



MAY 15, 2022
FIFTH 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

"I give you a new commandment: love one another."

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

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, Dorothy Miller, Bill and Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$587.00
Votive	8.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$658.00
Votive	29.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$2,412.00
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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.

HE HAS OPENED THE DOOR

Saint Paul left an enduring mark on the Church. Until his ministry began, the followers of Jesus were seen to be no more than one of the many sects of the Jewish religion. In fact, the first believers maintained dual worship. They were united by their faith in Jesus, but they continued the customs of the older religion. Paul saw Christianity as something completely new. It is a religion in its own right. He did this when he baptized former pagans and did not insist that they continue Old Testament customs. Some Christian groups seem to be more grounded in the Old Testament and its harsh laws. Christianity must be seen as something totally new, based upon the New Testament law of love.

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 on Tuesdays through May 24th 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 Knights of Columbus recycle aluminum cans as an ongoing activity to generate funds to support their charitable efforts. An orange recycle "bin" is at Sacred Heart on the right side of the rectory garage behind the garbage bin. An orange recycle "bin" is at Saint Joseph on the right side of the church to the left of the garbage bin. Aluminum cans can be put in these "bins" at any time. Please put cans in a plastic bag (shopping or garbage). Crushing of cans is encouraged by not required. So, save your aluminum cans, drop them off, and support the Knights of Columbus.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

DAILY READINGS

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
Mon. May 16	Acts 14: 5-18; Psalms 115: 1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14: 26; John 14: 21-26
Tues. May 17	Acts 14: 19-28; Psalms 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Luke 24: 46, 26; John 14: 27-31a
Wed. May 18	Acts 15: 1-6; Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15: 4a, 5b; John 15: 1-8
Thurs. May 19	Acts 15: 7-21; Psalms 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 10; John 10: 27; John 15: 9-11
Fri. May 20	Acts 15: 22-31; Psalms 57: 8-9, 10 and 12; John 15: 15b; John 15: 12-17
Sat. May 21	Acts 16: 1-10; Psalms 100: 2, 3, 5; Colossians 3: 1; John 15: 18-21
Sun. May 22	Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23; John 14: 23; John 14: 23-29

VOCATIONS

“Love one another.” “By this everyone will know that you are My disciples.” How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord’s new commandment of love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



JESUS IS CALLING US TO LOVE

Today’s readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards. The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: “My children...I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life. It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

How exactly is Jesus Calling us to love? As He, Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of “self” by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

And amid the inevitable challenging moments this way of life entails we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment, is right here with us every step of the way. As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord’s footsteps and in loving as He loves.