

# THE GOOD NEWS FROM EMMANUEL

April 19, 2009 - Second Sunday in Easter



*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas* is a painting by the Italian Baroque master Caravaggio, c. 1601-1602. It is housed in the Sanssouci of Potsdam, Germany.

## SUNDAY'S GOSPEL, JOHN 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The word "Bible" comes from a Greek word for papyrus (biblos), a plant used to make paper.
- "Gospel" comes from the old English word godspell. English scholars used it to translate the Greek word euangelion, which means "good news" and from which we get the word evangelist.
- Using the Bible at swearing-in ceremonies grows out of the ancient Jewish practice of making a promise and reminding each other that "God is watching."

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND OTHER STUFF



We will provide desserts at **St. Vincent de Paul's** in Middletown on Sunday. We need about twelve dozen brownies, cookies, etc. Please bring your goodies to church. Rosemarie and Leslie will bring them to Middletown and help serve dinner. If you'd like join them and others from the cluster churches, go to St. Vincent de Paul's at 617 Main Street at 4:45. There is parking in the back. Dinner will be served from 5-6. Clean up will be done by 6:30.

Our weekly Adult Lenten Forum *Dying to Live* will conclude this week after church service.

The vestry will meet this Sunday after church.

St. James, Higganum will hold their tag sale on Saturday April 18 and 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Christianity 101 will take place at the Beausoleil home on Monday, April 20 with a potluck at 6:30.

The Cluster Council will meet next on May 5 at Emmanuel.

Easter at Emmanuel was a blessing... beautiful flowers, packed church, children flowering the cross, wonderful sermon. Go to the next pages for pictures.

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