

### MAY 1, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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 <u>sacredheartcovington.org</u> Mass Schedule: Sunday 11:00 AM

#### **ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

620 Jefferson Ave. Clifton Forge, VA 24422 540-863-5371 <u>stjosephcf.org</u> 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 <u>shrineofthesacredheartparish.org</u> 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 "Feed my sheep." John 21:1-19

# 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 540-965-5551		
Secretary	Mary Asma			
Worship	Paul Cormier	540-968-6410		
Community Life	Kathy Smestad	540-862-5333		
Justice & Peace	Mary Asma	540-965-5551		
Grds&Maint.	<b>Bob Gardiner</b>	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

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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:

**Chank you for** 

your support!

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

### **PRAYER LIST**

#### <u>St. Joseph</u>

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

#### Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Natalie Austin, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Montana Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, Carla Jones, John Misorek, Michael Rybka, Maureen Stec, Tara Steinmecz and Baby Girl, Thomas Wade, Becky Wendahl, 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			
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Sunday Offertory	\$3,865.00		
Alleg Highlands Projects	500.00		
Sacred Heart			
Sunday Offertory	\$891.00		
Operation Rice Bowl	34.98		
Shrine of the Sacred Heart Sunday Offertory \$1,213.41			

## CALENDAR

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – No weekday Masses this week 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 this Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, at Sacred Heart in honor of the Blessed Mother: 9:00AM Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Mother followed by Mass.

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

During the month of May, we will pray the rosary before all our Sunday masses. May our Blessed Mother guide all of us in the ways of reconciliation, righteousness, and peace.

## ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE FISH!

One of the appearances of the risen Jesus happened at the lake of Galilee--also called the lake of Tiberias, from the largest city on its shores. Peter and some of the others had gone home, possibly waiting for instructions from Christ. Meanwhile they must feed their families, so they have returned to their old jobs as fishermen. Jesus repeats the sign that he had first shown to the Apostles: the miraculous catch of fish. John mentions that there were 153 fish caught. This number is probably a symbol meaning a complete number. Aristotle had taught that there were 153 different species of fish in the Mediterranean Sea. Thus Peter was given a commission to bring all people into the hands of Christ.

## NOTICES

SYMBOLON, Faith Formation Series, will be held in Sacred Heart parish hall, Tuesday, May 3 – May 24 at 6:30PM – 7:45PM.

Our clustered parishes share a subscription to FORMED. It is FREE.

1. Go to FORMED.org/signup

2. Enter: Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Hot Springs (Beginning June 1, enter Sacred Heart, Covington, VA)

3. Enter your name and email

After you are registered, visit FORMED.org and click "Sign In", just enter your email and click the link in your email. You'll be signed in on that device and no more passwords.



I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

DAILY READINGS		VOCATIONS
Sun. May 1	Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41; Psalms 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19	"Were not our hearts burning within us," Do you feel a calling of the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord in the as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano
Mon. May 2	Acts 6: 8-15; Psalms 119: 23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Matthew 4: 4b; John 6: 22-29	804-359-5661 e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.
Tues. May 3	1 Corinthians 15: 1-8; Psalms 19: 2-3, 4-5; John 14: 6b, 9c; John 14: 6-14	
Wed. May 4	Acts 8: 1b-8; Psalms 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; John 6: 40; John 6: 35-40	
Thurs. May 5	Acts 8: 26-40; Psalms 66: 8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6: 51; John 6: 44-51	
Fri. May 6	Acts 9: 1-20; Psalms 117: 1, 2; John 6: 56; John 6: 52-59	
Sat. May 7	Acts 9: 31-42; Psalms 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; John 6: 63c, 68c; John 6: 60-69	ŶŶŶŶŶŶŶŶŶŶŶŶŶŶ
Sun. May 8	Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Psalms 100: 1-2, 3, 5; Revelation 7: 9, 14b-17; John 10: 14; John 10: 27-30	Wonthy is the Lamb that was slain

# **BE STEWARDS OF GOD**

Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen. The disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life, and their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.

In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we catch up with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch. While they certainly have some success in reaching many people there with the message of salvation, others are downright infuriated by their words and send them packing. Yet, we read that "the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Overall, it seems as if Paul and Barnabas had failed in Antioch. But seeing failure has not robbed them of their joy. What's more, they are filled to the brim with the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit. How is this possible?

It is only possible because Paul and Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more and nothing less than stewards of Christ and His Good News. This realization brought them freedom — to offer themselves and their lives to others for the sake of the Gospel. The "results" of their efforts were up to God.

This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to us all today. It can be achieved when we recognize, as did Paul and Barnabas, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Of course, living as God's stewards does not guarantee a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes the steward's life involves challenges, requiring all the strength and love one has to give. In the end, there is simply no more satisfying way to live.