

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 25, 2025

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

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,

Cindy Scheu, Lynn Skakum, Pat Brandt,

Steve Biernesser, 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 25, 2025

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb

9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/

May 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

John 14:23-29

Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, "**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you**" (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace.

— *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: Deacon Peter Menting, Diane Menting, Jose Luis Ruiz, Jr; Nancy Ortega, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson,,Mae Luedtke, Cristina Castellanos, Patricia Webb, Phyllis Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Maria M. Fuentes, Angel R. Velez-Ortiz, Josef K. Sablan, Marion Constante, Pam Blevins,,Jerry Smith, Gus Mitchell, Rose Gratton, Richard Whitmore, Helen Hemetec,, Tina & Christina Van Wart, Naleen Cordle, Margaret Brooks, Alex Ruiz,Jocelyn Garcia, Barbara & Ronnie McKenna, Jeannie Peters, Renard McCrary-Ortiz, Paul Semtner

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



The Summer Family Fun Raffle will continue through June 7, with the drawing taking place on June 8.

Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.

This is our summer fundraiser, so we appreciate your support. There will be games, puzzles, and snacks for the whole family.

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 Ehman

Schedule of Ministers—June 1

Reader— Sharon Pettus

Ushers—Warren Wade/Dennis Queensbury

EM—Pat Irvine

Altar—Nancy Fothergill

M/Counters: 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

St. Philip Neri was an Italian priest who served both the rich and poor of Rome with a jovial spirit. He founded The Congregation of the Oratory, a secular order which includes priests and brothers and does not bind them under religious vows, but instead by a bond of charity.

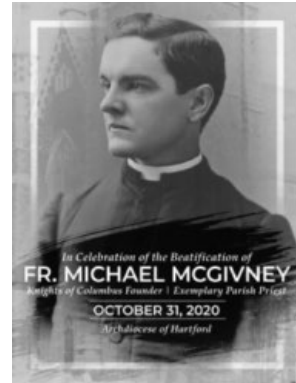
‘CLUSTER NEWS***“It’s Always Time For Tea”***

***Sunday, June 1 at 2 pm
St. Theresa Parish Center***

Please sign up after the Masses

Seating is limited!

***Sacred Heart & IHM reservations can be
made by contacting the Cluster office.***

***Knights of Columbus***

The Knights of Columbus are seeking good Catholic gentlemen to become members of the Knights of Columbus. Please see Mark Ferguson or any of the Knights after the Masses.

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.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Explained

Our Lady of Perpetual Help refers both to a title conferred upon the Blessed Mother as well as to a corresponding icon that dates to the late Middle Ages. Painted on wood, the original icon has a Byzantine style and depicts the Blessed Mother holding the Christ Child. She is flanked by St. Michael and St. Gabriel, who hold the instruments of Christ’s passion, including a spear, nails and the Crown of Thorns. In the image, Christ seemingly leans into his mother’s embrace for comfort and strength as he contemplates these objects. The icon is thought to have originated in Crete, but for 300 years was venerated in the Church of San Matteo in Merulana in Rome. Blessed Pope Pius IX entrusted the image to the Order of Redemptorists, who moved it to the Church of St. Alphonsus. He later established the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on June 27.



ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25

TUESDAY, MAY 27

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for †Katharine Bailey Digiuseppe

THURSDAY, MAY 29

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Special Intention

FRIDAY, MAY 30

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Eric May

SATURDAY, MAY 31

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for †William & Patricia Brandt

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Sharon Hamby
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Jerry Edwards

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18-MAY 25

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, MAY 25

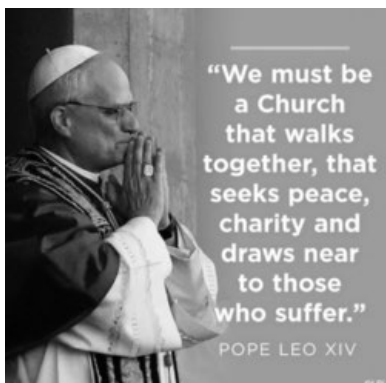
- 9:00am No Adult Education

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

There will be a 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 June 1 and 15.



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, 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 April. 25	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$24,172.89	\$206,338.99	\$215,518.58	(\$9,179.59)

St. Theresa Finance Council

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

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 78 people this week . Thank you so much! Your help is truly appreciated.**

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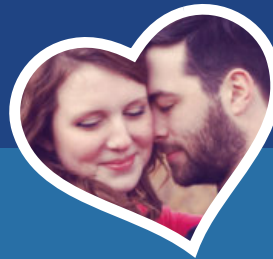
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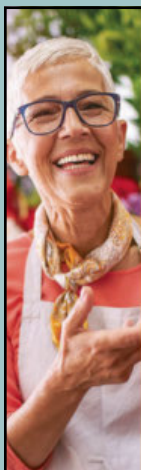
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