

St. Edward's Catholic Church Pulaski, Virginia



June 22, 2025
**The Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ**

Collection June 15, 2025

Regular Collection	\$789.00
Votive Candles	56.00
Attendance	54

June 29, 2025

Ushers- R. Mancine/B. Thompson
Lector- Patty Williams
Commentator- Kathy Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers- J. McNair/S. Warburton
Lawn Care- David Carper

Readings for June 29, 2025

Reading 1	Genesis 14:18-20
Reading 2	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel	Luke 9:11b-17

Please let Gaby or Stan know of any changes needed to PRAYER LIST

Megan Talbert, Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Larry Riffey, Rosanna Vallo, Chuck Yates, Shannon Yates, Bryan Pittman, Olin Whitener, Stephen Petrowski, Jerry Stanley, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Lynn Canty, Ron Morgan, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Bill McGuire, John Willett, Susan Bennett, Jerry Toothman, Pal Montgomery, Jon Ash, Leigh Thompson, Father Bernie, John McNair, Jeannie Bain, Jean-Paul Billaud, and Donna Franzmann..

Food Donations-June's non-perishable food donations will be for the Emergency Needs Task Force. We will collect through next Sunday, June 29. Thank you in advance for your generosity in reaching out and helping others.

Pastoral Council-The next Pastoral Council meeting will be on July 6, directly after Mass. All members please plan to attend.

John Balconi-We lost a long time parishioner and friend this past week. John was here with us last Sunday at Mass, but that evening he had a stroke, was taken to Pulaski Hospital, and then transferred to Roanoke Memoria. He never regained consciousness and passed away on Wednesday afternoon. He did receive the "Anointing of the Sick" on Tuesday evening. John's visitation will be at Norris(Stevens) Funeral Home this afternoon from 3:00-5:00. There will be no other services.

June Birthdays

Jennifer Grube	June 3
Carol Luttrell	June 4
Father Boat	June 13
Joe Tedesco	June 20

June Anniversaries

Ken & Norma Klima	June 2
Bill & Amanda Kelly	June 8
Michael & Rosanna Vallo	June 8
Carol & Richard Luttrell	June 17
Joe & Stephanie Tedesco	June 19
Terrie & Ty Hancock	June 25
Linda & Jack McCann	June 27
Sharon & Jerry Dalton	June 28

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This is a week of great celebrations. We much to reflect upon in the birth of John the Baptist. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a devotion dear to the Society of Jesus. And the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul help us reflect on these great early witnesses to Jesus' Spirit among us.

This is a great week to reflect on several wonderful elements of the Word and to let them interact with genuine desires in our hearts. We can reflect upon our call - the vocation we find ourselves in, the ways we live it and are faithful to it. We can be comforted by Jesus telling us that fear is what gets in the way of our freedom to be a witness of the Good News for others.

Fear comes in so many forms. Sometimes, when we are angry a lot, or finding ourselves to be more and more defensive, we can trace the anxiety or insecurity back to a particular fear or a general fear. How liberating it can be for us to pray for the grace to be fear-less, especially in the concrete ways that will come to us in our everyday life this week.

And it is good to recognize the traps that sabotage us in our everyday relationships and daily choices. Judging others is an easy trap for people trying to be good. It is so easy for me to notice when you aren't as good as I'm trying to be. The end result is I'm trapped, and fail to recognize my own ways of failing to love. If only we could love others, at least in the same way we crave to be loved! The culture we live in, the way Jesus describes it to us is clearly entering through the "narrow" gate. And, when I don't sort through my various and sometimes conflicting desires, it feels like my life is built upon sand. When the going gets tough, I have nothing to fall back upon. The week ends with a picture of Jesus, the healer.

Perhaps by the end of the week, the brief conversations we have with Jesus, in the midst of our daily life, will reveal desires for healing. Jesus always wants to show us how he can make us whole. He always wants us to be able to receive gifts, which we in turn can share with others. All of us can find grace in some part of the Abraham and Sarah story. Who among us doesn't feel that we are unable, too old, not religious enough, not strong enough, not ready, held back in some way from bringing forth life or fulfilling our vocation? This week is a good reminder that "nothing is impossible with God." Each night this week, we can recall what we've talked about, asked for and received, and we can give thanks.

John Stephen Balconi, Age 81, of Pulaski Virginia, passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, with his family at his side in the Intensive Care Unit at Carillion Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Virginia.

John was born on December 10, 1943, in Detroit Michigan to his parents John Carl and Rita Sholtis Balconi who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by a loving and loyal pet, a Standard Poodle, named Bear who was also his running partner.

John was a very active man who loved to run. He participated in one Marathon while living in New York and loved the local charity runs such as the Turkey trot and Jingle Bell 5K. He received his undergraduate degree from Notre Dame and a master's degree from Purdue University.

John remained an active and vibrant fan of Notre Dame as long as he could. One of the greatest memories is him taking his daughter and son to the 1988 National Championship to watch their football team play in the Fiesta bowl, which happens to be the last time Notre Dame won a national football championship.

John maintained a strong work ethic as he continued to be in management with Radford arsenal where he retired from, after leaving the arsenal in Joliet IL. John also enjoyed the travel, especially to Italy, where he went three times to visit family since that is where his father was born. He thoroughly enjoyed visiting Mercallo which is just north of Milan. Mercallo just happens to be the home of the Piazza Balconi which was named from an ancestor of John. He was also a member of Saint Edward's Catholic Church in Pulaski.

John is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Michaelene "Mickey" Balconi and his three kids... Michael Balconi, his wife Katie of Fort Lauderdale FL, and their sons Dominic and Jacob, daughter Kathryn Cloyd and her partner Steve of Lutherville MD, and daughter Elizabeth Balconi and her wife Amy. John is also survived by a sister, Sandra Verga and her husband Charles along with other extended family and wonderful friends.

Family will host a time of visitation and greet friends and neighbors in the Chapel of Norris Funeral services located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski on Sunday June the 22nd from three o'clock in the afternoon until five. Norris Funeral Services, Pulaski Chapel is serving the family.