

OCTOBER 16, 2022
TWENTY-NINTH 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

"But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Luke 18:1-8

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, David Palance, Maria and Bob Perron, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, 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 \$463.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$1,140.00
Capital Improvements 200.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$1,827.04

Thank you for
your support!

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 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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Joseph Arambula and John Msorek.

MOSES HANDS RAISED

During their long march from Egypt to Palestine
the Israelites had to go through land controlled
by other people. Some of these resisted this
invasion. The Israelites had to fight to gain
passage.

Moses inspired his small band by showing
himself in prayer. He climbed a hill and stood in
the traditional stance of prayer, arms raised and
palms open.

As long as they could see the Law-giver praying,
the Israelites were courageous. Their morale
ebbed when Moses grew tired. Finally, he had to
station men at either side of his arms to sustain
his position.

NOTICES

There will be a Funeral Mass for Joseph Arambula, son
of Sergio and Theresa Arambula, on Wednesday,
October 19th at 11AM at Sacred Heart. A luncheon
will follow in the parish hall. Please keep the
Arambula family in your thoughts and prayers.

There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting on
Monday, October 17th, at 7PM in the parish hall.

The Highlands Christmas Mother is taking on-line
applications at www.HighlandsChristmasMother.org
through Friday, Oct. 28. If you or someone you know
could benefit from this community organization,
please apply now.

BLUE RIDGE CURSILLO MEN'S WEEKEND

The Men's Cursillo Weekend takes place October 20 –
23 at Camp Altamons in Shawsville, VA. Applications
can be obtained on Our Lady of Perpetual Help
website. Click on menu, click on Religious Formation,
click on Cursillo to download. For more information
please contact: Patti Dugger at pgdugger@msn.com.

National Estate Planning Awareness Week
10/17-1/24!

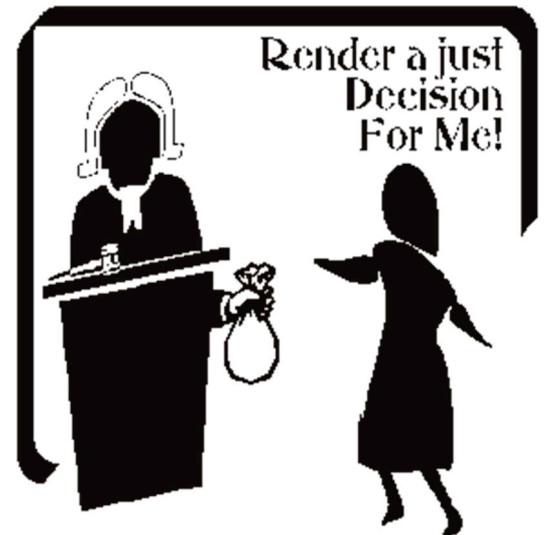
Even though a will is one of the best ways to protect
what you love and plan for the future, more than 67%
of American adults don't have an up-to-date will. This
week is an ideal opportunity to create an estate plan
that stewards all that God has entrusted to your care.
Through the Catholic Community Foundation's
partnership with FreeWill, you can create your legal
will and protect what matters most — at no cost to
you. Visit
FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation to learn
more and get started!

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Oct. 9	Exodus 17: 8-13; Psalms 121: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 2; Hebrews 4: 12; Luke 18: 1-8
Mon. Oct. 10	Ephesians 2: 1-10; Psalms 100: 1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Matthew 5: 3; Luke 12: 13-21
Tues. Oct. 11	2 Timothy 4: 10-17b; Psalms 145: 10-11, 12-13, 17-18; John 15: 16; Luke 10: 1-9
Wed. Oct. 12	Ephesians 3: 2-12; Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Matthew 24: 42a, 44; Luke 12: 39-48
Thurs. Oct. 13	Ephesians 3: 14-21; Psalms 33: 1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Philippians 3: 8-9; Luke 12: 49-53
Fri. Oct. 14	Ephesians 4: 1-6; Psalms 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Matthew 11: 25; Luke 12: 54-59
Sat. Oct. 15	Ephesians 4: 7-16; Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Ezekiel 33: 11; Luke 13: 1-9
Sun. Oct. 16	Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-18; Psalms 34: 2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; 2 Corinthians 5: 19; Luke 18: 9-14

VOCATIONS

“Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed.” Are you being called to teach the word of God as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



THE VALUE OF PRAYER

The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community.

Our Lord Himself calls us to prayer — and persistence in prayer — in the Gospel passage from Luke. Jesus tells the parable of the nagging widow who finally wears down the judge with her unrelenting persistence in her pursuit of a just ruling from him on her behalf. Jesus goes to great lengths to describe this judge, saying he “neither feared God nor respected any human.” Yet even this corrupt judge responds with a just judgment because of the widow's persistence.

Jesus uses this outlandish example to draw a vivid contrast between a reluctant, dishonest judge and our loving, all-merciful Father. If even a bad judge will give a good result in response to a persistent request, how much more (infinitely more) eagerly and perfectly will our good Father respond to our persistent prayers to Him.

If he delays in responding, if he provides a different response from the one we were expecting, we can remain confident and trusting in His goodness, knowing that His response, whenever it comes and in whatever form, will be the very best one for us.

Our job then, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We must lean on each other in our communities — family and parish — as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other our stewardship efforts fruitful.