



SEPTEMBER 22, 2024  
TWENTY-FIFTH 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](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)  
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, 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
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

Mark Asma, Clair Dilley, 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, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Mitchell Garcia, Erin Gutierrez, Paulino Gutierrez, April Headley, Arthur Headley, Raphael Lopez, Sandra Minter, Heidi Mulcahy, David Palance, Paul Perron, Shaun Perron, Pam Poole, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Bill Withrow, Becky Woodson

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margo Oxendine, Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger

### Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Avention Grimes



## WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

### St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory \$889.00

### Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$1,743.00  
COPE Food Pantry 296.00

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$1,507.00

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon  
Sacred Heart - Wednesday at 11:30AM followed by  
the Rosary. – Friday Benediction and Adoration at  
10:45AM followed by Mass at 12NOON.

-First Friday of each month at Sacred Heart beginning  
with Mass at 11am followed by 8 hours of Adoration.  
Benediction will be at 8PM;

-First Saturday of each month beginning at 9AM with  
the Rosary and Litany of Our Lady followed by Mass  
at 9:30AM.

## SAVE THE DATES

The Alleghany Highlands Fall Life Chain will be on  
Sunday, October 6, from 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm at the  
intersection (light), on the sidewalk entrance to Wal-  
Mart Industrial Park.

Sacred Heart will have a Fall potluck on Sunday,  
October 13th. Bring a dish of your choice and join in  
good food and fellowship.

## WHO WAS THE GREATEST?

At first, Jesus' apostles may have joined him in the  
hope that he was a political revolutionary. They  
thought that he would launch a rebellion and set up  
a new kingdom in Israel. This helps us understand  
the un-saintly arrogance in their quarrel today. Jesus  
has specifically rejected any political motives. The  
apostles hear only what they want. They anticipate  
holding prominent offices in the new reign to come.  
We must remember that saints are first of all, human  
beings. They begin with the same ambitions and  
failings that we have but rise above them.

## NOTICES

Children's religious education classes begin this  
Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6PM in the  
Sacred Heart parish hall. If you did not pick up a  
registration form at Mass last Sunday, you can  
register your children before class on  
Wednesday.

Thank you to St. Joseph for hosting the Tri-  
Parish Picnic last Sunday. Your hard work, warm  
hospitality, meticulous planning, and dedication  
made the event truly memorable. Highlights of  
the afternoon included the laughter of children  
playing, the aroma of delicious food, and the  
camaraderie among parishioners. There was a  
good representation from each clustered parish.  
Thank you again for all that you did to make this  
picnic a great success.

Knights of Columbus Knights put their faith into  
action ever day to make life better in their  
parishes and communities. The Knights of  
Columbus offers men the opportunity to grow in  
their faith while helping others and supporting  
the Church, and to become better Catholics,  
husbands, and fathers. The founder of the  
Knights of Columbus, Blessed Fr. Michael  
McGivney, has been beatified by the Church. All  
practicing Catholic men 18 years or older are  
invited to join. If you are interested, speak to a  
Sacred Heart - St. Joseph Council Knight after  
Mass or contact Don Rogowski at 540-962-7344.

The first Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart on  
October 5th will be a Knights of Columbus  
quarterly Mass. All Mass attendees are invited to  
a free breakfast of biscuits, scrambled eggs,  
sausage, coffee, milk, and orange juice in the  
Parish Hall following Mass.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Sept. 22	Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20; Psalms 54: 3-4, 5, 6 8; James 3: 16 – 4: 3; 2 Thessalonians 2: 14 ; Mark 9: 30-37
Mon. Sept. 23	Proverbs 3: 27-34; Psalms 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Matthew 5: 16; Luke 8: 16-18
Tues. Sept. 24	Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13; Psalms 119: 1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Luke 11: 28; Luke 8: 19-21
Wed. Sept. 25	Proverbs 30: 5-9; Psalms 119: 29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Mark 1: 15; Luke 9: 1-6
Thurs. Sept. 26	Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11; Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17bc; John 14: 6; Luke 9: 7-9
Fri. Sept. 27	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11; Psalms 144: 1b and 2abc, 3-4; Mark 10: 45; Luke 9: 18-22
Sat. Sept. 28	Ecclesiastes 11: 9 – 12: 8; Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Timothy 1: 10; Luke 9: 43b-45
Sun. Sept. 29	Numbers 11: 25-29. Psalms 19: 8, 10, 12-13, 14; James 5: 1-6; John 17: 17b, 17a; Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

## VOCATIONS

“Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield.” Praying for wisdom will help you yield to Christ’s choice for you. Should He extend to you the gift of a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood, contact: Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



## CONSIDER ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS

Our readings today bring to light the daily struggle between good and evil and how we can combat this struggle through gratitude. In our Gospel, we see an example of how surrendering to our passions negatively affects us. Jesus was with His disciples when they began to argue amongst themselves as to who was the greatest in the group.

If we look at our own lives, we might find many instances where we fall into the same tendencies — we constantly compare ourselves to others, out of pride we feel the need to point out another’s faults or choose to fight back in an argument. We know we should act one way but choose another.

When Jesus hears what the apostles are discussing, He has them focus on a child. “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” If we reflect on the moment someone receives a child, oftentimes their hearts are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude for this gift. There is no jealousy or anger, just thanksgiving, and appreciation. The apostles are busy bickering about who was the best. Their vision was clouded, and they could not even stop and be grateful for the gift to be so close to our Savior and that they were chosen to be His closest followers.

When we are caught in the raging war of jealousy, fighting, and pride, and begin to become enslaved to our passions we are ultimately being ungrateful for what we have been given. We overlook the blessing God has given us and the gifts and talents He has entrusted to us. Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares deeply for us. Consider all that He has blessed you with, and how you can use those blessings for His glory.