

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 mcniagro@gmail.com.

Jodi Aerts
Dylan Anderson
Terry Brennen
Julie Byron
Toni Capute
Carol Donato
Irene Dombrowski
Islea Duncan
Lynn Goss
Kathleen Hamilton
Roland Hayden
Jane Hayes
Bill Hines

Felice Iannaco
Jeannine Iannaco
Meja Irvin
Lori Lecco
Margaret MacDiarmid
Kathleen Moore
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Mary Niagro
Patsy Notestein
Angel Ortiz
George Perry

Isabel Perry
Nelson Sanchez
Princess Sanchez
John Seaquist
Ray Servis
Jane Sliwinski
Margaret Smith
Fred Toth
Charles Watson
Laura Williams
Michael Williams
Travis Williams
Betty Jo Wolfram

Memorable Moments in Diocesan History

To be published each week of the 200th anniversary liturgical year

by Chene Heady

The Catholic population of Virginia expanded in the years following the Civil War, in part due to Irish immigrants who worked the railroads. Roanoke has long been "rail city," but until November 19, 1882 the Catholic mass had never been celebrated there. Fittingly, the city's first mass was celebrated in a rail car: Shenandoah Valley Railroad Passenger Coach, number 6.

From 1877 to 1883, a group of idealists attempted to construct a model Catholic community in rural Charlotte County, Virginia. Named "Keileyville," after the president of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union, this Catholic colony attracted 120 residents who farmed the land and built a church. Financial mismanagement and crop failures doomed the colony, but timbers from its church survive, repurposed to help build St. Catherine of Siena church in Clarksville, Virginia.

Our Lady Of Peace Roman Catholic Church

*The dead man
came out, tied
hand and foot
with burial
bands, and his
face was
wrapped in a
cloth. So Jesus
said to them,
"Untie him and
let him go."
John 11:44*



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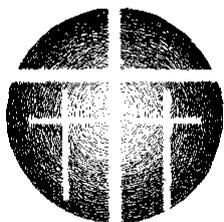
Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8:30 AM and Tuesday 10:00 AM

Tuesday 7:00 PM Thursday 12:15 PM

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March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday
of Lent



Scripture Readings:

1st Reading:
Ezekiel 37:12-14

2nd Reading:
Romans 8:8-11

Gospel:
John 11:1-45

Reconciliation

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

*Pray, hope, and
don't worry.
Worry is useless,
God is merciful
and will hear
your prayer.*

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Palm Sunday

COVID-19 will not stop Palm Sunday at Our Lady of Peace. Next Sunday, at our normal mass time, palms will be passed out in the parking lot, along with a copy of the Passion to read, pray, and study. You should not leave your car! You can take the palms and Passion and celebrate Palm Sunday at home.

Facebook Mass

Starting with the mass for Sunday, 3/29, Fr. Jim will try to record the Sunday mass for the parish on Facebook (our parish has never done this before, so please be patient if we have any technical glitches). The mass will be prerecorded and posted onto the parish Facebook page. If you are not Facebook friends with Our Lady of Peace, please friend us so that you can watch the mass and receive information about the parish: <https://www.facebook.com/Our-Lady-of-Peace-Roman-Catholic-Church-282170971844457/>

Giving to the Parish:

We may not have mass during the COVID crisis, but we still have expenses. Please assist the parish by mailing your offering to Our Lady of Peace, P.O. Box 668, Appomattox, VA 24522. Or give on-line at the parish website: <https://www.olpcatholicchurch.org/donate>

Diocesan Appeal

The diocese has processed donations for Our Lady of Peace totaling \$1,320 of the total \$3,180 we need. So we are almost halfway there (maybe further, once unprocessed gifts are recorded). Please continue to give to the appeal. The appeal supports aid to the poor, prison ministry, and seminary tuition and costs for priesthood candidates. 50% of any amount received over the goal goes back directly to the parish and, as a mission parish, we often benefit from diocesan grants funded by the appeal.

Parish Notices and Announcements

Our Lady of Peace Parish, COVID-19 Prevention Measures

Passed by Parish Council on March 10, 2020

In response to the coronavirus outbreak, Fr. Jim and the Parish Council have discussed and agreed upon the following guidelines to protect the safety of all parishioners.

If you or someone in your family is sick, stay home.

The Holy Water fonts have been drained and will not be used until further notice.

We ask that you refrain from handshakes during the greeting, handholding during the Our Father, and handshakes during the Sign of Peace. A wave or other appropriate non-contact greeting should be used instead.

For the present time, the Cup of the Precious Blood will not be available. We would like to stress that this regrettable measure is strictly temporary and is taken purely to prevent contagion. The Cup will be restored as soon as conditions regarding COVID-19 have improved sufficiently to render the action prudent.

We ask that you receive the Host in your hands, not on your tongue.

We ask that everyone observe these safeguards in order to protect the safety of all our parishioners. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Additional Verse to Bicentennial Song
We Shine Like the Stars

By this time you have been introduced to the Diocesan Bi-Centennial Anthem, *We Shine Like the Stars*. Bonnie Toth, the music minister at Our Lady of Peace, has added a new verse about OLP to the song. Fr. Jim thinks it is wonderful.

It reads, "We feed and clothe those needing and visit the ill and alone;
Eight Appomattox martyrs their light shines on and on!"

What will Saint Victoria's new verse look like?



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