



**JUNE 29, 2025**  
**SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND**  
**PAUL, APOSTLES**

**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) email: [stjoseph@ntelos.net](mailto: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](http://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
Community Life	Deborah Lambert	540- 468-3438
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

## PRAYER LIST

### 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

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	\$
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$3,538.88

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Joseph – Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon**

**Sacred Heart – Wednesday at 11:30AM;**

**Friday: Benediction and Adoration at 4:15PM  
followed by Mass at 5:30PM.**

**First Friday on July 4<sup>th</sup> will be the same as First**

**Saturday: Rosary and Litany of Our Lady at 9AM  
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## SURRENDER TO GOD

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, let us recall that before these saints were shepherds and apostles, they were sheep and disciples. God was able to do great things in them and through them because they made a decision to surrender control of their lives and destiny to the Son of Man who is also the Son of God.

Jesus says "follow me" to each of us. It may mean making a change of career. It may mean breaking off a relationship that is leading us away from Christ. Or it may just mean doing what we are already doing but for an entirely different reason . . . achieving great things not to draw attention to ourselves, but to glorify Christ . . . seeking an intimate relationship no longer to take but to give. . . working not for the weekend, but for the kingdom.

## NOTICES

### **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.

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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Music on the Corner  
First Presbyterian Church**

**185 N Maple Ave  
Covington Virginia**

We cordially invite you to an Organ Concert by Mitchell Garcia in Honor of Sandra Dodd Minter on Wednesday July 2, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Donations will go to the Alleghany Highlands Arts Council.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. June 29	Acts 3: 1-10; Psalms 19: 2-3, 4-5; Galatians 1: 11-20; John 21: 17; John 21: 15-19
Mon. June 30	Genesis 18: 16-33; Psalms 103: 1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11; Psalms 95: 8; Matthew 8: 18-22
Tues. July 1	Genesis 19: 15-29; Psalms 26: 2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Psalms 130: 5; Matthew 8: 23-27
Wed. July 2	Genesis 21: 5, 8-20a; Psalms 34: 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; James 1: 18; Matthew 8: 28-34
Thurs. July 3	Ephesians 2: 19-22; Psalms 117: 1bc, 2; John 20: 29; John 20: 24-29
Fri. July 4	Genesis 23: 1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67; Psalms 106: 1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Matthew 11: 28; Matthew 9: 9-13
Sat. July 5	Genesis 27: 1-5, 15-29; Psalms 135: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; John 10: 27; Matthew 9: 14-17
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

## VOCATIONS

"The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him." If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, Contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



## FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF STS PETER AND PAUL

During June, we have celebrated key moments in the life of the Church — Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi — culminating today with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. Though very different men, they are united in faith, mission, and martyrdom, and the Church has honored them together since the third century.

St. Peter, the first Pope, was chosen by Christ as the rock on which the Church would be built. The Catechism tells us that because of the faith he professed, Peter remains the "unshakeable rock of the Church." Despite his human weaknesses, Peter's loyalty, repentance, and leadership make him a powerful model of stewardship.

St. Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, became one of the Church's greatest evangelists. In today's second reading, Paul reflects on his mission, saying, "I have finished the race... the crown of righteousness awaits me." The Greek word he used for "crown" — stephanos — refers to a victor's crown, not a royal one, showing his view of faith as a race well-run for the sake of Christ.

Though they were martyred separately, tradition holds that Peter and Paul were in Rome at the same time, and their shared witness and sacrifice tie them closely together in Church history. They embody two vital aspects of stewardship — Peter in his faith and leadership, and Paul in his zeal and wisdom.

As stewards, we are called to follow their example — to build the Church through our commitment, to overcome our failures through God's mercy, and to proclaim the Gospel with courage. Like Peter and Paul, we are invited to give all we have for the sake of Christ and His Church.