



JULY 27, 2025
SEVENTEENTH 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, August 21 @ 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, Clair Dille, 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, Fr. Augustine Lukenge, 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	
Sunday Offertory	\$
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,053.16
COPE Food Pantry	475.00
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$2,206.88

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, August 1: Mass is celebrated at 11AM followed by 8 hours of Adoration and Benediction. There is a sign-up sheet for Adoration as you enter the church.

First Saturday, August 2: Rosary and Litany of Our Lady at 9AM followed by Mass at 9:30AM



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Vigil Mass will be celebrated on August 14:

5:00 PM @ Shrine of the Sacred Heart

5:30 PM @ St. Joseph

Mass on August 15:

9:00 AM @ Shrine of the Sacred Heart

5:30 PM @ Sacred Heart. There will be no Adoration before Mass.

FIRST SATURDAY BREAKFAST

The first Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart on August 2 will be a Knights of Columbus quarterly Mass. All Mass attendees are invited to a free breakfast of a scrambled eggs casserole, a French Toast casserole, grits coffee, milk, and orange juice in the Parish Hall following Mass.

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.

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). If you want to attend and want a study guide, contact Don Rogowski at 540-962-7344.

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.

Sacred Heart is responsible for Meals on Wheels August 11-15. Please consider volunteering for this important ministry. There is a sign-up sheet on the podium as you enter the church.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. July 27	Genesis 18: 20-32; Psalms 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Colossians 2: 12-14; Romans 8: 15bc Luke 11: 1-13
Mon. July 28	Exodus 32: 15-24, 30-34; Psalms 106: 19-20, 21-22, 23; James 1: 18; Matthew 13: 31-35
Tues. July 29	Exodus 33: 7-11; 34: 5b-9, 28; Psalms 103: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; John 8: 12; John 11: 19-27
Wed. July 30	Exodus 34: 29-35; Psalms 99: 5, 6, 7, 9; John 15: 15b; Matthew 13: 44-46
Thurs. July 31	Exodus 40: 16-21, 34-38; Psalms 84: 3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Acts 16: 14b; Matthew 13: 47-53
Fri. Aug. 1	Leviticus 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Psalms 81: 3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; 1 Peter 1: 25; Matthew 13: 54-58
Sat. Aug. 2	Leviticus 25: 1, 8-17; Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 7-8; Matthew 5: 10; Matthew 14: 1-12
Sun. Aug. 3	Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23; Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11; Matthew 5: 3; Luke 12: 13-21

VOCATIONS

"Give us this day our daily bread." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



OUR FATHER

In our Gospel reading from Luke, some disciples of Jesus ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus instantly offers them the beautiful prayer which we, of course, call the Our Father.

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim our complete trust in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us).

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to pursue a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door!