



SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
TWENTY-THIRD 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

*For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."*

Matthew 18:15-20

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.	Jimmy Withrow	540-494-3987

Sacred Heart Parish 540-962-6541

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Lukenge	434-755-1208
Council Chair	Laurie O'Doherty	703-282-9203
Vice Chair	Leo Mulcahy	540-862-3021
Secretary	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	Don Rogowski	540-962-7344

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

Kevin Albrecht, Mark Asma, Clair Dilley, Bob Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Jean Manner, Sally Putnam, Bob Umstead, Terry Windsor.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Lisa Dickson, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Arthur Headley, Marcella Jordan, Raphael Lopez, Alvina Nida, David Palance, Maria Perron, Paul Perron, Shaun Perron, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Sophia Veras, Thomas Wade, Bill Withrow

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margaret Fields, Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$963.00
Jean Ann Manners Memorial	150.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$3,563.00
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Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$2,203.00
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CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday

Sacred Heart - 11:30AM Wednesday

Friday – 10:45 Adoration and Benediction, Mass at 12 Noon

First Friday Mass at Sacred Heart beginning with Mass at 11am followed by 8 hours of Adoration. Benediction will be at 8PM.

First Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart at 9AM beginning with the Rosary and Litany of Our Lady followed by Mass at 9:30AM.

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

CRITICAL HELP NEEDED

There is an immediate and urgent need for Volunteer Drivers to take Josephine Brown's husband, Mack, to his radiation treatments from Selma to Fairlea WV. He started radiation treatment on Thursday July 27. Radiation treatments are daily, 5 days a week for eight weeks. ALL treatments begin at 1:00 p.m. and last 1/2 hour. The treatments take place in Fairlea, WV at the Greenbrier Medical Center, just past the WV State Fair Grounds. **IF YOU CAN BE A DRIVER AT ALL, YOUR HELP IS MOST APPRECIATED AND NEEDED.** Please contact Josephine Brown at 540-958-9978. We have exhausted all other transportation options.

Thank you to all have helped so far and are continuing to help with this critical need. God Bless You!

NOTICES

There will be a Sacred Heart Pastoral and Finance Council meeting on Thursday, September 14th at 5:30pm in the parish hall.

The 2023 Annual Clustered Parish Picnic, hosted by the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, will be next Sunday, September 17th, beginning at 1pm at the Old Dairy Barn, 46 Old Dairy Road, Warm Springs, VA. Meat and drinks will be provided. St. Joseph parishioners are asked to bring a side dish and Sacred Heart parishioners should bring a dessert. Please join in good food and fellowship.

Beginning in January 2024, Sacred Heart will offer the "Jesus and the Eucharist" small group study as part of the National Eucharistic Revival sponsored by the Bishops of the United States. Details about this seven-week study will be provided later. For information about the National Eucharistic Revival and to access resources to learn more about the reality of Jesus in the Eucharist and fall more deeply in love with him, check out www.eucharisticrevival.org.

SAVE THE DATE: The 2023 Fall Life Chain will be on Sunday, October 1, from 1:30pm to 2:45pm on the sidewalk at the entrance to Walmart Industrial Park. More Information to come.

The Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be on September 24th and 25th. Elderly religious who have dedicated their lives to serving others need your help. Religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation will make a difference. Please give to those who have given a lifetime usually for little or no pay. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Sept. 10	Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 13: 8-10; 2 Corinthians 5: 19; Matthew 18: 15-20
Mon. Sept. 11	Colossians 1: 24 – 2: 3; Psalms 62: 6-7, 9; John 10: 27; Luke 6: 6-11
Tues. Sept. 12	Colossians 2: 6-15; Psalms 145: 1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; John 15: 16; Luke 6: 12-19
Wed. Sept. 13	Colossians 3: 1-11; Psalms 145: 2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Luke 6: 23ab; Luke 6: 20-26
Thurs. Sept. 14	Numbers 21: 4b-9; Psalms 78: 1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Philippians 2: 6-11; John 3: 13-17
Fri. Sept. 15	1 Timothy 1: 1-2, 12-14; Psalms 16: 1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; John 19: 25-27
Sat. Sept. 16	1 Timothy 1: 15-17; Psalms 113: 1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; John 14: 23; Luke 6: 43-49
Sun. Sept. 17	Sirach 27: 30 – 28: 7; Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Romans 14: 7-9; John 13: 34; Matthew 18: 21-35

VOCATIONS

“Where two or three are gathered in My name ...” The community that gathers in Christ needs leadership. Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations@richmond diocese .org.



IMPORTANCE OF RELATIONSHIPS

Today’s readings are all about relationships. Among the many lessons we have learned from the global pandemic is the deep importance of the relationships and communities in our lives. Our families, neighbors, friends and parish family need us, and we need them to be our best selves.

St. Paul gives us simple instruction in our second reading from Romans to guide us in our dealings with others, reminding us what Christ Himself taught: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love is the overarching principal that guides us to be good stewards of our relationships.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus further refines this instruction on good stewardship of our relationships, even when they involve conflict. He says, “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”

Jesus teaches us to confront the offending person directly and discretely — with the goal of restoring the relationship if possible. This is how we steward our relationships even through rocky waters. Jesus also speaks to us of the power and beauty of community life. “If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Christian stewards, God has designed us in such a way that we must help each other on the journey towards heaven. Let us take care to steward our relationships well.