

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm | Friday: 9:00 am - 12 pm

OUR MISSION

A Catholic community living the apostolic mission to love God, love our neighbor, and make disciples.

MAY 25, 2025



• 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER •

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU.

MEMORIAL DAY

CELEBRATE, HONOR, REMEMBER.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sundays: 8:00 am, *10:00 am & 12:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday and Thursday: 6:15 pm Wednesday and Friday 8:00 am

*Livestream Mass

HOLY ROSARY

Tuesday—Thursday: after Weekday Masses Friday: 7:15 am (with Divine Mercy Chaplet)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Tuesday and Thursday: 4:00 pm through 5:30 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT First Thursday of the month: 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Families will meet with Deacon Steve and are **required** to attend one (1) Baptismal Preparation Class in the parish if you are seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for children under 7 years of age. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

Children are required to register and attend Religious Education classes for the current school year in order to participate in the Sacramental Preparation program for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Contact the parish office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

One-year preparation beginning in 10th Grade is required. Contact the parish office if your child is in the 10th grade and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

In the Diocese of Richmond, couples planning to be married in the Catholic Church should notify Father Anthony at least 6 to 9 months prior to requesting a wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Christ strengthens our faith and bestows God's grace in a time of anxiety and pain. Please call the Parish office to make arrangements to celebrate this sacrament if you are ill, facing surgery or enduring current illness.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Contact Father Anthony in the Parish office or the Office of Vocations (804) 359-5661 or via email at vocations@richmonddiocese.org, if you are discerning a call to the priesthood or consecrated life.

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Individuals interested in learning about the Catholic Church or entering the catechumenate, please contact Deacon Bob Smithberger in the parish office. Inquiry is welcome at any time.

	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Y	EAR C	MAY 25, 2025	
THIS WEEK AT HOLY SPIRIT			PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF		
(Subject to change, please check our website or call the Parish office)			(757) 468-3600 office@holyspiritvb.org		
PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES			Pastor / Ext 103 Rev. Anthony Mpungu FrAnthony@holyspiritvb.org		
AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING MASS.					
				ns / Ext 109	
*Public/Livestream			Rev. Mr. Robert Smithberger deaconbob@holyspiritvb.org		
SUNDAY, MAY 25 8:00 am Mass			Rev. Mr. Steve Kuczma deaconsteve@holyspiritvb.org		
8:00 am	Mass Conchita Tamayo †			ss Manager / Ext. 115	
10:00 am	* Mass				mulep@holyspiritvb.org
10.00 am	Antonio Farin †			r of Liturgy & Music / E urenceel	
12:00 pm	Mass				n & Sacramental Prep / Ext 108
1	Parishioners of Holy Spirit			Scharf	
1:30 pm	Wild Goose (B)		Asst. C	oordinator for Faith For	mation / Ext. 113
4:00 pm	Stepping Stones—AA (L)				. dconsla@holyspiritvb.org
6:00 pm	Wild Goose (Cen)		Parish	Secretary / Ext 116	
MONDAY, MAY 2	6 MEMORIAL OF SAINT PHILIP NERI, PRIEST		Joy Pal	.m	jpalm@holyspiritvb.org
	MEMORIAL DAY		Bookke	eper / Ext. 117	jpalm@holyspiritvb.org
PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED					asmithberger@holyspiritvb.org
TUESDAY, MAY					tJosh Gora
10:00 am	SVDP Outreach Ministry Office hours		Pianist	Organist	Richard Dettbarn
4:00 pm	Reconciliation (Ch) Mass/Rosary (WS) Christina Martinez †		Websit	e Coordinator	Diana Ramos
6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Wild Goose (B)			DADICH	COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28					
8:00 am	Mass/Rosary (WS) All Souls in Purgatory †			Charlie Chan	Tim Hatton
7:00 pm	SVDP Meeting (L)			Amy Cheatham	Ken Hobbs
7:00 pm	May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary (WS)			Judee Clamor	Linda Kuehn
THURSDAY, MAY 29				Marivic Ellorin	George Onodu
10:00 am	SVDP Outreach Ministry Office hours			lan Fajardo	
4:00 pm	Reconciliation (Ch)			PRAYER	REQUESTS
6:15 pm	Mass (WS) / Rosary (Ch) Victorina Cabalo †				
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (WS)			FOR T	HE SICK
7:00 pm Mystagogy (B/K)				Er Dan	ny Cogut
FRIDAY, MAY 307:15 amRosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet (WS)					iny cogut
8:00 am	Mass (WS) Precentation Marzo †		F	Pray for all the names liste	ed in our book of intentions.
8:30 am	Potluck Breakfast Social Gathering (B/K)				
9:00 am	Bible Study—Faith Sharing Community (L)			+ FOR THE	DECEASED †
10:30 am	Wild Goose (L)				
6:35 pm	Norfolk Tides sponsored by Men's Club (Away)			-	mpathy and prayers to the
	Y 31 THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN		fa	mily and friends of a	all who lost a loved one.
10:00 am	MARY First Communion Mass (WS)			BJ Carew, G	Frant Pollock,
11:00 am	First Communion Mass (WS) Reception for First Communicants (B/K)			Josefina	Parkingon
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the		Dre		in our book of remembrance.
0.00 pm	Ascension of the Lord (WS)		FIC	iy for all the fiathes listed	ווו טער שטטע טו ופווופווושומוונפ.
	Parishioners of Holy Spirit				n, O Lord. Let perpetual ligh thev rest in peace. Amen.

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Thank you to our sponsor. **Catholic Match**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



In observance of Memorial Day, the parish office is closed on Monday, May 26.

WEMORIAL DAY We will open on Tuesday, May 27 at 9 am.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

www.SVDP-HolySpirit.org SVDP Office number: (757) 468-1533 svdp@holyspiritvb.org



Outreach Office Hours:

Monday 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

This week, we are most in need of:

Pancake mix Syrup Cans of baked beans

Please place your non-perishable donations on the wire rack in front of the parish office. Thank you,

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC FEST



Catholic Fest October 11, 2025 The Diamond, Richmond

Join Bishop Knestout and the entire diocese at a one-day festival in Richmond. The day will be full of music, food, fun, fellowship,

faith, and celebrating the Mass as the Diocese of Richmond.

For more info: https://catholicfest.richmonddiocese.org/

SUNSHINE CLUB



The Sunshine Club June meeting will at 12 noon on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at Holy Spirit Parish. It will NOT be Pot Luck. This is the one where the women cook and serve the men and the food is purchased by the club. This year the women will be serving Subs from Subway.

The cost for the June Father's Day luncheon is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests. Forms for sign up can be found in the Sunshine Club pigeon hole located in the Parish Reception

Office. Deadline to sign up with payment is Sunday, June 1, 2025, but please, do not wait until the last minute.

If you have any questions regarding the luncheon please call Jim Pokrywka, Sunshine Club President at 757-340-8138 (Home) or 757-256-3603 (Cell).

LOW GLUTEN HOST

If you are in need of a low-gluten host at Mass, please contact the Parish office.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Holy Spirit at 50 ... Moved by the Spirit!

February 16 - June 3 (weekly) - Wild Goose Series June 7, 2025 - Pentecost Vigil and Potluck June 22, 2025 - Golden Jubilee Mass June 22, 2025 - Choir Concert and Reception September 6, 2025 - Fruits of the Spirit Picnic September 27, 2025 - Jubilee Golf Tournament (\$) October 17, 2025 - Golden Jubilee Gala (\$)



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PENTECOST VIGIL & POTLUCK **JUNE 7TH**



Vigil Mass for Pentecost will be celebrated at 5:00 pm Mass. It will be followed by potluck celebrating our parish's 50th Anniversary. Potluck sign up is available at the round table in the commons. Monetary donations are accepted in lieu of food donation.

COMMEMORATIVE FLEECE JACKET



MONDAY 6:30 PM - CENACLE TUESDAY 7 PM - ACTIVITY B FRIDAY 10:30 AM - LIBRARY

SUNDAY 1:30 PM - ACTIVITY B SUNDAY 6 PM - CENACLE

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SUPPORT HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH ONLINE DONATION

Simply scan the QR code to donate securely online. Your contribution, no matter the size, helps us continue our work and reach more people with the love of Christ. Thank you for your faithfulness and support!



NIGHT MANAGERS NEEDED!

This ministry serves an important role in keeping the church building and parishioners safe and secure. An assigned person each weeknight assumes responsibility for opening and closing the parish, receiving and greeting visitors and parishioners, and is responsible for the safety and security of the facilities and all who are using it during evening hours. This is scheduled on a rotating basis from Sunday-Thursday from 6:30 pm—9 pm.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact Lani in the parish office at 757-468-3600 or by email at mulep@holyspiritvb.org

Please note: The Diocese of Richmond requires **ALL** volunteers to complete a yearly background check and VIRTUS training every five years.



MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Join us for the annual May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Bring a flower to offer to our Holy Mother. Sponsored by Sisters in Faith.

Wednesday, May 28 at 7 pm. All are welcome!

HOLY SPIRIT NIGHT WITH THE NORFOLK TIDES



Join Holy Spirit's Men's Club to see the Norfolk Tides play the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs on Friday, May 30th @ Harbor Park. First pitch is 6:35 pm.



Tickets cost \$16 per person. Kids 12 and under are free with a paying parent. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on May 24/25.

Contact Sam Nobles (757) 288-4350 for questions.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you are unable to attend Mass due to illness, call the Parish office to request communion brought you.

BORROWED PYX

Please return borrowed pyx to the Parish Office.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

All Faith formation religion classes have concluded this school year. The 2025-2026 Religion classes will resume in the fall. **Registration will be available soon.**

For more information, contact Jenny Scharf at extension 108 or Donna Consla at extension 113 in the parish office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

We are looking for volunteers and aides for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the 10 am Mass.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact Donna Consla in the parish office at ext. 113 or by email at dconsla@holyspiritvb.org

SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



2025 Vacation Bible School (VBS) When: July 14—19, 2025 Hours: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SOON!

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT

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YOUNG VINCENTIANS



Our Young Vincentians are collecting new and gently used children's books, for those in need, to be distributed at our SVdP June 15 Marketplace. Help provide summer reading material for children of

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all ages by sharing the gift of a book or two.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY CONFIRMED

Mylani Abutin Jamie Arenas Justin Asinas Lily Blair Ryland Belen Jacob Bernardo V'Bein Bullecer Christian Carman Dexter Dabu Madison Espiritu Olivia Geluso Jacob Gonzalez Brian Laurence George Onodu Jr. Famela Macaraeg Skylar Monteiro Connor Ragasa Ursulajean Sagayno Jazlynn Sumalnap Katherine Tapman Aidan Tenesaca Landon Tesoro Jordan Wallace Kyle Wilson Jon Yap

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CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED WHY DO WE DO THAT?

SUNDAY MASS

Question:

Why do Catholics need to go to Mass every Sunday?

The heart of the Church's instruction that we are to attend Mass on Sundays goes back to the Third Commandment: "Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the LORD, your God, has commanded you" (Deuteronomy 5:12). Although the Jewish People celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the first generations of Christians began to observe the sabbath on Sunday, recognizing how important it is for Christians to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults observes, "Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year ... It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ" (364).

The focus of our Sunday should be the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass. This is our time to be formed by God's Word and nourished at the table of the Lord, becoming prepared to live out and share our faith in the week that follows. In his encyclical, Dies Domini, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that Christians "cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly" (no. 81). This is why the Church teaches us that Sunday Mass is a non-negotiable part of being a Christian (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2192).

Beyond being a time of worship, we should also remember that Sunday is intended to be a day of rest, when we make time for recreation, for sharing meals, and enjoying the company of friends and family. Sunday is given to as a day to take stock of and enjoy the blessings that God has given us (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2187). Pope Francis reminds us, "The day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor" (Laudato Si', no. 237).

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God makes His dwelling with those who love Him and keep His word. We must all make our lives places where God feels welcome to dwell. Our actions, our words, our decisions must all say in one voice: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

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<u>Question</u>: How many scripture passages from the Bible are usually read during each Mass?

Answer: Three.

ASSISTANCE DURING COMMUNION

Parishioners who are unable to walk in the communion line to receive the Eucharist during weekend Masses are asked to inform an Usher **before** Mass begins each week. This will ensure that the head usher directs the Deacon and/or the (EMHC) Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to your seat with the Host and that you do not miss the opportunity to receive the Lord.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you"** (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace.

— Father John Muir

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK REFLECT AND RESPOND TO THE SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING:

We hear how the church in Jerusalem resolved their conflicts through dialogue and compromise. When has your faith community had to resolve a conflict?

SECOND READING:

As John's final vision continues, he sees the splendor and glory of God lighting the city of Jerusalem. Can you think of a time when you felt really close to God?

GOSPEL:

Jesus taught his disciples that the Holy Spirit will be sent to believers to teach them and remind them of his words. Can you share a time when you have felt inspired by the Holy Spirit?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67//Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23 -29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149/Jn 15:26—16:4a Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138/Jn 16:5-11 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:/Jn 16:12-15 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98/Jn 16:16-20 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47/Jn 16:20-23 Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56 Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47/Eph 1:17-23 or

Next Sunday: <u>Ascension</u>: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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VOCATION MINISTRY



"THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING AND REMIND YOU OF ALL THAT I TOLD YOU."

How has the Holy Spirit spoken to or guided you? Do you feel called to the priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Rev. Mr. Andrew Clark, Rev. Mr. Samuel Hill, Rev. Mr. Matthew Kelly, Brennen McCoy, John Paul Shanahan, Michael Anctil, Scott Campolongo, Graham Fassero, Charlie Tamayo, William Yearout, David Hairston II, Chad Wilson, Peter Olbrych, Maximus McHugh, Jack Domark, Carl Baumann, Jonathan Kenney, Neal McCaffrey, Minh Tran, Aventon Grimes, Austin Alanis, Andrew Allen, Martin Beers, Tim Soukup, Carlos Gonzalez Jr, Martin Kroll

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR SEMINARIANS

Our seminarians could use letters of encouragement and support. If you are interested in lifting their spirits and encouraging them in their vocation to serve our Lord as future priests through cards or letters, contact the parish office for their address.

Thank you for supporting our seminarians.

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PRAYER FOR PEACE

Fill us with Your peace, Lord, as you promised in Your word. Peace in our comings and goings, Peace that You are working and moving, Peace for what has happened, the places we find ourselves

today, and in the future to come . Amen.

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

FOR WORKING CONDITIONS



Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

HEALING GRACE CD



Now available for purchase online on Apple iTunes Music and Amazon Music. Physical CD for \$15 each is still available at the parish office.

Finding hope through Scripture, reflections and prayer offered by Rev. Matthew Kiehl and Rev. Timothy Kuhneman. Music by Erin Laurence and Justin Kauflin.

100% of the proceeds go directly to Holy Spirit Catholic Church



COLUMBARIUM SAFETY NOTICE

Please DO NOT leave GLASS vases when bringing flowers to loved ones in the Columbarium.

CYBERCRIME ALERT

If you receive a phone call, text or email from Father Anthony requesting money or gift cards, rest assured that it is a SCAM. Please do not engage, reply, or click on any links.

ADDRESS & CONTACT INFO CHANGE

If you have a change of address or contact info, please contact the parish office at (757) 468-3600 or by email at office@holyspiritvb.org so we can update our records. Thank you.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Why should you "officially" register as a parishioner at Holy Spirit Catholic Church?

It is a requirement for any type of sponsorship documentation, such as Baptismal Attestation to be a godparent for Baptism, or letters of good standing for Catholic schools.

Registration forms are available online at www.holyspiritvb.org or pick up a registration form at the information desk in the commons. Call the parish office if you have any questions.



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