

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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

*Rev. Christopher Hess, Pastor*

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*Deacon Peter Menting*

*Deacon Emmett McLane*

*Business Manager—Carol Beattie*

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*—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.

**March 30, 2025**

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## **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"  
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

*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 March 30, 2025**

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

*Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-

3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. *Something* had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "**You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?**" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

**Lenten challenge:** Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

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 Hemetec, Sally Augustine, Maribel Arandisorski, Darrell & Joyce Harney, Tina & Christina Van Wart, Naleen Cordle, Margaret Brooks, Alex Ruiz, Jocelyn Garcia, Barbara & Ronnie McKenna, Jeannie Peters, Renard McCrary-Ortiz, Paul Semtner, Jasan Marie Dewitt

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

January, 2025

Monthly Regular Collection:: \$ 5,877.25  
 YTD Collected Sep. 2024: \$51,292.95  
 YTD Collection Budget: \$39,302.40  
 Overage or (Shortage): \$11,990.55

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

***IHM FISH FRY  
 AND BAKE SALE***

- *Fish fry and bake sale*
- *Friday, March 28th*
- *\$10 per meal (cash only)*
- *Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw and tartar sauce*
- *Delicious Baked Goods sold separately*
- *Preorder by contacting Grace McDonald after Sunday Mass or at 434-607-9410 or gncva1@gmail.com*
- *Pick up from 5-7 pm in the rear of Bethany House with dining on the front porch now available*
- *There will be meals available to buy that day as well*

***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 Canaday, 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, Commander Justin Liffick, Karen Price, Wendy Rapole

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Jan, 2025	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$2,861.00	\$24,647.55	\$25,297.50	(\$649.95)

**Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:**

Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey, Chair  
 Parish Council

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS –April 6**

Reader–Sharon Pettus  
 Ushers–Warren Wade/Dan Derflinger  
 EM– Dona Selig  
 Altar– Dona Selig  
 m/Counters--Lori Derflinger/Beth Gregory

**'CLUSTER NEWS****St Theresa Reconciliation****Service****April 2 @ 6 pm****LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS and STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**The St. Theresa parish Lenten Soup Suppers begin on Friday, March 7 at 5 PM in**

**the Parish Center. They will continue each Friday throughout Lent. All are welcome. If you wish you may bring a pot of "meatless" soup to share.**

**Stations of the Cross will follow the Supper at 6 PM in the Church.**



SAVE THE DATE

ST. THERESA ANNUAL YARD SALE

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2025

7:00AM—4:00PM

Drop off is from Monday, March 31 through Friday, April 4 from 9-3. No clothes or books. Please leave all donations at the ramp double doors. Thank you for your support.

**COMMUNITY LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES AND LUNCHEON ALL HELD AT 12:00PM**

April 2 St. Theresa Catholic Church

April 9 Farmville United Methodist Church

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS****FISH FRY**

Friday—April 11, 4-7 pm

St. Theresa Parish Center, 709 Buffalo St.  
Fish, Coleslaw, Beans, Hush Puppies,  
Bread, and Drink

\$12 per plate, eat in or carry out

\*Funds benefit the Knights' charitable works

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 30**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1**

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Ann Marie Howard
- Adoration to follow.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3**

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Sydney Stafford

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Charles Phillips

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS, APRIL 5**

- 9:00 am Mass offered for priests of the diocese

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5**

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for †Theresa Miller

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6**

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Vincent Bianco
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Jim Croushorn

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 30-APRIL 5**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2**

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6**

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

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS**

There will be First Saturday Mass at St. Theresa at 9:00am every month. Next Mass will be April 5.

**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 April 6 and 20.

**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 86 people on March 19.

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

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

*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, 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, Dennis Maglione*

*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 Jan. 25	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$18,638.04	\$144,838.83	\$150,361.80	(\$5,522.97)

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



**Food Pantry Needs!**

**Pancake Mix, Syrup, White Rice, Canned Corn, Cereal**

**Thank you!!!**

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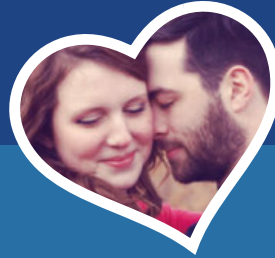
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