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St Francis



March 23, 2016

Looking To Jesus

... looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith ...
Hebrews 12:2

The Pioneer And Perfecter Of Our Faith

When it comes right down to it Holy Week is all about Jesus. We can actually say that about any issue, event, or circumstance. Ultimately, everything is all about Jesus. Our temptation is to make it about us. We wonder how we are doing? Are we reaching our goals? Did we successfully complete our Lenten discipline? How is our prayer life? How am I doing with my work, my family, my interests, my life? All of that is very important and helpful to think about. Following Jesus, though, is not about how well we do practicing our Christian disciplines.

What If We Sin?

To be honest everyone of us commits sin. If the requirement to be a Christian was to never sin then there would be no Christians anywhere. The issue is what a follower of Jesus does after sinning. What does a follower of Jesus do after an argument? How do you follow Jesus after you have suffered a great loss or tragedy? How do you follow Jesus when you are successful? What does that kind of life look like? Where do you get the ability to live that way? It comes directly from Jesus. He is the pioneer, or the source, of our faith. He gives us faith. He also guides us in living out our faith. He is the perfecter of our faith. When you sin, can't do the thing you want to do, have all kinds of sinful thoughts, and generally not have a good picture of a Christian in your own mind Jesus provides the next steps and the power for your growth. Our job is to draw near to Him, receive from Him, and take the steps He wants us to take.

Coming Attractions

Thursday, March 24, 2016 Maundy Thursday service at 6:15pm


Friday, March 25, 2016 Good Friday service at 6:15ppm

Sunday, March 27, 2016 Easter worship at 10:00am

Please bring nonperishable food to worship with you to be donated to the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services

Symphony will lead worship at 9:00am at Symphony Manor on Easter morning. Contact Bobbie Leviness at bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

Sally Gunn will be ordained a deacon on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Christ Church, Glen Allen. Sally and Earl Gunn were part of the original team of people who founded St. Francis. Join me, if you can, in attending her ordination.



God willing
The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith IV
Bishop of Southern Virginia
will ordain

JAN MICHELLE BROWN
GENEVIEVE ELIZABETH NELSON
LINDA SEAY RICKER

and

The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston
Bishop of Virginia
will ordain


J. DAVID CURTIS
SALLY WATKINS POPE GUNN
BRIAN JAMES HUTCHERSON
JOSEPH GERARD KLENZMANN
GRACE EUN SOO LEE
THERESA CAMMARANO LEWALLEN

to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

Saturday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m.
Christ Church, Richmond, Diocese of Virginia

The Bishops and the Standing Committees request
the honor of your presence.

Clergy: Red Stoles



Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Manakin Sabot Cosmetic and Family Dentistry, Sarah Wilmer, DDS, PLLS, owner. That the health of many in our community would continually increase.

Diocese of Virginia

For all Christians in their daily life and work to be continually led in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Goochland County

For Goochland Schools as the district begins a search for a new Superintendent. That the school board would have great wisdom and clarity in making a selection.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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