



MAY 29, 2022
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**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

"As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven."

Luke 24:46-53

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	\$992.00
Operation Rice Bowl	585.50

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$767.25
Capital Improvements	702.00
Operation Rice Bowl	125.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,235.81
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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 this Saturday, June 4th, 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.

THANK YOU FROM FR. TOM

I would like to thank all of the parishioners at Sacred Heart, St. Joseph and the Shrine of the Sacred Heart for all your prayers, words and encouragement, ministerial support and gifts as I celebrate the gracious mercy of God, whereby I have been privileged to share in the priestly ministry of Jesus Christ for over fifty years.

And I deeply appreciate the most enjoyable celebration of this grace this past Sunday.

Over half of the years of my ministry have been in the beautiful Alleghany Highlands. And it would not have been possible without the prayers, fidelity, challenges, encouragement and support you have provided to me over the years.

May God continue to bless, guide and protect you, as He has so graciously blessed me and so many others through you and through your numerous ministries in our larger community.

In Christ,
Fr. Tom

NOTICES

On Memorial Day (May 30th) at Mt. Carmel Catholic Cemetery at 9:00am, the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart – St. Joseph Council 17457 and Roanoke Assembly 1167 will say the Rosary and place American Flags on Veteran graves. All parishioners, families, and friends are invited and welcome to attend.

Francesca Hansford, Ella Rosales and Caleb Siebenkittel will make their First Communion at Sacred Heart on Sunday, June 5th at 11AM Mass. There will be a potluck luncheon reception for them and their families in the parish hall after Mass. Please bring a dish of your choice and join us in celebrating this milestone in their journey of faith.

The Sacred Heart/St. Josephs Knights of Columbus Council #17457 is initiating the HELPING HANDS effort in our parishes. HELPING HANDS is one way for a parishioner to let the Knights know that someone needs help. Simply fill out a very simple HELPING HANDS REQUEST FORM and place it in the box labeled HELPING HANDS. On the form, you would write the date, *your* name, *your* phone #, the name of the person needing help or assistance, and what kind of assistance is needed. Then place the *completed form* in the HELPING HANDS box. Both the forms and the box are located on the table behind the last pew in the back of the church. A Knight will contact you within a week to let you know how the Knights can help you out.

If you need help filling out a form or would like someone else to fill it out for you, please see one of the ushers, Bill Withrow or Jimmy Garcia, to help you out.

The person needing help does not necessarily need to be a member of our parish, and you are not required to fill out a form (you can simply talk to one of the ushers or a Knight) but *filling out a form does insure that accurate information is passed on*. The Knights of Columbus are always ready to offer help to our priests and parishioners. Please put them to work.

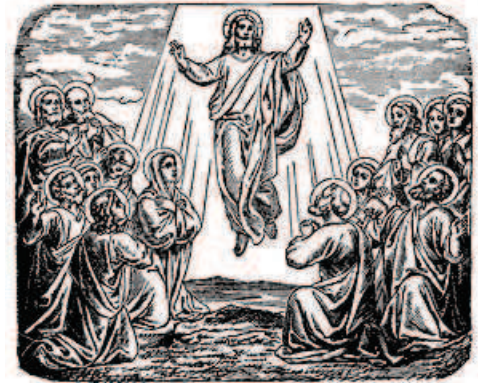
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. May 29	Acts 1: 1-11; Psalms 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Matthew 28: 19a, 20b; Luke 24: 46-53
Mon. May 30	Acts 19: 1-8; Psalms 68: 2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Colossians 3: 1; John 16: 29-33
Tues. May 31	Zephaniah 3: 14-18a; Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Luke 1: 45; Luke 1: 39-56
Wed. June 1	Acts 20: 28-38; Psalms 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab ; John 17: 17b, 17a; John 17: 11b-19
Thurs. June 2	Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11; Psalms 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; John 17: 21; John 17: 20-26
Fri. June 3	Acts 25: 13b-21; Psalms 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; John 14: 26; John 21: 15-19
Sat. June 4	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Psalms 11: 4, 5 and 7; John 16: 7, 13; John 21: 20-25
Sun. June 5	Acts 2: 1-11; Psalms 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23

VOCATIONS

"Go and teach all nations, says the Lord." Do you feel a calling to be a teacher of the Word as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



EMBRACE A STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

On this Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.

Today's Gospel draws our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples (and to us) just before ascending to the Father: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Embracing a stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the use of time, talent and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made — looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

On this Feast of our "launch day," take some time to celebrate your victories as Christ's disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!