



MARCH 27, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**CLUSTERED CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

255 W. Main St (office - 214 W. Locust St.) Covington, VA 24426
540-962-6541 sacredheartcovington.org
Mass Schedule: Sunday 11:00 AM

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

620 Jefferson Ave. Clifton Forge, VA 24422
540-863-5371 stjosephcf.org
Mass Schedule: Sunday 9:00 AM

SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART

1499 Shady Ln. (P.O. Box 38) Hot Springs, VA 24445
540-839-2603 shrineofthesacredheartparish.org
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM

Fr. Tom Collins, Retired Priest In-Residence

540-588-8492

Fr. Dan Kelly, Retired Priest In-Residence

434-270-6037

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions are available before each Mass at all churches.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

In order for a Catholic to enter a sacramentally valid marriage, he/she must respect and follow the Church's discipline regarding this sacrament. Call the parish office for specific information. Normally, about six months should be allowed to prepare for this sacred covenant. Parish registration is necessary.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Students are required to be registered in the parish & be participating in the parish Rel. Ed. Program. Confirmation classes are separate and obligatory.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Parents are required to attend one Baptism preparation class (seminar). Baptism is celebrated within the weekend Mass. Call the parish offices for a seminar date.

Today's Gospel

*"But now we must celebrate and rejoice,
because your brother was dead and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found."*

Luke 13:1-9

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Joseph Parish 540-863-5371

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Tom Collins	540-588-8492
Council Chair	Paul Cormier	540-968-6410
Vice Chair	Libby Burger	540-691-6618
Secretary	Mary Asma	540-965-5551
Worship	Paul Cormier	540-968-6410
Community Life	Kathy Smestad	540-862-5333
Justice & Peace	Mary Asma	540-965-5551
Grds&Maint.	Bob Gardiner	540-863-9452

Sacred Heart Parish 540-962-6541

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Tom Collins	540-588-8492
Council Chair	Mark Taylor	540-968-1183
Vice Chair	Greg Kristoff	540-962-8900
Secretary	Zelpha Withrow	540-962-2181
Worship	Tom O'Doherty	540-962-6795
Community Life	Alvina Nida	540-747-2211
Justice & Peace	John Stec	540-862-1917
Grds&Maint.	Ron Brunetti	540-962-1565
K of C Contact	Tom O'Doherty	540-962-6795

Shrine of the Sacred Heart Parish 540-839-2603

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Tom Collins	540-588-8492
Council Chair	Herb Godschalk	540-255-3690
Vice Chair	Beth Eley	646-842-1555
Secretary	Sue Godschalk	540-255-2499
Worship	Eileen Judah	540-968-6409
Community Life	Deborah Lambert	540- 468-3438
Justice & Peace	Tom Misiak	540-997-1478
Grds&Maint.	Louis Pokrywka	540-925-2413



Please pray for our
Military Men & Women:

Sacred Heart – Arthur Headley, Jessie (Jesus) Morals, Joel Moscoso
St. Joseph – Michael Buchanan, Joshua Crawford, Andy Shepard

PRAYER LIST

St. Joseph

Clair Dilley, Bob and Sandra Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Marie Martin, Sally Putnam.

Sacred Heart

Sergio Arambula, Pam Austin, Natalie Austin, Betty Jo and Robert Brown, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Montana Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, John Misorek, Mary O'Neill, Michael Rybka, Maureen Stec, Thomas Wade, Dave Wenke, Stanley Young

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Henslee Faulkenberry (infant great granddaughter of Sara Belle Worsham), Margaret Fields, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$2,748.00
Flower Fund	85.00
Roof Fund	250.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$980.00
COPE Food Pantry	451.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,445.00
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Thank you for
your support!

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASSES

12NOON Tuesday and Thursday at St. Joseph
11:30AM Wednesday and 12NOON Friday at Sacred Heart *(10:45AM Friday, Holy Hour with Benediction at Sacred Heart)

First Saturday Mass will be celebrated next Saturday, April 2nd, at Sacred Heart in honor of the Blessed Mother: 9:00AM Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Mother followed by Mass at 9:30AM

Contact Fr. Tom (540-588-8492) to schedule a time for weekday Mass at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart.

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays @ 5:00 PM @ Shrine of the Sacred Heart
Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM @ St. Joseph
Fridays @ 5:30 PM @ Sacred Heart ♣ Meatless Soup Supper afterwards in Parish Hall

Fr. Kevin Segerblom will be celebrating masses in our clustered parishes, the weekend of April 2nd and 3rd.

HE PRODIGAL, THE VINDICTIVE AND THE PROVIDENT

Today's Gospel passage is usually known as the parable of the Prodigal Son. A more fitting title might be the parable of the Prodigal and the Vindictive Sons. Prodigal means "wastefully extravagant". It aptly fits the young man who wants his father's legacy before the father dies. He acts foolishly and shows no regard for the survival of his family. His brother is no less blameless. While he has worked for his father, his words suggest that his motives were not exactly pure. His vindictiveness against his brother also indicates his base character. The real hero of the story is the provident father. He loves both his sons, despite their flaws. In the boys, we see the extremes of human failure. In the father, we see God.

NOTICES

Greenbrier Valley Council, White Sulphur Springs, WV is sponsoring Fried Tilapia Walk In To Go Dinners on Friday, April 1, 8, 22 and 29 from 4:30 – 7PM. Cost is \$13 or 2 for \$25. Price includes fried tilapia, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, hard roll, sauces, dessert and drink. Location is St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Butler Hall, next to the White Sulphur Springs public library.

The Church of the Transfiguration in Fincastle will have a Fish Fry on Friday, April 8th from 5 – 7PM. Cost is \$12; children 7 and under are free. Price includes lightly breaded flounder, cole slaw, crispy fries, sweet cornbread and dessert. Sponsored by the John C. Webb Council 12134 Knights of Columbus Pantry. Make sure you get in line before 6:00pm, as this is well attended.

The Spring Life Chain will be held next Sunday, April 3rd, from 2:30PM to 3:45PM at the intersection [light], on sidewalk entrance to Wal-Mart. Pray silently while holding a sign explaining a truth about abortion. Please arrive at 2:15 pm, pick up your sign and take your place on the sidewalk in the LIFE CHAIN. Park at the Highlands Community Bank. For more information about the Life Chain, please call 862-1917 or 962-1565.

2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

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to the *2022 Annual
Diocesan Appeal*



Or go to
<https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal>

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Mar. 27	Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12; Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21; Luke 15: 18; Luke 15: 1-3,11-32
Mon. Mar. 28	Isaiah 65: 17-21; Psalms 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b; Amos 5: 14; John 4: 43-54
Tues. Mar. 29	Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12; Psalms 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Psalms 51: 12a, 14a; John 5: 1-16
Wed. Mar. 30	Isaiah 49: 8-15; Psalms 145: 8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; John 11: 25a, 26; John 5: 17-30
Thurs. Mar. 31	Exodus 32: 7-14; Psalms 106: 19-20, 21-22, 23; John 3: 16; John 5: 31-47
Fri. Apr. 1	Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22; Psalms 34: 17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Matthew 4: 4b; John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat. Apr. 2	Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Psalms 7: 2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Luke 8: 15; John 7: 40-53
Sun. Apr. 3	Ezekiel 37: 12-14; Psalms 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8: 8-11; John 11: 25a, 26; John 11: 1-45

VOCATIONS

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord." Are you called to bring the Light of Christ to the world through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



THE PRODIGAL SON

For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not "measuring up" in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us. We are all familiar with this amazing story — the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn't that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally "comes to his senses" — awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father — and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach. But it is enough for the loving father. In fact, as soon as the father catches sight of his son he is "filled with compassion for him" and immediately sets about preparing a feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father's love and mercy. Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father!

And how it should inspire us — with just the tiniest bit of spiritual "spring cleaning" we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.