

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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

*Rev. Christopher Hess, Pastor*

*Rev. Ronnie Dolosa, Parochial Vicar*

*Deacon Emmett McLane*

*Secretary—Tanya Stinson*

*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.

**September 14, 2025**

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## **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

***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 September 14, 2025**

**Sunday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/  
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/  
Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

**Next Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1  
Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

### **September 14, 2025**

### **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

### **John 3:13-17**

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— *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: Diane Menting, Jose Luis Ruiz, Jr; Nancy Ortega, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson, Mae Luedtke, Cristina Castellanos, 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, Alex Ruiz, Jocelyn Garcia, Barbara & Ronnie McKenna, Jeannie Peters, Renard McCrary-Ortiz, Paul Semtner, Susan McKenna, Devie Misorski, Margaret Brooks

**IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

August 2025

Monthly Regular Collection:: \$ details to come soon!  
 YTD Collected Sep. 2025: \$  
 YTD Collection Budget: \$  
 Overage or (Shortage): \$

**IHM Finance Council**

Grace McDonald, Chair, Paul Semtner, Patty York,  
 Norma Ruiz, Tito Perez

***IHM Spaghetti Dinner!***

***Our Fall Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner  
 will be Friday, September 19th***

***From 5-7 pm***

***Donations of food and help for the day of  
 the event will be most appreciated.***

***Cost is \$15 for those 11 and up  
 \$10 for those 3-10, and free for toddlers  
 A variety of desserts will be available  
 Please help with food donations if you  
 can. Thanks you!***

***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 , Teresa Holdren, Terry  
 and Tiffany Reynolds, Willie Selig, Shirley Ehman

**Schedule of Ministers-September 21**

Reader-Kathy Oliver

Ushers—Dan Derflinger/ Peggy  
 Dunegan

EM —Judy Guy

Altar—Tammy Hinchey

M/Counters—Bernard Marquis/Dona  
 Selig

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, Kathy Oliver



**‘CLUSTER NEWS****Religious Ed!**

*Religious Ed registration is taking place in the Commons after all of the Masses. Please stop by and register your kids after Mass.*

*Classes begin Sept 14th at 9 am at the St. Theresa Parish Center*

*Hope to see you there!*



*If you are interested in volunteering as an Extraordinary minister of Holy Communion for the homebound Catholics in our community area, please contact Deacon Emmett or Consuelo Alvarez. Please write your information in the folder located on the credenza. We will contact you for information and training. Thank you!!*

*ermclane @embarqmail.com*

*alvarezcj@longwood.edu*

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Christian Initiation of Adults is the Catholic Church's process for welcoming new members to the faith. It is a period of learning about the faith by exploring our beliefs, traditions, and practices. We begin on Sunday, September 7, and following Sundays at 9 am at the Parish Center. For questions and information please contact the office, Fr. Chris or Fr. Ronnie, or Deacon Emmett.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY**

*Campus Ministry is looking for cooks and speakers for its Wednesday Night Dinners with the college students for the Fall semester. If you are interested in helping, or if you have any questions please contact:*

*Dan Holland  
farmvilleccm@gmail.com*





**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 14**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

- 9:00 am Mass offered for

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

- 9:00 am Mass offered for

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for †Ida Campagna

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Bill Phillips
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Jim Croushorn

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14—21  
WEDNESDAY,**

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry
- 9:00am **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**  
Adult Education & CCD

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS**

There will be a First Saturday Mass  
at St. Theresa at 9:00am every  
month. Next Mass will be October 4.

*The Clothing Ministry is in need of*

*Fall and Winter Clothing now*

*Many thanks for your assistance with this*

*Ministry!*

*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, Ed Slate*

***Friends & Relatives of Parishioners**—Louis & John 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, Bill Krout, Harry Roman*

***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, LTC Efren Aranzamendez, Army and CPT Ryan Aranzamendez (retired), Air Force, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss Pempel, Captain*

**St. Theresa Finance Council**

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

<b>Monthly Regular Collection</b>	<b>YTD Collected April. 25</b>	<b>YTD Coll20ection Budget</b>	<b>Overage or (Shortage)</b>
\$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 8-20.

\*Please - if anyone has extra garden veggies—the Food Pantry will take any fresh extra veggies you might have. Please leave in the refrigerator at the church or bring to the pantry on Wednesday morning. Thank you!!!

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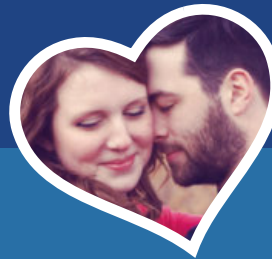
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