

MAY 11, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

**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 email: stjoseph@ntelos.net
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. Ernest Dugah, Administrator
540-620-9309

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.

MT CARMEL CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Low Moor, Virginia

Contact: Mr. Carl Withrow (540) 968-3267

Sacred Heart – St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council 17457

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 15 @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Rosary: 6:25 PM, Meal: 6:45, Meeting: 7:10 PM

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Joseph Parish 540-863-5371

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Dugah	540-620-9309
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. Dugah	540-620-9309
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	202-373-9571
Community Life	Alvina Nida	540-747-2211
Justice & Peace	John Stec	540-862-1917
Grds & Maint.	Leo Mulcahy	540-862-3021
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. Dugah	540-620-9309
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
Organist	Dr. Leszek Fiutowski	304-456-5473



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

Maria Amerio, Mark Asma, Clair Dilley, Tom Greenwood, Ed and Sandra Haverlack, Jake Lekan, Rita Luther, Roy Putnam, Sally Putnam, Carol Turner, Terry Windsor, Elaina Wright, Katie Greenwood White

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Janice Campbell, Karen Cody, John Dziedzic, Esther Ewing, Rev. David Hanks, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, April Headley, Arthur Headley, Rosina Headley, Raphael Lopez, Brooke Nogueira, David Palance, Paul Perron, Lucy Quirk, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Rayvi Veras, Patricia Whitlow, Bill Withrow, Becky Woodson, Francine Young

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margo Oxendine, Molly Sasser

Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Aventon Grimes

WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,628.00
Donations	10,350.00
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$13,797.16
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$2,046.00

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon

Sacred Heart – Wednesday at 11:30AM followed by the Rosary; Friday: Adoration and Benediction at 10:45AM followed by Mass at 12Noon.

First Friday: Mass is at 11AM followed by 8 hours of Adoration; Benediction is at 8PM.

First Saturday: Rosary and Litany of Our Lady are prayed at 9AM followed by Mass at 9:30AM

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

† This year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations (WDPV) occurs on Mother's Day. St. Pius X once said, "Every vocation to the priesthood (and consecrated life) comes from the heart of God, but it passes through the heart of a mother." God created us with a unique mission that only we can fulfill for the life of others. Mothers and mother figures in our life intuit this truth as they ponder what their child will be.

† "Dear friends, the world pushes you to make hasty decisions and bombards you with a constant blare that prevents you from experiencing a silence that is open to God who speaks to the heart. Have the courage to pause, to listen to what your heart tells you, and to ask God about his dreams for you. The silence of prayer is indispensable if we are to learn how to hear God's call amid the specific circumstances of our lives and to respond consciously and freely. Prayerful recollection helps us to realize that all of us can be pilgrims of hope if we make our lives a gift." (Excerpt from Pope Francis' Message for WDPV 2025)

† Pray for your children and grandchildren that they will be open to whatever call God has placed in their heart and be willing to help them discern that call.

NOTICES

The Knights of Columbus will have tickets for a drawing for a single prize of gift certificates to 5 local restaurants available after Masses at St. Joseph and Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 11th. The total value of the 5 gift certificates is \$275. Single tickets are available for a \$5 donation and three tickets are available for a \$10 donation.

May is the month dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass each Sunday in May.

Sign in to FORMED for the daily Mass readings and insightful reflections This is a great way to start your day!

St. Joseph's Bible Study continues to meet every Tuesday after noon Mass. The lessons are from The Word Among Us daily reading. Everyone is welcome. Those attending should bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea and water are provided.

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honored not just today, but every day.

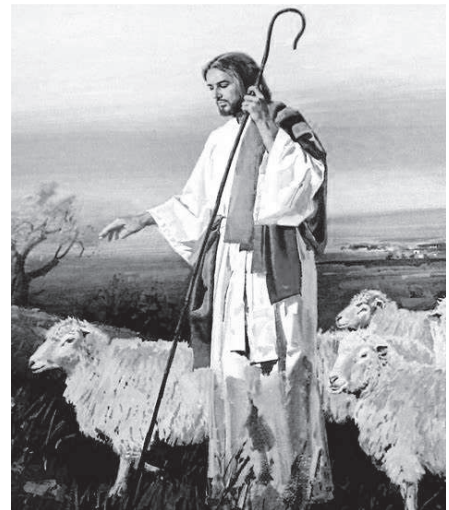
Have compassion in your mercy, on the souls of mothers; forgive them their sins, and grant them the joy of eternal brightness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. May 11	Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Psalms 100: 1-2, 3, 5; Revelation 7: 9, 14b-17; John 10: 14; John 10: 27-30
Mon. May 12	Acts 11: 1-18; Psalms 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4; John 10: 14; John 10: 1-10
Tues. May 13	Acts 11: 19-26; Psalms 87: 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 10: 27; John 10: 22-30
Wed. May 14	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Psalms 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15: 16; John 15: 9-17
Thurs. May 15	Acts 13: 13-25; Psalms 89: 2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Revelation 1: 5ab; John 13: 16-20
Fri. May 16	Acts 13: 26-33; Psalms 2: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14: 6; John 14: 1-6
Sat. May 17	Acts 13: 44-52; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 8: 31b-32; John 14: 7-14
Sun. May 18	Acts 14: 21-27; Psalms 145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Revelation 21: 1-5a; John 13: 34; John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

VOCATIONS

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? Contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



A STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen. The disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life, and their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.

In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we catch up with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch. While they certainly have some success in reaching many people there with the message of salvation, others are downright infuriated by their words and send them packing. Yet, we read that "the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Overall, it seems as if Paul and Barnabas had failed in Antioch. But seeing failure has not robbed them of their joy. What's more, they are filled to the brim with the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit. How is this possible?

It is only possible because Paul and Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more and nothing less than stewards of Christ and His Good News. This realization brought them freedom — to offer themselves and their lives to others for the sake of the Gospel. The "results" of their efforts were up to God.

This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to us all today. It can be achieved when we recognize, as did Paul and Barnabas, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Of course, living as God's stewards does not guarantee a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes the steward's life involves challenges, requiring all the strength and love one has to give. In the end, there is simply no more satisfying way to live.