

April 27, 2025

*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19)*



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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**

1st Saturday 10am: SPP

Saturday 5pm: SPP

Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's

11am: SPP

**WEEKDAYS**

Tuesday - Noon

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

**HOLY DAYS**

Vigil 7pm: SPP

Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's

Noon: SPP

**YOUTH MASS**

Last Sunday of the Month

**CONFESSION**

1st Saturday 9:00am: SPP

Saturday 4pm: SPP

Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's

**HOSPITAL VISITS:**

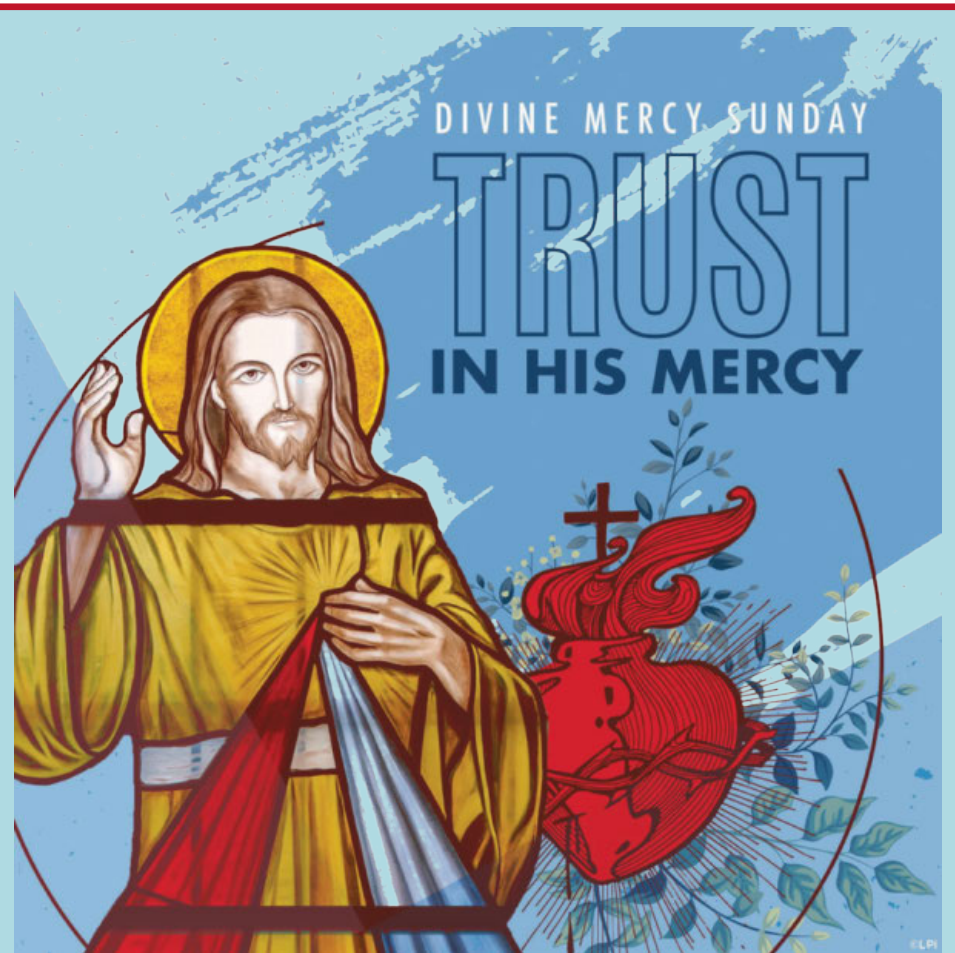
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

**HOMEBOUND:**

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



**EVANGELIZE**

**SANCTIFY**

**SERVE**

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Whether you are a visitor,  
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.

### PARISHIONER

### UPDATES FOR BOTH CHURCHES:

If you move, change your email  
or phone number,  
no longer need envelopes, etc.,  
let us know. We don't want you  
to miss anything!

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### **\*\*WEATHER ALERTS\*\***

For any adverse weather,  
please tune in to CBS19 or NBC29  
for the latest on closures.



# DIVINE MERCY

# ENCOUNTER

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

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Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

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### Prayer of Divine Mercy

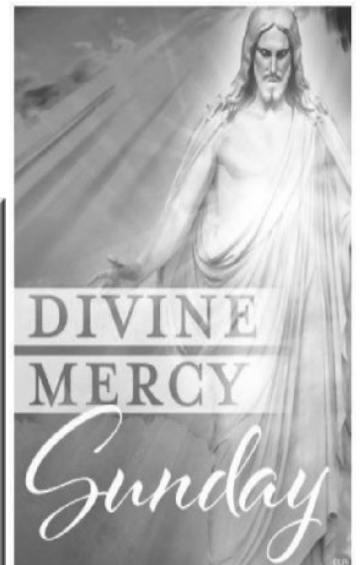
O Blood and Water that redeems and saves, have mercy on us!  
O Blood and Water that heals and restores, have mercy on us!  
O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews, have mercy on us! Amen.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/  
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8  
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: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14  
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/  
Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2025

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)  
Monday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;  
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest  
Tuesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
Wednesday: St. Pius V, Pope  
Thursday: St. Joseph the Worker; **National Day of Prayer**  
Friday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Saturday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles  
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



#### SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

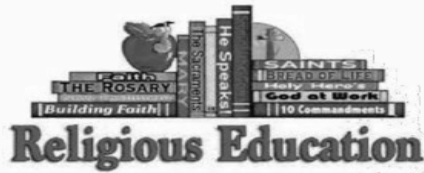
Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm

A block schedule for those who want a regular weekly a duration time is posted on the wall in the hall across from the Religious Store.

Contact: Denise Minor -  
[dminor92@gmail.com](mailto:dminor92@gmail.com)



# FAITH FORMATION



**CCD every Sunday at 9:30AM, Sts Peter & Paul. Meet in St. Francis Hall.**  
**CCD every Sunday at 10:30, St. Joseph. Meet in the parish hall.**

## ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Includes OCIA, offering instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with an interest in being members of the Catholic faith.

**Sunday: 9:30am at Sts Peter & Paul**  
**10:30 at St. Joseph**

## PRAYER

*Dear God, I thank you for being with me when I am afraid.*

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

AFTER JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS, THE DISCIPLES WERE AFRAID PEOPLE WOULD WANT TO HURT THEM TOO. THEY STAYED TOGETHER IN A ROOM AND LOCKED THE DOOR. THEN JESUS CAME TO HIS FRIENDS, TO SHOW THEM HE WAS REALLY ALIVE AGAIN, JESUS CHANGED THEIR FEAR INTO GLADNESS. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SO AFRAID YOU JUST WANTED TO HIDE? REMEMBER THAT JESUS IS WITH YOU WHEN YOU ARE AFRAID TOO.

## It's Time for Vacation Bible School!

**Location: Saint Joseph**

**Date and Time: June 9-14 6:00-8:00**

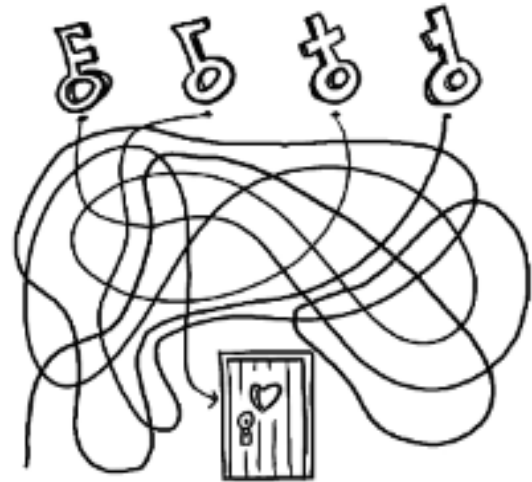
**A light supper will be served at 6:00; Program will begin at 6:30**  
**Preschool – Grade 5**

This year at VBS, your child is invited to *Passport to Peace!* Your child will learn that the love of God and the way of peace transcend all borders and divisions. Led by God's Spirit, we can all participate in creating a more peaceful world.

Your child will make new friends, sing fun songs, watch dramatic presentations of the Bible stories, play active games, do art projects and science explorations, and dig into the Bible. The five Bible stories for the week show children there are many opportunities and ways to live as peacemakers. *Passport to Peace* will help children learn ways to create inner peace, use peacemaking strategies at home, school, and in the community, and practice strategies for conflict resolution.



Which key can unlock the Door?



I will talk to God whenever I am afraid.

Inquiries about the **Sacrament of Baptism**, or any of the Sacraments, should be directed to Celeste at [religioused@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:religioused@saintspeterpaul.org) for registration and prep information.

## CONFIRMATION

April 30, 7:00 at St. Thomas Aquinas  
401 Alderman Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22903

On **Sunday, May 18** there will be a special blessing at Mass for young people who are graduating from high school or college this spring. Graduates and their families attending the Mass that Sunday at either Saints Peter & Paul or St. Joseph's will receive a blessing and then have celebratory cake with coffee/lemonade following the Mass.

If your family plans to attend this Mass, please send the name of the graduate to Celeste ([cshapiola@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:cshapiola@saintspeterpaul.org)) or call the office, so we can have the names for Father's blessing.

# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 26 - MAY 4

\*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	4/26	5pm	Bobby & Joan Fint	D	Anthony & Pat Amato
Sunday	4/27	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	4/27	11am	Mary Taylor	D	The Taylor Family
Tuesday	4/29	12Noon	Bob Burger	D	Burger & Kenny Families
Wednesday	4/30	9am	Eva Gutierrez	D	Eva Morejon
Thursday	5/1	9am	Paul Angelo Bello	D	Richard and Carol Scampoli
Friday	5/2	9am	Jonathan Duran and Luigi	D	Elizabeth Kosierowski
1st Saturday	5/3	10am	Jonathan Duran and Luigi	D	James & Elizabeth Kosierowski
Saturday	5/3	5pm	Tom Miglas	D	Joann Miglas
Sunday	5/4	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/4	11am	Donna Horan	D	Michael & Nancy King

### 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 Kuhlowl, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Damien LaForenza, Russ Marron, Adam Warren, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Joseph Ayuso, Joe and Sophia Murphy, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Alex Ostrowski, Henry Land and Matthew Reinitz.

### REMEMBER A LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL GIFT

The remembrance can be for an anniversary, a birthday, in thanksgiving, or to remember deceased loved ones.

Stop by the Parish Office to arrange to have the Bread and Wine, Flowers, and/or Candles donated for someone you love.

All donations are for one week (Sunday through Saturday).

**Altar Flowers \$25 Bread & Wine \$25  
Candles \$30 Masses \$10 (per Mass)**



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Philomena Alonso, Jean & Mary Louise Bernard, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Frank Feliciano, the Fellins, Patty Frawley, Pat Garner, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Michael Gross, Phyllis Guthrie, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Marie Knighting, Jim Kraemer, George Kuhlowl, Judi Kuhlowl, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Zachary W. Mayo II, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Gladys Pfeiffer, Margaret Reilly, Douglas Robinson, Carol Scampoli, Kathy Seroskie, Carol Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Rob Toepfert, Jr. Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters, the Williams and Walter Welham

Please call the office at **434.589.5201**

to request homebound or hospital visits.

### BREAD & WINE

Donor:

In Memory of:



### SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor:

In Memory of:



### Flowers

Donor:

**In Memory of:**  
Ruzena Jelinek  
Maya Jelinek



*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 3 or 4, please notify the office by Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please join the **Flower Guild**. Two open spots. Contact the office with questions at 434-589-5201

# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

<b>Sts Peter &amp; Paul Pew Count</b>	<b>04/12 &amp; 04/13</b>
<b>Sat. - 180   Sun. - 231</b>	
First Offering	<b>\$ 5,738</b>
E-Giving	<b>\$ 3,045</b>
Total	<b>\$ 8,783</b>
<b>APR Cash Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 1,365</b>

Sts Peter and Paul Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

**Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is**  
**MAY 3 & 4**

***Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.***

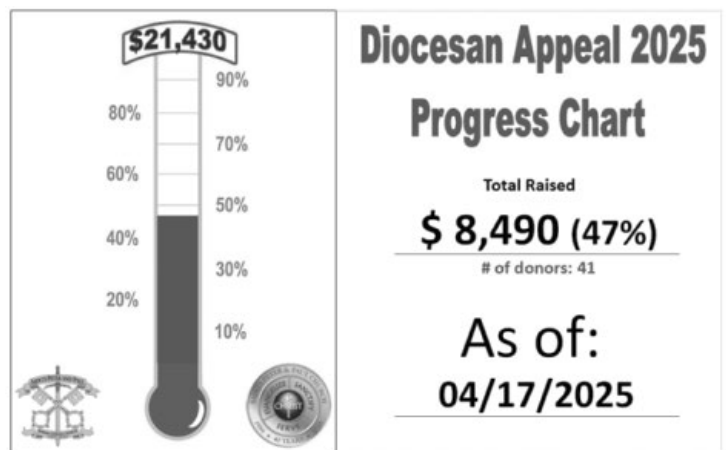
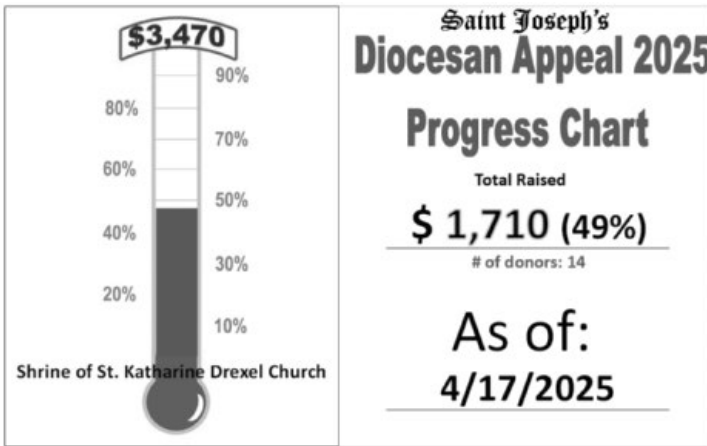
**Sts Peter and Paul next monthly Bake Sale is May 3 & 4 after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass.**

<b>St. Joseph Pew Count</b>	<b>04/12</b>
First Offering	<b>\$ 1,409</b>
Maintenance & Repair	<b>\$ 25</b>
Total	<b>\$ 1,434</b>



Thank you to all who have switched over from FaithDirect to Give Central and also to the “newbies” who have decided to take the plunge to give on-line through Give Central. If anyone has not completed the process to swith or give on-line, you can visit to go [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org) or call the Office and we will help you.

We truly appreciate your commitment to Sts. Peter/Paul.



This weekend we are blessed to be hosting a priest representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Donation envelopes will be provided. Please be generous and be sure to say hi after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to **CrossCatholic.org/outreach**, or scan this QR code:





# UPCOMING EVENTS



ROOM SCHEDULE

<b>Sat</b>	<b>26-Apr</b>	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>27-Apr</b>	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	Church
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	10:30a	St. Joseph's
		Youth Mass	11:00a	Church
		Potluck Luncheon	12:15p	Commons
<b>Mon</b>	<b>28-Apr</b>	Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	E/F
		KoC Officers	7:00p	E/F
<b>Tues</b>	<b>29-Apr</b>	Mass	12:00p	Church
		Bible Study	6:30p	St. Joseph's
		Al-Anon	7:00p	123
<b>Wed</b>	<b>30-Apr</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Senior Coffee Social	10:00a	Commons
		Scouts	6:30p	E/F
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>1-May</b>	Mass	12:00p	Church
		Yoga	11:00a	F
		Koc Round Table & Women	6:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:30p	123
<b>Fri</b>	<b>2-May</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
<b>Sat</b>	<b>3-May</b>	Confessions	9:00a	Church
		1st Saturday Mass & Rosary	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	Commons
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4-May</b>	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
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		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	10:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		Bake Sale Aftr Mass	12:00p	Commons
<b>Room Ledger:</b>		<b>F</b> - St. Francis (Hall)	<b>R</b> - St. Raphael (Church)	
		<b>E</b> - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	<b>M</b> - St. Michael (Church)	
			<b>C</b> - Commons (Church)	

**APRIL 21 - MAY 4 - PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

# Catholic Q & A

## Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

## Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Wonder, Don't Wander

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to “wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true.”

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do — give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

“I know it's true,” she told me. “But sometimes it just all sounds so...unbelievable.”

She's not wrong. It does sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that he could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices.

But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true.

When Jesus says, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed,” he isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder — just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe.



# Happy Mothers' Day!

May 11, 2025, is Mothers' Day, but let's use the month of May to celebrate

## New Mothers' Month!

Please donate baby clothing and diapers and baby supplies!

There is a bassinet (on loan from Maureen Burger) being set up near the entrance to Church.

Donations will be collected for LifeSpring Pregnancy Centers, Charlottesville,

supported by Knights of Columbus Council #11475 and Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Financial donations will also be accepted, in lieu of baby supplies.

(Please make any checks out to "Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church." Financial donations will be consolidated into one check to be delivered from our Church to LifeSpring at the end of May, along with the donated baby items)

Please place all donated items in the basket.

No wrapping needed.

Questions? Please call Larry Boice, 434-510-7677



## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** The archangel Michael is traditionally depicted holding what item?


**Answer:** sword

**STS. PETER & PAUL** *Religious Store*  
[religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org)

**HOURS:**

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
3:30 - 4:30pm	12:00 - 1:00pm
6:00 - 6:45pm	

**BOOKS: 20% off**  
Through April



## POTLUCK LUNCHEONS

Sts. Peter & Paul will be hosting potluck lunches following the Youth Masses on the last Sunday of the month. Meat and dessert will be provided. All you need to do is bring a side dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door in the Commons.

All parishioners are invited to attend, especially families, so we can get to know our fellow parishioners.



Today!

## Get ready for the Church Yard Sale, June 13 and 14!

Start cleaning out your closets, sheds and garage and bring any items for the sale starting on June 8. We need volunteers to help from June 8th through the 12th to sort and set up and on June 13 and 14 to work the yard sale. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and we need your help to make it a success.

## Talent Show for Uganda—Fundraiser for the next Medical Mission

**Sunday, June 22nd, 2:00 pm, Sts. Peter & Paul, E/F**

Funds raised will support the next medical mission to be held at St. Francis of Assisi in Kitakyusa next January. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge, but donations will be greatly appreciated. Contact Bob Maher [atpaws618@embarqmail.com](mailto:atpaws618@embarqmail.com) or (434)589-1170 for more information.

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**John 20: 19-31**

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**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 27, 2025**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
*"Uplift your Priest starts April 28th*  
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# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA ©LPI

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**27 de abril de 2025**

**II Domingo de Pascua (Divina Misericordia)**

Hoy es Domingo de la Misericordia; celebramos la gran misericordia de Dios al darnos a su Hijo para que nos salvara por medio de su vida, pasión, muerte y resurrección. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, en su numeral 1225, nos lo explica de la siguiente manera: “La sangre y el agua que brotaron del costado traspasado de Jesús crucificado (ver Juan 19:34) son figuras del Bautismo y de la Eucaristía, sacramento de vida nueva (ver 1 Juan 5:6-8): desde entonces, es posible ‘nacer del agua y del Espíritu’ para entrar en el Reino de Dios (ver Juan 3:5). Con la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección, se derramó su Misericordia. Por eso, hoy cantemos, llenos de alegría y esperanza, el Salmo 117: ¡La misericordia del Señor es eterna. ¡Aleluya!

Señor, para dar un sincero testimonio de tu resurrección, enséñame a ser dócil como Tú lo fuiste en tu vida terrena, y principalmente en la cruz. Encontrarnos y reconciliarnos es el mensaje que el Evangelio nos trae en este segundo Domingo de Pascua. Nos narra, también, la falta de fe de Tomás, de su incredulidad al recibir la noticia de que el Señor había resucitado. Tuvo que verlo y tocarlo para comprender toda la misericordia de Dios viva en Jesús: “Señor mío y Dios mío” (Juan 20:28). Y ahora, nosotros tenemos la dicha de creer sin ver. Y Jesús nos llama dichosos por eso. Pero, a la vez, debemos de madurar en la fe y eso se logra pidiendo al Espíritu Santo que nos ayude a comprender los misterios del Jesús glorioso que serán lo definitivo para todos.

**¡Ha llegado la hora para la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones (EBV)!**

**Lugar: Saint Joseph**

**Fecha y Hora: June 9-14**

**6:00-8:00**

**A light supper will be served at 6:00 and the program will begin at 6:30**

**Preescolar – Grado 5**

Este año, en la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones (EBV), tu hijo está invitado a asistir a **¡Pasaporte a la Paz!** Tu hijo aprenderá que el amor de Dios y el camino de la paz trascienden todas las fronteras y divisiones. Guiados por el Espíritu de Dios, todos podemos participar en la creación de un mundo más pacífico.

Tu hijo hará nuevos amigos, cantará canciones divertidas, verá presentaciones teatrales de las historias de la Biblia, jugará juegos activos, realizará proyectos de arte y exploraciones científicas y se adentrará en la Biblia. Las cinco historias de la Biblia de la semana muestran a los niños que hay muchas oportunidades y formas de vivir como constructores de la paz. *Pasaporte a la Paz* ayudará a los niños a aprender formas de crear paz interior, usar estrategias de pacificación en el hogar, la escuela y la comunidad, y practicar estrategias para la resolución de conflictos.



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