Vision
That we live our Faith through our thoughts, words and actions.

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Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday
9:00am-2:00pm

Bulletin Deadline
Wednesday at Noon

Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule
Wednesday 10:00am
Friday 10:00am*
*Mass only offered the first Friday of each month

New Parishioners
Welcome to COTT! Please call the office or go on-line to register.
Forms can be found in the commons or go on-line to download them please complete and return to office or drop in collection plate.

Sacraments

Reconciliation
By appointment.
Baptism
Arrangements must be made in advance in the parish office.
Marriage
Couples planning to marry should contact the Pastor at least one year before the wedding.
Visiting the Sick
If admitted to a hospital or confined at home, please call the parish office to arrange for a visit, communion, and/or Anointing of the sick.
“The feeding of the multitudes is the only miracle of Jesus that is recorded in all four accounts of the Gospel, so it must have been extremely important to the first Christians. Jesus’ acts of feeding were seen as pivotal works that reminded believers of how God had provided bread for the people in the wilderness (Exodus 16), and it also foreshadowed the heavenly banquet in Jesus’ description of the Kingdom (Matthew 22). The feeding of the multitudes also became a symbol for the Eucharist in the early Church, and paintings of baskets of bread and fish are common in the catacombs where the early Christians buried their loved ones, because the Eucharist was understood as the ‘food of eternal life.’”

Weekly Scripture Readings

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Mission Statement

To grow in our relationship with God and our parish community by...

- Fostering a safe and welcoming community where each member is encouraged to live out the blessings of their baptismal calling;
- Ensuring faithful liturgical celebrations are available to draw all closer to God;
- Providing ongoing faith formation;
- Promoting opportunities to grow as a parish family

To live our Faith in our community by...

- Seeking out and helping those in need;
- Promoting respect for and outreach to other faith communities

To be good stewards of our financial and physical resources

Welcome!

Come as a guest; leave as a friend
Thank You! Thank you to everyone who supported our Blood Drive on July 25th. We collected 28 pints of blood!

No Google Form Needed Masses have been running smoothly without the need for the Google Form. Feel free to attend the Mass of your choice next weekend. Please keep in mind the same guidelines are still in effect.

Save the Date! “It Must Be a Sign” Dedication Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we have completely funded the entire cost of the new sign without having to dip into our Capital Improvements Fund! Mark your calendars for the dedication of the new sign, which will be following the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, August 16th. The raffle drawing will take place that morning as well. We will livestream the drawing and ceremony to our Facebook page for anyone that cannot be with us in person.

Wednesday and First Friday Masses will be open to all parishioners beginning on Wednesday, July 15th. You will not need an invitation to attend these Masses, but the following requirements must be met: 1. The 3 questions posted at the door must be answered “No” for everyone entering the building. 2. A mask must be worn throughout the Mass by everyone 10 years of age or older. 3. There will be no congregating or socializing in the parking lot or parish building before or after Mass. 4. 6-feet social distancing must be observed at all times. 5. Sanctuary seating will be directed by ushers. Attendees may not sit with someone not of the same household. 6. All attendees MUST CLEAN & DISINFECT THEIR PLACE AT THE CONCLUSION OF MASS. NO EXCEPTIONS. Cleaning materials will be provided.

Food Donations Needed The Botetourt Food Pantry supplies are low as a result of the COVID crisis. If you are blessed to be in a position where you can donate food to our neighbors in need, please bring your donations to the church. You are welcome to leave donations on the portico if you are not comfortable entering the building. Thank you for your generosity!

Bicentennial Coffee Table Books are now available to the faithful of the Diocese of Richmond! Featuring a strikingly illustrated history of our diocese, dozens of removable prayer cards and photographs, and information specifically about our parish, Shine Like Stars is the perfect addition to your home. This is the only printing of the commemorative books—get yours today! Contact the parish office if you are interested in purchasing a copy.

Vocations If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Marriage Encounter Don’t distance from your spouse! Learn how to bring your marriage to a new level. Renew, rekindle and strengthen your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience September 11-13, 2020 in Hickory, NC and September 11-13, 2020 in VIRTUAL WEEKEND. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org.

Fincastle UMC Blessing Box Fincastle United Methodist Church has placed a red Blessing Box on the front of the gray cinderblock building next to its Family Life Center. The Blessing Box is mean to be a community project stocked by donations with shelf-stable food items as well as basic toiletries FREE to be taken by anyone in need. The perception is that an unusually large number of people are hurting now. This is meant to be anonymous and honor-system based. No one needs to sign up or qualify; they just drive past, stop and take what they need. How can you help? As it says on the doors: “Take what you need. Leave what you can.” Blessing Box means that those who leave items are blessed enough to be able to do so, and those who take items are blessed that items are there to take.

Do You Know an Older Adult Who Could Use a Friendly Call? Commonwealth Catholic Charities Call Reassurance program provides lonely and shut-in seniors with regular phone calls from caring volunteers. Seniors feel encouraged knowing a compassionate friend is only a phone call away. To make a referral or to volunteer call 804-545-5916 or visit www.cccofva.org/aging-and-disability-services.

Church of the Transfiguration Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda
August 5, 2020

6:00 Opening Prayer and Reflection Attendance/Guests
Welcome New Members

6:10 Approval of June 4, 2020 meeting minutes

6:15 Old Business
• “It’s a Sign” Update
• Heads of Ministry Openings; Youth, Evangelization, Backpack Ministries
• Parish Pastoral Council Officer elections
• Landscaping (again)
• Youth Scholarship update

6:55 New Business
• PPC Day of Reflection
• Religious Education update (Mary Stickler)
• How can we help?
• How to Reconnect with Parishioners
• Formed.org (John Keeley)

7:15 Pastor’s Time (15 minutes)

7:30 Next meeting reminder/Closing Prayer/Adjourn