



APRIL 6, 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**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, April 24 @ 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
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, Katie Greenwood, Tom Greenwood, Ed and Sandra Haverlack, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Carol Turner, Terry Windsor, Elaina Wright.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callahan, Janice Campbell, Esther 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

Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Aventon Grimes

WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph	
Sunday Offertory	\$
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,062.00
Second Collections	200.00
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,409.00

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon
Sacred Heart – Wednesday at 11:30AM followed by the Rosary; Friday beginning with Adoration and Benediction at 10:45AM followed by Mass at 12pm.
First Friday: Mass at 11AM followed by Adoration; Benediction at 8:00PM. There is a sign up sheet for Adoration as you enter the church.
First Saturday: Rosary and Litany of Our Lady prayed at 9AM followed by Mass at 9:30AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday: Shrine of the Sacred Heart: 5:00PM and Mass; St. Joseph: 6:00PM
Friday: Sacred Heart: 5:30PM followed by a meatless soup supper

LENTEN LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

April 9 - Gospel Tabernacle COGC
All lunches begin at 12 Noon and end prior to 1pm.
A free will offering is collected to support a local mission or ministry. Each week a different minister will bring us a message. Join together with brothers and sisters of all denominations to worship and glorify God.

Having trouble finding the time to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Your problems may be solved. We will have a Joint Parish Penance Service with St. Joseph on Wednesday, April 9th at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart.

Beginning April 4th and continuing each subsequent First Friday a family will be chosen for special prayer intentions during the hours of Adoration. Family members are requested to be present for Benediction at the conclusion of Adoration. Please see Fr. Dugah or Tom O'Doherty if you would like your family to be selected for a particular month

NOTICES

Sign in to FORMED for the daily Mass readings and insightful reflections This is a great way to start your day!

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Sacred Heart parishioners will gather for the ecumenical blessing of the Palms at 10:45am by city hall.

Life Chain - Spring 2025

Yet another way to save Moms and their babies from ABORTION

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS LIFE CHAIN

Sunday - April 6, 2025

1:30 pm to 2:45 pm

At intersection [light], on sidewalk
- entrance to WalMart

Industrial Park

ABORTION
KILLS
CHILDREN

JESUS
Forgives
& Heals

WalMart

Pray silently while holding a sign explaining a truth about abortion.

Over 700 Alleghany County/Covington/CF babies were surgically aborted in the last 25 years.

- Embryonic stem cell research kills a tiny baby (living human being at embryonic stage - Jesus was an embryo), and has yet to produce any benefits. Adult stem cell research uses undifferentiated cells from an adult and has produced cures and alleviated symptoms in over 90 types of illnesses/diseases.

- Devices, 'the pill', & chemicals that prevent implantation may allow fertilization, thus destroying a new human life at least some percentage of the time...something to strongly ponder.

PRAY TO
END
ABORTION

Rain date is: Sunday, April 13, 2025

Life
the first
INALIENABLE
RIGHT

Please arrive at 1:15 pm, pick up your sign & take your place on the sidewalk in the LIFE CHAIN.

Please bring a folding chair if you would prefer to sit than stand.

Park at the Highlands Community Bank

Not a sponsor, but permission has been granted to park there.

The necessary permit was obtained through Covington City Hall. A code of conduct is printed on the back of many of the Life Chain signs, along with helpful prayers.

For more information about the Life Chain, please call 862-1917 or 962-1565.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. April 6	Ezekiel 37: 12-14; Psalms 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8: 8-11; John 11: 25a, 26; John 11: 1-45
Mon. April 7	Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-6; Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ezekiel 33: 11; John 8: 12-20
Tues. April 8	Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalms 102: 2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8: 21-30
Wed. April 9	Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Luke 8: 15; John 8: 31-42
Thurs. April 10	Genesis 17: 3-9; Psalms 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalms 95: 8; John 8: 51-59
Fri. April 11	Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Psalms 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 6: 63c, 68c; John 10: 31-42
Sat. April 12	Ezekiel 37: 21-28; Jeremiah 31: 10, 11-12, 13; Ezekiel 18: 31; John 11: 45-56
Sun. April 13	Luke 19: 28-40; Isaiah 50: 4-7 Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Philippians 2: 8-9; Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56

VOCATIONS

“God is making His appeal through us.” Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



WE SERVE A MERCIFUL GOD

Once again, this week, we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. The theme of the readings for this fifth Sunday of Lent are summed up beautifully in today’s Gospel passage from Luke, which recounts the story of the woman caught in adultery. After all those who would have stoned this woman leave the scene, Christ says to her, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.” When we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, but He will also make us completely new creations in Christ.

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ’s actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. “All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them.” “He bent down and began to write with His finger.” He “straightened up” when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he “straightened up” when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. Like a skilled teacher, or loving “big brother,” Christ bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

We’re all unworthy of the great privilege of serving Him. But that, quite simply, is cause for greater joy in serving Him with all our hearts.