

## This Week at Sacred Heart

<b>Sunday, Oct. 8</b>	Readings: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
8:00 a.m.	Mass/Thomas F. Murphy
10:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Mass/People of Sacred Heart
1:30 p.m.	Soup Kitchen #2
5:30 p.m.	Walid Wedding
<b>Monday, Oct. 9</b>	Readings: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
10:00 a.m.	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
7:00 p.m.	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 10</b>	Readings: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
All Day	Priest Convocation
5:30 p.m.	No Daily Mass
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 11</b>	Readings: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
All Day	Priest Convocation
5:30 p.m.	No Daily Mass
6:00 p.m.	No Adoration
6:00 p.m.	HTM meeting
6:45 p.m.	Adult Formation Committee Mtg
<b>Thursday, Oct. 12</b>	Readings: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13
7:00 p.m.	RCIA
7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Oct. 13</b>	Readings: JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16/Lk 11:15-26
12:00 p.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Saturday, Oct. 14</b>	Readings: JI 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
All Day	2nd Collection-World Mission Collection
All Day	Rite of Cont. Conv. Weekend/Confirmation
6:30 a.m.	That Man Is You
11:00 a.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
3:00 p.m.	Baptism
4:30 p.m.	Contemporary Music Practice
4:30 p.m.	Reconciliation
5:30 p.m.	Baptism
5:30 p.m.	Mass/Sr. Agnes Seebach
<b>Sunday, Oct. 15</b>	Readings: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
All Day	2nd Collection-World Mission Collection
All Day	Rite of Cont. Conv. Weekend/Confirmation
8:00 a.m.	Mass/People of Sacred Heart
8:00 a.m.	Youth Council
10:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Mass/Walter S. Kirk
1:30 p.m.	Soup Kitchen #3
3:00 p.m.	Virginia Chorale
4:00 p.m.	Contemporary Music Practice



### Mark Your Calendars For Upcoming Sacred Heart Events

Virginia Chorale.....	Oct. 15
2nd Collection World Mission .....	Oct. 22
Haiti/Fair Trade Sale.....	Oct. 28
Thanksgiving Baskets.....	Oct. 28

### Service Members of Our Parish

*We pray for members of our parish who are serving overseas, as well as their families.*

John Matchett, Thomas Van de Castle,  
Nancy Lacore, Dillon Scherger, Anthony DiMuzio  
Michael Schaefer, Dave Gomez,  
Nathan Clark, Chad Luettel

If you would like to add or remove a name from this list, contact us at:  
office@sacredheartnorfolk.org or 625-6763.

### Pastoral Care

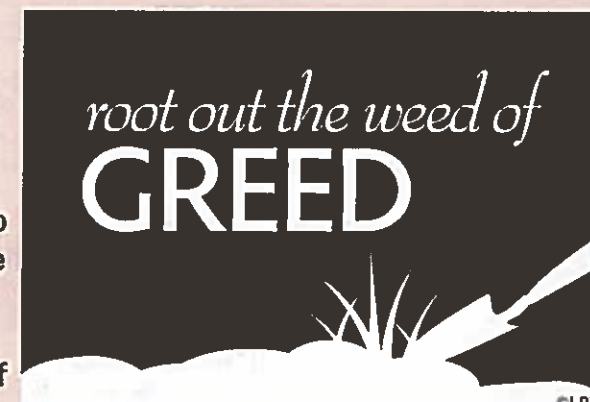
*We Pray for our sick and those in need of our prayers.*

St. Gabriel's parish, Mary Lou McPhaul, Dan Reeves, Dr. Sal Barr, Kara Cusano, Bernice Van Aalten, Janie Abbott, Erwin & Ellen Schoepf, Hal Wilkinson, Bob Morton, Eileen Powell, Joanne Brausewetter, Walter Marshall, Chris Kennedy, Andrew Wilcox, Terry Kelly, Peter Callo, Alan Morton, Edie White, Eloise Morton, James McMally, Linda Mathews, Gail Anthony, Sebastian Bonaiuto, Tommy White, Elizabeth Von Tersch, Ann Hennelly & Betsy Murray

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER

### UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." The chief priests and elders listening to Jesus must have been furious. After telling the parable about the tenants who abused the owner's property and killed his son, Jesus had a tough lesson to teach. He compared the Jewish leaders to these terrible tenants. They, like the selfish workers in the vineyard, were guilty of not respecting proper authority and of trying to seize control—not of grapes, in this case, but of religious matters. In short, they were not bearing fruit for God's kingdom, but only for their own prestige and privilege.



Before we spend too much time criticizing them, however, we would do well to examine ourselves. If Jesus were standing in our midst right now, would he have a similar warning for us? We may not be religious leaders, but we are like those tenants in many ways because we have been made stewards of the gifts of God. We receive his help and grace through the sacraments, for example. Are we good stewards of this grace, or do we take it for granted and fail to nourish it to produce good fruit?

And what about the personal gifts that God has entrusted to each of us? We all have certain skills, talents, experiences, and opportunities thanks to God's work in our lives. Do we make the most of these things or do we settle for the easy road? Do we thank God for them or consider them to be our own?

God has trusted us with a place in the world, HIS world. He is the ultimate authority here and all things we enjoy come from his hands. May we have the humility and gratitude to use his gifts for his glory and not just our own.

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How often do we find ourselves wanting what is not ours? Greed, envy, and even gluttony lead us to a bad end. We live in a world that feels very entitled. Many people believe that wants and needs ought to be provided or simply given to them, without any work or effort. It is easy to feel that we have received the short end of the stick or less than what we deserve. However, feeling shortchanged makes it impossible to walk with gratitude in our hearts and feel a sense of responsibility, the two essential elements of the spiritual life. Are we grateful?

October 8 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 21:33-43  
After hearing the parable, how would you describe God's justice?

Children: Why do you think the landowner gave his tenants a second chance?

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 8, 2017

That men and women will be open to the voice of the Lord, asking the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help them recognize and answer His call to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

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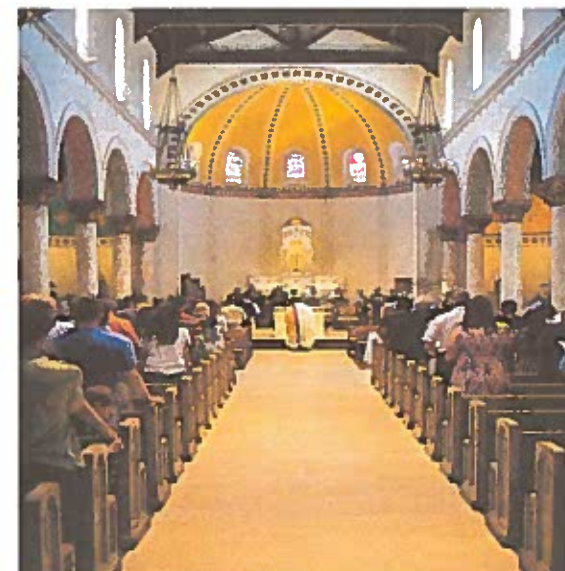
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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8, 2017

*Welcome!*  
 Rosary  
 Prayed every Sunday  
 following the 11 a.m. Mass.

**Registration of New Parishioners**  
 Registration will be held Sunday, **Oct 22, 12:15 p.m.**,  
 third floor of the pastoral center.  
 Sign up by contacting Pat Walsh at  
[pat.walsh@cox.net](mailto:pat.walsh@cox.net) or 757-440-2901.

**Sacramental Preparation**  
 For more information, contact Amy Woods at  
 625-6763 or amy@sacredheartnorfolk.org.

**Ministry to the Sick & Homebound**  
 If you know someone who desires a visit, contact the  
 parish office at 625-6763 or  
[office@sacredheartnorfolk.org](mailto:office@sacredheartnorfolk.org).

**Prayer Chain Ministry**  
 Contact Susan Daniel with prayer requests at  
 436-2324 or susdan@me.com

**RCIA at Sacred Heart**  
 If you are an adult and would like to explore the Catholic  
 way of life, our RCIA group meets **every Thursday at 7**  
**p.m.** Contact Amy Woods at 625-6763 or  
[amy@sacredheartnorfolk.org](mailto:amy@sacredheartnorfolk.org).

**Sacred Heart Young Adults Group (21+)**  
 For information about the young adult scripture  
 discussions and monthly socials. Contact Elizabeth  
 at youngadults@sacredheartnorfolk.org



**Our Mission**  
 We, the diverse  
 Catholic community of  
 Sacred Heart, are called to  
 act as disciples of  
 Jesus, respecting the dignity  
 of all, through our Word,  
 Worship, Community and  
 Service.

**Parish Office Hours**  
 Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fri: 9 a.m.-Noon

**Nursery Hours-**  
 Sunday 11:00 am Mass  
 Closed Sunday October 8

**Mass Schedule**  
 Reconciliation.....4:30 p.m.  
 Saturday.....5:30 p.m.  
 Sunday..... 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

**Daily Mass Schedule**  
 Tuesday-No Daily Mass-Oct.10.....5:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday-No Daily Mass-Oct.11.....5:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday-No Adoration-Oct.11..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Friday..... 12:00 p.m.

**Parish Staff**  
 Rev. Paul Muyimbwa.....Pastor  
 Amy Woods.....Director of Religious Education  
 Dr. James Gallatin.....Music Director  
 Neil Walsh.....Director of Social Ministry  
 Leanne Besachio.....Faith Formation Admin. Assistant  
 Diana Kreider.....Parish Admin. Assistant  
 Calvin Hoffler.....Maintenance Technician  
 Andrew Buckles.....Bookkeeper

## Parish News and Events

### Returning Catholics

Is there a ceremony or preparation for baptized Catholics who never or seldom have practiced the faith? For Catholics who have been baptized, confirmed and made First Communion but then drifted from the faith, the way they return is through the Sacrament of Penance.



Please contact

**Fr. Paul at 625-6763** to schedule an appointment

### "Third annual Fauré requiem performance,

Sunday afternoon October 29th at 4:00. Join us as we honor our departed loved ones with this beautiful piece of music. If you would like to add a name to the honorees, contact the parish office.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**Please call or email to reserve your spot for training.**

The parish will be conducting refresher training for existing EMHCs and initial training for new EMHCs in October. We encourage existing or new EMHCs to bring another Parishioner that has expressed interest in this Ministry.



New and existing EMHCs should plan to attend one of the following sessions:

- Tuesday October 10th at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday October 14th at 9:30 a.m.

Please RSVP by Monday October 9, 2017  
call the office 757-625-6763 or  
email: [office@sacredheartnorfolk.org](mailto:office@sacredheartnorfolk.org)

### Diocesan Women's Conference –

**November 4, 2017** The Diocese of Richmond is hosting another diocesan-wide Catholic Women's Conference! This is a one-day conference for all women over 18 to come together for a day of fellowship, prayer, and learning. When not in general sessions with keynote speakers, participants may attend different breakout sessions, visit the expo area featuring many vendors and exhibitors, and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The conference will conclude with Vigil Mass for Sunday. Visit [www.cdrcmf.org](http://www.cdrcmf.org) for more information and to register.

## Parish Financial Monthly Report

### August Fiscal News 2017-2018

Monthly Budget	\$38,091.02
Actual Monthly Collection	\$36,388.00
Amount Over (under) Budget	\$(1,703.02)
Year to Date Budgeted Collections	\$85,015.73
Year to Date Actual Collection	\$79,159.27
Over (under) Yearly Budget	\$(5,856.46)

The amount in ( ) indicates a deficit.

## Religious Education

### Thank You

To everyone who supported the Fall Festival in some way. A great time was had by all and money was raised to support the youth ministry trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November. If you were not able to support the Wine Festival, but would like to make a donation to this youth ministry trip, please contact Amy Woods.

### Youth Council Meeting

The Youth Council will meet on **Sunday, October 15** starting with the 8 a.m. Mass.

### Middle School Youth Rally – LAST CALL

**Saturday, October 29, 2014** at Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School from 9 a. m. – 6 p.m. The cost is \$40 per participant. **DEADLINE to sign up today!** Please email Amy Woods at [amy@sacredheartnorfolk.org](mailto:amy@sacredheartnorfolk.org) to get the registration form.

### Super Social Saturday

The next youth group social event will be our annual Amazing Scripture Scavenger Hunt on **Saturday, October 21 from 6:30pm-9pm**. This annual events involves, food, scripture, and a crazy scavenger hunt around Norfolk. Pizza and soda will be provided, bring a snack to share. Sign up now by contacting Amy Woods at [amy@sacredheartnorfolk.org](mailto:amy@sacredheartnorfolk.org). Friends are always welcome. We need 2-3 adults who are willing to drive.

## Religious Education

### Religious Education

Next Sunday, October 15 is Service Weekend. No morning sessions. Families with last names A – F are asked to come help serve in the Soup Kitchen from 1-3 p.m. All families are asked to **Go Out and BE of service to others.**

### Rite of Continuing Conversion

Our Confirmation Candidates will celebrate the Rite of Continuing Conversion at Mass next weekend. Please come and pray with and for our teens as they begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter Season.

## Community

**2017 RED MASS**—The Very Reverend Monsignor Mark Richard Lane, Diocesan Administrator, and The Saint Thomas More Society invite everyone in the Richmond Diocese to join in worship and fellowship at the **34th Annual Red Mass and Dinner on Thursday, October 26.** Reverend Monsignor R. Francis Muench, J.C.L., Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Richmond will celebrate the Red Mass. Mass is at 5:30 p.m. at Saint Mary Church, 9505 Gayton Road, Richmond. The dinner will follow in the Saint Mary Church Upper Commons. The keynote address will be given by Professor Hadley Arkes, Founder and Director of the James Wilson Institute on Natural Rights and the American Founding. Tickets for the dinner are \$65.00 each. The Saint Thomas More Society is an educational, fraternal, and service organization of Catholic lawyers. Further information can be obtained from Society President, James Schliessmann, [jeschliessmann@hotmail.com](mailto:jeschliessmann@hotmail.com) or 804-873-1035.

**The Knights of Columbus Council 367,** "The First Council in the South", is having their AYCE

**Fabulous Family Breakfast from 9 – Noon** on Sunday, October 15th. Menu includes: bacon, link sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, eggs to order, fried potatoes, biscuits & gravy, waffles, pancakes, French toast, grits, toast, & fresh fruit. \$8 for Adults, \$4 for children ages 5-12, free for 4 & under. Adult price also includes a Mimosa. For more information please call [\(757\) 857-6982](tel:757-857-6982)

## Justice and Peace

**You can help!** 5 Sacred Heart Social ministry activities have openings for coordinators. You will be fully supported and resourced by the staff. Our current opportunities are in Migrant Ministry, Soup Kitchen, Respect Life, "Green" (environmental), and Local Homelessness. To learn more, please contact Neil Walsh at [neil@sacredheartnorfolk.org](mailto:neil@sacredheartnorfolk.org), or 625 6763x19. Don't miss this opportunity to put your faith in Action!

## Justice and Peace

### "Care for Our Earth"

This weekend we give special attention to St. Francis of Assisi and his love of all creation. St. Francis was a man ahead of his time in his understanding of and respect for the Earth. He loved all creatures through his caring for them and how he spoke about them. What enabled him to have such a respect and concern for creation? "What is essential is invisible to the eye", as the book, *The Little Prince*, puts it. Francis had the gifted ability to recognize God's presence in all creatures. His love for the Earth expressed his love for God. His care for the Earth was a reflection of God loving all of creation. We are not St. Francis, but we can, and hopefully have, emulated his ways. We can work at opening our eyes of faith and our hearts, we can handle the goods of our lives as God's gifts, we can look at the world around us and see God's kingdom among us, we can encourage each other as one family to share our Earth graciously. Doing this, we are recognizing God around us, with us and in us!



### Hope 4 Life - Baby Blanket Drive

COLLECTING BABY ITEMS AGAIN NEXT WEEKEND. Sacred Heart is having a "Baby Blanket Drive" to support Hope 4 Life, which is a local, non-profit, mobile crisis pregnancy resource center. Founded by area Catholic women, and endorsed by the diocese of Richmond, Hope 4 Life provides free services, including counseling, pregnancy tests, and ultrasounds. These free services will enable mothers and fathers to encounter the humanity of their child, and will encourage them to carry their babies to term. Hope 4 Life stays engaged with mothers and family to assist in overcoming obstacles and hardships, often providing any and all baby items a new mother needs, including a welcoming baby blanket. Please prayerfully consider making or purchasing a baby blanket, or donating other infant necessities, which we will collect IN OUR COMMONS on Sept. 30/Oct.1. URGENT NEEDS ARE BABY BLANKETS AND BOTTLES, HYGIENE ITEMS(baby wash, shampoo, wipes), DIAPERS in all sizes, FUNDS to support our ultrasound services. If you wish, contributions may be made to Hope 4 Life, and collected in the commons, or mailed to Hope 4 Life, 4533 Winston Road, Portsmouth, VA, 23703.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** From September 27 through November 5, please join participants from many local churches in a peaceful, prayerful, vigil for an awareness of abortion in our community. 40 Days For Life is a world-wide movement encouraging prayer, fasting, and community outreach for an end to abortion. Two campaigns are held each year, during Lent and in the Fall. You're invited to peacefully pray anytime from 7AM to 7PM during the 40 days. The vigil is at Planned Parenthood, [515 Newtown Rd, Virginia Beach](http://www.515NewtownRdVirginiaBeach.com). Prayer partners and transportation is available. Coordinator is Cheri Britt, [757-334-6149](tel:757-334-6149), at [ourhope4life@gmail.com](mailto:ourhope4life@gmail.com), or go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com/virginiabeach>. Sacred Heart contact is Tony Mentasana, [757-284-4875](tel:757-284-4875).