



SPIRIT OF THE MOUNTAIN CLUSTER

June 7/8, 2025

Solemnity of Pentecost (Year C)

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Saint Mary Catholic Church

109 Beech Ave., PO Box 1724

Coeburn, VA 24230

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

Reconciliation Saturday 4:30 PM

Tuesday June 10 Mass 5 PM

Saint Therese Catholic Church

16661 Wise St., PO Box 56

St. Paul, VA 24283

Sunday Mass 8:30 AM

Reconciliation Sunday After Mass

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

890 W Main St., PO Box 730

Lebanon, VA 24266-0730

Sunday Mass 11 AM

Reconciliation Sunday 10:30 AM

Wednesday June 11 Mass 6 PM

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Pentecost Sunday – Year C

Theme: “Come, Holy Spirit, into What Is Real”

Pentecost is not just the celebration of a moment in Church history. It is the reminder that God’s Spirit is alive and present now, not in theory, but in the concrete details of our lives.

The Holy Spirit comes to real places: Into rooms filled with fear. Into lives that are uncertain. Into people who are tired, overwhelmed, or doubting. We often think we need to be strong or worthy before the Holy Spirit can work in us. But Pentecost shows us the opposite: the Spirit comes precisely when we are not ready, not strong, not confident. The Spirit comes as gift, not reward.

This feast is not about emotional highs or dramatic signs. It is about power made perfect in weakness. It is about the quiet, strong presence of God that gives you what you need to take one more step, to forgive again, to speak the truth, or simply to breathe in peace when everything feels heavy.

The Spirit brings clarity, not always in the form of answers, but in the strength to walk through the questions. The Spirit brings courage, not to remove fear, but to move forward in spite of it. The Spirit brings unity, not by making everyone the same, but by giving us the grace to see and love each other across differences.

Where in your life do you feel locked up or held back? Where is there fear, confusion, or stagnation? Where have you been silent when you were meant to speak, or withdrawn when you were meant to show up?

Today is the day to invite the Holy Spirit there. Not into some ideal version of yourself but into your real life, as it is. No dramatic experience is needed. Just a simple, honest prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, into my heart, into my relationships, into my daily choices. Come into what is broken, what is tired, what feels stuck. And breathe new life into me.

That is Pentecost. And it begins now.

Peace and Joy!!

Readings for this Week (June 8-14, 2025)

08 JUNE SUN	Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23
09 JUNE MON	Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 87; John 19:25-34
10 JUNE TUE	2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Psalm 119; Matthew 5:13-16
11 JUNE WED	Acts 11:21-26; Psalm 98; Matthew 5:17-19
12 JUNE THU	2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Psalm 85; Matthew 5:20-26
13 JUNE FRI	2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 116; Matthew 5:27-32
14 JUNE SAT	2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Psalm 103; Matthew 5:33-37

Next Sunday Readings – Solemnity of the Holy Trinity – June 15, 2025

Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 10 and 11 Annulment Seminar/Retreat with Diocesan personnel at Abingdon's Jubilee House. RSVP for Tuesday, Wednesday or both days wjoyce@stannes-bristol.org.

Hoping to get as many people as possible, and to allay all concerns and answer all questions regarding the annulment process. One on one discussions available.

The Office for Black Catholics invites you to join us on an online **Reflection on the eve of Juneteenth (June 18)** with Dr. Ansel Augustine, Assistant Director of African American Affairs at USCCB. This event will be free to attend and held virtually through Microsoft Teams. Please share this with your parish. If interested follow this link

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/juneteenth-why-we-celebrate-tickets-1349947071029?aff=oddttdtcreato>

CLUSTER PICNIC - SAVE THE DATE: July 6, 2025, SUNDAY, Noon, is the date set for our Cluster Picnic. The picnic will be in the large shelter at the back of the parking lot at the Lebanon Town Park (45 Gibson St, Lebanon, VA 24266). Planned games are corn hole, bingo, word games, egg toss. Bingo gifts would be appreciated. The pool will be opened and free. When you go to the pool, tell the pool manager the church you are from, and you will not have to pay. If a problem, please check with Betty Meade.

August 2 – 70th Anniversary Celebration at St. Mary, Coeburn 5 PM Mass.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: “To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” Is your gift of the Holy Spirit the discernment of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Matthew Kiehl, Vicar for Vocations; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal – Sharing His Love with Others

	St. Therese	St. Mary	Good Shepherd
2025 Appeal Goal	\$ 630	\$ 1,760	\$ 2,230
Number of Donors	5	6	8
Amount Raised	\$ 2,510	\$ 2,667	\$ 4,725
% to Goal Raised	398%	152%	212%
Amount Collected	\$ 1,515	\$ 2,667	\$ 3,250
Recurring Gift Projection	\$ 995	\$ 0	\$ 1,475

Food Donations Good Shepherd Catholic Church continues to collect food from Cluster parishioners for the Lebanon Community Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support.

The Spirit of the Mountain Cluster and our Catholic Diocese of Richmond Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our

diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064 and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-877-887-9603, or email vac@richmonddiocese.org or visit the Diocese's Child Protection/Safe Environment page at <https://richmonddiocese.org/protecting-gods-children/>

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 31 Offertory Collection	\$ 875.00	Attendance 17
May 31 Electricity Bill Donation	\$1,000.00	
May 31 Votive Candle Offering	\$ 13.00	

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Alton Lawson, Jr., Sister Stacey Hanrahan, Lillie Peters, Billy Hunsaker, Charles Bennett, and Bobby Kyle.

- We have "Save the Date" cards to invite family and friends to **St. Mary's 70th Anniversary Celebration to be held on August 2 at 5 PM**. See Donna after Mass if you would like some cards. There will be a sheet to put the names and addresses of those whom you plan to send a "Save the Date" card. You can then pick up cards to complete and mail. We look forward to having lots of family/friends to celebrate with us in August!

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 1 Offertory Collection	\$ 632.00	Attendance 14
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PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Jackie White, James White, Brayn Whited, JoAnn Detta, and Rodney Altizer.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 1 Offertory	\$ 995.00	Attendance 21
June 1 Votive Candles Offering	\$ 5.00	
Peter's Pence June 29 Collection	\$ 20.00	

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Valerie Christian, James White, Bob Dorton, JoAnn Detta, Jackie White, Phyllis Dotson, Sherry Hubbard, and Bill Taylor.

JUNE Birthdays: Blanca Cervantes (9), Jorge Figueiras (19), Alex Zachwieja (21), Collin Sapp (22), Charlie Sapp (23).

JUNE Anniversary: Bob & Ruby Dorton (1)

- **Seth Dorton** is working on his **Eagle Scout project** by collecting money to buy toys for children at Niswonger Children's Hospital in Johnson City, TN. Seth has held a car wash in Bristol. If anyone would like to give him a donation, please see him after Mass.