

April 19, 2015

“I am the good Shepherd...”
(Luke 24:35)



ST. JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER

1st Holy Communion 2015

On May 3rd, the 1st Sunday of May, we will have this great and holy event.

High Mass — 11am

Rosary Procession to follow

May Crowning to follow

Parish Pot-Luck Lunch

Details of the Lunch will be noted later. Please watch for the sign-up posters. All encouraged to attend and celebrate together as a community.

The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

Please support the formation of Holy Catholic priests with the priestly vocations assistance campaign. Your contribution is tax-deductible, and 100% of the funds goes directly to support seminary formation at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary. For more information on assisting priestly vocations, please visit the FSSP on the website at www.fssp.com or call 570-842-4000. Envelopes are available in the vestibule and in the Social Room.

— Pastor’s Corner Cont’d
and the only one to believe, *without* a personal encounter. He believes with only the evidence of the burial clothes in an open, empty tomb, from which the soldiers had fled in fear. *“He saw and believed,”* (Jn 20:8). If anyone would stand out in believing, John was the likely candidate. He was the one “whom He loved,” the one who had rested his head on the breast of the Lord, had the courage and love to stand beneath the cross with Mother Mary.

St. Thomas, not getting the memo, was absent on Easter Day. Eight days later, even after all the testimony of the other apostles, he gave strict criterion for his intellectual assent: unless I can put my finger in his wounds, I will not believe, (Jn 20:25). Thomas is demanding not just a personal encounter with the risen Christ, but one with bold physical evidence. Our Lord, mercifully for him and us, humbly submits to his demand and says, *“Because thou has seen me Thomas, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed,”* (Jn 20:29).

We can see that the greatest event in human history was received hesitatingly even by the people best prepared to do so. Next week we will discuss our Lord's expectations of them, and us. The world we live in is also receptive hesitatingly. Let us be witnesses, “to the ends of the earth!” Virginia is included in this scope, for sure, because the actual end is somewhere in Orange County, I think.

God love you, —Fr. Novokowsky

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<u>Holy Mass Schedule</u>	
Sunday	8:30 am (Low) 11 am (High)
Monday	9 am
Tuesday	9 am
Wednesday	7 am & 6 pm
Thursday	7 am & 9 am
Friday	7 am & 6 pm
Saturday	7 am & 9 am
♦ Sacramental Emergencies: 396-5665	
♦ When one priest is travelling, the earlier weekday Mass is cancelled	
♦ Confession: ½ hr before all Masses	
♦ Saturdays - 10:00 to 11:00 am	
♦ Novena & Benediction Wednesday evening	
♦ Holy Days: look for announcement	
♦ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: First Fridays from 8 am until 5 pm	
♦ Other Sacraments: please call the office	

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS	
Sunday April 19	Second Sunday after Easter (2nd Cl.) 8:30 am Georgette Cote 11:00 am Pro Populo
Monday April 20	Feria in Paschaltide (4th Cl.) 9:00 am Thomas D. Stacy +
Tuesday April 21	St. Anselm (3rd Cl.) 9:00 am Edward R. Ettner, Sr.
Wednesday April 22	Ss. Soter & Caius (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Carol Seward
Thursday April 23	Feria in Paschaltide (4th Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Richard Martin +
Friday April 24	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Charles Anthony Duerbeck, Jr. +
Saturday April 25	St. Mark (2nd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Matthew Brandt +
Sunday April 26	Third Sunday after Easter (2nd Cl.) 8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am Betty Rowland
Monday April 27	St. Peter Canisius (3rd Cl.) 9:00 am Fr. Robert Novokowsky
Tuesday April 28	St. Paul of the Cross (3rd Cl.) 9:00 am Chris Harper
Wednesday April 29	St. Peter of Verona (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Patrick Michel
Thursday April 30	St. Catherine of Siena (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Devassy Koola +
Friday May 1	St. Joseph (1st Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Lawrence A. Neagle+
Saturday May 2	St. Athanasius (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Carol Gentry



Indicates a change to the normal Mass schedule

PRAYER LIST

Richard DeSimone, Alan Craig, Richard Liberatore, Mary Zacharias, Casey Stalvey, Edward Horgan, Jr., Joe Guerrero, Bill Campbell, Cathy Dickson, Richard Baker, Brendan McGuire, Nora Dogoptoglon, Harriet & John McGuire, Sarah Von Bank, Sarah Crawford, Tom Mitchell, Lou Ulliano, Sandra Buckles, Suki & Beau Simpson, Maryann McLaughlin, John Osborne, Ann Horgan, James Eliasek IV, Bernice Nestor, Karen Haley, Thomas Benedict Noble

In your charity, please remember all the souls of the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Envelopes are located outside the parish office door in the Social Room. Masses are generally offered in the order received. A Mass stipend is a gift for the celebrating priest and forms part of your participation in the sacrifice. The Diocese of Richmond suggests a stipend of \$10.00 per Mass. While a stipend is *not* a donation, for our convenience, please make checks payable to *St. Joseph's*.

Gifts of Altar Flowers

Please make your request in the notebook (Social Room—Office door.) May we suggest: Main Altar \$45, Side Altars \$25.

Baccalaureate Mass

There will be a graduation "Baccalaureate" Mass on Sat. June 6th for any students graduating this year. Please inform the office if you'd like to be included in this event.

New Vestments

Just "in time" for Holy Week, our solemn violet set has arrived from Poland; on display in the Social Room. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Upcoming Events

- May 1** First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between the 7:00 am and 6:00 pm Masses
- May 2** First Saturday Devotions
- May 3** First Holy Communion & May Crowning

Religious Education

Children's Religious Ed continues today at 9:45 am as usual, and continues for the month of May.

Congratulations to our Confirmed Soldiers of Christ

Rosemary "Maria" Alf, Johnny "Joseph" Howe, Arianna "Philamina" Michniak, and Gabriella "Maria" Raposo

Confirm O Lord, in us, what you have wrought from your Holy Temple in Jerusalem!

Baby Bottles Collection Apr. 26

The American Heritage Girls will be collecting the bottles Sun., Apr. 26. Look for a girl in uniform. Thank you on behalf of the Chesterfield Pregnancy Center.

Floor Maintenance

Thank you to our volunteer staff who keep our plant running well, and looking great. This week they thoroughly cleaned and polished the classroom corridor. This is a reminder that foot races, cart races, or roughhousing of any kind is better kept outside. The threat of "free kittens and cappuccino" is not working; next we will try a sign-up schedule of parental "Hall Monitors." Thank you!

Offertory Collections

Sunday April 12, 2015

1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 5,804
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 6,500
Avg. Weekly Year to Date:	\$ 6,545
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 1,809

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we looked at the **unbelief** of the disciples witnessed in the 4 resurrection accounts. (Again, since the gospels don't mention the Bl. Virgin Mary regarding these stories, she's excluded from this discussion.) It is clear that our Lord expected His disciples to anticipate it happening, and believe it when it happened. They didn't. Today let's look at HOW they did come to believe.

The evidence that's most convincing seems to be a direct personal encounter with the risen Lord. **1)** Our Lord appears to Mary Magdalene and when He calls her name, she immediately recognizes and seems to believe, (Jn 20:16). **2)** In a passage never quoted in the Liturgy, our Lord made a quick appearance to the "other women" while they were *en route* to tell the other disciples of the empty sepulcher. They recognize Him and seem to believe, (Mt 28:9). **3)** Our Lord appears to the disciples walking to Emmaus, who come to recognize Him in the breaking of the bread and seem to believe, (Lk 24:31). **4)** In an incident mentioned but never described, our Lord appears to Peter, who seems to believe as a result, (Lk 24:34). **5)** Late in the evening of Easter Day, our Lord appeared to a gathering of the apostles and others. They are described as "joyful" and yet "fearful," and "still unbelieving," (Lk 24:41). By this time, they've all heard of the other 4 appearances. (In fact, the Emmaus disciples are still speaking, (Lk 24:36)). How could they still be "unbelieving"? This points to the enormity of the Resurrection. They believed He was no longer in the tomb, not stolen by the enemy, not still dead (exactly), but what was He? Who, other than a ghost, has ever walked through a wall? He had raised Lazarus just 8 days before. If he was raised, who did it? How? What for? What did it mean for Him? Them? Indeed, it will soon be asked: Will you now restore the Kingdom to Israel? In other words, is that what this means? As we can see, there were many questions to be answered.

By the end of the first day, the implication is that all the disciples believe -- insofar as they understand. They have seen Him eat, they have touched His wounds, they have received the Holy Ghost. They are joyful. These 5 encounters happen on the day of the Resurrection.

Belief came from personal encounters with Christ. However, it appears that St. John the Evangelist is the first to believe, *Continued on back →*