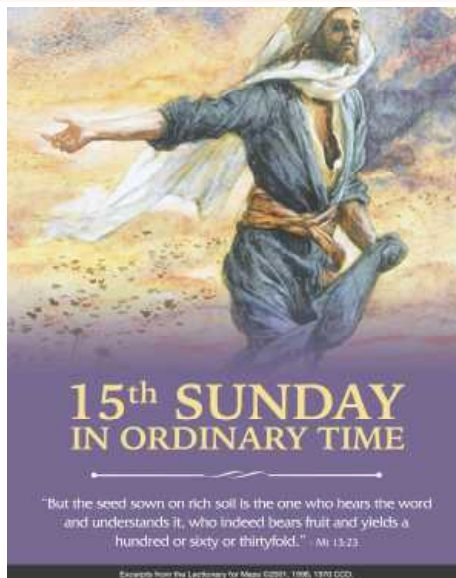
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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:30-7:30 PM
or by appointment (Please refer to Calendar as well)

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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 (7/11)

8 AM Mass
5 PM Vigil Mass

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (7/12)

8 AM Mass
11 AM Mass
2 PM Latin Mass
4 PM Confession for Confirmands

MONDAY (7/13)

Office Open 9 AM-3 PM
10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry
12 PM Mass
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (7/14)

7 AM Mass
Office Open 9 AM-3 PM
10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (7/15)

7 AM Mass
Office Open 9 AM-3 PM
10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry
6:30-7:30 Confession

THURSDAY (7/16)

7 AM Mass
Office Open 9 AM-3 PM
12 PM Soup Kitchen (The Haven)
6:30-7 PM Confession
7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (7/17)

Office Open 9 AM-3 PM
12 PM Mass
6:30-7:30 Confession

SATURDAY (7/18)

8 AM Mass
5 PM Vigil Mass

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (7/19)

8 AM Mass
11 AM Mass Confirmation
2 PM Latin Mass

Prayer for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the American People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Adopted from Pope Francis.

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.

Weekday Liturgies, Saturday 5PM Vigil and Sunday 11 AM may be viewed via livestream
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7/14 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
7/15 Saint Bonaventure
7/16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
7/17 Saint Francis Solano
7/18 Saint Camillus de Lellis
7/19 Saint Mary MacKillop

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

Welcome New Parishioners

David, Virginia and Lydia Ward

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS
Church Office (434) 295-7185 or email
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SATURDAY (7/11)

8:00AM President Donald Trump (Lauren O'Neill)
5 PM Vigil † Alfred M. Goodison III (Michele Skarvalis)

SUNDAY (7/12)

8 AM Member of the Parish
11 AM MASS President Donald Trump ("Scarlett" Alice Makielski)
2 PM LATIN MASS Conversion of Sinners (Lauren O'Neill)

MONDAY (7/13)

Conversion of Sinners (Lauren O'Neill)

TUESDAY (7/14)

† Mable P. Dodaro (Michele Skarvalis)
† Mildred J. Chrzastek (Michele Skarvalis)

WEDNESDAY (7/15)

Rosita Bean (Heather Burns)

THURSDAY (7/16)

Victoria Lannon (Heather Burns)

FRIDAY (7/17)

Rita Poranski (Heather Burns)

SATURDAY (7/18)

8:00AM Patrick Hanley (Patricia McAdams)
5 PM Vigil Anna Stelow (Heather Burns)

SUNDAY (7/19)

8 AM † Renzo Petroni (Norma Petroni)
11 AM MASS † Thomas Patrick Donnelly (Petroni and Conaway Families)
2 PM LATIN MASS Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

BLESSED ARE YOU

7/11 Saint Benedict
7/12 Saints John Jones and John Wall
7/13 Saint Henry

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

Week Ending July 5, 2020

Thanks be to God for your continued generosity

Offertory	\$16,030
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$7,500)
Above Weekly Budget	\$5,559

Now that we have re-opened our doors for public Mass, contributions are once again being accepted in the church on Sunday. As always, you may continue to bring or mail in your contributions:

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July 2nd Parish Donor Report: \$18,520

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

WISDOM 12:13,16-19

GOD HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE A GOD OF JUSTICE AND MERCY.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16

A prayer to God for mercy.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-43 (shorter form: Matthew 13:24-30)

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

PARISH NEWS



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated Sunday, July 19 at the 11 AM Mass. I would like to invite you to pray the *Novena to the Holy Spirit* for our Confirmands. Here is the link, <https://novenaprayer.com/novena-to-the-holy-spirit/>. Also, please remember them in your prayers as they receive His grace and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Confession this Sunday, July 12 at 4 PM. The following will be received into our glorious and wonderful Church at Holy Comforter;

Holy Comforter's Parish Family is Praying for you!

- ♦ Yelena Nguyen
- ♦ Jude Sanborn
- ♦ Lydia Ward
- ♦ Emma Anderson
- ♦ Faustina Blumenfeld
- ♦ Ignatius Blumenfeld

*We ask Our Blessed Mother to intercede for our Confirmands, surrounding them with her loving presence as they prepare for this important step in their spiritual journey. May God bless our Confirmands as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and are brought into a deeper communion with our wonderful and glorious Church. Amen

Melinda Wells
Director of Religious Education



Thanks to the generosity of Holy Comforter parishioners, we were able to send money from the Haiti envelope collection to help our sister parish of St. Michele in Haiti as it experiences the effects of the virus. Here is Father Petina's message of thanks. "Since one week the transfer is confirmed. I had a big delivery of food and medical materials in Saltadere at Saint Michael school. Thank you very much for all. Please say a big thank you at father Joseph Mary and Holy Comforter parish. I know you will never forget Saltadere people in your prayers. We too, we will never forget you in our prayers. Thank you may God bless you, Father Petina"

LITURGICAL NOTES

The Propers and readings for this Sunday present a remarkable correlation between the Gospel and the Communion Antiphon. The readings set the stage for the Gospel, reminding us that the Word of God is not fruitless but comes to the earth like rain and does not return until the earth has yielded its fruits. Then Jesus presents to us the parable of the sower and the seed. There are two things here to keep in mind: Our Lord speaks in parables in order that "seeing, they may not see and hearing, they may not hear," which means an interpreter is needed (the Church) and the proper disposition to understand it (humility). Also, consider the fact that the seed is that which does the actual growing; the ground must merely be ready to receive it (humility again!). So, we are seeing an overwhelming call from Our Lord to be like Him, Who is "meek and humble of heart." The Communion Antiphon presented to us by the Church to complement this message, most interestingly, is a passage from Psalm 84, "The sparrow has found herself a home, and the turtle dove a nest...at your altars." Two sparrows were worth a penny and were generally considered a nuisance by the Jews because they nested in gardens, vineyards, etc. Yet Our Lord said that the Father is solicitous even for the smallest of these creatures. Therefore, the humble of heart and the lowly, by receiving the Word with sincerity of heart, will find a resting place in the Church. "Come to me, all you who are burdened." Deo gratias!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Music & Liturgy

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

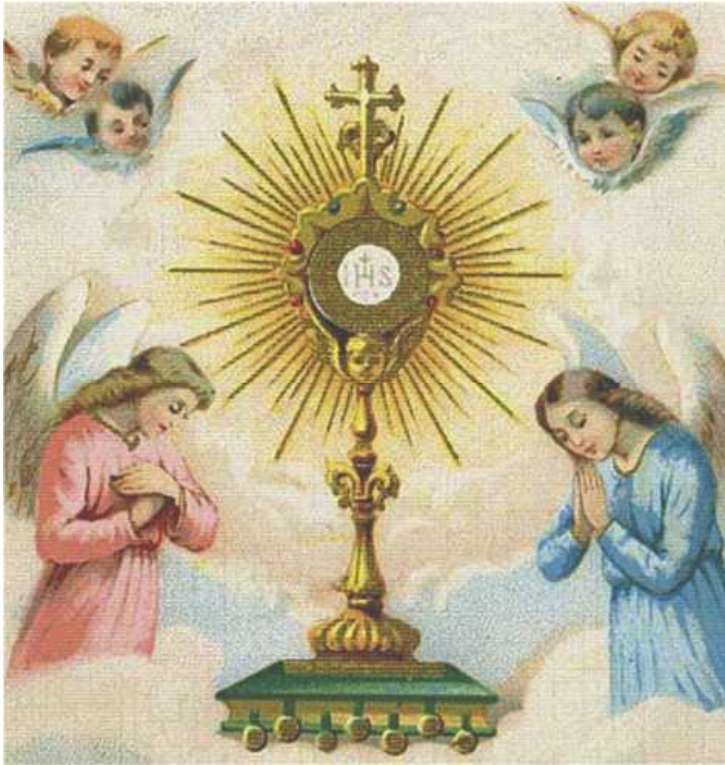
- * **Food Pantry:** Holy Comforter continues to serve clients Monday-Wednesday 10 AM– Noon. In order to limit the number of people in the lower level to 10 at a time, the distribution takes place outside the building at our 3rd Street entry door.
- * **Soup Kitchen:** We are preparing grab-and-go lunches on Thursdays that are being served at The Haven. Thank you for your support! (434) 293-8989 or outreach@holycomforterparish.org
- * **Holy Comforter's Works of Mercy Ministry:** Please contact the Works of Mercy Ministry if you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who is vulnerable to Covid-19, and could use assistance. Whether picking up groceries, needed items, or would like to request prayers....We are willing to help! Please email: mercy@holycomforterparish.org or the church office (434) 295-7185
- * **Flower Ministry:** A Head Volunteer is needed to serve our Holy Comforter Parish Family Primary duties are training/scheduling other volunteers and maintaining supplies. We also need several volunteers to arrange and maintain the flowers. Please contact Suzanne Bailey if interested: slank@ntelos.net (434) 326-3166.

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FROM THE PASTOR



RE-BUILDING LIFE ON THE LORD JESUS, Part I

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

***“The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem and bringing the exiles back to Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds”.
Psalms 147:2-3***

2020: what a year so far! Now we see crowds of face mask-clad people show up in the Church and at shopping centers. Indeed Covid-19 has put a lot of plans and strategies on hold. And for many of us this moment has introduced a kind of instability that provokes fear and anxiety. **When will, this end?** As people of faith having picked up a few lessons, **how can we rebuild our lives?** The Bible provides some information about the years in the sixth century B.C. when many of the Israelite people lived in exile in Babylonia. Though the people could no longer worship God in the temple in Jerusalem, similar to our period of quarantine, the Babylonians allowed the Israelites to gather and practice their religion. The Israelites told the stories of their ancestors, heard the words of prophets, and studied the Law of Moses. The books of Ezra and Nehemiah in the Old Testament tell about the hundred-year period that followed the time of the exile. The books of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah also come from

this time. The priest named Ezra encouraged the people to return to their Jewish traditions and to obey the Law of Moses. He went so far as to force Jewish men to give up their foreign wives (Ezra 9,10). Two religious issues were most important to the people who had returned from exile: (1) worship of the God of Israel in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, and (2) study of the Law of Moses to see how God's people were to live in the present situation . This is my concern; **How are we rebuilding our lives during and after the Covid-19? How are you going to make your faith thrive again?** We know the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. In recent times, Catholics have witnessed and lived through an unprecedented reform of our entire sacramental system. The renewal of the liturgy invites us to enjoy full, conscious, and active participation in the rites of our church, especially, the celebration of the Eucharist. Life in the Eucharist is designed to empower adults to: Deepen a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and acquire a broader intellectual appreciation of the Eucharist. In this time of pandemic, the Mass goes on. Christ is still alive – filling the world with grace. We, as members of the Mystical Body of Christ through baptism, still have access to that grace, although perhaps in ways we have not thought of. Indeed, there is a real loss in not being able to physically be present and drawing close to Christ through our reception of communion as His presence par excellence in the Eucharist, but all is not lost. On the contrary, we still are offered grace upon grace. Let us, then, draw close to Jesus as we are able; offering our prayers and those of homebound neighbors to the Father. Others, through the Word of God and through their spiritual communions continue to live in the opportunity of grace offered. No doubt the celebration of the Holy Mass is, in truth, the source of the life of the Church at her very beginnings and continues to communicate that life to all believers up to now. It on this real presence of Jesus that we rebuild our scattered life as we get out of “exile”. On the night before He died, Christ, in the company of the Apostles, instituted the Holy Eucharist and the ordained priesthood, so that, through the priestly ministry of the Apostles, the faithful might always share in the spiritual fruits of the sacrifice which He was to carry out on Calvary on the following day, Good Friday. **(To be continued...)**

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