



APRIL 21, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

John 10:11-18

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 – Joshua Crawford, Andy Shepard

PRAYER LIST

St. Joseph

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

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Nola Beach, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Mitchell Garcia, Paulino Gutierrez, Arthur Headley, Raphael Lopez, Heidi Mulcahy, David Palance, Maria Perron, Paul Perron, Shaun Perron, Pam Poole, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Sophia Veras, Karen Wenke, Bill Withrow, Becky Woodson

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margo Oxendine, Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger

Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Avention Grimes



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph	
Sunday Offertory	\$3,561.00
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,136.00
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,329.00

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon

Sacred Heart - Wednesday at 11:30AM followed by the Rosary.

Friday - 10:45AM Adoration and Benediction; Mass at 12Noon

THE CORNERSTONE

Peter calls Jesus the "Cornerstone" of our faith. We usually think of them as being part of the dedication of a building. Today we pour concrete to lay foundations, so a cornerstone has lost its original meaning. Concrete is a liquid when poured, so it easily comes to a level, shaping itself to the contours of the ground. In ancient times, however, the cornerstone was very necessary. It kept all of the other stones in a straight line so that the walls wouldn't collapse. If one row of stones or bricks were off by just a fraction of an inch, the whole structure would be unsafe. Since the church is built on Christ, we can be sure that it will last.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

When Jesus calls himself "The good shepherd" he is using an example that would have been very familiar to his listeners. Sheep are voracious eaters. They consume large amounts of grass and eat right down to the roots. Because of this they must range freely over a wide area.

Shepherds had to be outdoors in all conditions for long periods of time. They literally had to surrender a large part of their lives for the sheep in their care. Shepherds had to keep an eye out for predators, while herding the sheep away from dangerous areas.

Jesus offers the same kind of dedicated love. He gives his life for each of the members of his flock.

NOTICES

The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets after Masses at St. Joseph and Sacred Heart today, for a drawing for a single prize of gift certificates to six local restaurants. The total value of the six gift certificates is \$305 and tickets are \$5 each and 3 tickets for \$10.

The first Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart on May 4th 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.

There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting in the parish hall following the 11am Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday, April 28th.

Comfort Care for Women raised \$164,466.83 in its Baby Bottle Campaign. The Shrine donated \$1,177.56, Sacred Heart and St. Joseph donated a total of \$2,100.00



Did you know that the laws of the state where you are living at the time of your death will determine how your estate is settled if you have no Will of your own? These laws might not leave your property to the people you want to receive it. And, these laws definitely don't leave any gift to your church or any other charity. Would you not rather make these decisions yourself?

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Apr. 21	Acts 4: 8-12; Psalms 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; First John 3: 1-2; John 10: 14; John 10: 11-18
Mon. Apr. 22	Acts 11: 1-18; Psalms 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4; John 10: 14; John 10: 1-10
Tues. Apr. 23	Acts 11: 19-26; Psalms 87: 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 10: 27; John 10: 22-30
Wed. Apr. 24	Acts 12: 24 – 13: 5; Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6 and 8; John 8: 12; John 12: 44-50
Thurs. Apr. 25	1 Peter 5: 5b-14; Psalms 89: 2-3, 6-7, 16-17; 1 Corinthians 1: 23a, 24b; Mark 16: 15-20
Fri. Apr. 26	Acts 13: 26-33; Psalms 2: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14: 6; John 14: 1-6
Sat. Apr. 27	Acts 13: 44-52; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 8: 31b-32; John 14: 7-14
Sun. Apr. 28	Acts 9: 26-31; Psalms 22: 26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15: 4a, 5b; John 15: 1-8

VOCATIONS

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. Our readings today call us to reflect inward — do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives?

In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, “I will lay down my life for the sheep.” Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child. The parent gives without much in return and if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for their baby.

We are Christ’s — even more so than a child is to a parent. He created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary for our salvation. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray.

But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray, we also stray from God, test our limits and even follow false shepherds.

Thankfully our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock. We don’t even need to find the way. He is right there always waiting to guide us home.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, ‘who is my Shepherd?’ and ‘have I gone astray? Name the areas in your life that you have neglected. Ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again.