



SPIRIT OF THE MOUNTAIN CLUSTER

June 14/15, 2025

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity (Year C)
Reverend Emmanuel Darfour Appah, Administrator

Saint Mary Catholic Church

109 Beech Ave., PO Box 1724
Coeburn, VA 24230
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM
Reconciliation Saturday 4:30 PM
Weekday Mass: Tuesday June 17 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
Weekday Mass: Wednesday June 18 Mass 6 PM

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Theme: Unity in Diversity

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, one of the deepest and most beautiful mysteries of our faith. At first glance, the idea of one God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit can feel abstract, like a puzzle we will never fully solve. But this mystery is not meant to confuse us. It is meant to invite us into something greater: a relationship rooted in love.

The Trinity reveals that at the very heart of God is relationship. God is not a distant, isolated figure. God is a communion of love, Father loving the Son, the Son loving the Father, and that love being the Holy Spirit. This is not just divine theology, it is a model for our lives. If we are made in the image of this God, then we are made for love, for connection, for community. We are not meant to live in isolation or selfishness, but in self-giving love, just like the Trinity.

Think about how this challenges the way we live today. In a culture that often encourages individualism and self-promotion, the Trinity reminds us that we thrive not when we stand alone, but when we live in harmony with others. We are meant to support one another, carry each other's burdens, and celebrate each other's joys. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not in competition, they work together in perfect unity. What if we lived our relationships like that? With less comparison, less jealousy, and more encouragement and respect?

The diversity within the Trinity also teaches us something powerful: that unity does not require sameness. The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Spirit, yet they are completely one. Our differences, in background, culture, personality, or opinion, do not have to divide us. In fact, they can enrich our communities if we learn to embrace and honor one another. The Trinity calls us to be one not by erasing our uniqueness, but by weaving it into something greater.

And perhaps the most beautiful thing is that the Trinity does not stay closed off. God’s love overflows. The Father sends the Son into the world. The Son lays down His life for us. The Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us, guiding us, strengthening us, and drawing us into the life of God. We are not spectators of this divine love; we are invited to participate in it. That means our lives, too, must overflow with love. Love that forgives. Love that serves. Love that reaches out, especially to those who are hurting, forgotten, or alone.

When we think of the Trinity, let us not get stuck trying to explain it mathematically. Let us look at it as a way of life. A call to deeper love. A reminder that we are made to live in communion with God and with one another. The more we reflect that Trinitarian love in our families, our friendships, and our communities, the more we make the mystery of the Trinity visible in the world.

Peace and Joy!!

Readings for this Week (June 15-21, 2025)

15 JUNE SUN	Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
16 JUNE MON	2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Psalm 98; Mathew 5:38-42
17 JUNE TUE	2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Psalm 146; Matthew 5:43-48
18 JUNE WED	2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Psalm 112; Matthew 6:1-6, 16
19 JUNE THU	2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Psalm 111; Matthew 6:7-15
20 JUNE FRI	2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Psalm 34; Matthew 6:19-23
21 JUNE SAT	2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Psalm 34; Matthew 6:24-34

Next Sunday Readings – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ-June 22, 2025

Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 110; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17

The Diocesan 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). Games are planned along with bingo. The pool will be open.

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

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: How do you hope to share in God's glory...as a priest? 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. A Message from Father Emmanuel: Supporting the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal is about supporting important ministries of our Catholic Church. For example, did you know that the Appeal:

- Funds the cost of room, board, tuition, and health insurance for our seminarians.
- Supplements health insurance and long-term care for our priests who have given their lives in service to the Church.
- Defrays the cost of providing ongoing professional, spiritual, and theological formation for our priests.

Half of your donation is returned to the parish. If you have not yet made a commitment, I hope you will join me in raising additional funds for your parish.

Please visit richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal to make a secure online donation or call or visit our parish office for a hard copy pledge card (276-889-1690). Thank you for partnering with us on this important ministry of our Catholic Church.

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

June 7 Offertory Collection	\$ 670.00	Attendance 20
June 7 Votive Candle Offering	\$ 7.00	

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

- On **Saturday, June 14**, we will have a **public outdoor rosary** on the lawn at **St. Mary's starting at 4:30 pm (before our 5:00 pm Mass)** for families and for reparation for the sin of pride. Please plan to come and bring a friend!
- 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. We look forward to having lots of family/friends to celebrate with us in August!

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 8 Offertory Collection	\$ 85.00	Attendance 9
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June 8 Donation **\$ 50.00**
PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Jackie White, James White, Brayn Whited, JoAnn Detta, and Rodney Altizer.
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GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 9 Offertory **\$ 995.00** **Attendance 25**
June 9 Votive Candles Offering **\$ 5.00**

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.

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITY: Find DECLARE FATHER GLORIFY GUIDE HEARS JESUS MINE RESASON SPEAK SPIRIT TELL TRUTH

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