

OCTOBER 1, 2023
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

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

Matthew 20:1-16a

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

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

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Nola Beach, Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Arthur Headley, Marcella Jordan, Raphael Lopez, David Palance, Maria Perron, Paul Perron, Shaun Perron, Pam Poole, 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	\$1,604.00
Retired Religious Fund	335.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,105.00
Retired Religious Fund	930.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$994.63
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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 is this Friday, October 6, at Sacred Heart beginning with Mass at 11am followed by 8 hours of Adoration. Benediction will be at 8PM. There is a sign-up sheet for Adoration as you enter the church.

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, October 7, 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.

NOTICES

Thank you to the Shrine of the Sacred Heart for hosting the annual Clustered Parish picnic on September 17th! The venue was beautiful, and the food was delicious! It was a great afternoon enjoyed by all who attended!

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

There will be a Sacred Heart Centennial Celebration meeting in the parish hall on Wednesday, October 4th at 12:30PM. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend.

The first Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart on October 7 will be a Knights of Columbus quarterly Mass. All Mass attendees are invited to a free breakfast of biscuits, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, milk, and orange juice in the Parish Hall following Mass.

Virginia Catholic Day at Busch Gardens

Saturday 10-07-2023

10:00 am - 11:00 pm

We invite families, youth ministries, and young adult groups from around the Diocese to Busch Gardens for a day of fun and fellowship. The day includes admission to the park, Sunday Vigil Mass, and dinner as a Diocese. This event is open to all youth, families, and young adults from around the Diocese. You can register as either a group, a family or an individual.

All registrations must occur online. Visit <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/virginia-catholic-day-at-busch-gardens-3/> for more information and to register.

THE LORD'S WAY UNFAIR?

Most human beings love a happy ending. This usually means that the good guy wins and the bad guy loses. This concludes everything with a neat, pat answer. But life is not that simple. Few people act out of pure motives--good or evil. Even those with sinister objectives may have had bad experiences behind their goals. Judgments are too often made insufficient understanding of why people act.

God knows the whole person from birth to death. His judgment is based on all factors. Moreover God sincerely loves each of us and wants us to change. If the most wicked person can alter the course of his or her life, the Lord is anxious to forgive. Too often, we only want revenge. God's way is more fair.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Oct. 1	Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Psalms 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Philippians 2: 1-11; John 10: 27 Matthew 21: 28-32
Mon. Oct. 2	Zechariah 8: 1-8; Psalms 102: 16-18, 19-21, 29; 22-23; Psalms 103: 21; Matthew 18: 1-5, 10
Tues. Oct. 3	Zechariah 8: 20-23; Psalms 87: 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mark 10: 45; Luke 9: 51-56
Wed. Oct. 4	Nehemiah 2: 1-8; Psalms 137: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Philippians 3: 8-9; Luke 9: 57-62
Thurs. Oct. 5	Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Mark 1: 15; Luke 10: 1-12
Fri. Oct. 6	Baruch 1: 15-22; Psalms 79: 1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Psalms 95: 8; Luke 10: 13-16
Sat. Oct. 7	Baruch 4: 5-12, 27-29; Psalms 69: 33-35, 36-37; Matthew 11: 25; Luke 10: 17-24
Sun. Oct. 8	Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalms 80: 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Philippians 4: 6-9; John 15: 16; Matthew 21: 33-43

VOCATIONS

"He humbled Himself and became obedient...." If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



EVENTS

Life Chain - Fall 2023

Publically witness and pray to change hearts about ABORTION

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

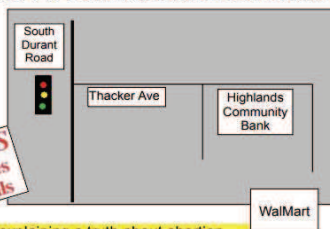
Sunday - October 1, 2023

1:30 pm to 2:45 pm

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

ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN

JESUS Forgives & Heals



Pray silently while holding a sign explaining a truth about abortion.

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 yet to produce any benefits. Adult stem cell research uses undifferentiated cells from an adult and has produced cures and alleviated symptoms in over 90 types of illnesses/diseases.

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

Rain date is Sunday October 8, 2023

PRAY TO END ABORTION

Life the first INALIENABLE RIGHT

Please arrive at 1:15 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.

For more information about the Life Chain, please call 862-1917 or 962-1565.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception October 21, 2023

Join Bishop Knestout and faithful from across the Commonwealth for a pilgrimage focused on the source and summit of our faith, the Eucharist. Pilgrims will be invited to talks, tours, Eucharistic Procession, Adoration, Music and Mass with Bishop Knestout, all surrounded by the awe-inspiring beauty of the largest Catholic Church in North America. This pilgrimage will offer resources in multiple languages. We request all pilgrims register by October 13th so we can prepare resources and scheduling. Registration is free and a Diocesan bus will leave from St. Andrew – Roanoke (160 seats); Morning departure: 6:00 a.m. Approximate Evening Return: 10:30 p.m. (includes one hour dinner stop). Please call St. Andrews or register online: <https://ofe.regfox.com/2023-diocesan-pilgrimage> to reserve your seat on the bus.