



**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 30-May 1, 2011. Gospel**  
**John 20:19-31**

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

Many of us can relate to Thomas's response to the news that the disciples had seen Jesus. We want to see for ourselves too, but we grow in faith, trusting the experience and knowledge of others.

Many of us have heard the saying "Seeing is believing." As your family gathers, take some time to consider what that saying means. Today's Gospel reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to believe things we cannot see with our eyes. Pray together that your faith in Jesus will be strong. Pray an act of faith together.



**The Mountain Top Crisis Pregnancy Center is a major asset of our community, and one that St. Peter the Apostle Church has supported for over eighteen years.** Next weekend, on Mother's Day Sunday, we will offer you a unique way of supporting the Center: place a baby bottle on your dinner table until Father's Day and occasionally put your loose pocket change into it. Over the intervening six weeks, you'll be amazed at how the contributions build up. We invite you to pick up a baby bottle for your family at any of the masses next weekend. Contributions to MTCPC are tax-deductible.



**Mother's Day Memorials and Cards** are available at the doors of the church and the center. Please return the names for the novena of Masses by Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

**Recharge Your Faith**  
Is your battery running low?



Come get recharged!

A Catholic Faith overview in 10 easy sessions--Monday Nights from 6:00-8:00pm  
All sessions will be held in the Sunday School Classroom Area.

**OUR NEXT SESSIONS ARE:**

**May 2, 2011**

Clarence Stem-Ministry

**May 9, 2011** Linda Goodrich and Frances Callis-Prayer

**Community Supper held on May 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30.**

Come share a meal with other parishioners in our hall before our session begins.

**All other sessions will begin with dinner in the classroom from 6:00-6:15pm.**



**Ladies of the parish**, you are invited to a relaxing special weekend of spiritual and emotional growth. Join with ladies of all ages at Camp Deep Creek from **Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 3pm**

**to 2:30pm.** You may stay overnight or leave and come back in the morning. Group sessions of various interests will be held. Call Betty at the church office (301-334-2202) to register, TODAY!

**This week in our parish...April 30-May 8**

(Mass Intentions)



Sat.	June & Mabel McGuire(†)	4:00pm
Sun.	Special Intention	5:45pm
	Our Parish Family	
	<i>First Communion Mass</i>	9:00am
	No Sunday School	
Mon.	Ann Ellis(†)	8:15am
Tues.	John Gildee	6:30pm
Wed.	Margaret Pietresesa(†)	12:00pm
	Stations of LIGHT after Mass	
Thurs.	Jourge Hourtal(†)	8:15am
Fri.	Jourge Hourtal(†)	8:15am
Sat.	Rose & Donald McKenzie (†)	4:00pm
	Our Parish Family	5:45pm
Sun.	Stewart & Mary Bennett (†)	9:00am
	Last Day of Sunday School	

**Note:** Mass intentions are subject to change due to emergencies, weather or the availability of a priest.

**✠ Vacation Bible School is coming IN JULY!**  
**Watch for the NEW format!** Registration forms available SOON!

**COMMUNION CLOTH MINISTRY:**  
05/01/11...Patti Battista 05/08/11...Linda Goodman

**CALCULATORS' SCHEDULE:**  
05/01/11-Church: Team #2—Coviellos, Bakers  
-Center: Team # 7—Wards, Mitchell  
05/08/11-Church: Team #3—Nutter, Rickman  
Center: Team#8—Schriders, Shaw

**PRAYER LIST FOR MAY**...we pray for: the people of Japan, the countries of the Middle East, Lorraine Wengert, Bill Heise, Wayne Eaton, Linda Goodman, Tom Stuckey, Alcuin & Mary Jo Krebs, Anne Marie Poyer, Kathy Hemmer, Bill Mott, Jeanne Perrone, John Devlin, Jeff Hallock, Jack Poyer, Bill Harrington, George Miller, Kadan Sharpless and James Arnone. God bless them.


**Sunday School News!**



First Communion Sunday is May 1, 2011, this weekend, at the 9am Mass. We celebrate all those who come and share at the Table of the Lord with our parish family and make their First Holy Communion.

**Congratulations to:**

Jacob Reichard, John Hebden, Brogan Kealy, Caleb Rowan, Cammy Baer, Colum McCann, Andrew Helbig, Olivia Warne.

 **Parish Gift Shop - OPEN after the Masses at the Church and the Center.** Rosaries, statues, ornaments, pet medals, baptism crosses,...great gifts for all occasions!

**MINISTERS of the MASS 5/7-8/11**

4:00pm Saturday, May 7  
Reader: Lander  
Euch: Ministers: Ward, Gillespie, Vincent  
5:45pm-Saturday, May 7  
Reader: Reams  
Euch. Ministers: Hubers, Holt  
9:00am-Sunday, May 8  
Reader: Thorne  
Euch. Ministers: Rider, Huges, O'Neal \*Matthews

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May:**  
That the shameful and monstrous commerce in human beings, which sadly involves millions of women and children, may be ended.

**Homebound prayer intention for May:**  
For all mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and respect.

**Senior Moments to host Diabetes Info. Program for ALL AGES! Come on Friday, May 6, 2011 at 12:30pm in the parish center/lower level** an informational meeting on DIABETES AND YOU! Are you at risk? Are you struggling with diabetes? Join the Senior Moments' Group as we discover how to care for and notice signs of diabetes. *We must be good stewards of our body and soul.* This program could help you or someone you love. A healthy snack will be provided for all who attend. Our parish will host the LIVING WELL WITH DIABETES Workshop beginning Thursday, June 2, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the parish hall.

**Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Mr. Donald Battista**

At the cathedral of Mary, Our Queen **on Saturday, May 14, 2011. On Sunday, May 15, 2011, Don will serve as the Deacon on the Mass** for the first time at the 9:00am Mass at the Church. After this Mass, our parish family will come together to celebrate and offer our congratulations at a

**Reception in the Parish Hall  
EVERYONS IS INVITED!**

We have chartered a buss to attend Don's Ordination in Baltimore. Call the Church Office TODAY at 301-334-2202 to reserve your seat.

**The bus will leave Oakland by 5am in Order to attend the Ordination Mass scheduled fro 10am.**

**✠ On Sunday May 22, 2011, our parish will come together to say...**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU**

**AND**

**THANK YOU FATHER DAN!**

We will have a reception in the Parish Hall following the 9am Mass that morning to give Father Dan Goulet our best wishes as he heads to his new assignment at Fort Lewis in the State of Washington.



**We would like to start a Right to Life Committee** if interested please call the Church Office 301-334-2202.