

Cluster Parishes of Portsmouth & Chesapeake

October 5, 2025

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Pastor: Very Reverend Anthony Wm. Morris, V.F.

The Mission of the Cluster Parishes: *"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19)*

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Please see one of your parish representatives if you have an item that you would like presented before the council.

Parish Registration

If you are interested in joining one of our parishes, please complete a parish registration form. The forms are located in the vestibules or commons of each parish and are also available on-line in English or Spanish at www.clusterparishes.com. Please return forms to the office manager of your desired parish in person, by mail, or by e-mail (see bulletin cover for addresses.) Please be sure to indicate on the form for which parish you are registering.

Sacramental Records

Please contact the office staff for the parish from which you require a sacramental record. Please provide as much information as possible for the record search: date, sacrament, presider, etc.

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

If you know of a Catholic in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Cluster Parishes office at (757) 484-7335 to request a visit by priest. In case of near-death, please call the priest emergency number (757) 448-5251.

Infant Baptism

Infant Baptism preparation classes are held at Church of the Resurrection office. **Classes in English meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Classes in Spanish meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.** For more information, contact Katherine Kardok at 757-484-7335 or email her at adultformation@clusterparishes.com.

Marriage

Couples interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony should normally contact the cluster parishes' offices at least six months prior to the intended date. This allows for a proper period of preparation, both spiritually and administratively. For more information, contact Theresa Carpenter at tcarpenter@clusterparishes.com

First Reconciliation and First Communion

Children normally begin preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion when they enter second grade. Students in both public and Catholic schools should attend this yearlong preparation in the parish religious sacramental formation program. For more information, contact Sonia Sorto at 757-484-7335 or christianformation@clusterparishes.com.

Confirmation

Youth normally begin their Confirmation Preparation in tenth grade. The Confirmation Preparation Program is separate from Christian Formation. Non-Confirmed Catholic youth in tenth grade or higher should register for Confirmation Preparation. Students preparing for Confirmation should also be enrolled and participate in the Cluster Youth Formation program. For more information please contact Roberto Pagtalunan at 757-484-7335 or youthminister@clusterparishes.com.



OCIA.

We are looking for sponsors to accompany members of our OCIA process on their journey into the Catholic Church. If you are a Confirmed Catholic who is leading a life of faith and would like to share your Catholic faith with our catechumens, please call Katherine at 757-484-7335 or email adultformation@clusterparishes.com for more information.

Vocations to the Priesthood or Religious Life

“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.” Is the Lord maybe calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Contact Father Matthew Kiehl, Vicar for Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or vocations@richmonddiocese.org for more information.

*Mass Intentions***Saturday 10/4**

Resurrection	9:00am	Jeff Warren
St Paul	4:00pm	Roger Paradis†
Resurrection	5:30pm	Trudy Healey†

Sunday, 10/5

St. Paul	9:00am	Jeff Warren
St Mary	9:00am	Andrew Kidd†
Holy Angels	11:00am	Harding Silverstre†
Resurrection	11:30am	Our Lady of the Rosary
Holy Angels	1:00pm	Juan Herrera Doñan†

Monday, 10/6

Holy Angels	9:00am	Paul Wentovick, Jr.†
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Tuesday, 10/7

Resurrection	11:30am	Edward Hinkenter†
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Wednesday, 10/8

Resurrection	6:00pm	Chuck Warren†
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Thursday, 10/9

Holy Angels	9:00am	Ray Ciccone†
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Friday, 10/10

St Paul	7:30am	Charlie Kirk†
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Saturday 10/11

St Paul	4:00pm	Mary Viola†
Resurrection	5:30pm	Ruth Tyner†

† Indicates Deceased

Cluster Prayer List

Please pray for our ill and deceased Cluster parishioners, family, and friends

Patricia Anderson, Andrea Armstong, George Best, Frances Bilko, Jacob Blake, Teresa Boyer, Gwen Bruce, Geneva Buckman,, James Buckman, Jr. Peggie Buckman, Joseph Butler, Mike Campbell, Richard Carrar, Matt Clifford, Cindy Coffey, Dusty Cowhig, Betty Cowlings, John Cummings, Barbara Daniels, Corby DeMatteo, Joanne DeMatteo, Jeffery DePriest, Jo Dollar, Ham Dwyer, Ian Etheridge, Fay Francisco, Eileen Glynn, Patsy Hahn, Elizabeth Henderson, Sidney Herring Sr, Rick Herrod, Darrell Hovis, Billy Jackowski, Karen Jastrebsky-Shirah, David Jernigan, Hayward Knight, Jr, David Loomis, Carol Lovins, Teddy Lyons, Ray Miltier, Amand Mines, Jo-Claire Moody, Connie Morris, Lori Morris, David & Priscilla Morse, Sally Murphy, Madison Nagle, Betty Neumann, Beverly Norris, Irene Osborne, Louise Paluzzi, Robert Pedigo, James Penney, Judy Poole, Wilson Ramos, Barbara K. Roberts, Sonja Rowe, Alisa Sample, Mary Ellen Sergeant, Atlas Shallenberg, Paul Sheehan, Lawrence Silverdahl, John Skrobiszewski, Rick Smith, Willie & Ann Smith, Sharon Soldan, Albert & Melissa Throesch, Sandra Thureau, Mary Tobin-Sharpe, George Underwood, Steve Volosek, James Wertman, **The Family of Ben Alonso† The Family of Edward Hinkenter†**

To Request a Change to the Prayer List

Call the parish office or email bulletin@clusterparishes.com. Names of living persons will be removed after 30 days. If you would like your name to stay on the list please call or email with your request. Names of deceased or families of deceased will be listed for two weeks.

Readings for the Week of October 5, 2025

Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/ 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Monday:	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/ Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/ Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

*Upcoming Events*

See “Mass Intentions” for Mass Schedule

Sunday, Oct 5

8:15am	Reconciliation at St Mary
10:00am	Children’s formation at St Paul (FWC)
10:15am	Children’s formation at Resurrection (Hall)
11:45am	Children’s formation at Holy Angels
12:30pm	Reconciliation at Holy Angels
5:30pm	Youth Group at Resurrection (Hall)

Monday, Oct 6

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, Oct 7

10:00am	Sewing Circle at Resurrection (Hall)
11:00am	Praying of the Rosary at Resurrection (Chapel)
6:00pm	Baptism Class at Resurrection (Office)

Wednesday Oct 8

7:00pm	Adult Formation at Resurrection (Hall)
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Thursday, Oct 9

9:30am	Sewing Group at Holy Angels
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study at Resurrection (Hall)
6:00pm	OCIA Children at Resurrection (Hall)
6:30pm	OCIA Adults at Resurrection (Office)

Friday, Oct 10

5:00pm	KofC Spaghetti Dinner at Resurrection (Hall)
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Saturday, Oct 11

7:30am	Men of St Joseph at Resurrection (Office)
3:00pm	Reconciliation at St Paul
4:30pm	Reconciliation at Resurrection

Calendar of Events

Quote of the Week

"From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us."

~Pope Francis

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OASIS FOOD BASKET

Just a reminder that OASIS is always in need of non-perishable food donations and also toiletries. Please help with the need! If you have any questions please contact (757) 397-6060. You can drop off your donations at the office during the Cluster Office Hours.

Social Outreach

Cluster Assistance Ministry

The Cluster Assistance Ministry provides funds for utilities and rental assistance for local individuals and families in need. We have had a high demand for assistance. Please help support this ministry! Please make checks payable to "Holy Angels" and put in the memo section "Fuel and Hunger Fund". Contact assistance@clusterparishes.com for more information, thank you for continued support!

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Children's Formation

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Registration for Children's formation is now available on the cluster website. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Sonia Sorto at christianinformation@clusterparishes.com or call the office at 757-484-7335

Religious Education: Helps to build a strong foundation



Youth Formation

Youth Group News

Registration for Youth Formation (Youth Group - YG) and Confirmation is available via the Cluster website. Confirmation in the Diocese of Richmond is open to youth who have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and are 15 years old and in 10th grade. Confirmation classes are separate from Youth Formation, and confirmands are expected to attend both YG and Confirmation classes unless enrolled in a Catholic school or receiving Catholic faith instruction. If you have any questions, please contact Roberto Pagtalunan, youth minister, at 757-484-7335 ext 111 or youthminister@clusterparishes.com

Adult Formation

Wednesday Night Adult Formation

Join us as Wednesday night Adult Faith Formation starts up again this fall!

Our first study is a 14-part series called "Wild Goose" featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit. We meet at Church of the Resurrection from 7:00 - 8:00 PM. The series will run from September 10 - December 17.



Cluster News

Women's Bible Study

Please join the Women's Bible Study group as we begin our Fall study starting Thursday September 18th. We will embark on an eleven week video series by Fr. Dave Pivonka president of Franciscan University. The series is call *Metanoia— a journey with Christ into Conversion*. Conversion means to change, to repent and to think differently. It is an ongoing process. How is Jesus calling you to conversion? Classes are held on Thursday from 10-11:30am at Resurrection. Please call the parish office to register or email Katherine Kardok at adultformation@clusterparishes.com

St. Mary News

St Mary's Senior Luncheon

The next meeting of the Saint Mary Senior Luncheon Group will be at 12:30 pm on Monday, October 6, 2025 at "Cockeyed Rooster" in Smithfield. We will be celebrating the birthdays of Clair Pouliot (8th) and Ed Kapinus (26th). Please join us. The restaurant is located at 1268 Bennis Church Blvd, 757 357-7667, www.cockeyedroostercafe.com. Last month at Outback Steakhouse we had 16 people. For additional information please contact Renée M. Russell at 757) 399-1715 or r0m0r@cox.net.

Knights of Columbus

Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Columbus Day spaghetti dinner to support Portsmouth Catholic Regional School on Friday October 10th at Resurrection from 5:00-7:00. Tickets will be \$12.00. Please come out and support 149 years of Catholic education in Portsmouth.

Food Fest Benefiting Special Olympics

Join us for a day of delicious food for a great cause!

Date: Saturday, November 1st

Time: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: St. Therese Church Social Hall

Come hungry and support a worthy cause at our first-ever Food Feast! Indulge in a mouthwatering variety of dishes, including:

- *Authentic Filipino Pancit & Lumpia
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- *Irresistible Desserts

...and much more!

All proceeds will benefit Special Olympics Virginia, helping to empower athletes with intellectual disabilities through the joy of sports.

Bring your friends, your family, and your appetite — we can't wait to see you there!

Resurrection News

Annual Fall Festival

Church of the Resurrection Fall Festival

White Elephant & Silent Auction Items Needed

Church of the Resurrection's Annual Fall Festival will be **Saturday October 18, 2025**. Beginning the first week in September a classroom in the Fellowship Hall will be designated for White Elephant and Silent Auction donations. **We will not accept any donations after October 6, 2025**. This will give us time to price all the White Elephant items and research the Silent Auction items to prepare the bidding sheets. Many of the treasures we receive have spent time in the attic or garage and need cleaning. We know it takes a little extra time but clean items attract more buyers. (We are unable to accept books, clothing, TV's or computers). We request that if there is any information about a Silent Auction donation that will help us with the description for the bidding sheet, we would greatly appreciate it. For more information about the festival, please call **Aimee Hill (757-383-0478); Maureen Harman (757-619-9914)**

White Elepahnt and Silent Auction Items Needed!

Donations will be accepted until 3pm tomorrow Monday Oct 6 2025. Your gently used treasures, in good, clean condition will be great for the Silent Auction.

*Do you have any unused gift cards you'd like to donate? Gift cards were very popular last year. Maybe you know a business owner who would donate a gift certificate?

*Do you have a talent or service to offer that we can auction? For example: you could offer a 3-4 hour yard clean up service, or bake your favorite cake, or prepare a spaghetti dinner? Get creative!!

Thank you for your generosity! If you have any questions on Silent Auction, contact

Kathy Batkin at 757-692-0163 or Susan Davidson at 757-617-1532

Holy Angels News

Holy Angels Annual Christmas Bazaar

The Holy Angels Sewing Club annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on **November 8, 2025 from 9 am to 4 pm** in the Parish Center at 34 Afton Parkway (entrance at Prospect Parkway door). We will have Christmas items including wreaths, ornaments & centerpieces, handmade items, jewelry and baked items. Lunch will be served. Please join us for this annual parish event!

The Holy Angels Sewing Club would appreciate our parishioners donating items to our Bazaar Bake Sale on November 8, 2025. We'd appreciate whatever your homemade specialty is, cookies, brownies, cakes, candy. Please wrap items individually. Baked goods can be dropped off at the church on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of the Bazaar week, November 6-8, 2025. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

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