



Congratulation to our forty-four First Communicants for this year. May God, who brought you to this special day continue to direct your life in his perfect way.

St. Joseph parish wishes to express its appreciation to all the volunteers teachers for their work and dedication. The Lord shows his love for us through SPECIAL PEOPLE like YOU. Thank you. Mrs. Ortega Maribel, Ms. Rodriguez Lili, Mrs. Caro Cristina, Mrs. Nalls Diane, Mrs. Gunter Ann,

Ms. Alvarez Vivian, Ms. Downey Marie Bernice, Mr. Daniel Van Nostrand and Mrs. Lopez Iris.

**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Aguilar Escalante, Eddie Jose  
Alvarado-Sierra, Ruby  
Becerra, Alfredo  
Edwards, Brianna  
Estrada Salgado, Analucia  
Jimenez, Nataly  
Medrano Barba, Marie  
Pham, Julie  
Quiñonez Macias, Hesbeide  
Ramirez Soria, Xitlali

Ruiz, Jacob  
Sanchez, Valentina  
Carrillo-Alvarado, Ruth  
Hernandez Ramirez, Yedif  
Hernandez Romero, Evelyn  
Joaquin, Moncerat  
Ortiz Lopez, Christian  
Ortiz Lopez, Jhonathan  
Reyes Calles, Henry  
Rodriguez Lopez, Britney

Rubio Trejo, Jony  
Salas, Sebastian  
Valle-Villa, Isaac  
Alvarado-Sierra, Jonathan  
Carrillo-Hernandez, Arleth  
Cedano, Ileen  
Garcia Cardosa, Israel  
Mendoza Martinez, Yarel  
Murgia, Arnold  
Perez Martinez, Arely

Rivera Macarena, Kiana  
Rubio Trejo, Sebastian  
Sandoval Ocampo, Daniel  
Tiznado, Angely  
Guerrero-Vargas, Sara  
Hernandez Leal, Emely  
Mendoza Martinez, Angel  
AngePerez Martinez, Oliver  
Sandoval Robles, Luis  
Ariel Rivera Cedano

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Sturm, Cameron  
Briggs, Favero  
Julie, Pham  
Natalie, Jimenez

#### 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](http://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 need 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 la fecha de la boda.

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



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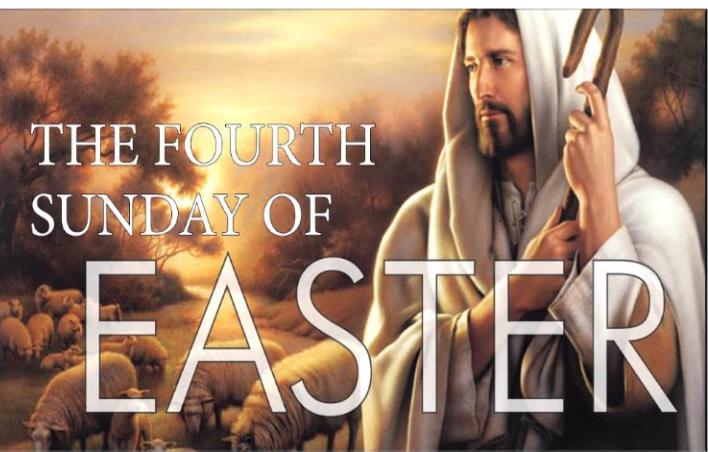
E-mail: [office@stjoe24112.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@stjoe24112.comcastbiz.net)

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 8, 2022 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER~**



I had a vision of a great multitude.... They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches.

REVELATION 7:9

#### **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 Glennwood Dr. Rocky Mount, VA. Phone: (540) 483-9591.

##### **Parish Pastoral Council Members:**

Suzanne Steele -Chair; Irma Harrison - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair; Christy Hall -2<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>. We ask that people who are not fully-vaccinated continue to wear masks, all those over the age of 5. Thank you.*

**Pastor: Carlos H. Lerma:**

[Caliche4123@yahoo.com](mailto:Caliche4123@yahoo.com)

**Secretary/Dir. Religious Ed.: Sandra Ruiz:**

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[bookkeeper@stjoe24112.comcastbiz.net](mailto:bookkeeper@stjoe24112.comcastbiz.net)

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[sandra.ruiz39@yahoo.com](mailto:sandra.ruiz39@yahoo.com)

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[Ssdle13@gmail.com](mailto:Ssdle13@gmail.com)

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[sfoamusicministry@gmail.com](mailto:sfoamusicministry@gmail.com)

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## FATHER CARLOS' REFLECTION

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Jesus as a Good Shepherd knows his sheep and calls them by name to follow him.

How can the image of the Good Shepherd help you to recognize who Jesus Christ is and who you are as his flock? How often do you hear his voice and follow his commands?

As community, family, country and church, we are called by the Lord to walk like his children and flock. What things prevent us from doing his will? Perhaps, lack of faith, time, and trust and so on. How can we understand and come to Jesus for guidance and help?

Our Lord, the Good Shepherd calls us every day by our name to follow him and hear his voice. Let us pray that we can be more attentive to follow him and do his will in our everyday circumstances. As we pray: Almighty ever living God, leads us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever. Amen.

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: 909  
Processional 422 [Morning Has Broken](#)  
Psalm R&A [88](#)  
Gospel R&A [89](#)  
Sprinkling: 517 [River of Glory](#)  
Offertory 481 [Hail Mary: Gentle Woman](#)  
Comm 697 [Because the Lord is My Shepherd](#)  
Recessional 412 [Let Heaven Rejoice](#)

### Liturgical Minister Schedule

May 15.

**Lectors:**  
Barbara Kurtz-1  
Dan Nostrand-2  
Irma Harrison- Int  
**Minister:**  
Jim Grandinetti

## Daily Mass Readings

### Readings for the week of May 8:

**Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52, Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5, [Rev 7:9, 14b-17](#), Jn 10:27-30  
**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18, [42:2-3; 43:3, 4](#), Jn 10:1-10  
**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26, [87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7](#), Jn 10:22-30  
**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a, [67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8](#), Jn 12:44-50  
**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25, [89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27](#), Jn 13:16-20  
**Friday:** [Acts 13:26-33, 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab](#), Jn 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, [113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8](#), Jn 15:9-17  
Or visit daily readings at [www.usccb.org](#)

## MASS Intentions

**Sunday, May 8:** Binh Van Doan+

**Tue, May 10:** Cristina Laurain (alive)

**Wed, May 11:** Bin Van Doan+

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

### Prayer Requests

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 petición, 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 serán 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.  
Si usted quiere ofrecer una misa a un ser querido por favor llene el sobre correspondiente para la intención y depositelo en la canasta de la colecta.

## 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](mailto:marriageprep@richmonddiocese.org).



## Congrats To our Grads!

There will be a special recognition and blessing of all graduates on Sunday, May 29 at both Masses. If you or a family member is graduating this year, please give us their name and school on the sheet in the commons.

### 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/ogilbeeva@gmail.com

### Retreat: Life in the Eucharist.

Delve into the mysteries of the Eucharist and enrich your own life. Come to this one-night retreat June 17-18 at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Renew your spirit with mix of Adoration, contemplation, and prayer, plus be encouraged by four meditations based on the verbs Jesus used during the last supper: taken, blessed, broken, and given. In each meditation, you'll be invited to explore how Jesus applies the same verbs to your life. It'd be a great Father's Day gift, or a gift-to-self on the day before the Feast of Corpus Christi. For more information, visit [www.catholicconference.org/eucharist](http://www.catholicconference.org/eucharist), email [info@catholicconference.org](mailto:info@catholicconference.org), or call 828.327.7441.

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

### RICE BOWLS

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