

April 7, 2024

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OUR VISION

To expand and strengthen the Christian Community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is demonstrated and fulfilled.

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday 5pm: SPP

Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's

11am: SPP

WEEKDAYS

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

HOLY DAYS

Vigil 7pm: SPP

Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's

Noon: SPP

CONFESSION

Saturday 4pm: SPP

Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's

(or by appointment)

HOSPITAL VISITS:

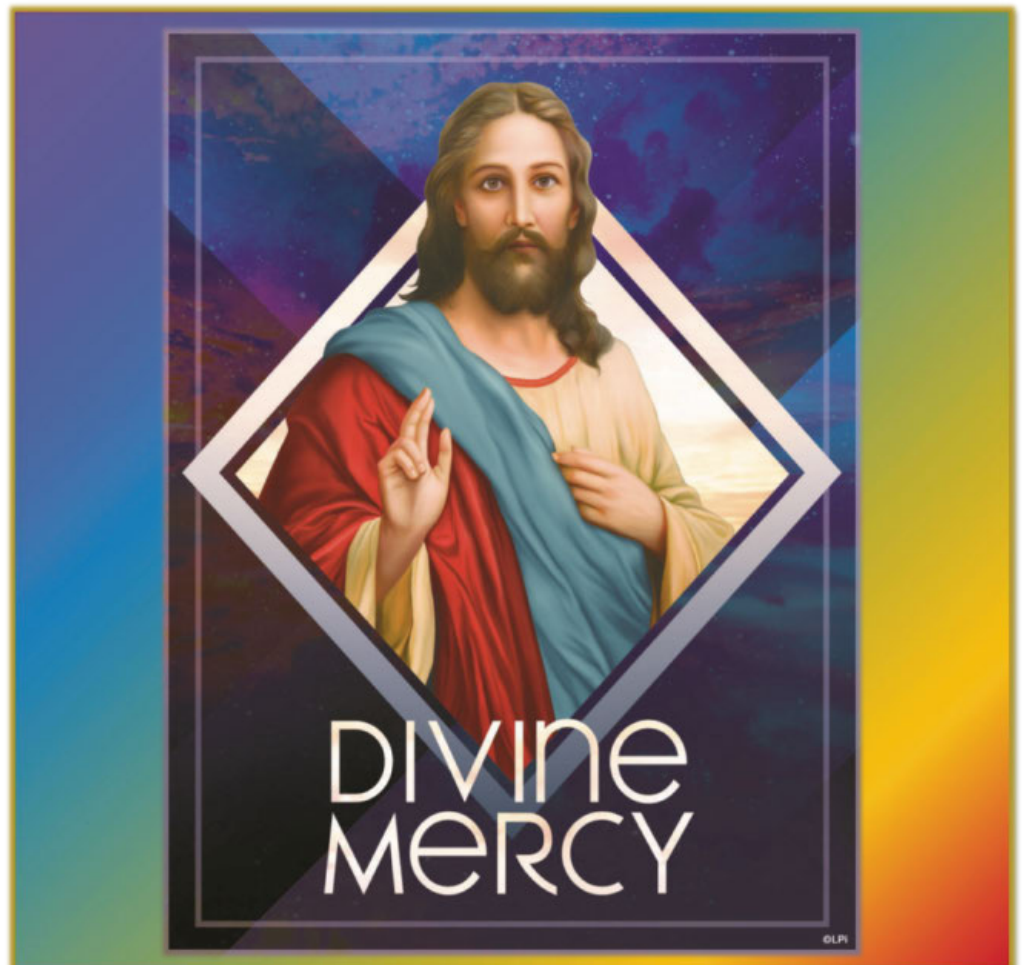
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



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SERVE

WELCOME



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Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to

karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org



Whether you are a visitor or new to our parish, interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or an active member of our parish, we are pleased that you have come.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK APRIL 7, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:
Saturday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

APRIL 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor - Patricia & Anthony Amato

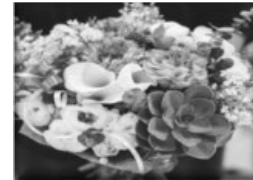
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Or have a Mass said for a loved one. Contact the office for availability.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

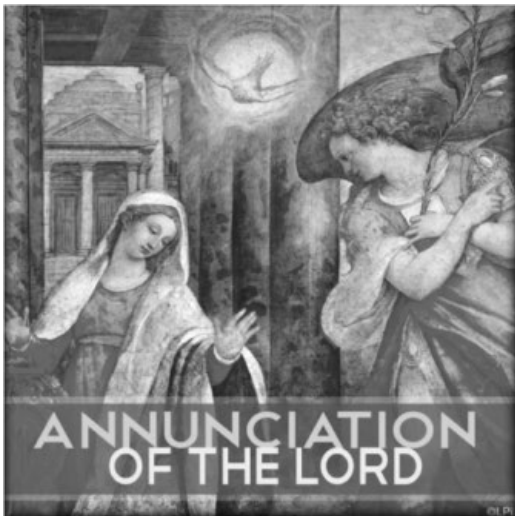
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“As the Father sends Me, so I send you.” Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ’s mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest. Talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations at
804.359.5661

Or via email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



WRITTEN IN THE WOUNDS

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there’s something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn’t ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. “You have no wounds,” she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don’t think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, “Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?” Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. “Here, and here, and here,” he can say. “And I overcame them all.”

It’s the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” — John 20:28

Carolyn Jurkiewicz Dorman



PARISH YOUTH



Religious Education
Classes meet every Sunday at
9:30a and conclude after the
11:00a Mass.

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS AND TEACHER'S AIDES NEEDED:
 Volunteers are needed as teachers, assistants and substitutes for 2024-2025 school year. We also need assistants and subs for the remainder of this year. If you are interested in helping guide the children in faith we would love to have you come help. Please send Christina Nealy an email at

Religious@saintpeterandpaul.org

I look forward to working with you!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

AN ANGEL TOLD MARY, "YOU WILL HAVE A BABY. YOU WILL GIVE BIRTH TO THE SON OF GOD THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT." MARY AGREED TO HAVE THE BABY. SHE NAMED HIM JESUS. HE GREW UP AND TAUGHT US HOW TO LOVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOR. JESUS LIVED, DIED, AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD TO LEAD US TO HEAVEN. BECAUSE MARY SAID, "YES, LORD," GOD SENT HIS SON.

PRAYER

Lord, teach me to say, "Yes, I will do as you ask." Amen.

JOB OPENINGS: CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CCS is seeking the following for the 2024-2025 school year:

Elementary teacher (JK-5)

Part-time elementary Spanish teacher

Please send resume, Diocesan application, three letters of reference, and a copy of your teaching license to CCS, Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Penn Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or vial email to v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org

JOIN SCOUTING!

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 11 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign him or her up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys):

Chuck Palmer

charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com 571.212.4445

Important dates to put on you calendar:

Date	Event	Time/Place
April 11th	Confirmation	7p at St. Thomas - candidates arrive by 6p
April 27th	1st Reconciliation for SPP & SJ	10a at SPP, church
May 4th	1st Holy Communion	12p at SPP, church
May 11th	1st Holy Communion	10a at SJ, church

PUZZLE

Circle the group in each row that has more.
 Then color the pictures:



MISSION

I will take diapers, blankets, canned milk, and baby clothes to the homeless shelter.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 6 - APRIL 14, 2024

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Saturday	4/6	5pm	Bernie Horan	D	Donna Horan
Sunday	4/7	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	4/7	11am	Gary Johnson	D	Usher Ministry
Wednesday	4/10	9am	Carol Cahill	D	Frank Pilk
Thursday	4/11	9am	Emilia Gutierrez	D	Suarez Family
Friday	4/12	9am	Jean Marron	D	John Condon
Saturday	4/13	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	4/14	9am*	Johnny S. & Jane Garland	D	Courtney & Shannon Land
Sunday	4/14	11am	Patrick & Rosemary Granville	D	Hal & Linda Smith

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .



Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Connor Dobbins, Katie Marron, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Russ Marron, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Alex Ostrowski, Adam Warren, and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



REMEMBER *in your prayers*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Peter & Philomena Alonso, Michael Amato, Maria Boice, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Catherine Doherty, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Caroline Faulkner, Bob Fint, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Tony Inghilleri, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Art & Judy Menard, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Margaret Reilly, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Kathy Seroskie, Carol Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Rob Toepfert, Jr., Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters

Please call the office at **434.589.5201** for homebound or hospital visits.



Holy Spirit, you are the giver of many gifts which God wants to give to these Confirmands very personally.

Open their hearts and minds as they prepare for Confirmation. Help them to know that you are confirming all the goodness that they are and all the goodness that they will become. Increase their desire to know and follow Jesus as his disciple with a grateful and courageous heart. **Amen.**

Congratulations!

TO OUR CONFIRMANDS

Julie B. Keira C. Briana C.
Ashley M. Bianca M. Brennan P
.Nicholas P. Megan P. Victoria S.
Ginger S.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 148 Sun. - 251	MAR. 23/24
First Offering	\$ 3,621
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,064
Total	\$ 5,685
March MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 3,551

The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is THIS WEEKEND

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is this weekend after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thank you!

The Lenten season fills our parish with hope and promise - opportunities abound to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2024, Sts. Peter and Paul is reaching out to parishioners.

With eGiving, you can help sustain an build ministries like this year that reflect the promise of God's love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts help people all around us.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249 or calling Customer Service at 866-507-8757. Thanks for your continued support. God bless you.



March Wedding

Anniversaries



Congratulations to all couples who celebrated their wedding anniversary in the month of March, especially:

- Mike & Vicky Stankevicz* 34 years
- Don & Alicia Wheeler* 41 years
- Jim & Nona Dooley* 47 years
- Tim & Eileen Monahan* 56 years



Meals on Wheels is in need of HARD PLASTIC reusable ice packs. They use them to leave clients meals in their cooler when they are away at the time of delivery.



In order to keep the food safe the ice packs must be of a certain size. The preferred packs can be ordered in sets of 4 from Amazon - Sport Temp Reusable Jumbo Ice Pack. Please use the shipping address below for delivery:



Fluvanna Meals on Wheels, Inc.
105 Crofton Plaza, Suite 8
Palmyra, VA 22963
(434) 589-1685

Thank you for your continued support.



UPCOMING EVENTS



ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

includes RCIA, offering instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with interest in being members of the Catholic faith.

Classes meet every Sunday @ 9:30am.



ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	6-Apr	1st Saturday Mass & Rosary	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale after Mass	6:00p	Church
		Convalidation	6:30p	Church
Sun	7-Apr	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA	9:30a	Hall/Church
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		Bake Sale after Mass	12:00a	Church
Mon	8-Apr	Confirmation Rehearsal	7:00p	St. Thomas
Tues	9-Apr	Yoga	11:00a	119
Wed	10-Apr	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Scouts	6:30p	F
Thurs	11-Apr	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
		Confirmation	7:00p	St. Thomas
Fri	12-Apr	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	13-Apr	Craft Fair & Bake Sale	8:00a	Hall
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	14-Apr	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA	9:30a	E/Church
		Sunday Mass	11:00a	Church
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall)	R - St. Raphael (Church)	
		E - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	M - St. Michael (Church)	
		C - Commons (Church)		

BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm
St. Elizabeth Room,
Parish Hall

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SIGN UP TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

in the Adoration Chapel

M - Th, 6am - 8pm

Pope Francis reiterates the importance of spending time in Adoration, "for only through silent Adoration will the Word of God live in our words; only in His presence will we be purified, transformed, and renewed by the fire of his Spirit. Brothers and sisters, let us adore the Lord Jesus!"

Contact: Denise Minor - dminor92@gmail.com



Women's Cursillo Weekend

APRIL 25-28, 2024

Do you want to take a deeper dive into your Spiritual Journey? If so, a *Women's Cursillo Weekend* will be held *Thursday, April 25th (7:00pm) through Sunday, April 28th, 2024, near Harrisonburg, VA.*

The Theme of the Weekend is "Called to Love". If you desire a Spiritual Boost, come walk this journey alongside other

Catholic women of all ages and be filled with the JOY Christ offers each one of us. Applications and more information about Cursillo are available at our table in the commons after masses. Come see us.

PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE IN 2025

SAVE THE DATE:

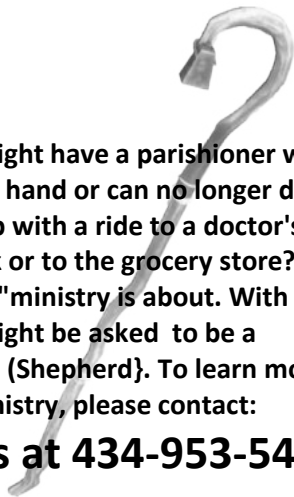
April 24 - May 4, 2025

Looking for details on this?
Information can be found on the Parish Council bulletin board in the Commons.



Occasionally we might have a parishioner who needs a temporary helping hand or can no longer drive. Can you make time to help with a ride to a doctor's appointment, church, bank or to the grocery store? This is what the "Good Shepherd" ministry is about. With your name in my call file, you might be asked to be a temporary good Samaritan (Shepherd). To learn more about Good Shepherds ministry, please contact:

Patricia Travers at 434-953-5432



PARISH NURSE NEWS

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH

11:00AM - 2:00PM

PARISH CENTER

(Senior Coffee Social returns May 29th at 10)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MANY HEALTH CARE

VENDORS WILL BE

ON-SITE THIS DAY



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Knights of Columbus "100 Club" weekly winners for March:

3/6 - Craig Loundsbury #98
3/13 - Bob Toepfert #37
3/20 - James T. Cullinan #63
3/27 - Claire Kraemer #88
Congratulations!



Catholic Q & A

QUESTION: After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

ANSWER: Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.



Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda

Annual Golf Classic

Monday,
September 9th, 2024
At Spring Creek Golf Club
109 Clubhouse Way
Zion Crossroad, Va. 22942



This golf tournament is our biggest fundraiser of the year and allows us to continue to provide needed health care for the poorest of the poor in Uganda.

To participate, sponsor, donate or to learn more about our tournament, use the following link or scan our QR code.
www.charitygolftoday.com/catholichealth

Sts. Peter and Paul's SPRING CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE

April 13, 2024

8am - 2pm

4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway
Palmyra, VA 22963

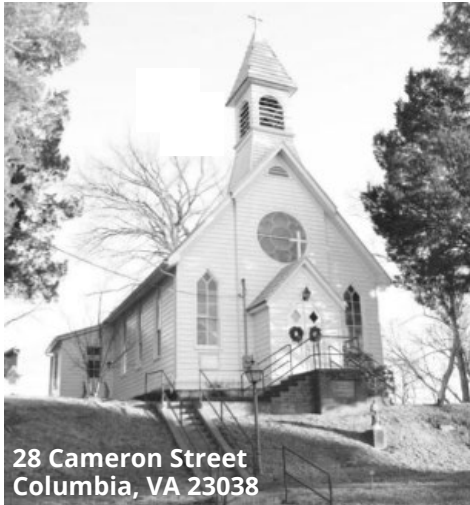


Lots of VENDORS &
Food available from JUST A BITE Food Truck

We are in need of BAKED GOODS for the Craft Fair/Bake Sale.
Please drop off on Friday, April 12th, 10a-4p, or Saturday morning before 9a.

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

— Father John Muir

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CCD meets every
Sunday
 after Mass.

April
Wedding Anniversaries
If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in April and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on May 5th, please notify the office at 434.589.5201 by Friday, April 29, 2024



PRAYER REQUESTS



Mary Ellen Agolia * Bradford Barrows *
 Maria Correa * Nona Dooley *
 Alice Galvez-Sobral * Mauricio Granados *
 Andy Mallory * India Martin *
 Angelica Motta * Odila Motta *
 Oscar Motta * Thelma Motta *
 Denise Pillar * John Stewart *
 Jordan Watkins * Diane Wolfe *

If you have pictures or ministry information to be added to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at: kenneymg@gmail.com

If you would like to honor a loved one by having a Mass said for them, contact the office at Sts. Peter and Paul at 434.589.5201 to arrange an available date at least 6 months out.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

EYE HAS NOT SEEN

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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