



April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

Collection April 11, 2021

Collection	\$ 780.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 10.00
Easter Offering	\$25.00
Attendance	41

April 25, 2021 Ministers

Lector: *Patty Williams*
 Commentator: *Debbie Grubb*

Please be respectful and quiet for those praying before Mass as you enter the sanctuary.

Readings for April 25, 2021

Reading 1: Acts 4:8-12
 Reading 2: I John 3:1-2
 Gospel: John 10:11-18

Information about St. Edward- Daily readings, the bulletin, and other information can be found on our webpage at: <https://stedwardpulaski.org>

Donations- please mail your regular donations to St. Edward's Catholic Church, PO Box 1670, Pulaski, VA 24301 if you are not attending Mass.

Mass Live-Stream- Mass is still live-streamed every Sunday morning at 9:00 at <http://www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchwytheville>

Prayer List- Mike Malloy, Tim Kimbleton, Doug Waldrop, Carol Luttrell, Brenda Lee, John Balconi, Tom Williams, Joan Jennings, Sharon Dalton, Jerry Dalton, Lynn Canty, Connie Armentrout, Cyndy Lennertz, Linda Taylor Sonner, Brenda Lessard, Christine Scarpinato, and Father Bernie. (Please contact Stan Stanley if you have additions or deletions)

Lawn Care- anyone who would like to help take care of the church lawn this season, please contact Stan Stanley.

Eastertide- Easter isn't just a single day of celebration—it's an entire season where we celebrate our new life in Christ. Just like Christmas, Easter is celebrated for an extended period of time—50 days to be exact!

The feast proper is celebrated for the full octave (Easter Sunday through Easter Saturday). Then we enter Eastertide, the longer Easter season which ends on Pentecost Sunday. During this fifty days of Easter we relive the joyous events of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary—the Resurrection, Ascension, and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost.

Happy April Birthdays!

Tom Phillips	April 2
Kenneth Martin	April 9
Carla Martin	April 9
Sally Warburton	April 12
Bill Jennings	April 21
Drema Altizer	April 21
Stan Stanley	April 23
Danny Coalson	April 23
Malek Tabor	April 24
Marie Hager	April 28
Rosanna Vallo	April 28

Happy April Anniversary

Dan & Debbie Grubb April 12

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Daily Prayer This Week

This can be a very good week to grow in a sense of and practice with the notion of being a "contemplative in the midst of action." We have practically a whole week of gospels about Jesus' gift of himself to us as the "Bread of Life." This gives us the opportunity to let that mystery be in the background of our consciousness every day this week, as we go about our everyday tasks. What makes it "contemplative" is that we will be asking for graces each morning, and we will let our desires and our activities interact.

We can begin reflecting upon how often we "work for food that perishes." The pay-off, the success, the accomplishment, the reward we receive for what we do is often quite passing and unsatisfying. It would be important to be able to sense anything that appears to be food that doesn't last and name it as such this week. The real food, the life-giving nourishment that our Lord offers us is himself.

If we can't celebrate the Eucharist daily this week, we can make what we call a "spiritual communion" simply by opening our hearts and desiring to receive our Lord, so that he remains in us and we remain in him. We can practice consciously choosing union with Jesus, our Risen Lord and only Savior, and experiencing how that would affect the choices we need to make throughout our day. If we begin each day, asking for the grace of this union, and renew the desire at brief moments we have at various times in the day, our focus and attention begins to change. We will experience a peace and a gifted lack of hunger and thirst for so many of the things that draw us away from him, from loving, from mercy, from consciousness on those in need.

If the background focus of each day this week is to desire to be fed by a closeness with my Lord, it doesn't matter how busy I am, or how many conflicts I have to face or what suffering I or my loved ones must endure. His flesh and blood are real food and drink because they are the real sacrifice that takes away the power of sin and death itself. United with his surrender to the Father, we are set free from whatever can take away the life he gained for us. For this gift, for this faith, we can give thanks for every night, as we review our union with our Lord each night.