

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 Heady
April 13: Yvon Page
April 13: Kellie McCabe
April 18: Ann Baaun-Gaydos
April 18: Avery Lecco-mith
April 21: Scott Wet
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 6: \$1063.00
Attendees April 6: 79

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April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday

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For emergencies: Fr. Jim's cell number: 434-238-7030
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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
Bonnie Toth at bonnie3871@gmail.com

A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

I was exhausted from the recent weekend's ministry. It was Monday morning. I received a phone call that there was a homeless mother with two children in our area. She needed shelter. But, we have a policy about not putting people in hotels. The one who heads our Justice and Peace ministry had warned me many times about that. There are, however, no shelters in our area. Previous homeless people had trashed the hotel rooms and left the church liable.

I decided to assist this one "last and only time" using my own personal funds. I explained to the homeless individual why this was one time hoping that she would respect the hotel and leave the room in decent shape. Two days later, after she and the children left, I received a phone call from the establishment. They let me know that they had never found such a mess. The manager went into detail, but I will not break it down for you here. However, the manager said she would not penalize the church. I was shocked and disappointed. I should have paid attention to the regulation. We had made sacrifices, but the good we intended got trashed. After a while, I reflected upon how I had, at times, trashed life.

Sheltered under the Lord's wings, there are times I have been less than appreciative of the God's divine intervention, mercy and forgiveness. Noticing the room of shambles is the first step. Making amends after sorrow is a continuing of the healing. Perhaps it takes much time to put it in order. But, like Peter and the other disciples, through the power of the Holy Spirit we will be back.

Another gift of the Lord is that we can come back. Throughout the many years of disappointments, while running a poor race for Bishop Hendricken or breaking bad in moral ways, my Dad always told me, "Jim, you'll be back!" Perhaps the voice of the Lord spoke through many people, but also at times, Dad.

Through Jesus' sufferings and His death and resurrection, "We will be back!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is "Breakfast Sunday" as well as our celebrating Itzel Velasco's Confirmation on Wednesday, April 9. Congratulations, Itzel!

Rummage Sale Update (April 25 & 26): We are in need of more items to offer at the rummage sale! As they say: "One man's trash is another's treasure." What's in your house that you consider trash but surely is someone else's treasure?

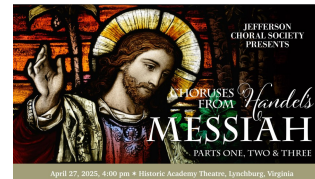
Mark Your Calendars...

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

Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service: 7:00 am, April 20. Join Fr. Jim and many more at the Easter Sunrise Service at the "Surrender Grounds" (National Park).

4th Annual Holy Cross "Fairways to Heaven" Golf Tournament: May 9 at Ivy Hills Golf Club. Come participate with parishioners from area Catholic churches for a fun afternoon of golf and fellowship. This is a "Captain's Choice Tournament" and the fee is \$50 per person (all fees and lunch are included). Deadline to sign up is May 2nd, Contact Paula Warwick at 434-941-5088 for more information.



Jefferson Choral Society would like to invite you to attend their spring concert featuring choruses from Handel's *Messiah* on April 27 at 4:00 pm at the Historic Academy Theatre in Lynchburg. Tickets can be obtained from the Academy of Fine Arts Box Office for \$25 each, with children free.

George Friedrich Handel's famous oratorio *Messiah* needs little introduction. For its Spring 2025 Concert, the Jefferson Choral Society, Central Virginia's largest and most enduring adult choir, will perform the choruses from all three parts of this monumental work accompanied by a chamber orchestra. *Messiah* follows the story of Christ from the prophecies of his birth through his passion, death, resurrection and ascension to the promise of his glorification in Heaven. Among the featured choruses in this concern are "And the Glory of the Lord," "For Unto Us a Child is Born," "Behold the Lamb of God." Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates," "All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray," "Hallelujah," and the majestic "Worthy is the Lamb."