



**JUNE 8, 2025**  
**SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

**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](http://sacredheartcovington.org)  
Mass Schedule: Sunday 11:00 AM

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

620 Jefferson Ave. Clifton Forge, VA 24422  
540-863-5371 [stjosephcf.org](http://stjosephcf.org) email: [stjoseph@ntelos.net](mailto: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](http://shrineofthesacredheartparish.org)  
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM

**Fr. Ernest Dugah, Pastor**

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, June 19 @ 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, Clair Dilley, Tom Greenwood, Ed and Sandra Haverlack, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Carol Turner, Terry Windsor, Elaina Wright, Katie Greenwood White

### Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callahan, Janice Campbell, Karen Cody, Jeanette Deardorff, John Dziedzic, Esther Ewing, John Gordon, Rev. David Hanks, Tony Forbes, April Headley, Arthur Headley, Annabella LaPosta, Raphael Lopez, Brooke Nogueira, David Palance, Paul Perron, 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

<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>\$3,293.00</b>

### Sacred Heart

<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>\$3,427.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collections</b>	<b>745.00</b>

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>\$1,622.75</b>

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Joseph – Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon**

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

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

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

## NOT A DOVE, NOT A FLAME, BUT A PERSON

If you were asked to draw a picture of God the Son, you might sketch a young man with long hair and a beard. If you were asked to draw a picture of God the Father, you might fashion an image of an older man with white hair. How would you draw a picture of the Holy Spirit? Most artists have been content with using images from the Bible--a dove or a flame. Is this adequate?

Jesus' description of the Holy Spirit is that of a person. "I will ask the Father and he will send you another defender. When he comes... he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 15:16; 16:13) The best image of the Holy Spirit might be that of the Russian Icon by Andrei Rublev, a 15th century artist. He portrays three visitors to Abraham mentioned in Genesis 18. They are identical in appearance, though their clothing differs. The point is that God the Holy Spirit is a loving, caring and beautiful person. The Holy Spirit should be treated in the same way as God the Father and God the Son.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is on Friday, June 27th. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish of your choice and join us in good food and fellowship. We hope you will come even if you cannot bring a dish.

## NOTICES

Do you know someone who might be inquiring about the Catholic Faith or may want to become a Catholic? If yes, beginning Monday, August 18 that someone can start the process of learning more about the Catholic Faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic at the Easter Vigil 2026 (April 5, 2026). To learn more contact Don Rogowski at 540-962-7344 or Janice Campbell at 540-969-9073.

The next Adult Faith Formation is Lectio: Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism. The character of St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, classical art, and personal insights, Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter that is immediately informative and relevant to our lives. After all, if Jesus could bring out the very best in someone like Peter, then there is hope for the rest of us. Sessions begin on Tuesday, September 9 @ 6:30 PM in Sacred Heart Parish Hall and continue each Tuesday until November 11 (10 sessions, each ~1 hour). If you would like a Participant Guide (over 200 pages) , contact Don Rogowski @ 540-962-7344 or [formed@sacredheartcovington.org](mailto:formed@sacredheartcovington.org) by Monday, August 18.

Please plan on participating in our annual Corpus Christi Procession on June 22nd, immediately following 11am Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Covington. The Corpus Christi procession dates back to the 13th century and centers on the belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Procession is a great opportunity to bear witness to our Catholic Faith.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. June 8	Genesis 11: 1-9; Psalms 104: 1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Romans 8: 22-27; John 7: 37-39
Mon. June 9	2 Corinthians 1: 1-7; Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 5: 12a; Matthew 5: 1-12
Tues. June 10	2 Corinthians 1: 18-22; Psalms 119: 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Matthew 5: 16; Matthew 5: 13-16
Wed. June 11	Acts 11: 21b-26; 13: 1-3; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Psalms 25: 4b, 5a; Matthew 5: 17-19
Thurs. June 12	2 Corinthians 3: 15 – 4: 1, 3-6; Psalms 85: 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; John 13: 34; Matthew 5: 20-26
Fri. June 13	2 Corinthians 4: 7-15; Psalms 116: 10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Philippians 2: 15d, 16a; Matthew 5: 27-32
Sat. June 14	2 Corinthians 5: 14-21; Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Psalms 119: 36a, 29b; Matthew 5: 33-37
Sun. June 15	Proverbs 8: 22-31; Psalms 8: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 5: 1-5; Revelation 1: 8 John 16: 12-15

## VOCATIONS

"The Spirit gave them ability." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations@richmond diocese .org.



## WE ARE CALLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Today we reach the finale of the Easter season with the celebration of the great Feast of Pentecost. Reflecting on today's readings inspires a sense of awe as we consider the mighty power of the Holy Spirit at work giving birth to and sustaining our Church. Just as awesome — the same Spirit is calling to us this day to take up our part in the Church's saving work. In the first reading, from Acts, we see the creative genius of the Holy Spirit moving through the newly confirmed Apostles "who began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." The large crowd, gathered from all over the world were "amazed" and "astounded" that each one could understand the Apostles speaking in their own language.

Each one of us, young and old alike, is personally called today by the Holy Spirit into the same mission as that of the first Apostles — to advance the Kingdom of God in our corner of the world. Just as He did on that Pentecost day, the Holy Spirit speaks to us in our "own language" to give us the Good News of the Gospel and urge us to share it. We can think of our own language as the particular gifts, talents, and passions we possess. We experience the presence of the Holy Spirit through them and we are meant put them to the work in grateful service of the Kingdom of God.

When we consider the stewardship way of life we are called to live, we often focus on the challenges it poses. Surrendering ourselves to God is indeed a challenging way to live. But it leads to a life that is exciting, creative, and deeply rewarding. Stewardship allows us to experience life as a great adventure because it is a life guided and directed by the very source of power and creativity— the Holy Spirit!