

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

**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; Sunday 9:00 AM

Fr. Augustine Lukenge, Pastor

434-755-1208

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

*"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets,
neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."*

Luke 16:19-31

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Joseph Parish 540-863-5371

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Lukenge	434-755-1208
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. Lukenge	434-755-1208
Council Chair	Mark Taylor	540-968-1183
	Laurie O'Doherty	703-282-9203
	DeDe Rogowski	540-962-7344
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
Religious Educ.	Dianne Garcia	540-691-4896
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. Lukenge	434-755-1208
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 Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Natalie Austin, Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Marcella Jordan, John Misorek, David Palance, Maria and Bob Perron, Michael Rybka, Maureen Stec, Thomas Wade, Dave Wenke, Stanley Young

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

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



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$
Religious Education	

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,042.00
COPE Food Pantry	678.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$808.33
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Thank you for your support!

Life Chain - Fall 2022

Yet another way to save Moms and their babies from ABORTION

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS LIFE CHAIN Sacred Heart & St Joseph K of C Council 17457 sp

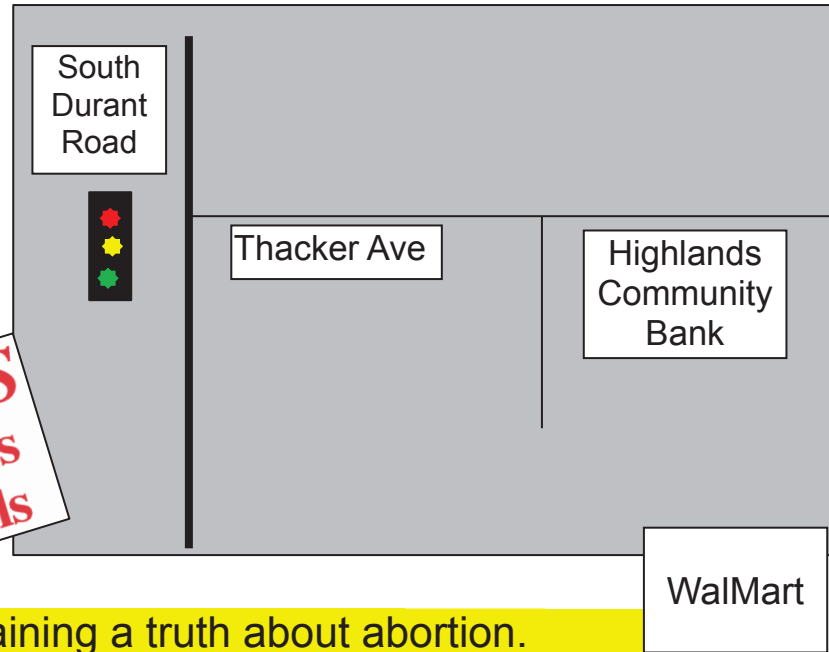
Sunday - October 2, 2022

2:30 pm to 3:45 pm

At traffic light, on sidewalks
at the entrance to WalMart
Industrial Park

ABORTION
KILLS
CHILDREN

JESUS
Forgives
& Heals



676+ Alleghany County/Covington/CF babies were aborted in last 25 years.

- Embryonic stem cell research kills a tiny baby (living human being at embryonic stage), and has y
produce any benefits. Adult stem cell research uses undifferentiated cells from an adult and has pro
cures and alleviated symptoms in over 90 types of illnesses/diseases.

- Devices, 'the pill', & chemicals that prevent implantation may allow fertilization, thus destroying a
human life at least some percentage of the time....something to strongly ponder.

Rain date is Sunday October 9, 2022

PRAY TO
END
ABORTION

Life
the first
INALIENABLE
RIGHT

Please arrive at 2:15 pm, pick up your sign & take
your place **on the sidewalk** in the LIFE CHAIN.

Please bring a folding
chair if you would prefer
to sit than stand.

Park at the Highlands Community Bank

Not a sponsor, but permission has been granted to park there.

The necessary permit was obtained through Covington City Hall. A code of conduct is
printed on the back of many of the Life Chain signs, along with helpful prayers.

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday
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, October 1st, at Sacred Heart in honor
of the Blessed Mother: 9:00AM Rosary and
Litany of the Blessed Mother followed by Mass.

**After the Rosary and Mass for the First Saturday
of October, there will be a free hot breakfast of
biscuits, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, orange
juice, and milk in the Parish Hall. So, put the
Rosary, Mass, and breakfast on your calendar.*

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

NOTICES

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sacred Heart will have a potluck luncheon following
Mass on Sunday, October 9, in the parish hall.
Parishioners from all our clustered parishes are
invited. The theme is Oktoberfest. Bring a dish of
your choice and join us in good food and fellowship.
You do not have to bring a dish to attend. All are
welcome.

"Are you a practicing Catholic man between the ages
of 18 and 118 who is looking to grow in our faith and
serve others? The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic
Fraternal Organization that serves the needs of our
Parish and Community, while fostering
spiritual growth in our members, our families and our
Parish. For more information on our many programs,
life insurance and opportunities to serve, please reach
out to any knight after Mass, or Thomas O'Doherty at
Sacred Heart Covington."

BLUE RIDGE CURSILLO MEN'S WEEKEND

Calling all men of the parish. Are you looking for a
deeper relationship with Jesus Christ? The Men's
Cursillo Weekend takes place October 20 – 23 at Camp
Altamons in Shawsville, VA. Applications can be
obtained on the website of Our Lady of Perpetual
Help. Click on menu, click on Religious Formation,
click on Cursillo. The application can be downloaded
and printed. For more information please contact:
Patti Dugger at pgdugger@msn.com.

The Christmas Mother season will soon be upon us
and we will start accepting on-line applications from
Monday October 3rd through Friday October
28th. Applications will be available at
HighlandsChristmasMother.org on Oct. 3rd. We look
forward to helping our neighbors have a joyous
Christmas Season.

WOE TO THE COMPLACENT

After the death of Solomon about 931 B.C. the
country of Israel split in two. The north kept the
name "Israel" while the south called itself
"Judah" from the name of it's largest clan. In 722
Israel was conquered by invaders from Assyria
(Iraq). The leaders of Judah were indifferent to
this disaster. Isaiah condemned this and the
excess luxury of Judah's ruling class. They
lounge on ivory couches and gorge on fancy
food and drinks.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Sept. 25	Amos 6: 1a, 4-7; Psalms 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Timothy 6: 11-16; 2 Corinthians 8: 9; Luke 16: 19-31
Mon. Sept. 26	Job 1: 6-22; Psalms 17: 1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Mark 10: 45; Luke 9: 46-50
Tues. Sept. 27	Job 3: 1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Psalms 88: 2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8; Mark 10: 45; Luke 9: 51-56
Wed. Sept. 28	Job 9: 1-12, 14-16; Psalms 88: 10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Philippians 3: 8-9; Luke 9: 57-62
Thurs. Sept. 29	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Psalms 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Psalms 103: 21; John 1: 47-51
Fri. Sept. 30	Job 38: 1, 12-21; 40: 3-5; Psalms 139: 1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Psalms 95: 8; Luke 10: 13-16
Sat. Oct. 1	Job 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Psalms 119: 66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Matthew 11: 25; Luke 10: 17-24
Sun. Oct. 2	Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4; Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14; 1 Peter 1: 25 Luke 17: 5-10

VOCATIONS

“But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.” Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



USE YOUR POWERS FOR GOOD

We have all been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today's readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good. And, that failure to do so has eternal consequences.

We see the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today's Gospel passage from Luke. Our Lord tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his indifference towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

Pursuit of God's kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000-year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn't really bring us true happiness anyway.

So how can we use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives — in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, the ways we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.