

MAY 8, 2022
FOURTH 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 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

*"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me."*

John 10:27-30

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

Thank you for your support!

PRAYER LIST

St. Joseph

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

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Natalie Austin, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Montana Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, Ken Headley, Carla Jones, John Misorek, Michael Rybka, John Stec, 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

Sunday Offertory \$
 Alleg Highlands Projects

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$2,759.00
 2ND Collections 10.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$1,274.75

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 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.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PAUL

Saint Paul played a vital role in the development of our faith. It came about because of Jesus' handicap. Christ was not physically or mentally challenged. His problem lay in the people that he had to teach. Most of them let little or no education. They had little experience and probably traveled no more than a few miles from their birthplace. Jesus had to share his teachings from their limited knowledge. He used local illustrations in the form of stories, called parables.

This was a handicap for Missionaries to other areas. They had two ways of doing this. They explain the examples that Jesus used. Or they could develop new parables based on other cultures and languages.

This was Paul's approach. He used illustrations from Greek life and culture, especially sports. So Paul became Jesus' first interpreter--what we now call a theologian.

NOTICES

Fr. Tom will celebrate his 50th anniversary as a priest on May 13th. There is a nice article in the May 2, 2022, edition of the Catholic Virginian highlighting Fr. Tom and his 50 years of priesthood. Sacred Heart is hosting a potluck celebration of this milestone on Sunday, May 22nd, following 11AM Mass in the parish hall. Bring a dish of your choice and join us in good food and fellowship as we celebrate Fr. Tom. Members of all our clustered parishes are invited to attend. Please contact Zee Withrow at zeewithrow@msn.com, text or leave a message at 703-244-0308 or call 540-962-2181 if you are planning on attending. All are welcome. You do not have to bring a dish to attend.

SYMBOLON, Faith Formation Series, will be held in Sacred Heart parish hall, Tuesday, May 10 – 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.

The bond between Christ and His followers is a lasting one. He will never leave us or fail us. Only if we choose to reject Him.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the liturgical readings remind us of our Lord as the Good Shepherd who not only tends to the well-being of His flock, but who is also willing to lay down His life for them. The bond between Christ and His followers is a lasting one. He will never leave us or fail us. Only if we choose to reject Him, can we be separated from Him. But He does not give up on us easily

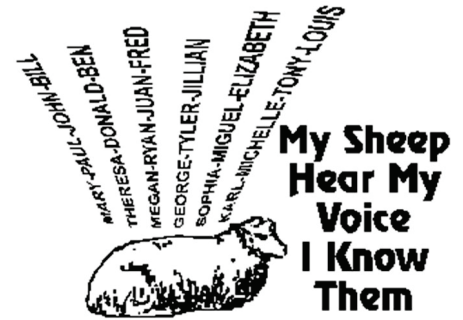
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

DAILY READINGS

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
Mon. May 9	Acts 11: 1-18; Psalms 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4; John 10: 14; John 10: 1-10
Tues. May 10	Acts 11: 19-26; Psalms 87: 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 10: 27; John 10: 22-30
Wed. May 11	Acts 12: 24 – 13: 5; Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6 and 8; John 8: 12; John 12: 44-50
Thurs. May 12	Acts 13: 13-25; Psalms 89: 2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Revelation 1: 5ab; John 13: 16-20
Fri. May 13	Acts 13: 26-33; Psalms 2: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14: 6; John 14: 1-6
Sat. May 14	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Psalms 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15: 16; John 15: 9-17
Sun. May 15	Acts 14: 21-27; Psalms 145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Revelation 21: 1-5a; John 13: 34; John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

VOCATIONS

“Sing joyfully to the LORD ...; serve the LORD with gladness.” Are you discerning a vocation as priest, deacon, sister or brothers? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

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.