

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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

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*Rev. Ronnie Dolosa, Parochial Vicar*

*Deacon Peter Menting*

*Deacon Emmett McLane*

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*Director of Religious Education*

*—Karel Bailey*

*Director of Campus Ministry— Dan Holland*

## **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.

**February 9, 2025**

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

*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 Derflinger, 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 February 9, 2025**

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11  
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10  
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

**The Catch**

I love today's Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I'm ready to call it quits. I'm ready to say it's too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.

And I try to talk sense into him. "It's not going to work, God," I insist. "I've been trying."

"You've been trying," Jesus agrees. "But you haven't asked for my help yet."

What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I'm the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you.

It means to listen to God's instructions, even when you don't understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn't born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust.

If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us.

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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, Diane 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 Arandisorski, Darrell & Joyce Harnery, Tina & Christina Van Wart, Naleen Cordle, Margaret Brooks, Alex Ruiz, Jocelyn Garcia, Barbara & Ronnie McKenna, Jeannie Peters, Renard McCrary-Ortiz, Rafael Hernandez

**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, 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, Jim Guy, Edward Metcalf, Jean Watts, The Gregory Family, Delores Francini, Tim Grey, Dan Bailey, Dewayne Bailey, Terry & Tiffany Reynolds, Dalton Barksdale, Judy Tanner, Fred & Lillian Jones, Scott Crawford, Margaret Brooks. Commander Justin Liffick, Karen Price, Wendy Rapole

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

November, 2024

Monthly Regular Collection:: \$ 7,162.25  
 YTD Collected Sep. 2024: \$31,270.70  
 YTD Collection Budget: \$27,511.68  
 Overage or (Shortage): \$3,759.02

IHM Finance Council  
 Grace McDonald, Chair  
 Paul Semtner, Patty York, Norma Ruiz

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Nov. 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,690.15	\$17,584.55	\$17,708.25	(\$123.70)

**St. Patrick’s Breastplate, Explained**

St. Patrick’s Breastplate (sometimes called The Lorica of St. Patrick) is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. The prayer first appears in the *Liber Hymnorum*, an 11th-century collection of Irish and Latin hymns, where it is said that Patrick sang these words when he was besieged by the anti-Christian chieftain Lóegaire.

The prayer’s most famous excerpt contains an invocation that Christ be “with me, before me, behind me, beneath me, above me, on my right, on my left, when I lie down, when I sit down, in the heart of every man who thinks of me, in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, in the eye that sees me, in the ear that hears me.” The prayer’s complete version can be divided into eleven sections, each calling upon different elements of divine protection, binding those who recite it to the strength of the Trinity.

**Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:**

Mary McKay, Chairman  
 Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey, Chair  
 Parish Council

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Feb. 16**

Reader–Kathy Oliver  
 EM– Pat Irvine  
 Altar – Tammy Hinchey  
 Ushers–Richard Hinchey/Bernard Marquis  
 m/Counter–Tammy Hinchey/Bernard Marquis

**'CLUSTER NEWS'****FIRST SATURDAY MASS**

There will be First Saturday Mass at St. Theresa at 9:00am every month. Next Mass will be March 1.

**Campus Ministry News**

Campus Ministry is looking for cooks and speakers for its Wednesday Night Dinners with the college students for the Spring Semester. If you have any questions or are interested please email Dan Holland at:

[farmvilleccm@gmail.com](mailto:farmvilleccm@gmail.com)



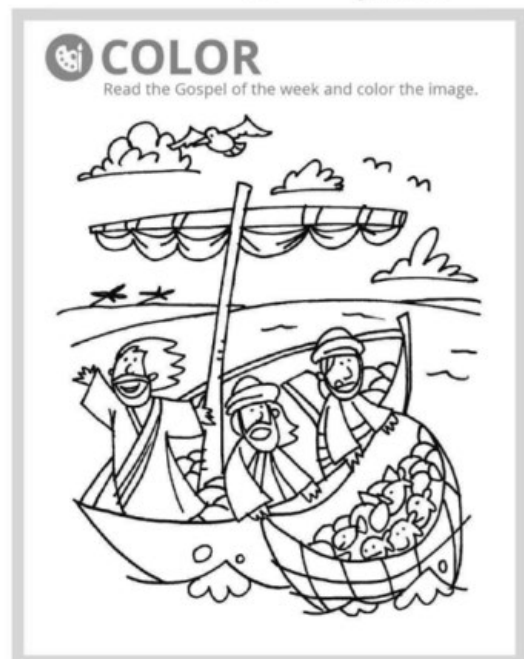
¿Cuántas veces en la jornada laboral nos hemos decepcionado, trabajamos mucho, nos cansamos y pareciera que no avanzamos nada? Qué decepción nos embarga cuando esto pasa, nos lamentamos diciendo, lástima de cansancio. Y, a empezar de nuevo. Algo parecido le pasó a Pedro en su jornada laboral, había sido inútil el esfuerzo. De tal forma que, cuando Jesús le dice que navegue de nuevo mar adentro, Pedro le dice: *“hemos trabajado toda la noche y ha sido en vano. No hemos pescado nada. Pero, confiando en ti, lo haré”*. Y se obtuvo el resultado de la pesca milagrosa. *“Y pescaron tal cantidad de peces, que las redes se rompían”* (Lucas 5:6).

La respuesta de Pedro fue impetuosa y se arrodilló ante

Jesús: *“Señor, apártate de mí, que soy un pecador. Dios siempre se adelanta, y siempre nos espera. Jesús es el Señor, es la manifestación de Dios, y por ello Simón Pedro piensa que debe de haber una distancia entre el pecador y el Santo. Y es por su condición de pecador por lo que Jesús no se aleja de él. Si eres pecador, el Señor te espera aún más”* (Papa Francisco).

¿Por qué será que la bondad y la misericordia de Dios nos asustan? Pedro, en lugar de correr y abrazar a Jesús y darle las gracias, le dice; *“Señor, apártate de mí, que soy un hombre pecador”* (Lucas 5:8). Sin embargo, la respuesta de Jesús es atrayente: *“No temas; en adelante serás pescador de hombres”* (Lucas 5:10). ¡Señor, quédate en mí, aunque soy pecador!

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**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9**  
**TUESDAY, FEB. 11**

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Mr. & Mrs. Mott
- Adoration to follow.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 13**

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Teresa Miller

**FRIDAY, FEB. 14**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Frank Egitto

**SATURDAY, FEB. 15**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Rosalie Sullivan
- Adoration to follow

**SUNDAY, FEB. 16**

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Yong Ho
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Jim Croushorn

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 9-Feb. 16**

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12**

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry

**SUNDAY, FEB. 16**

- 9:00am CCD
- 9:00am Adult Education

**BAKE SALE**

Our bake sale is now taking place this weekend in the church commons. Stop, browse, and take home some of our delicious baked goods baked and donated by our supportive pastry chef church members. We thank you again for your generous support.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

Adult Education is being held at 9:00am—10:00am every other week at the Parish Center at St. Theresa. Subject will be a short video review of the weekends readings with discussion to follow. Next Sessions are February 9 and 23.

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

**Our Parishioners:** Pat O'Halloran, George Ghrelin, Tina Ehma, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehma, Ann Marie Howard, Eniko Swanick, Pat Ely, Anna Marie Nolan, Bill Neu, Peg Giordano, Nancy Pempel

**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, John Hardman

**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 Efen Aranzamendez, Army and CPT Ryan Aranzamendez, Air Force, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss Pempel, Captain Christopher Selig

**ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Oct. 2024	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$17,085.00	\$80,474.59	\$85,205.02	(\$4,730.43)

**St. Theresa Finance Council**  
 Mike Wolyniak (Chair), Nancy Pempel,  
 Steve Barber, Karen Schinabeck



**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 57 people on January 29th.

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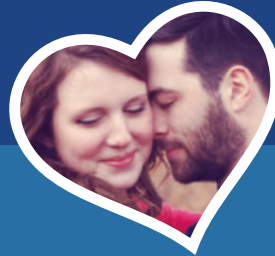
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