

April Birthdays

April 03: Maria Leslie
April 07: Kathy Ford
April 11: Wesley Garica
April 12: Gloria Bowden
April 13: Luke Ford
April 13: Beatrice Hedy
April 13: Yvon Page
April 13: Kellie McCabe
April 18: Ann Baaun-Gaydos
April 18: Avery Lecco-Smith
April 21: Scott West
April 22: Kaydence Lecco-Smith
April 26: Robert Berry
April 27: Allen Lecco
April 27: Ilithya Velasco Ruiz

April Anniversaries

April 18: Tom & Kathy Wall
April 24: David & Ann Gaydos
April 26: Ray & Bernadette Servis

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Dylan Anderson	Jack Fisher	Beverly Moyer	Jim Tew
Sid Barr	Linda Gardner	Chris Moyer	Fred Toth
Robert Berry	Elizabeth Gillam	Ray Moyer	Amy Tracy
Patricia Bonnewitz	Lorraine Brennen Gilliam	Don Notestein	Emilia Walker
Gloria Bowden	Lynn Goss	Patsy Notestein	Charles Watson
Millie Budney	Mary Graf	Angel Ortiz	Danielle Weedon
Sandra Burke	Kathleen Hamilton	George Perry	Laura Williams
Julie Byron	Jeanne Harper	Gary Peters	Louise Williams
Toni Capute	Pablo Ignacio	Laurie Peters	Michael Williams
Deacon John Carey	Patrick Ignacio	Frank Powell	Travis Williams
Riordan Cavoris	Meja Irvin	Nelson Sanchez	Betty Jo Wolfram
Justin Curtis	Leslie Jarrett	Princess Sanchez	
Alessia Destefano	Marge Lent	John Seaquist	
Carol Donato	Paul Lent	Ray Servis	
Islea Duncan	Carolyn Martin	Jane Sliwinski	
Patricia Elder	Kimberly Martin	Margaret Smith	
John Evans	Greg Moore	Chere Tew	

The Financial Corner

Collections for April 13: \$1100.00
Attendees April 13: 101

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April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday

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Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Thursday 12:15 PM

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

After a while, people stop looking for the living among the dead - looking for love where there is none; looking for love in all the wrong places; looking for the Lord in a faith community where there is no welcoming, no singing and neglectful fellowship; looking for flowers in a garden that has not been nurtured or cared for. We have been disappointed before and we won't be disappointed again. There is a voice some mornings in the church. The voice says, "Let me out! Let me out!" Can we let Jesus out of the tomb?

But on that "first day of the week" when the two dressed white as their sins were forgiven and their shame gone, there was a great power and a great excitement released. Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Jame's mother did not need anyone's permission to go forth and shout the Good News. No permission was needed to preach to the "First Pope" and his male cronies that the supreme court of capital punishment, elitism in faith and the God of the hatred and discrimination has been overturned. Everything this Jesus taught us, lived for and died for is the God's honest truth.

I would want to sing the song from the 70's, "Ain't no stopping us now." This is missionary zeal at its finest and it overcomes many things. People will die so much for this truth that eventually the executioners will give up and join the team. Schisms and breakaways will happen, but missionary zeal will not just mend fences but build bridges. Witness the friendships in this community with DAWN and Brady at New Prospect. Witness Annie Trent and her African-American friends join Our Lady of Peace and Mac's Kitchen not only to feed the hungry, but to know the poor by name.

Where is your missionary zeal to go forth and be the Good News? The zeal means, as the late Bishop Sullivan would say, "We are church in new ways." Don't ask anyone's permission to bless another. Don't *hear* mass, but *celebrate* mass. Clayton, Laura and Kevin, newly initiated at St. Victoria, you will speak in the name of Christ as you celebrate mass with me. We will do it together. Do it with that kind of enthusiasm. The three women coming from the tomb this night tell us to do just that.

While one church had three deacons and would not share with OLP in Appomattox, we have Diane who leads prayer and does damn good reflections. When you were without a priest for four Sundays, Deacon John filled with zeal didn't wait around for Richmond. He broke bread and shared the Lord Jesus with inspiring word at St. Victoria and Deacon Lou at Our Lady of Peace.

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("A Pastoral Moment" continued...)

The women did not wait around. They adapted and improved. It took a whole several hours for the Spirit to work in John and Peter for them to run to the tomb.

With no missionary zeal, there is a lack of diversity. It takes time and energy to befriend and get to know the other. With no diversity, life and food are bland. Don't you want to know what's over the mountain? Don't you want to know WHO is over the mountain? Each person is a color of the rainbow. Each person is a different manifestation of Christ. Aren't you curious? Aren't you excited? Nietzsche once said, "The people claim they are redeemed, but they do not act redeemed."

But, are YOU excited? The rich man missed out by not leaving his belongings and following Jesus. He missed feeling alive and being alive. He missed illnesses and he missed healing. He missed hunger and he missed thousands being fed. The rich young man looked for the living among the dead.

The tomb is empty but we are filled with Him and His spirit. We are overflowing with missionary zeal!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Today we rejoice with Jesus Martinez as he celebrates the sacrament of First Eucharist. Congratulations, Jesus! Please stay after mass and enjoy some cake with Jesus and share our love.

Upcoming Events

Please join us to celebrate/honor our youth who have received or are receiving sacraments on the following Sundays. Let us show them our love and support.

Sunday, April 27: Celebration of Beatrice Heady's Confirmation (Confirmed April 9)
Sunday, May 11: Killian Brown and Kathryn Hampton's First Communion

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

We are having our next meeting April 25th at 5:30 7 pm! If you are between the ages of 13-17 years old, come and join the fun as we plan our next back sale and next ***BIG EVENT!***