

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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## **EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every first Friday immediately following 9 am mass at St. Theresa, Farmville, Concluded with Benediction at 12 pm and every Tuesday after 5:30pm mass.

## **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays at 4:30 pm until 5:15pm and Tuesday after 5:30pm Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville and before the weekend masses at the cluster parishes. Also by appt.

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to scheduling to have your child Baptized. Contact the office to make arrangements to attend the class and to schedule Baptism.

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

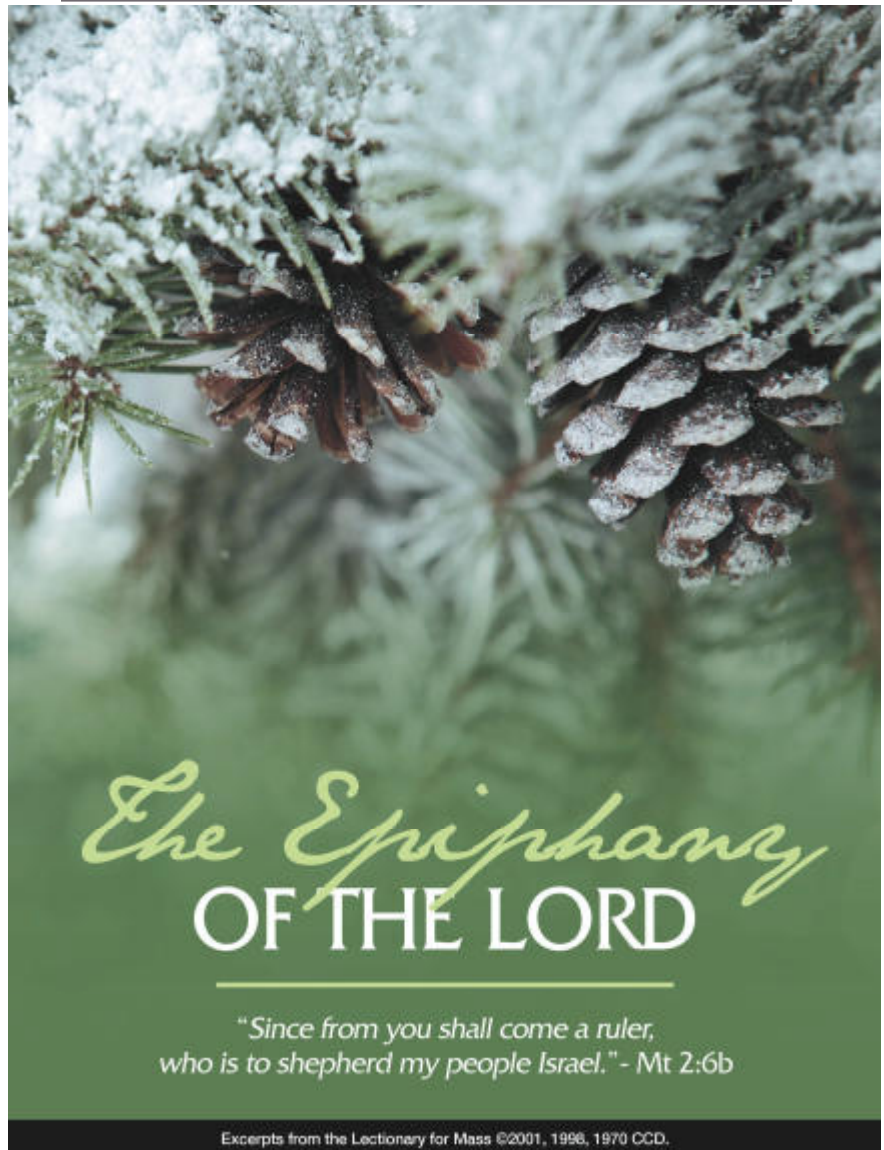
Contact the office and make an appointment with a priest at least six months before the wedding date.

## **MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

In case of illness or hospitalization please contact the office so arrangements can be made to receive the Holy Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick if necessary.

## **CATHOLIC INQUIRY**

Welcome to all new parishioners, please register in the church office. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a Catholic contact the office to talk to Father and learn about the RCIA classes.



## *The Epiphany* **OF THE LORD**

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

*The Cluster office is located at St. Theresa Parish Center*

**700 Buffalo Street, Farmville, VA.**

**Office Hours**

**Tuesday—Thursday**

**9:00a.m.—3:00p.m.**

**Friday 9:00a.m.—12:00p.m.**

**Nativity Catholic Cemetery**

15896 James Anderson Hwy W  
Buckingham, VA 23921

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

903 S Main Street  
Blackstone, VA 23824

Mass:

Saturday—5:00p.m.

Sunday—9:00 a.m.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Council:**

David McKenna, (Chair), Esther Sablan  
Dr. Tracey Jones, Naleen Cordle, Norma Ruiz,  
Eduardo Perez, Rita Parsons

**Sacred Heart**

2597 Bruceville Road  
Meherrin, VA 23954

Mass:

Sunday— 11:00 a.m.

**Sacred Heart Parish/Finance Council:**

Lori Derflinger (Co-Chair), Sherry Kingsbury  
(Co-chair), Scott Crawford,  
Tammy Hinchey

**St. Theresa**

709 Buffalo Street  
Farmville, VA 23901

Mass:

Saturday—5:30 p.m.

Sunday—8:00 a.m.

Sunday—10:30 a.m.

**St. Theresa Parish Council**

**Email: [sttheresascc@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresascc@gmail.com)**

Pat Brandt, Eniko Swanick, Dr. Rodrigo Roldan,  
Doreen Hines, Karen Schinabeck, Ann Marie  
Howard, Adam Blincoe, Dottie Zimalong,  
Lisa Haertel

#### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of God, gathered in worship in the Central Virginia Catholic Cluster of churches are a diverse community of Catholics striving to live the message of the Gospel by evangelizing Christ's Word through our worship, prayer, and outreach work, to the community.

**Readings for the week of January 02, 2022**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

[cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

#### The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Blackstone**

*Please pray for the sick and infirmed for whom prayers have been requested: Names will appear for a month after notification; **Resubmit if needed:***

*Nancy Ortega, Pat Simmons, Gerard Smith, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson, Shirley Boelte, Mae Luedtke, Carmen Lawrence, Cristina Castellanos, James McKenney, Patricia Webb, John, Ellen Thompson, Dr. Donald Hill*

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Nov. 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$4,823.00	\$28,881.39	\$24,153.30	\$4,766.09

**IHM Finance Council**

Paul Semtner (Chair) , CB Cordle, Rita Parsons, Patty York, Norma Ruiz

**Sacred Heart ~ Meherrin**

*Prayer List - Reminder: List is updated once a month. If someone needs to be added, please call the office.* Chrissy Dix, Wanda Bailey, Helen Truskoski, Sean Presley, Halle Jackson, Lesleigh Kelly, Susie Hampton, , Charlie Jones, Mary Hind, Kennis Crawford, The Simpson Family. Elizabeth Nelson, Wade Harding, Robert Batts, Claude McKinney, Sheryl McKinney, Mary Beth Shortt, Beth Gregory

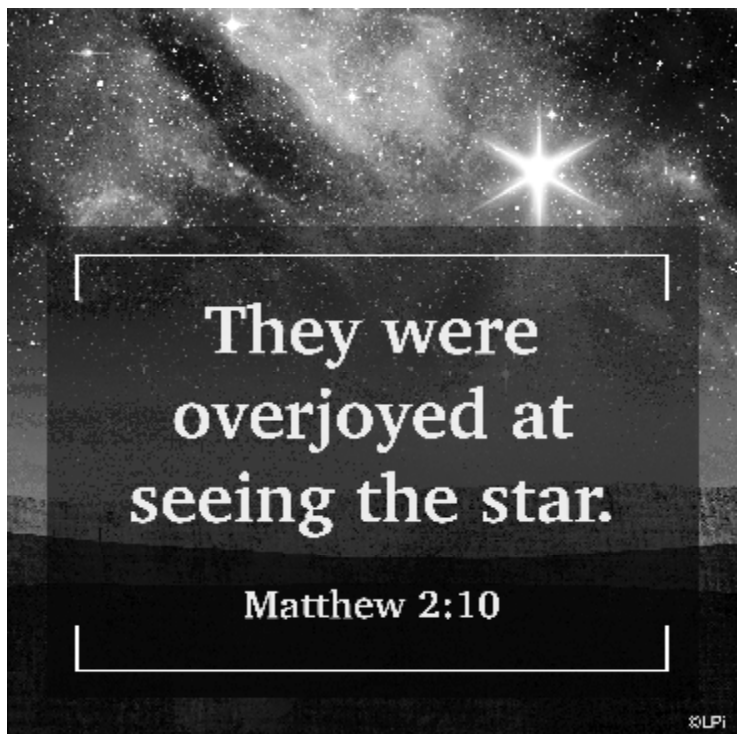
**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, January 9**

The Lectors for Liturgy will be  
 1st Reading & Psalm - James Guy  
 Ushers Scott Crawford, Peggy Dunegan  
 Altar: Peggy Dunegan  
 Money Counters: Beth Gregory, Tammy Hinchey

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Nov. 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$2,937.00	\$15,179.37	\$17980.60	(\$2,801.33)

**Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:**  
 Lori Derflinger (Co-chair) Tammy Hinchey (Co-chair)  
 Scott Crawford, Sherry Kingsbury



*'CLUSTER NEWS'*

ADULT EDUCATION NEXT CLASS WILL BE  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 19TH FROM  
6:00PM TO 7:00PM

*Here's a possible New  
Years  
Resolution!*

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4**

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."



**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
JANUARY 4—JANUARY 9  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4**

- 5:30p.m. Mass offered for †Paul Brandt
- Followed by Adoration and Reconciliation

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6**

- 9:00am Mass offered for Lisa Thomas
- Followed by Adoration

**FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 7**

- 9:00a.m. Mass offered for †Paul Brandt
- Followed by Adoration

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**

- 5:30 p.m. Mass offered for †Todd Schinabeck
- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for Jim & Sharon McKenney
- 10:30a.m. Mass offered for †Willard Lutz & Teresa and Boliva Alvarez

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF JAN 3—JAN. 9  
MONDAY, JANUARY 3**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center
- ♦ 10:00am Food Pantry



St. Theresa's Parish Events Committee wishes to thank all who purchased cookie trays this year. We raised \$300 for our parish. Thank you also for your continued support of our fund raisers.

*Please pray for the sick and infirmed for whom prayers have been requested*

*Our Parishioners: Marilyn Reid, Pat O'Halloran, John Jamieson, Sharon Hamby, George Ghrelin, Bill Phillips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Barbara Stimpson, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, David Pope, Jim McKenney, Ollie Burger*

**Friends & Relatives of Parishioners**— Louis Wunnenberg, Louis Wunnenberg, Jr, Leise Wells, Peter Biron, Beth Biron Herubin, Kyler Latta, Kimberly Pope, Julia Joyce Horn, Danielle Luckraft, Helanna Shaw, Davis Bonar, Jackson Barnes, Bucky, Don & Betsy Glasson, Hal Colvin, Anne Loveless, The Cozza family, Pam Levinson, Evelyn Litchford, Emily Barnes, Daniel Spada, Ben Colvin, Mitzi B.,Shaunna Smith, Mike and Carol Fauci, Joan Long, Carole Byran, Meagan Smart, Jerry Smith, Barbara Botts, Karen Korrow, Alice Moses, David Bennett, Rusty Carter, Bill Bradley, Bob and Carole Byron, Austin & Dani, Joyce Spencer, Greg Spencer, Noreen Quinlan Celeste, Patrick & Caitlin Duggan

**Our friends and relatives serving in the military**— Donnie Dionisio, Rylan Charlton, Katie Abston, Joe Bridge, Melanie Faircloth, Jefferson Page, Sean Burns, Steve Hind, Jr., Ben Croushorn, Taylor Antcil, Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Michael Collins, Aran McMurtray, Fritz Julian, Brian Blaszkiewicz, Michael Irvine, Troy Howard, Tyler Moore, LTC Efen Aranzamendez, Army and 1LT Ryan Aranzamendez, Air Force, Joshua Duggan

**ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Regular Collection	YTD Collected Nov. 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$14,364.00	\$87,938.48	\$101,538.36	(\$13,599.88)

**St. Theresa Finance Council**  
Mike Wolyniak (Chair)  
Susie Hemler, Noel Encarnacion,  
Nancy Pempel, Steve Barber

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry can always use food, Many thanks to those of you who have given generously. It is truly appreciated. On December 8 we served 48 families.

**Outreach Ministry-St. Theresa's** is here for you. Do you need a ride to mass, doctors, errands, meals or the Eucharist? If so, please call Karen Schinabeck at 434-390-0379.

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