

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@hughes.net](mailto:mniagro@hughes.net).

Manfred Bower	Patrice Anding Duncan	Msgr. Chester Michael	Gino Prioletti
Cathy Brescia	Jeanne Harper	Jerry Monahan	Patricia Rainka
Elizabeth Budd	Michael Hayden	Beverly Moyer	Ray Servis
Wayne Clark	Roland Hayden	Chris Moyer	Jane Sliwinski
Winnie Clark	Gail Hebert	Ray Moyer	Margaret Smith
Maggie Dinsmore	Meja Irvin	Tim Murphy	Fred Toth
Carol Donato	Margaret MacDiarmid	Loretta Pilecki	Trish Tracey
Irene Dombrowski	Fr. McEleney	Marilyn Portman	Laura Williams
Islea Duncan	Tim McMichaels		

#### Our Lady of Peace Catholic Cemetery

Plots are available in the cemetery for \$500.00, or you may purchase crematory urn plots for \$250.00. These prices include perpetual care. For more information, contact one of the following **Cemetery Committee Members**:

Al Lecco	Dorothy Garcia	Chuck Hirtz
Joe Gardner	Donald Notestein	Kevin Hirtz

#### Msgr. Chester Michael - Thought of the Day

Msgr. Chester Michael, lives at Our Lady of Peace retirement community in Charlottesville. This first year he has not been able to actively guide the Spiritual Direction Institute, he sends along a thought for the day via emails from graduates.

Hello, everyone,

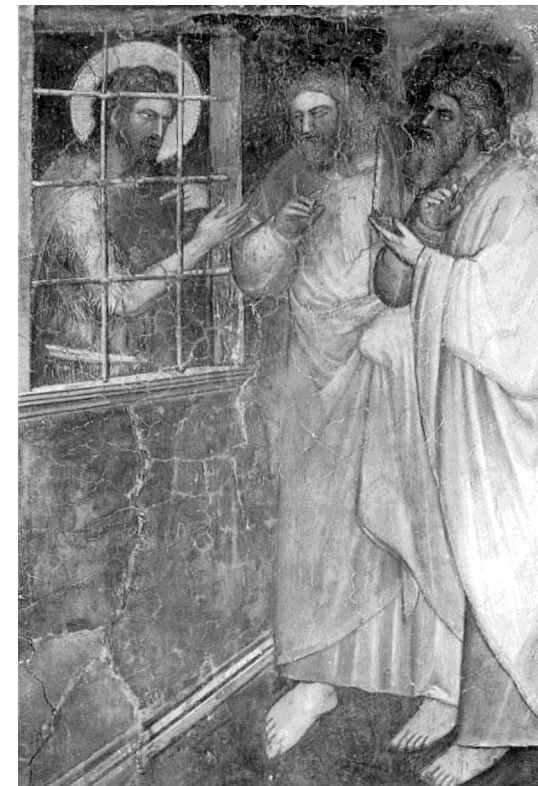
Father has a message for Advent. He wants you to consider the teachings of the three great figures of Advent: Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Mary. Here are the biblical passages for each which he wanted me to pass along to you:

**Isaiah 53:1-12; John the Baptist, Mark 1:2-8; The Canticle of Mary, Luke 1:45-55**

God bless you all, and Happy Advent!

# *Our Lady Of Peace Roman Catholic Church*

*When John heard  
in prison of the  
works of the  
Messiah, he sent  
his disciples to him  
with this question,  
“Are you the one  
who is to come, or  
should we look for  
another?”  
Matthew 11:2-3*



#### **Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church**

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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 12:15 PM**

Bulletin news to: Mary Niagro at: [mniagro@hughes.net](mailto:mniagro@hughes.net)  
Requests for mass cards to: Bonnie Toth at: [bonnie3871@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com)

**Upcoming  
Meetings and Events**

**December 15, 2013  
Third Sunday  
in Advent**



**Scripture Readings:**

1st Reading:  
Isaiah 35:1-6, 10  
2nd Reading:  
James 5:7-10  
Gospel:  
Matthew 11:2-11

**Reconciliation**

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

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**Advent Theme**

*The Light of Faith* is our theme for the season of Advent. Each week, after the processional song, an excerpt will be read from the First Encyclical of Pope Francis as members of the Our Lady of Peace faith community bring the lighted candles to the wreath at the altar. *O house of Jacob come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!* - Isaiah 2:5

**Anointing of the Sick**

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered at mass today, Sunday, December 15.

**New Envelopes**

The new offering envelopes for 2014 are out on the table in the commons. If anyone wants to start using envelopes please take a box of envelopes and sign your name, address and your offering envelope number. If anyone has any questions I will be happy to answer them. Thank you. Jane Hayes

**Christmas Decorating**

On Thursday, December 19 at 9:30 a.m. we will be decorating the church for Christmas. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

**Holy Cross Advent Concert**

On Saturday, December 21 at 7 p.m. please join Holy Cross for an evening of sacred and inspirational music. The concert will feature traditional, contemporary, children's hand bell choir, and congregational singing. Refreshments will follow.

**Clothing Closet**

The Good Samaritan clothing closet will be closed from December 23 and will be reopening on January 6.

**Fr. Jim Away Between the Holidays**

Fr. Jim will be away the evening of December 25 and return for Sunday Mass on December 29. He will go away again the evening of December 29-January 5. He will sneak back for Mass on January First - the Holy Day.

***Parish Notices and Announcements***



**Happy Birthday!**

December 16  
Christine Hamilton  
December 17  
Harold Baker  
Dory Garcia  
December 18  
Philip Shaner

**Latin Mass**

The Latin Mass Community of SW Virginia will be celebrating a Latin Mass at Our Lady of Peace at 3 p.m. today, Sunday, December 15. Call Isabel or George Perry with any questions at 434 352 7976.

**Christmas Mass Times**

**Christmas Eve.** Tuesday, December 24  
Lessons and Carols 7:15 p.m.—7:30 p.m.  
Posada 7:30—7:40 p.m. Mass 7:45 p.m.  
**Christmas Day,**  
Wednesday, December 25 at 8:30 a.m.  
**Feast of the Holy Family**  
Sunday, December 29 at 8:30 a.m.  
**New Year's Day**  
Wednesday, January 1 at 8:30 a.m.  
**Feast of Epiphany**  
Sunday, January 5 at 8:30 a.m.



**On the Cover**

On the cover is the fresco *The Baptist in Prison* by the Italian 14 century artist Giusto de' Menabuoi.. Giusto was a native of Florence but was active in Padua and so is also referred to as Giusto Padovano From the early 1370s he painted a series of frescoes in the Baptistery at Padua, which is where this fresco, painted around 1379, can still be seen today.

**Advent Prayer**

During this Advent, let your light of peace and love shine in our world. Give us eyes to see the signs of your presence in the world. Help us to prepare our lives and our homes to receive the One who said, "I am the light of the world." Amen.

**Local Quartet sings at Holy Name of Mary**



The Trinity Singers, a local a cappella quartet, will present a program of traditional Christmas Carols at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, 1307 Oakwood Street in Bedford on Sunday, December 22nd at 2:00pm in the Church. Please come and enjoy wonderful music, singing and fellowship in keeping with the season.