

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Thursday  
9:00 am—12:00 pm

**May 17, 2026**

## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

903 S Main Street  
Blackstone, VA 23824  
**Mass:** Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Council

David McKenna (Chair), Esther Sablan, Dr.  
Tracey Jones, Norma Ruiz, Eduardo Perez

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## SACRED HEART

2597 Bruceville Road  
Meherrin, VA 23954  
**Mass:** Sunday 11:00 am

### Sacred Heart Parish/Finance Council

Kathy Oliver (Chair), Lori Derflinger, Scott  
Crawford, Dana Borum

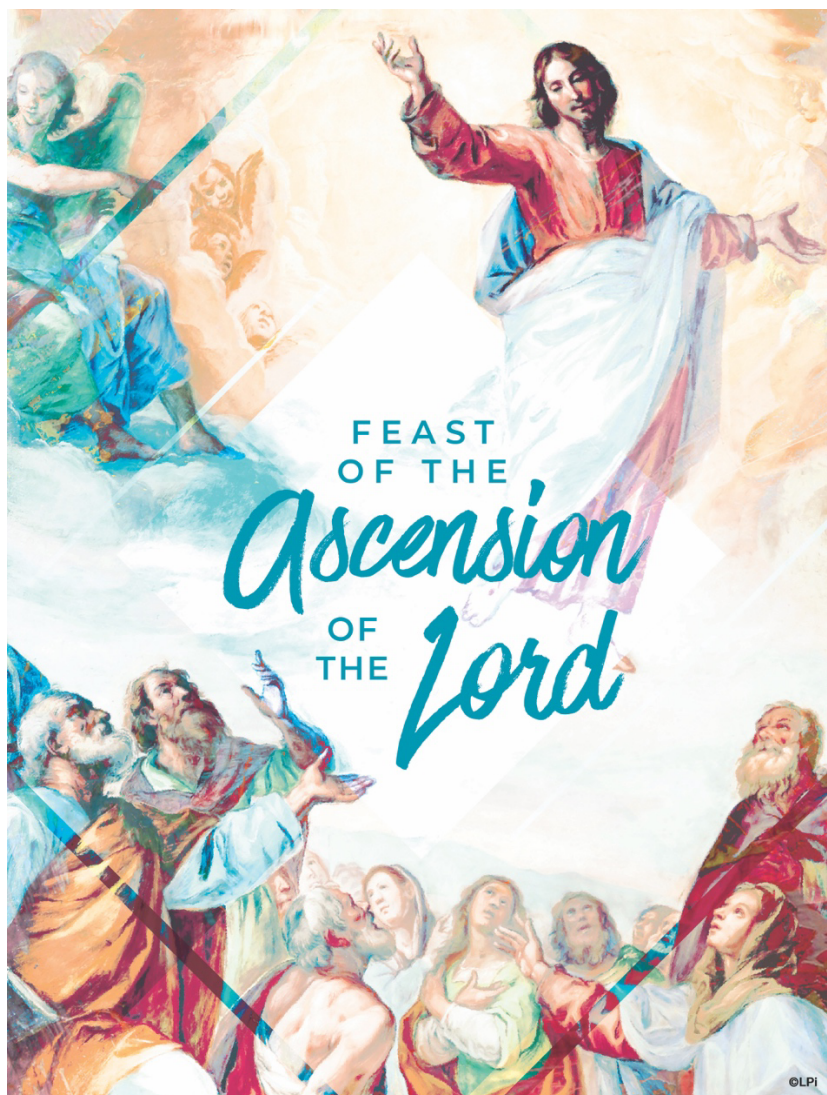
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## ST. THERESA

709 Buffalo Street  
Farmville, VA 23901  
**Mass:**  
Saturday 5:00 pm,  
Sunday 8:00 am, and Sunday 10:30 am

### St. Theresa Parish Council

Email: sttheresascc@gmail.com  
Dottie Zimolong (Chair), Victor Adaniel,  
Steve Biernesser, Pat Brandt, Tracy Carilli,  
Gene Donovan, Victor Cruz, Lynn Skakum,  
Cindy Scheu



## 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 OCIA classes.

## 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 to the community.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every First Friday immediately following the 9:00 am Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville, and every Tuesday after the 5:30pm Mass.

## RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 pm until 4:45pm and Tuesday after 5:30 pm Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville and before the weekend masses at the cluster parishes. Also by appointment.

## 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 Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick if necessary.

## FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry can always use donated items, especially: canned spaghetti sauce, canned fruit or fresh fruit, tuna, rice, spaghetti, green beans, Bush's baked beans, and mac & cheese. Please make sure to check the expiration dates on any donated packages. We served 69 people on May 6.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MAY 17, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/ Jn 17:11b-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/ Jn 17:20-26
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

John 17:1-11a

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "**Consecrate them in the truth.**" (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

— *Father John Muir*

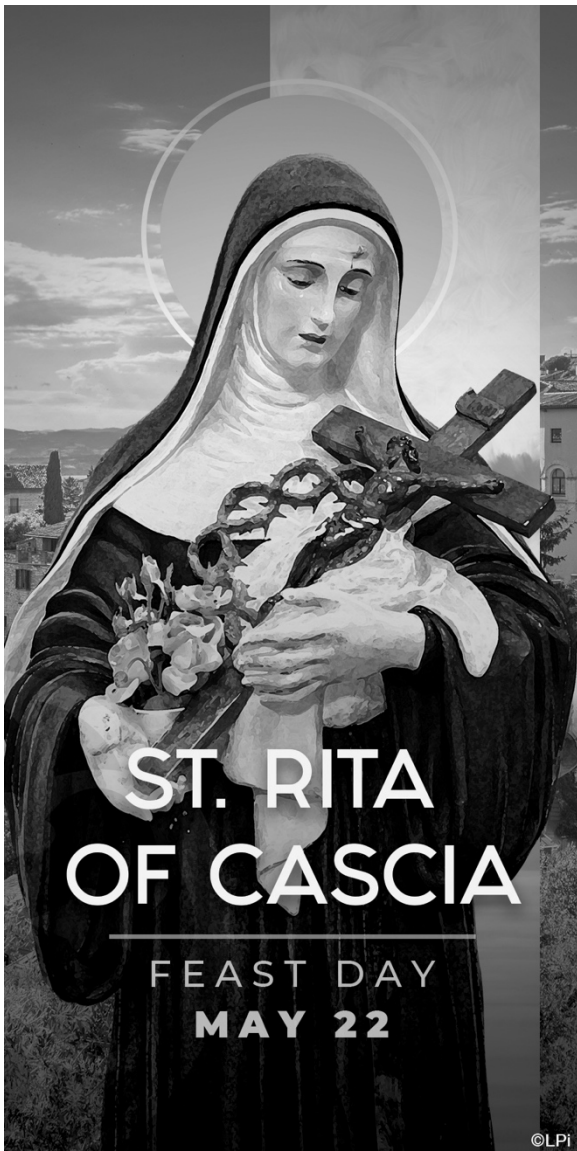
# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

## MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

St. Theresa's Parish Events and Hospitality Committees invite all ladies and guests from the parish cluster to attend "A Mad Hatter's Tea Party." The event will take place on Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Theresa Parish Center. Seating is limited, so advance sign-up is required. Sign-up sheets will be available after Mass on May 16-17. Parishioners from Sacred Heart and IHM may also reserve a spot by calling the cluster office.

## ST. THERESA ADULT EDUCATION

The next adult education session will be held May 17 at 9:00 am in the Parish Center. This will be the final meeting until the fall.



## ST. THERESA DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues.	5/19	5:30 pm	†Lois Gager
Wed.	5/20	5:30 pm	†Gordon Hassenplug
Thurs.	5/21	9:00 am	Linda Paliotti
Fri.	5/22	9:00 am	†Dorothy Rinkerman
Sat.	5/23	5:00 pm	†Diane Ford
Sun.	5/24	8:00 am	†Erlinda Adaniel
		10:30 am	Parishioners of the Cluster

## MEDIA CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need to send information via our media, please contact these individuals:

For the email **newsletter**:

Wade Edwards, [edwardswa@longwood.edu](mailto:edwardswa@longwood.edu) or  
Bobbie Atristain, [sbcgal@me.com](mailto:sbcgal@me.com)

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For the **website**: Ron McPherson,

[ronbull@centrurylink.net](mailto:ronbull@centrurylink.net)

For the **bulletin or pulpit announcements**: Contact the office, [sttheresafarmville@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresafarmville@gmail.com)

- Bulletin information needs to be sent to the office by 6:00 pm Wednesday, 10 days prior to the Sunday bulletin.
- For Pulpit announcements, information needs to be to the office in writing by 10:00 am Wednesday morning, 4 days prior to the weekend Masses.

Please send all announcements in writing. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the office. If you need to get something approved, please email the pastor for approval.

## ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER

The St. Theresa Parish Council will be sponsoring an Ice Cream Social on Friday, May 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. All donations going to "Alive in Christ."

## SUNDAY PRAYER MEETING

A Prayer Meeting will be held on the last Sunday of every month. Our next, hour-long meeting is scheduled for May 30 at 1:00 pm in the St. Theresa Parish Center. All are welcome.



## ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK, MAY 20

Did you know that St. Theresa Church turns 75 this May 20<sup>th</sup>? All parishioners are invited to celebrate by attending our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 5:30 pm. A potluck anniversary dinner will immediately follow the Mass in the Parish center. Please bring a dish to share. Signup sheets are on the table in the Great Hall. We will be celebrating the same way they did 75 years ago; the dedication Mass on Sunday, May 20, 1951, was followed by a “buffet luncheon” held at then Longwood College as there was no parish center.

## PARISH COLLECTIONS

IHM Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec 2025	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$11,084.28	\$50365.61	\$34,635.38	\$15,930.23
SH Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec. 2025	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,722.00	\$20,523.00	\$21,558.94	(\$1,035.94)
STT Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec. 2025	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$21,635.10	\$147,635.69	\$130,104.52	\$17,531.17

## WELCOME TO TAMMY HINCHEY

Tammy Hinchey is the new Business Manager for the Cluster office in Farmville. She brings a strong background in Human Resources within the Virginia State Government, along with years of active involvement in parish life. She has been a dedicated member of Sacred Heart since 2017. She has served as Parish Council Chair and supported both fundraising efforts and liturgical preparations. She is passionate about using her professional experience and deep commitment to her faith to help strengthen and support the mission of the Church. Welcome, Tammy!



## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	The Ascension of the Lord
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Thursday	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Friday	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Saturday	

## POPE LEO XIV'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

### MAY: That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



## PRAYER LIST

*Heavenly Father, we lift up those on our prayer list today. Surround them with Your peace, comfort them in their needs, and grant them strength for each new day. May Your presence be felt in every moment. Amen.*

**SACRED HEART:** Mary Hind, Scott Crawford, Joy, Crawford, Jean Watts, Evelyn Harland, John Ehman, Teresa Holdren, Terry & Tiffany Reynolds, Willie Selig, Shirley Ehman, Tibis Davis, Tammy Hinchey.

## IMMACULATE HEART

**OF MARY:** Diane Menting, José Luis Ruiz, Jr, Nancy Ortega, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson, Mae Luedtke, Cristina Castellanos, Phyllis Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Maria Fuentes, Angel Velez-Ortiz, Josef Sablan, Marion Constante, Pam Blevins, Jerry Smith, Gus Mitchell, Rose Gratton, Richard

Whitmore, Tine & Christina Van Wart, Naleen Cordle, Alex Ruiz, Jocelyn Garcia, Barbara & Ronnie McKenna, Jeannie Peters, Renard McCrary-Ortiz, Paul Semtner, Susan McKenna, Devie Misorski.

**ST. THERESA:** Pat O'Halloran, George Ghrelin, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Eniko Swanick, Pat Ely, Anna Marie Nolan, Peg Giordano, Cecily Hill, Ed Slate, Nancy Pempel, Louis & John Wunnenberg Jr, Leise Wells, Kyler Latta, Kimberly Pope, Danielle Luckraft, Helanna Shaw, Davis Bonar, Anne Loveless, the Cozza family, Pam Levinson, Evelyn Litchford, Daniel Spada, Mitzi B., Shaunna Smith, Meagan Smart, Barbara Botts, Karen Karrow, 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, the Blake family, Donnie Dionisio, Rylan Charlton, Katie Abston, Joe Bridge, Melanie Faircloth, Jefferson Page, Sean Burns, Steve Hind Jr, Taylor Anctil, Andrew Michael Collins, Aran McMurtray, Fritz Julian, Micael Irvine, Troy Howard, Tyler Moore, Efren Aranzamendez, Ryan Aranzamendez, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss Pempel, Christopher Selig, Matthew Lepalm, Dawn Hollick, Deborah and Chris Goodman.

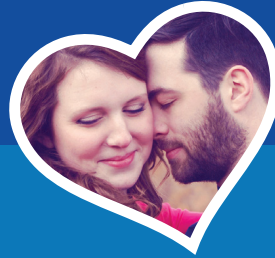
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