



February 2, 2025

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

**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

804-914-4977

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

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Joseph Parish 540-863-5371

Office Hours: Call for appointment

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| In Emergency | Fr. Dugah | 804-914-4977 |
| 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 | 804-914-4977 |
| 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. Dugah | 804-914-4977 |
| 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

PRAY FOR . . .

St. Joseph

Mark Asma, Clair Dilley, Katie Greenwood, Tom Greenwood, Ed and Sandra Haverlack, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Carol Turner, Terry Windsor.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Debbie Brokaw, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Esther Ewing, Jay Ewing, Rev. David Hanks, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, April Headley, Arthur Headley, Rosina Headley, 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, Clarissa Westenburger

Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Avention Grimes



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| St. Joseph | |
| Sunday Offertory | \$773.00 |
| Sacred Heart | |
| Sunday Offertory | \$952.10 |
| Various 2 nd Collections | 720.97 |
| Shrine of the Sacred Heart | |
| Sunday Offertory | \$2,233.00 |

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon
Sacred Heart - Wednesday at 11:30AM followed by the Rosary.
Friday – First Friday Mass at 11AM, followed by 8 hours of Adoration. Benediction at 8PM. There is a sign-up sheet for Adoration as you enter the church.

THE LIGHT OF LIFE

Mary and Joseph bring to the Temple their firstborn who, in accordance with the law, had to be redeemed or “bought back” by means of the prescribed sacrifice. Thirty-three years later, Jesus himself will be the sacrifice that is offered on our behalf, for our redemption.

Additionally, Mary’s unique and maternal share in her Son’s redemptive suffering—the sword that will pierce her heart—means that we always have a place in her heart: we can turn to her with our sufferings and our sins.

Finally, the candles that are traditionally blessed on this day, also known as Candlemas, remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and the light of our life.

What Will Your Legacy Be?

A Will also provides an excellent opportunity to remember our congregation. A gift to the church through your Will serves as a testament to your heirs of your faith in God and the resurrection. It provides you with one last opportunity to exemplify what it means to be a good steward, providing for others as God has provided for you during your lifetime. What a blessing you can be to future generations!

NOTICES

COMFORTCARE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Comfort Care Women’s Health Centers of Lexington & Staunton are having their annual Baby Bottle Campaign once again. Please take a bottle home and get the entire family involved. Keep it for several weeks. Fill the bottle with spare change and cash or a check made out to K OF C COUNCIL #17457 (write Baby Bottle or Comfort Care on the check memo line). Return the filled bottle before Mass on or before February 23, 2025. Writing checks out TO KOFC COUNCIL #17457 will allow for supplemental funds to be procured from a Supreme Council pro-life program, \$100 for each \$500 collected, up to an additional \$400 total for the clinics. Also, a letter of acknowledgement will be sent to check donors for the purpose of itemizing charity tax deductions. God bless you for your support in saving babies from abortion. Additional info can be obtained by visiting the www.ccwomenshealth.org website or by contacting John Stec or Jennifer Seckner.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.

This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

DAILY READINGS

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Sun. Feb. 2 | Malachi 3: 1-4; Psalms 24: 7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 32; Luke 2: 22-40 |
| Mon. Feb. 3 | Hebrews 11: 32-40; Psalms 31: 20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Luke 7: 16; Mark 5: 1-20 |
| Tues. Feb. 4 | Hebrews 12: 1-4; Psalms 22: 26b-27, 28, 30, 31-32; Matthew 8: 17; Mark 5: 21-43 |
| Wed. Feb. 5 | Hebrews 12: 4-7, 11-15; Psalms 103: 1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; John 10: 27; Mark 6: 1-6 |
| Thurs. Feb. 6 | Hebrews 12: 18-19, 21-24; Psalms 48: 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mark 1: 15; Mark 6: 7-13 |
| Fri. Feb. 7 | Hebrews 13: 1-8; Psalms 27: 1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Luke 8: 15; Mark 6: 14-29 |
| Sat. Feb. 8 | Hebrews 13: 15-17, 20-21; Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; John 10: 27; Mark 6: 30-34 |
| Sun. Feb. 9 | Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8; Psalms 138: 1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 7c-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Matthew 4: 19; Luke 5: 1-11 |

VOCATIONS

“Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord.” If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the Temple in obedience to the laws of their Jewish faith. This is a beautiful, and in many ways, mysterious feast — and one that is filled with lessons for a stewardship way of life.

Our Gospel passage from Luke, recounting the details of the Presentation, teaches us a stewardship lesson through the example of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother, the “Holy Parents.” Even knowing their Son was God, they still carefully observed the faith practices of their day bringing him to the temple “to present Him to the Lord just as it is written in the law of the Lord.” Later in the passage we read that, “When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to their own town of Nazareth.” The Holy Parents were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience to the practices of their faith from his infancy and throughout His “growing up” years.

Those of us entrusted with the care of children, whether our own children, godchildren, nieces, and nephews, grandchildren, or students, have a vital role to play in the faith formation of these young ones. We, like the Holy Parents, must steward these children well, forming them in the faith by both instruction and example throughout their lives.