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Saturdays
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Murphy Room
Vigil Mass, Sat 5:30 pm
Reservation required; also live-streamed

Sundays
Masses 8:00 am; 11:00 am and 5:00 pm
Reservations required

Tuesdays
Confessions 5:30pm - 6:30 pm
Murphy Room
Adoration 5:30pm-6:30 pm Church

Monday—Saturday Daily Mass: 8:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

April 03
8:00 am No Morning Mass
8:00 pm Buddy Galli

April 04
7:00 am Raymond Cullen
9:30 am (Church) Mary Giovenco
9:30 am (MPH) Elaine Ryan
12:00 pm (Church) Muneaki Suzuki
12:00 pm (MPH) Chris Shaia

April 05
8:00 am John Livingstone Packett

April 06
8:00 am Henry Berling

April 07
8:00 am Chris Altis

April 08
8:00 am Rip Riopelle

April 09
8:00 am Rev. Robert Haberman

April 10
8:00 am Daniel Kahsar
5:30 pm Evelyn & Leo Binns

April 11
8:00 am Raymond Cullen
11:00 am Thomas Anthony
5:00 pm Terri Albright

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Acts 10: 34, 37-43, Col 3: 1-4, Jn 20: 1-9, Lk 24: 13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-23
Tuesday:	Acts 2: 36-41, Jn 20: 11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3: 1-10, Lk 24: 13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3: 11-26, Lk 24: 35-48
Friday:	Acts 4: 1-12, Jn 21: 1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4: 13-21, Mk 16: 9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 4: 32-35, 1 Jn 5: 1-6, Jn 20: 19-31

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, INFIRM, THEIR CARETAKERS AND THOSE IN NEED

Our Parishioners

Joe Borzelleca, Mary Borzelleca, Linda Christian, Emily Condlin, Charlotte Conlin, Robert Conlin, Jane Cutchins, Dom D'Adamo, Sylvia Flynn, Virginia Galli, Moe Gazzola, Nancy Glotz, Grubbs family, Ann Guyton, Suzanne Lucia, Cornelius McLaughlin, Joyce Melvin, Mary Nestor, Evelyn Lancaster Papa, Chris Ramos, John Scarpa, Virginia Schraudt, Barry Simonpietri, Naomi Siwko, Charles Stephan, John Siewers, Deacon Pat White, and those facing long term illness and disability.

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If you have someone you would like to add to the payer list, please call the Parish Office, 804-282-9511

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

First Reading
Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43
Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Second Reading
Colossians 3:1-4 or *1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*
Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.
1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading
John 20:1-9
Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Family Connection

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pardon our dust as we begin installation of new wood flooring in the Commons, Mary's Chapel and both sacristy vestibules. New flooring is required due to water damage sustained earlier last year. We are excited to announce that installation begins on April 5th and should take approximately 4 weeks. Access to the Commons, Mary's Chapel and sacristy vestibules will be closed during this time, but the church remains open. Please enter and exit into the original church doors from the front terrace. These are the only doors that will allow entry/exit into the church during this project.

Confessions will move back into the church starting Tuesday, April 6, 2021. There will be a sign indicating that the confessional on the Blessed Mother side of the church will be open for confessions.

While the upstairs bathrooms will be open, they will not be accessible from the church. Use of upstairs bathrooms during daily and weekend Masses will require exit from the church and reentry from the double doors off the blacktop. Reentry to the church will also require exit from blacktop doors and reentry into the church from the church doors.

Please watch our bulletins and emails for additional information. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience!

FAITH FORMATION

Please Welcome the Newest Members of Our Parish! - We are excited to welcome Tammy, Ashleigh, Alex, Zach, Sawyer, and Jasper into the Catholic Church this Easter! Please join us in celebrating with them and praying for them, their families, and their sponsors as they continue their journey of faith!

THANK YOU

The last Food Drive for Commonwealth Catholic Charities was a great success!

- Parishioners donated a very large amount of food for the CCC food pantry which filled the trailer
- Over 150 Easter baskets were donated! Parishioners donated $2,100 in checks and gift cards to the CCC which will purchase many meals for the needy!

The Knights of Columbus thank you for your strong support for these food drives which help so many in our community! We also thank the Saint Bridget staff and parishioners who helped promote the Food drive.

April 24th is the next food drive for the St. Peter Church Food Pantry.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

The school will be **closed** until Monday, April 12, as we celebrate the most holy Easter Season.

The **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will be celebrated on Monday, April 12 at 1:30 pm.

Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes will participate in an **Easter Egg Hunt** on Monday, April 12. This fun-filled tradition has become one of our students' favorite events of the year.

The Student Council continues our **clothing drive** to benefit Housing Families First, formerly Hilliard House. This drive will support a short-term shelter for families in crisis and will end on Friday, April 16.

Save the date! Our Athletics Department will be hosting a **golf tournament** on Monday, May 10 at the Richmond Country Club. More details will be coming soon.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Christ is the bread, awaiting hunger. - ***St. Augustine***
We have some hungry people in their homes and in nursing homes waiting for the Eucharist. With a vaccine increasingly available our hope is some time in the not too far off future lay people will be able to assist in feeding those who are hungry for Christ. If you would like to bring communion to the homebound when that becomes feasible (To be honest it may be some time yet.) let us know so we are ready when we are able. If you are new to the ministry we will need to provide training. Send your name, tell me if you have been vaccinated or intend to get a Covid vaccine, and whether you have done this ministry before and the name of the person(s) you brought communion to if they are still alive. Send that info on to Paul@saintbridgetchurch.org

Pregnancy Resource Center Walk for Life: Begin Raising Much Needed Funds that will Help the PRC of Metro Richmond Provide Vital Services to Men & Women facing unplanned pregnancy. Saturday, May 1st, 2021, Walk as a Church Team * Family Team * Individual It's A Walk in beautiful Deep Run Park! - 9900 Ridgefield Parkway, Henrico, VA 23238. Registration is at 9 and the walk begins at 10. For questions or to register 804-673-4150 or www.friendsofprcrichmond.org

Help Needed with Technology- SVDP Wants You! We have a great team of volunteers but when it comes to Technology we are the blind leading the blind. If you have expertise in website maintenance, other social media and are the kind of person who picks up how to work an application easily we could use your help. If you can help us contact Paul Amrhein – paul@saintbridgetchurch.org. Thanks. "Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times and under all circumstances."– St. Vincent de Paul

Outreach/The Needy - If you would like to help those in need, and there are plenty of them due to the pandemic, using one of these envelopes in your packet next weekend is a way to do it.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Call Reassurance - This Catholic Charities program provides isolated or lonely seniors with a friendly phone call from a caring volunteer. Seniors feel less lonely knowing that a compassionate friend is only a phone call away. To arrange a call for a senior or to be one of the volunteers call 804-545-5916.

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RCIA AND SACRAMENTS FOR ADULTS

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Catholic faith inquiries and those seeking to join the Catholic Church are welcome! Contact Mary Rebecca Pugsley, mpugsley@saintbridgetchurch.org

INFANT BAPTISM

Parents attend a preparation session prior to scheduling a baptism. Contact Julie Koury, Pastoral Assistant, jkoury@saintbridgetchurch.org(804) 525-7890.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact Vicki Gazzola, (804) 282-9511, at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding.

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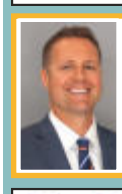
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