



MAY 25, 2025
SIXTH 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 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, 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
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



St. Joseph

Maria Amerio, Mark Asma, Clair Dilley, Tom Greenwood, Ed and Sandra Haverlack, Rita Luther, Roy Putnam, 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, John Dziedzic, Esther Ewing, John Gordon, 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	\$1,028.00
Operation Rice Bowl	593.25
Votive	2.00
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,021.00
COPE Food Pantry	428.00
Miscellaneous	391.76
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,825.63

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon

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

First Friday on June 6th: Mass is at 11AM followed by 8 hours of Adoration; Benediction is at 8PM.

First Saturday on June 7th: Rosary and Litany of Our Lady are prayed at 9AM followed by Mass at 9:30AM

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF JERUSALEM

Paul started a firestorm when he began accepting converts into the church. He did not insist that they first become Jews. The conservatives within Christianity saw this as a dangerous break from tradition. In particular they demanded that new conversions be accompanied by circumcision--a painful rite in those days before anesthetics.

The turmoil led to what has been called, "the first Ecumenical Council". The meeting probably took several weeks. We see only the start and the end. Essentially, the liberal wing won the day. The Council sent a letter to gentile Christians approving the new policy. It provoked great joy and a wave of new conversions.

The 24th Roanoke Lebanese Festival will be held May 30 - June 1, 2025, at St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church, 4730 Cove Road NW, Roanoke, VA 24017

Friday & Saturday: 11 AM - 9 PM

Sunday: 11 AM - 8 PM

The festival features delicious Lebanese food, Lebanese music and traditional Lebanese folk dancers in full costume. Admission and parking are free. There are also activities for children.

NOTICES

Please join the Knights of Columbus in honoring our U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces, on Memorial Day Monday May 26th. We will assemble at Mt. Carmel Catholic Cemetery Low Moor, rain or shine at 9:00am to place flags on Veteran graves and recite the Rosary. All parishioners, family, and friends are welcome.

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.

Sacred Heart - St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council thanks all who are collecting aluminum cans and dropping them off in the orange bin located along the side of the Sacred Heart Rectory garage. Over 2130 lbs. or more than 69,000 cans have been recycled. Currently, the recycling rate is about 2320 pounds per year. The proceeds from recycling aluminum cans are used to fund Council initiatives. Be creative and ask your friends, neighbors, or a business to save aluminum cans for you to drop off at the Rectory garage.

Dear Lord, on this Memorial Day, we remember those who gave their lives in service to our country. We honor their sacrifice and pray for their souls. Grant them eternal peace and comfort their families with Your love. May their bravery inspire us to live with courage and integrity. We thank You for their dedication and ask You to bless their memories. May Your grace envelop their souls and may we never forget their sacrifice. Amen.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. May 25	Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23; John 14: 23; John 14: 23-29
Mon. May 26	Acts 16: 11-15; Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; John 15: 26b, 27a; John 15: 26 – 16: 4
Tues. May 27	Acts 16: 22-34; Psalms 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; John 16: 7, 13; John 16: 5-11
Wed. May 28	Acts 17: 15, 22 – 18: 1; Psalms 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; John 14: 16; John 16: 12-15
Thurs. May 29	Acts 18: 1-8; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14: 18; John 16: 16-20
Fri. May 30	Acts 18: 9-18; Psalms 47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 24: 46, 26; John 16: 20-23
Sat. May 31	Zephaniah 3: 14-18a; Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Luke 1: 45; Luke 1: 39-56
Sun. June 1	Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Matthew 28: 19a, 20b; Luke 24: 46-53

VOCATIONS

“Those who love Me will keep my word.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations@richmond diocese .org.

JESUS REPLIED, "IF ANYONE LOVES ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORD. MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME TO HIM AND MAKE OUR HOME WITH HIM."
- JOHN 14:23

SHOW HOSPITALITY TO GOD

The concept of hospitality is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome — to those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home and at ease in our presence, communicating to them that they are highly valued.

Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. In it, we hear Jesus speaking this to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

Jesus is asking that we permit the Blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This is a stunning request. It tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself. How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and at ease" within us? How can we communicate to God that He is "highly valued" by us? Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow His teachings.

To keep His word, we must know His word. This takes discipline and effort on our part. We must make the study of Scripture and Church teaching a priority in our daily lives.

If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries will radiate with the warmth of God's love. And our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life.