

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Thursday  
9:00 am—12:00 pm

**May 24, 2026**

## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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

### IHM 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



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them." Acts 2:2-3

## 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

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

## RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 pm until 4:45 pm 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, baked beans, and mac & cheese. Please make sure to check the expiration dates on any donated items. We served 75 people on May 13.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MAY 24, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
<b>Monday</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52
<b>Friday</b>	1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday John 20:19-23

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: "Why do I keep confessing the same sins?" It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, "You're forgiven, now go back to your old life." He says, so to speak, "**As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**" (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

**Pentecost Challenge:** After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ's healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— *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. Parishioners from Sacred Heart and IHM may also reserve a spot by calling the cluster office.

## 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.

## PARISH EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Parish Events Committee is requesting donations of items needed for our jams/jellies sales at our Christmas bazaar: sugar, powdered pectin (Sure-Jell), jelly jars (half pints), lids & screw bands. Please leave items in the church kitchen area at St. Theresa. Monetary donations are also welcome. Call Jean Algeier 434-401-7995 for questions.



## ST. THERESA DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues.	5/19	5:30 pm	†Lois Gager
Wed.	5/20	5:30 pm	†Frank Egitto
Thurs.	5/21	9:00 am	†Charles Phillips
Fri.	5/22	9:00 am	Linda Paliotti
Sat.	5/23	5:00 pm	Parishioners of the Cluster
Sun.	5/24	8:00 am	†Lois Gager
		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**:

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Bobbie Atristain, [sbcgal@me.com](mailto:sbcgal@me.com)

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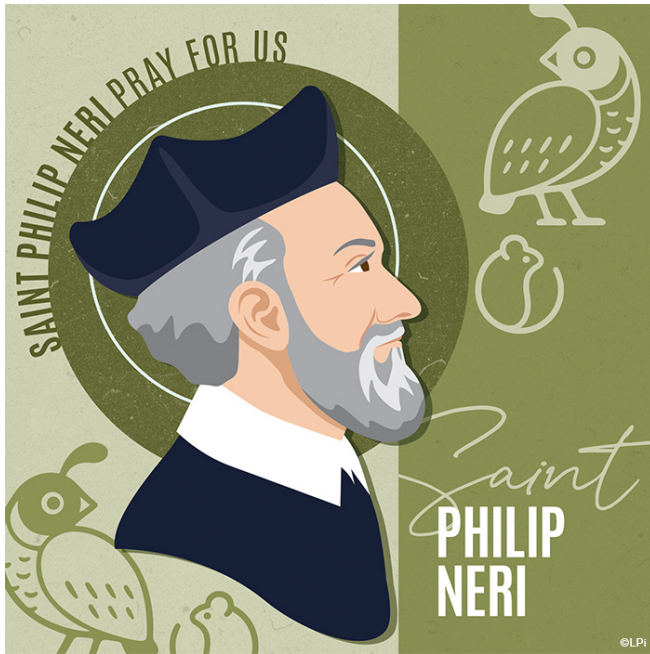
[ronbull@centrurylink.net](mailto:ronbull@centrurylink.net)

For the **bulletin or pulpit announcements**: Contact the office, [busmgr@centralvacatholiccluster.org](mailto:busmgr@centralvacatholiccluster.org).

- 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.





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.

**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

**ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER**

Due to the scheduling of the Anniversary Mass and Celebration, the Ice Cream Social at St. Theresa has been rescheduled to Friday, June 19, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. All donations will go to the “Alive in Christ” Campaign.

**OFFICE UPDATES**

Starting on June 2, the Cluster office will resume regular hours from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Tuesday through Thursday.

The office also will be sunsetting the Cluster’s Gmail account in favor of Outlook. This change will help simplify and consolidate the multiple email addresses currently being used within the Cluster. Gmail accounts will remain active (for now), but emails will be forwarded to the Outlook inbox. The best email address for the office is now:

[busmgr@centralvacatholiccluster.org](mailto:busmgr@centralvacatholiccluster.org).



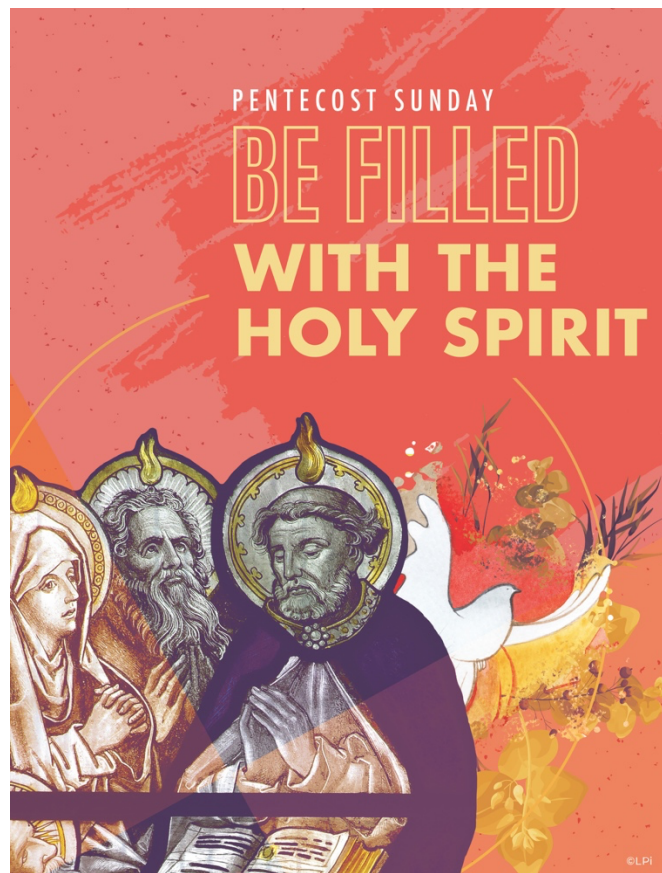
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Pentecost Sunday
Monday	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; <i>Memorial Day</i>
Tuesday	St. Philip Neri, Priest
Wednesday	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Thursday	
Friday	St. Paul VI, Pope
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.

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**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

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**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,

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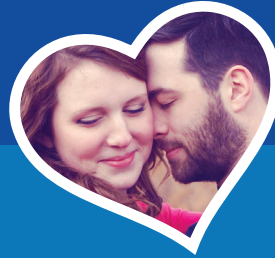
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