



JULY 6, 2025
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

**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, 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, July 17 @ 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) Morales,
Joel Moscoso

St. Joseph – Joshua Crawford, Andy Shepard

PRAYER REQUESTS TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

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 Roberta Frampton, 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

Molly Sasser

Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Aventon Grimes



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph	
Sunday Offertory	\$613.00
Peter's Pence	135.00
Votive	12.00
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,595.00
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,559.75

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 celebrated at 11AM followed by 8 hours of Adoration and Benediction.

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



FALL LIKE LIGHTNING

Jesus had sent his twelve Apostles on a trial to prepare them to be missionaries. Later he sent a larger group. It is equally successful. Christ speaks words of encouragement, noting that he "saw Satan fall like lightning from the sky." This is an echo of his words in John, "Fear not, I have conquered the world." In other words, we already know the end of our story: **WE WIN!**

THE MARKS OF JESUS

For Jews, circumcision was as necessary as Baptism is to Christians. It was a permanent mark of their faith. The Church had decided to move away this practice at the Council of Jerusalem. Paul teaches that it is of no importance. He speaks of the "Marks of Jesus" on his body. He could be referring simply to his personal suffering or possibly to the "stigmata". Saint Francis of Assisi was the first person known to have shown signs of the wounds of Christ. Paul may have predated him by 1200 years.

NOTICES

Diane Hanna and Bryan Smith will be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church on Sunday, July 20th. We will have a potluck reception in their honor following Mass on that Sunday. Please bring a dish of your choice and join us in celebrating this milestone in their journey of faith.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: The Tri-Parish picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 28th, at the large picnic shelter at the Jackson River Sports Complex in Covington. Sacred Heart is hosting the picnic this year. More information will be available in future bulletins.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The next Adult Faith Formation is Lectio: Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism. 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).

CATHOLIC FEST

Join Bishop Knestout, and the entire diocese at a one-day festival in Richmond. The day will be full of music, food, fun, fellowship, faith, and celebrating the Mass as the Diocese of Richmond. The festival will be held at The Diamond in Richmond, VA on October 11, 2025, from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. July 6	Isaiah 66: 10-14c; Psalms 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20; Galatians 6: 14-18; Colossians 3: 15a, 16a; Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20
Mon. July 7	Genesis 28: 10-22a; Psalms 91: 1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; 2 Timothy 1: 10; Matthew 9: 18-26
Tues. July 8	Genesis 32: 23-33; Psalms 17: 1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15; John 10: 14; Matthew 9: 32-38
Wed. July 9	Genesis 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a; Psalms 33: 2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mark 1: 15; Matthew 10: 1-7
Thurs. July 10	Genesis 44: 18-21, 23b-29; 45: 1-5; Psalms 105: 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mark 1: 15; Matthew 10: 7-15
Fri. July 11	Genesis 46: 1-7, 28-30; Psalms 37: 3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; John 16: 13a, 14: 26d; Matthew 10: 16-23
Sat. July 12	Genesis 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a; Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7; 1 Peter 4: 14; Matthew 10: 24-33
Sun. July 13	Genesis 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a; Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7; 1 Peter 4: 14; Matthew 10: 24-33

VOCATIONS

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Are you being called by the Lord of the harvest to proclaim His kingdom as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



WORK TOGETHER TO EVANGELIZE

In today's Gospel passage, from Luke, we find our Lord appointing disciples to go out and prepare others to receive His invitation into the Kingdom of God. Every verse has something to say about the way a Christian steward should approach others. Let's consider at least one of the coaching tips Christ gives.

"The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent out ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit." In His wisdom, Christ sent His disciples out not as individuals but in pairs, as teams. This approach to evangelization certainly provided practical advantages. The disciples could lean on each other for mutual support and encouragement, helping each other to stay on task and to put their heads together to pray and problem-solve. This teamwork approach is just as relevant to us modern-day Christian stewards. It takes courage and commitment to go out and invite others into the Christian life. We need to work together to do it well.

But there is also symbolic importance to working in teams. It points to the reality that when we invite others to embrace the Good News of the Gospel, we are not merely inviting them into a belief system, but into a relationship with Christ and through that relationship, into Christ's family — our fellow Christian disciples near and far.

Our parish is our immediate spiritual family in this extended worldwide fold. We are not meant to live as isolated individuals within the parish any more than we are meant to live in isolation within our families. We are meant to be a community. That is why it is so important for us to foster a vibrant, supportive, welcoming parish life. This is why we emphasize hospitality as one of the pillars of stewardship. It is not enough just to point others to Christ; we must invite them to join us in community with Him; we must offer a place and mission for them in the Church and within our parish family.