



APRIL 20, 2025
EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

**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, Jake Lekan, 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, 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	\$1,100.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,564.56

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,342.00

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon
Sacred Heart – Easter Monday at 9:30AM;
Wednesday at 11:30AM followed by the Rosary;
Friday: Adoration and Benediction at 10:45AM
followed by Mass at 12Noon.
First Friday: Mass at 11AM followed by Adoration;
Benediction at 8:00PM
First Saturday: Rosary and Litany of Our Lady prayed
at 9AM followed by Mass at 9:30AM

JESUS IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!

“Jesus is risen from the dead! This message resounds in the Church the world over, along with the singing of the Alleluia. He remained two days in the tomb; but his death contained God’s love in all its power, released and made manifest on the third day, the day we celebrate today: the Easter of Christ the Lord. The words heard by the women at the tomb are also addressed to us: Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Death, solitude, and fear are not the last word.

There is a word that transcends them, a word that only God can speak: it is the word of the Resurrection” (Pope Francis). Christ has made good on all he promised. He is truly risen.

In his tender love and mercy, God sent his Son to save us, to die for us, to forgive us, to heal us, to love us the way no one else could love us. Jesus, taking on our human condition, brings light to our darkness and life to our deadness. He makes us a new creation in the Father’s love. This is the true cause for our joy and the reason for our gladness for this day was made for us. We rejoice for we have been reunited to the love of the Father, through the saving work of his Son, in the grace and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. By sharing in the Passion and Death of our Lord, we share in his Resurrection. We rise with him in newness of life.

NOTICES

Blake Alderman be initiated into the Catholic Church next Sunday, April 28th, at Sacred Heart. There will be a potluck reception, to celebrate Blake as well as to celebrate the confirmation of Abby Martinez. Abby was confirmed on April 8th at the Basilica of St. Andrew in Roanoke. Please bring a dish of your choice and join us in good food and fellowship. You are welcome to come even if you can’t bring a dish.

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

Faith Formation, Salvation, resumes at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, April 22nd, at 6:30pm in the parish hall.

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.

A bow is made before receiving Communion, and this also applies when receiving both the Body and Blood of Christ, according to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

REGARDLESS OF RECEPTION:

****Whether or not one is receiving from the cup, the bow is a sign of reverence for the Blood of Christ being offered. ****

DAILY READINGS

Sun. April 20	Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Psalms 118: 1-2, 16 17, 22-23; Colossians 3: 1-4; 1 Corinthians 5: 7b-8a; John 20: 1-9
Mon. April 21	Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Psalms 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Psalms 118: 24; Matthew 28: 8-15
Tues. April 22	Acts 2: 36-41; Psalms 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Psalms 118: 24; John 20: 11-18
Wed. April 23	Acts 3: 1-10; Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Psalms 118: 24; Luke 24: 13-35
Thurs. April 24	Acts 3: 11-26; Psalms 8: 2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalms 118: 24; Luke 24: 35-48
Fri. April 25	Acts 4: 1-12; Psalms 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Psalms 118: 24; John 21: 1-14
Sat. April 26	Acts 4: 13-21; Psalms 118: 1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Psalms 118: 24; Mark 16: 9-15
Sun. April 27	Acts 5: 12-16; Psalms 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Revelation 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20: 29; John 20:19-31

VOCATIONS

“The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious.” Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life?



HE IS RISEN!

He is risen! He is truly risen! This is what the celebration of Easter is all about — the truth that Jesus was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all.

We know it's true, but this Easter Sunday, let's ask ourselves if we live as if it's true. Do we live as witnesses to the glorious reality of the Resurrection?

A witness, of course, is one with first-hand knowledge. Our readings today focus not only on the Resurrection itself, but also on those who were witnesses to it.

In the Gospel, St. John describes the very first witnesses to the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"), and Peter. Each had an individual "experience" of the empty tomb. Each went up close to see for themselves what Jesus' love had accomplished.

How can we as Christian stewards all these years later see for ourselves and so become His witnesses? We "see for ourselves" when we prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us. We "see for ourselves" each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist. We "see for ourselves" when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Savior.

This Easter, resolve to live as if the saving power of the Resurrection is true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!