

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Mary Niagro at mniagro@gnsnetworks.com.

Elizabeth Budd	Jeanne Harper	Dana Mendoza	Kara Schimek
Wayne Clark	Michael Hayden	Ray Moyer	Ray Servis
Winnie Clark	Roland Hayden	Carol Notestein	Jane Sliwinski
Mark Davis	Bob Hing	Marilyn Portman	Margaret Smith
Irene Dombrowski	Harold Hing	Gino Prioletti	Fred Toth
Isleah Duncan	Margaret MacDiarmid	Patricia Rainka	Laura Williams
Mary Fahrer	Fr. McEleney	Mary Scheideler	

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Cemetery

Plots are available in the cemetery for \$400.00, or you may purchase crematory urn plots for \$200.00. These prices include perpetual care. For more information, contact one of the following **Cemetery Committee Members**:

Al Lecco	Felice Iannaco	Chuck Hirtz
Joe Gardner	Dorothy Garcia	Kevin Hirtz
	Bernadette Servis	

Thinking About RCIA? Adult Baptism? Confirmation?

Are you curious about the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who is? Did you miss Confirmation in your teen years and would like to celebrate Confirmation as an adult? Please contact Pat Wood if you are in the Hurt/Altavista area at 434-369-4957 or Fran Lecco at 434-352-2099 if you are in the Appomattox area.

Remembering our 30 + Years

(Carolyn Notestien, one of our founders continues with her reflections.)

Over the years this family of worshippers made banners, purchased stained glass windows, and placed images of Our Lady both inside and outside of the church to transform it into a place that reflected their love of Jesus and His mother. Beautiful gardens were created and maintained on the church grounds and a huge cross was erected among the blossoms. These made the entry way very lovely and inviting, and showed everyone who came or drove by that this was a Holy Place, God's home, where they were welcome to join us.

Our Lady Of Peace Roman Catholic Church



*I am the vine, you
are the branches.
Whoever remains
in me and I in him
will bear much
fruit, because
without me you
can do nothing.
John 15: 5*

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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For emergencies: Fr. Jim cell number: 434-238-7030
or Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church @ 434-846-5245

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**Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8:30 AM and Tuesday 10:00AM
Tuesday 7:00 PM Thursday 10:00AM**

Bulletin news to: Mary Niagro at: mniagro@gnsnetworks.com
Requests for mass cards to: Stacey O'Neill at: iafolkssso@gmail.com

**May 6, 2012
Fifth Sunday
of Easter**



Scripture Readings:

1st Reading:
Acts 9:26—31
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 22: 26—27, 28,
30, 31—32
2nd Reading:
1 John 3:18—24
Gospel:
John 15:1—8

Reconciliation

Fr. Jim offers the Sacrament of reconciliation before Mass or by appointment.

Happy Birthday!

May 6
Anthony Rago, Sr.
May 7
Carolyn Maples
May 8
Harold Hing
May 12
Jean Roberge

**Upcoming
Meetings and Events**

Community Life

There will be a Social Committee Meeting after mass today.

**Diocesan Appeal-
Congratulations**

Congratulations! We met our goal for the Diocesan Appeal, (which use to be "The Bishop's Appeal"). Our goal was \$1,910. We raised \$3,265 which is 170.94% of our goal.

Father Jim's Gratitude

Over the past weekend I received many wonderful and thoughtful gifts. Wow! Your generosity was overwhelming. Thank you. Fr. Jim

**Next Year's Budget
Input Needed**

The Finance Council welcomes your input for next year's budget. If you are a ministry chairperson please, you will receive soon an income statement of the budgeted amount for the current fiscal year (2011-2012). Please look at what you might need for the next fiscal year (2012-2013). Your fi-

nance council will use your amount submitted to help determine next year's budget. We ask that you see if you can turn in your number by Tuesday, May 8.

Next LPA 18 Meeting

The regional meeting will be at St. Victoria on May 8. There will be a 9:30 a.m. mass for those who would like to come early.

Next Finance Council

The next Finance Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9th.

**The Sullivan Conference
Held May 15- 16**

For the western part of the diocese, the Sullivan Conference will be held in Roanoke this year at St. Andrews. There will be excellent speakers in regards to sacraments and how to incorporate special needs children into a Christian formation program. See Fr. Jim for more information. The cost is \$25 but scholarship money is available. Lunch will be provided.

Calendar Planning

Our ministerial year runs

Parish Notices and Announcements

from June 1 to May 31st. It is time to think about placing things on the 2012-13 calendar. Fundraising events, social events, liturgy and much more are to be scheduled. Calendar planning times are May 15, Tuesday, after the 10 a.m. mass and after the 7 p.m. mass.

Fr. Jim Away

Fr. Jim will be with his classmate Fr. Jay Wagner to celebrate Fr. Wagner's Anniversary on Friday May 18. On the afternoon and evening of May 19, Fr. Jim will be at St. Victoria as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.

**Foreign Language
Speakers For Pentecost**

Pentecost Sunday is May 27. We would like the prayers of the Faithful to be spoken in a language other than English. If you can help us out, see Bonnie, Biff or Fr. Jim

**Attendance Count For
The Diocese**

Every fourth Sunday of the month, Fr. Jim asks the ushers (ministers of hospitality) to take a count of

the number of people attending mass. In the month of May that will be May 27th.

**Appalachian Outreach
June 11-15**

Fr. Jim once again will be the spiritual director for youth and adults from four

of the Catholic Churches in the area as they travel to Hurley, Virginia. They will be repairing homes for those who are impoverished and have disabilities. This is open to high school age students as well as adults. Please see Fr. Jim for details.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY/MISSION

To all my Christian family at OLOP who baked cookies, prayed, or in some way helped the Kairos weekend at Fluvanna Correction for Woman (April 12-15, 2012): A sincere Thank You! Following are some of the unsolicited comments made by the 38 women who attended.

— Eileen Brennen —

-This weekend we learned about choices. Bad choices brought us here, we must choose God!

-I have felt unconditional love from people I didn't know. There was a prayer chain that stretched around the gym, each link with the name of people who promised to pray & some who baked cookies, & a scroll that listed names of people who were praying at every half hour all weekend. On a list I saw that a man named Mr. B was praying just for me all weekend---just for me!!

-When I arrived here I was full of anger and had great hatred for the people on and off the compound. I have begun to open up & I am still learning but my heart is beginning to feel. On the prison grounds I have always been called by my last name. Now I give you permission to call me...(by my first name), a new name for a new woman.

-I never knew what love was. I had built walls around me & didn't trust anyone. I am just slowly trying to pull down my walls. I am learning how to forgive.