

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.

May 11, 2025

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28b

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

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 May 11, 2025

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, **“My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me” (John 10:27)**. Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

— Father John Muir



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 Heme-tec, 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

March, 2025

Monthly Regular Collection:: \$ 7,971.67
YTD Collected Sep. 2024: \$65,450.37
YTD Collection Budget: \$51,093.12
Overage or (Shortage): \$14,357.25

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

Hoy Jesús nos revela que formamos parte de su rebaño. Son muchas ovejas, pero el Pastor trata con especial cariño a cada una de ellas, las conoce, cuida y protege del enemigo. Nunca olvida a ninguna de ellas, las ama y trasmite su amor. *“Nuestra vida está totalmente segura en las manos de Jesús y del Padre, que son una sola cosa: un único amor, una única misericordia, reveladas de una vez y para siempre en el sacrificio de la cruz. Él es nuestro guía, nuestro maestro, nuestro amigo, nuestro modelo, pero sobre todo nuestro salvador. A veces Jesús nos llama, nos invita a seguirle, pero tal vez sucede que no nos damos cuenta de que es Él” (Papa Francisco).*

¿Te das cuenta de cuándo Jesús te ha llamado?

¿Escuchas su voz o te haces el sordo? En la sociedad actual, vale la pena reflexionar sobre lo siguiente: ¿Qué voces nos dan confianza? ¿Cuáles nos hacen sentir seguros? Sobre todo, los niños y los jóvenes están muchas veces tan confundidos al escuchar voces que los llaman solo para perderlos, atacándolos con falsas promesas. Sin embargo, hay voces buenas que llaman a la unidad y a la paz, como el Papa Francisco, además de muchos padres y madres de familia, profesores y amigos buenos, que guían e instruyen para crecer en el bien y andar por el buen camino. Es un reto muy grande, pero no imposible de llevar a cabo. Dios te ama. ¡Grábalo en el corazón!

Sacred Heart ~ Meherrin

Prayer List - Reminder: List is updated once a month. If someone needs to be added, please call the office. Mary Hind, Scott Crawford, Joy Crawford, Jean Watts, Evelyn Harland, John Ehlman

Schedule of Ministers—May 18

Reader— Pat Irvine
Ushers—Dennis Queensbury/Dan Derflinger
EM—Judy Guy
Altar—Pat Irvine
m/Counters —Bernard Marquis/Tammy Hinchey

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected March, 2025	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,168.00	\$32,114.05	\$32,886.75	(\$772.70)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

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



‘CLUSTER NEWS’**Thank You!!!**

**Trich Stone
Candy Scheu
Tracy Carilli
Kelly Nolan
Annemarie Gehan
Becky Lutz
Ian Sheu
Lucy Klaus**

***Thank you to our wonderful
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support the
parents in their role of primary
teachers to their sons and
daughters.***

Question:

Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord’s Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for a part time experienced bookkeeper for the Cluster Parishes. It will be 12-15 hours per week. If interested, please call the office or stop by pick up an application. Thank you.

ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11

TUESDAY, MAY 13

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for †Sydney Stafford

THURSDAY, MAY 15

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Vince Eikmeier

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Vince Eikmeier

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for †Sydney Stafford

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Jerry Edwards
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Verla & Willard Lutz, Bolivar & Teresa Alvarez

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11-MAY 18 WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry
- 9:00am CCD and RCIA

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

There will be First Saturday Mass at St. Theresa at 9:00am every month. Next Mass will be June 7.

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 May 18 and June 1.



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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, Matthew Lepalm

ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected March. 25	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$22,413.00	\$182,166.10	\$195,470.34	(\$13,304.24)

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

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry can always use food. Right now the pantry needs canned tomatoes, tuna helper, instant mashed potatoes, spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce, canned fruit, corn flakes, cereal, jelly, and small peanut butters. Many thanks to those of you who have given generously. **Please make sure to check expiration on packages.** The food pantry served 66 people this week. Thank you so much! Your help is truly appreciated.

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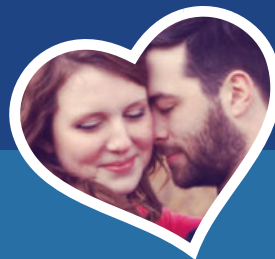
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