

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. The first 23 days fall within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance"

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church. The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding — even if only mentally — some pious invocation.

As we honor our blessed Mother, our Queen. Let's pray and dedicate our lives and families to her, as we pray. Holy Mary, Mother of God and Virgin, I choose thee this day for my queen, patron, and advocate, and firmly resolve and purpose never to abandon thee, never to say or do anything against thee, nor to permit that aught be done by others to dishonor thee. Receive me, then, I conjure thee, as thy perpetual servant; assist me in all my actions, and do not abandon me at the hour of my death. Amen.

ONGOING EVENTS

STUDY THE BIBLE

Sunday morning after 10:30 Mass until 1:00 pm Probe the Scripture Readings of the day. Question; share insights; consider applications for living in today's world. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate!

EARN MONEY FOR OUR PARISH

Food Lion gift cards in various amounts are available every Sunday after Mass and in the church office during the week. The cards can be used when you do your regular shopping or given as gifts. They are as easy to use as a debit card- just swipe and go and St. Joseph gets money!

Go to Smile.amazon.com and designate St. Joseph as your charity and shop through Amazon as usual!

If you shop at Kroger – register your rewards card online at www.kroger.com/communityrewards and enter St. Joseph #82116 and the number on your card. The church gets money back based on how much you spend.

There is no cost to you for any of these programs! Kroger rewards need to be renewed after a year. You should receive an email with instructions. See Steve Ogilbee for more information about gift cards or call the church office about Amazon.

HELP THE COMMUNITY

Community Storehouse is still in need of Chef Boyardee microwave meals for the children's backpack program.

The Women's Guild meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Contact Stephanie Bailey for details: (276) 732-6441.

EVENTS / HANDOUTS / FUNDRAISER POLICY

If you would like to post or donate, flyers, pamphlets, books, magazines, or other materials, please bring them to the church office. **DO NOT put items on the bulletin board or tables.** Items needs to be approved and posted by office staff.

Activities held on church property must be preapproved by the appropriate committee and Father Carlos. Please come to the church office during the week for an activities form.

SACRAMENTS / SACRAMENTOS:

Baptism: Call parish office to register for preparation classes. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend.

Bautismo: Llenar el formulario, después padres y padrinos asistir a dos pláticas de preparación. Mas información llamar a la oficina de la iglesia al numero (276) 638-4779.

Reconciliation: Tuesday/Wednesday at 12:30 pm and Wednesday 6:00-7:00 PM or by appointment.

Confesión: Martes/Miercoles a la 12:30 pm y Miercoles de 6:00 a 7:00 pm o llamar a la oficina para hacer una cita.

Marriage: Call or email for an appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding.

Matrimonio: Llamar a la oficina y hacer cita por lo menos 6 meses antes de las fecha de la boda.

Ministry with the Elderly: Homebound parishioners who would like to receive communion at their home, contact the parish office.

Ministerio con los ancianos: Feligreses que no pueden salir y quisieran recibir la comunión en sus casa, llamar a la oficina.



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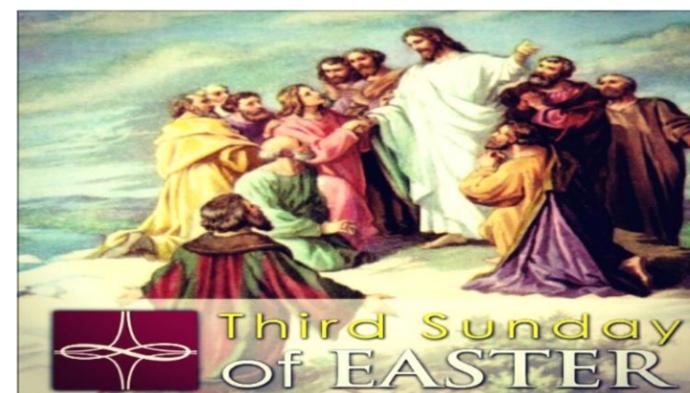
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OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY- FRIDAY 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Parish Mission Statement: To foster and deepen faith in the Holy Trinity through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Word of God & to be active disciples of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in our community and throughout the world.

Declaración de la misión parroquial: Queremos fomentar y profundizar la fe en la Santísima Trinidad a través de la celebración de la Eucaristía y la Palabra de Dios y ser discípulos activos de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo, en nuestra comunidad y en todo el mundo.

MAY 1, 2022 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER~



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Jesus said then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you"
JOHN 21:16

PARISH OFFICES: (CLUSTER)

St. Joseph, Martinsville

Phone/ Telefono: (276) 638-4779 Fax: (276) 638-2218.

Office Hours / Horario de Oficina:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

St. Francis of Assisi, Rocky Mount:

15 Glenwood Dr. Rocky Mount, VA. Phone: (540) 483-9591.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Suzanne Steele –Chair; Irma Harrison - 1st Vice Chair; Christy Hall -2nd vice Chair, Jesus Sanchez, Maria Ruiz, Thea Gutierrez, (Sandra Ruiz staff).

Finance Council Members:

Steve Ogilbee - Chair, Ethan Dobbins - Secretary, Ben Bailey, Sandra Ruiz, Cora Harris, (Pat Prillaman staff).

ST. Joseph's Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am English

Sunday 12:30 pm Spanish

Tuesday at 12:00 pm

Wednesday at 12:00 pm

First Friday of Month 3:00 pm

Confessions/Adoration

Tuesday 12:30pm-1:30pm

Wednesday 12:30pm-1:30pm and 6 pm

We are lifting the mask requirement to enter church for those who are fully-vaccinated starting on May 28th. We ask that people who are not fully-vaccinated continue to wear masks, all those over the age of 5. Thank you.

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FATHER CARLOS' REFLECTION

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples realizes that it is Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish.

The Gospel is related to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring of bread and wine, "the work of human hands" and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

Just as Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

As a Church and believers, the Lord feeds us at the Eucharist with bread that come down from heaven. What things in your life, do you thirst and hunger for? How can the Eucharist can help you to do satisfy your personal and spiritual needs?

As we celebrate this Sunday liturgy and Eucharistic meal. Let us ask the Lord to fill our hearts with his peace and love to transform our families, relationships and community in God's will and kingdom. As we pray: May your people exult forever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2nd Sunday of Easter

Readings: 903
 Processional 512 [Immaculate Mary](#)
 Sprinkling: 517 [River of Glory](#)
 Psalm 100 [Give Thanks to the Lord](#) (SATB vs sheet)
 Gospel R&A [85](#)
 Offertory 701 [Dona Nobis Pacem](#)
 Comm 779 [In the Breaking of the Bread](#)
 Recessional 598 [Sing a New Song](#)

Liturgical

Minister Schedule
May 8.
Lectors:
 Dan Nostrand-1,
 Irma Harrison- 2
 Diana Nalls-Int
Minister:
 Barbara Helmick



Readings for the week of May 1:

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41, Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13, Rev

5:11-14, Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15, 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30, Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8, 19:2-3, 4-5, Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8, 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40, 66:8-9, 16-17, 20, Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20, 117:1bc, 2, Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42, 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17, Jn 6:60-69

Or visit daily readings at www.usccb.org



Sunday, May 1: Frank Benz+

Tue, May 3: Myra Hurley+

Wed, May 4: Joe & Stillwell+

+ Indicated the Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of the person(s) listed.



Carolyn Eanes, Mike Kelly, Lewis Drane, Teresa Biggs, Ricky East, Mark Szulecki, Theresa McGarry, Jim Tobin, Ed Cozzete, Margaret Cunningham, Tim Hollingsworth, Lena Martin, Ruth Weaver, Doo Lie Toppled, Lauren Teresa, Mike Harris, Ann White, Bridget Johnson, Betty Gillispie, Anna Towarnicki, Marie-Bernice Downey, Tia Jessup, Larry Wylie, Nancy Edelen and David Hall.

If you want to send a get well card please do it, they are going to appreciate it.

Nancy Edelen

The Moravian Hall Square
 Apt. 2210
 175 W North St.
 Nazareth, PA 18064

Marie-Bernice Downey

Mulberry Creek Rehab
 Room #220
 300 Blue Ridge Street
 Martinsville, VA 24112

(To add or remove prayer requests, please call the church office.

Para quitar o poner una peticion, por favor llamar a la oficina de la iglesia) Unless otherwise requested, names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks. If you would like to add a name to the prayer network phone chain, please call Betty Gillispie or Ann Gunter.

Sick, homebound, hospitalized? / ¿Enfermo, Confinado en casa u hospitalizado?

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive Communion or anointing of the sick, please call the office. Outside of office hours, please call Barbara Kurtz (276) 647-1906

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce quisiera recibir el Sacramento de la Comunión tendremos a Rosa Aguirre, Maribel Ortega, Anselmo Diaz, y Miguel Ruiz que seran los encargados de este ministerio por favor llamar a la oficina para agendar la visita al (276) 638-4779.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one, please call the church office or fill out a Mass intention envelope completely and place it in the offertory basket. **Make checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church.** Specific dates may not be available. Please include a contact number to arrange an alternate date if necessary.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY MINISTRY

Unveiled: A Pre-Cana Program

\$170/couple
 Various Times & Locations

Unveiled is the Diocese of Richmond's marriage preparation program designed for engaged couples preparing to be married in the Catholic Church. Each session is facilitated by a married couple who will help the engaged couples attending to explore the core topics:

- Communication and Intimacy
- Theology of Marriage
- Spirituality of a Marriage

These core topics are communicated by way of engaging videos featuring married couples, priests, theologians, and physicians. This rich content serves as the springboard for deeper discussion between each couple. The times of conversation throughout the session usually begin with a time of journaling combined with private dialogue between each couple. There are also occasions for facilitated larger group discussions and opportunities to interact with the other couples attending the session. Ready to register? [CLICK HERE!](#) Questions can be sent to marriageprep@richmonddiocese.org.

CYBERCRIME IS HITTING DIOCESES NATIONWIDE:

If/ when you receive an email that shows the parish's pastor or a parish priest as the sender requesting you to purchase a gift card, rest assured it is a scam. Parishioners can and should contact the parish to verify the legitimacy of any suspicious request received through email. All cybercrime should be reported to the FBI at <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>. It is up to the victim of cyber-crimes to file complaints.

Collections/ Colectas 04/27/2022

Budget Amt. / Presupuesto	\$ 4,154.00
Collection/ Colecta:	<u>2,247.40</u>
Surplus/ <u>Deficit</u>	- 1,906.60

Grocery Card Income 1st quarter:

Food Lion: \$306.00, Kroger: \$ 140.23, Amazon Smile \$ 16.52

Second collection for May 8, 2022 will be for **Reach Out** which helps to meet the emergency needs of people in Henry county/Martinsville.

La Segunda colecta para el 8 de Mayo del 2022, sera para **Reach Out** que se encarga de ayudar a las familias necesitadas de nuestra comunidad.

The first collection is for payment of St. Joseph's daily expenses which include office supplies, salaries, sacramental materials, etc. **If absent, please make up your contribution.**

La primera colecta se utiliza para para el pago de los gastos diarios de San José. **Si estuvo ausente por favor, haga su donación.**

Thank you for your generous support of our parish

Reminder! Grocery shopping can earn money for our parish! Register your Kroger card and/or purchase a Food Lion gift card! See the back cover for details.

There will be a Mass every first Friday of each month in honor to The Sacred Heart of Jesus, this Mass will be on Friday May 6th at 3 pm in St. Joseph's.



Pray for our Communicates, as our young parishioners prepare to receive sacraments this month, First Communion will be on Saturday, April 30th at 10:00 am and Sunday, May 1st at regular Mass.



May Procession and Crowning of Mary

St. Joseph's May Procession and Crowning of Mary at the Grotto will take place on May 1st after Spanish Mass. Please plan to celebrate this special event with us and honor our Blessed Mother in a truly beautiful way.

ATTENTION!!

The Usher Ministry is in need of more male and female volunteers for each of our weekend masses each week. The primary duties and responsibilities include welcoming parishioners, escorting them to seating at select masses, taking up the collection and providing a goodbye salutation and distributing bulletins at the conclusion of Mass. This is a great opportunity to serve with very little time commitment required. Please look for us or contact Steve Ogilbee at (276) 224-8089/ogilbee@gmail.com

RICE BOWLS

Rice bowls need to be returned to church Thank you for your generosity and care for those in the most need.

We are seeking a volunteer who knows sign language and is able to sign a mass for a parishioner who is deaf. If you are able or know someone who is able to, please refer them to the office. Thanks.

Grace network food Partner assignment April- June, 2022,

we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Our item for this quarter is Oatmeal round canister. Thanks.



COUNCIL # 6538

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The baby bottle boomerang officially ends but bottles can still be turned in to Ben Bailey at any time. If you cannot add anything monetary to the bottle, please return it as soon as possible. God bless you for your generosity and support.

KOVAR FUNDRAISER

Don't forget to bring all your empty cans in bags to the church drop off. This is a Knights of Columbus fundraiser for KOVAR who help people with intellectual disabilities in the State of Virginia. There will be a location behind the dumpster. CANS ONLY PLEASE!

ATTENTION!!

We have two wheelchairs and two canes available to donate, if you or anyone need it, please see Steve Ogilbee