

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



**CLUSTER OFFICE: 700 BUFFALO STREET • FARMVILLE, VA 23901**

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## **EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every First Friday immediately following 9 am Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville, every Tuesday after 5:30pm Mass .

## **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays at 4:00 pm until 4:45pm and Tuesday after 5:00pm 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.



## **25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a

*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 Closed*

**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, Norma Ruiz,

Eduardo Perez

**Sacred Heart**

2597 Bruceville Road

Meherrin, VA 23954

Mass:

Sunday— 11:00 a.m.

**Sacred Heart Parish/Finance Council:**

Tammy Hinchey (Chair, Parish Council), Lori Der-

flinger, Scott Crawford, Mary McKay

(Chair, Finance Council)

**St. Theresa**

709 Buffalo Street  
Farmville, VA 23901

Mass:

Saturday—5:00 p.m.

Sunday—8:00 a.m.

Sunday—10:30 a.m.

**St. Theresa Parish Council**

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

Dottie Zimolong, Chair, Tracy Carilli, Victor Cruz,

Michelle Varga, Lynn Skakum, Pat Brandt,

Mike Biase, Gene Donovan, Victor Adaniel

**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 September 22, 2024**

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/  
Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk  
8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34,  
35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104,  
163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and  
9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk  
9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,  
14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14  
(9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "**Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me**" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be *in* Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in *me*. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

— *Father John Muir*

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**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, Halle Jackson, Leigh Kelly, Susie Hampton, Charlie Jones, Mary Hind, Elizabeth Nelson, Robert Batts, Claude McKinney, Jody DiLullo, Janet Royster, Joy Crawford, Ray Lewis, Tom Baldwin, Wanda Bowen, Troy Powell, B.J. & Clarence Cannaday, Julia West and Kenneth Palmer, Nelson Marshall, Sophia Hind, Lynn Duffer, George Thack, Jim Guy, Edward Metcalf, Jean Watts, The Gregory Family, Delores Francini, Tim Grey, Dan Bailey, Dewayne Bailey, Barbara Nannery, Terry & Tiffany Reynolds, Dalton Barksdale, Judy Tanner, Fred & Lillian Jones, Scott Crawford

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Sept. 29**

Reader—Dana Borum  
 EM—Pat Irvine  
 Altar—Tammy Hinchey  
 Ushers—Dennis Queensbury/Scott Crawford  
 m/Counter—Tammy Hinchey/Scott Crawford

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY BLACKSTONE**  
 Please pray for sick and infirmed for whom prayers have been requested : Names will appear for a month after notification . **Resubmit if needed:** Tom Neal, Deacon Peter Menting, Jose Luis Ruiz, Jr; Nancy Ortega, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson, Shirley Boelte, Mae Luedtke, Carmen Lawrence, Cristina Castellanos, Patricia Webb, Phyllis Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Richard Preston, Maria M. Fuentes, Robert Joyner, Angel R. Velez-Ortiz, Josef K. Sablan, Matthew Smith, Marion Constante, Pam Blevins, Tom Blankenship, Rita Flowers, Eileen Lane, Jerry Smith, Gus Mitchell, Rose Gratton, Richard Whitmore, Libby Smith, Barbara Miller, Helen Spain, Helen Hemetec, Sally Augustine, Maribel Arandea, Benny Borja, Rachael Kearney, Debbie Misorski, Darrell & Joyce Harney, Tina & Christina Van Wart, Naleen Cordle

**IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected August 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$6,185.50	\$11,433.85	\$10,480.64	\$953.21

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Aug 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$2,888.00	\$6,303.00	\$6,746.00	(\$443.00)

**Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:**

Mary McKay, Chairman  
 Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey

**IHM Finance Council**

**Paul Semtner, Chair, Norma Ruiz, Patty York, Grace McDonald**



**‘CLUSTER NEWS’****Jubilee 2025****The Psalms, ‘the prayer of Jesus,’  
Are for all seasons**

The following is taken from a book by Thomas Merton, Praying the Psalms:

To understand the Psalms, we must experience the sentiments they express, in our own hearts. We must sing them to God and make our own all the meaning they contain.

Hence, St. Augustine concludes, our eternal life of praise must begin here on earth, in time. All our thoughts, our ‘meditation’ in this life should center on the praise of God “because the eternal exultation of our future life will be the praise of God, and no one can be fitted for that future life who has not exercised himself in praise in this present life.” (*Commentary on Psalm 148*) “Let no day go by in which I do not bless Thee,” adds St. Augustine. We must praise Him as much in sorrow as in joy, because “If we do not cease to praise Him, even though we may seem to be faring badly in a day of sorrow yet all will be well for us even then in our God.” (*Commentary on Psalm 144*)

...Where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also. The function of the Psalms is to reveal to us God as the “treasure” whom we love because He first loved us, and to hide us, heart and soul, in the depths of His infinite Light. The Psalms, therefore lead us to contemplation.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS**

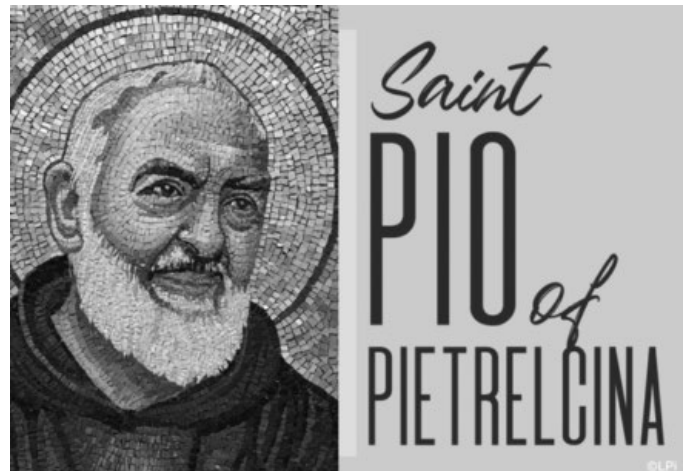
"Campus Ministry is looking for cooks and speakers for its Wednesday Night Dinners with the college students for the Fall Semester. If you have any questions or are interested email Dan Holland at [farmvilleccm@gmail.com](mailto:farmvilleccm@gmail.com)

**ATTENTION**

**AT THIS TIME ST. THERESA CHURCH IS NOT ACCEPTING YARD SALE DONATIONS UNTIL THE SPRING. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ITEMS ARE WELCOME (Holiday Theme).**

**The Clothes Ministry is only taking Fall , Winter and Holiday attire until further notice.**

**Thank you for all your support.**



O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for Whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of You, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your tender Mother and ours. St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF**

**SEPT. 24—SEPT. 29**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for Souls in Purgatory  
Adoration to follow

**THURSDAY, September 26**

- 9:00am Mass offered for Philip Fenau

**FRIDAY, September 27**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Don Merkle  
Adoration to follow

**SATURDAY, September 28**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Paul Brandt

**SUNDAY, September 29**

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Teresa Keller
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Joan Melcher

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE**

**WEEK OF Sept. 23-Sept. 29**

**WEDNESDAY, September 25**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**SEPTEMBER 28TH AND 29TH**

Ministry weekend is held each year as a time for members of the congregation to become more aware of the many ministries that St Theresa’s has to offer.

Members can view and speak to people who are currently in the ministry about what is needed and how they can help. This year it will be held as always in the commons area of the church after each mass (Saturday, September 28th and Sunday September 29th).

**St. Theresa Finance Council**

Mike Wolyniak (Chair), Nancy Pempel,  
Steve Barber, Karen Schinabeck

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

*Our Parishioners: Marilyn Reid, Pat O’Halloran, George Ghrelin, Bill Phillips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, Eniko Swanick, Pat Ely, Anna Marie Nolan, Bill Neu, Jim Croushorn*

*Friends & Relatives of Parishioners—Louis Wunnenberg Jr, Leise Wells, Kyler Latta, Kimberly Pope, Danielle Luckraft, Helanna Shaw, Davis Bonar, Bucky, Anne Loveless, The Cozza family, Pam Levinson, Evelyn Litchford, Daniel Spada, Mitzi B., Shaunna Smith, Meagan Smart, Barbara Botts, Karen Korrow, Alice Moses, David Bennett, Rusty Carter, Bill Bradley, Greg Spencer, Noreen Quinlan Celeste, Patrick & Caitlin Duggan, Ashley Redd, Megan Smart, Shan Biron, Jenny Bobko, Ashley Wallace, Chuck Gendrow, Kayia DeVivo, Alice Moser, Kerry John Matthews, Bruce Long, Donna Moon, Carly, Michelle Reynolds, Karen Kulla, Julia Shields, Chris Johnson, Carroll Gillespie, Christopher Biron, Eliza Reynolds, Jan & Randy Dagenhart, Marq-”Bubba” Webb, Judy Biron, John Wunnenberg, Rich Eshelman, Howard Arthur, Zach Ranson, Carolyn Craft, Jason Kneeland, Joan Varga, Brenda Korrow, Taylor Armstrong, Tiffany King, Evangeline King, Maddox Cox*

*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., Taylor Anctil, Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Michael Collins, Aran McMurtray, Fritz Julian, Michael Irvine, Troy Howard, Tyler Moore, Major Efren Aranzamendez, Army and CPT Ryan Aranzamendez, Air Force, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss Pempel, Captain Christopher Selig*

**ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

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\$26,322.25	\$44,128.51	\$40,096.48	\$4,032.03

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry can always use food, Many thanks to those of you who have given generously. **Please make sure to check expiration on packages.** It is truly appreciated. We served 48 people on Sept. 11.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP**

FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF MEAT. IT WOULD BE VERY WELL APPRECIATED IF PARISHIONERS COULD PURCHASE ONE EXTRA PACKAGE OF MEAT TO DONATE TO THE PANTRY. OUR FREEZERS ARE EMPTY. THANK YOU FOR ANY HELP YOU CAN PROVIDE. Donations can be put in the Church refrigerator.



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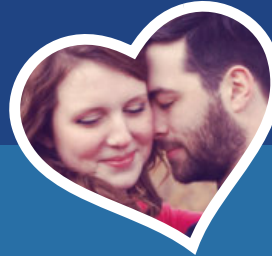
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