

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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

*Rev. Christopher Hess, Pastor*

*Rev. Ronnie Dolosa, Parochial Vicar*

*Deacon Peter Menting*

*Deacon Emmett McLane*

*Business Manager—Carol Beattie*

*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.

**June 8, 2025**

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## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:22-23

*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 June 8, 2025

Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/

Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

*Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/

Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn

20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 5:33-37

### Pentecost Sunday

When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, "Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn't bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?" We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. **"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23).** Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word "sin" comes from an ancient word that means "to split" or "render asunder." Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual "breath" leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It's always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

— 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, Susan McKenna

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE	
Aril, 2025	
Monthly Regular Collection::	\$ 8,459.00
YTD Collected Sep. 2024:	\$73,909.37
YTD Collection Budget:	\$56,333.44
Overage or (Shortage):	\$17,575.93
IHM Finance Council	
Grace McDonald, Chair	
Paul Semtner, Patty York, Norma Ruiz	

SUMMER FAMILY FUN

RAFFLE

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 15

Reader– Nancy Fothergill  
Ushers-Richard Hinchey/  
Warren Wade  
EM–Dona Selig  
Altar–Peggy Dunegan  
M/Counters-Tammy Hinchey/  
Bernard Marquis

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April, 2025	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,885.00	\$35,999.05	\$36,259.75	(\$260.20)

**Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:**  
Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey, Chair  
Parish Council, Dana Borum,



**‘CLUSTER NEWS’****To The Cluster Parishioners:**

**I will be retiring at the end of June. I wanted to say it has been a joy and a pleasure to work with all of you. I wish you all the best. Thank you for making my job easy.**

**God Bless,  
Carol**



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## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

Knights of Columbus invite all the members of the Cluster to the Father's Day Celebration that is going to take place at Sacred Heart, Meherin, Sunday the 15th of June starting at 1:00 pm.

There will be music, food, and games for all the family. See the cluster web site, newsletter and

Facebook page for more details.

## **St Theresa Community Garden**

*St. Theresa's Community Garden is in its fourth year of producing fresh fruits and vegetables for the St. Theresa food pantry patrons. We are looking for volunteers to adopt a bed for the 2025 growing season. By adopting a bed you commit to regularly weed your bed and to participate in a watering and harvesting rotation (one week of duty every two months). Adopting a bed is a great way to enjoy God's creation while serving your neighbors. To learn more or sign up see the display in the St. Theresa church commons area.*

## **ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 8**

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 10**

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Sharon Broderick

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 12**

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Diane Ford

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 13**

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Deacon Pete & Diane Menting

### **SATURDAY JUNE 14**

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for †Carolyn Shook Rasmussen

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 15**

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

## **ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25-JUNE 1 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4**

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry
- 9:00am **SUNDAY, JUNE 15**  
Adult Education

### **FIRST SATURDAY MASS**

There will be a First Saturday Mass at St. Theresa at 9:00am every month. Next Mass will be July 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 June 15 and 29.

### **CLOTHING MINISTRY**

*Please—no more donations*

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

### **St. Theresa Finance Council**

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

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)

### **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 60 people on May 28th.



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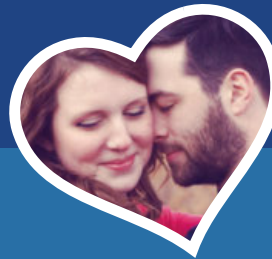
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