

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
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

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**:

Joe
Gardner

Dorothy
Garcia

Donald
Notestein

Chuck
Hirtz

Kevin
Hirtz

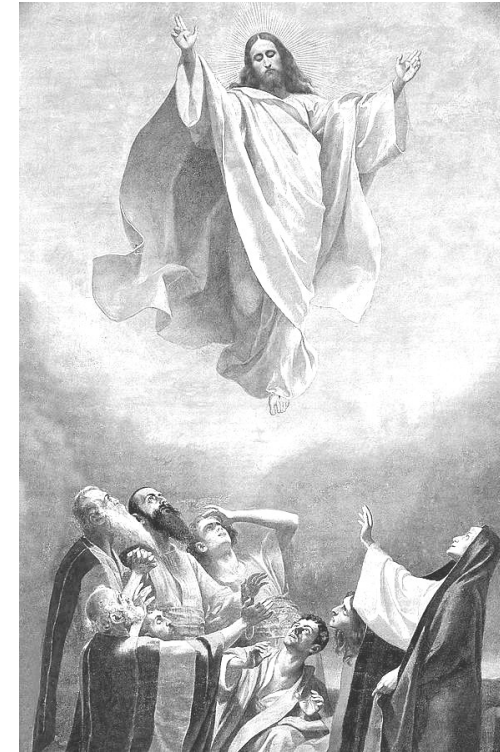
Memorable Moments in Diocesan History

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

by Chene Heady

Wales Tyrrell, an African American Catholic convert and public school teacher, was brought before the Charlottesville school board in February 1887 to face charges of misconduct. The charges: "being a Catholic" and permitting "a Catholic priest" to speak "in his school room." When Tyrrell defended himself on the grounds of freedom of religion, the chairman of the school board replied that in Charlottesville Catholicism "is not regarded as [a] religion." Tyrrell would eventually found a Catholic school for African American in Keswick, Virginia.

Our Lady Of Peace Roman Catholic Church



*Go, therefore,
and make disciples
of all na-
tions, baptizing
them in the
name of the Fa-
ther, and of the
Son, and of the
holy Spirit,
Matthew 28:19*

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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or Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church 434-846-5245

www.olpcatholicchurch.org

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

Tuesday 7:00 PM Thursday 12:15 PM

Bulletin news to: Mary Niagro at: mcniagro@gmail.com

Requests for mass cards to: Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com

May 24 2020
The Ascension of
the Lord



Scripture Readings:

1st Reading:
Acts 1: 1-11
2nd Reading:
Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel:
Matthew 28:16-20

Calendar

May 26
St Philip Neri

Reconciliation

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

Quarantined?

Don't miss the bulletin on Sunday! Check out the parish webpage at www.olpcatholicchurch.org

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Easter Greeting

*Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!*

Call-To-Action Committee

The Call-To-Action Committee (CTAC) is continuing to meet monthly despite the COVID-19 pandemic. We are conducting business through conference calls. The CTAC met on April 22, 2020 and had a very productive meeting. Recently, we completed the OLP action plan to prevent child sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, and volunteer lay persons in the Catholic Church. Completion of the action plan signaled the accomplishment of the CTAC mission, however there remains a significant challenge ahead. The plan has 10 action items that require the attention of the parish. Last month the OLP Parish Council extended an invitation to the committee to remain active as a parish ministry in order to oversee the implementation of the action plan and to ensure OLP is in compliance with the Safe Environment regulation issued by the Diocese of Richmond. The

committee will answer to the parish council and will be represented on the council. The CTAC is in the process of formulating a new mission statement and naming convention to account for these tasks.

Sunday Masses Continue online

You can access our Sunday mass by going to <http://olpcatholicchurch.org/> videos until further notice. We hope to be able to upgrade and live stream soon.

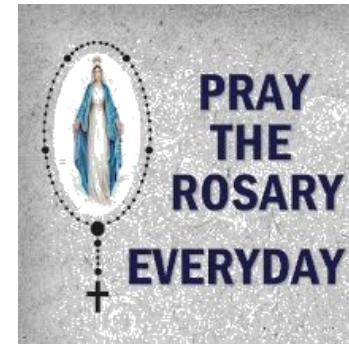
Fr. Jim to be Away

In Rhode Island they are scheduled to lift the quarantine of assisted living residences on May 18. That means Fr. Jim can visit with his dad and take him to a seacoast resort. To that end, Fr. Jim will be in Rhode Island visiting his family from June 22 to July 2

Fr. Dan Bain at OLP

Fr. Dan Bain will be substituting for Fr. Jim on Sunday, June 28, during the time Fr. Jim is away in Rhode Island.

Parish Notices and Announcements



Holy Cross Regional Catholic School Graduation

Holy Cross Regional Catholic School is proud to announce our 2020 Graduates:
Anna Mooney - Valedictorian, Terrence Ward - Salutatorian, Keon Waller, Maria Mrad, Jordan Ferguson, Haden Golden, and Madison Luther.
We are proud of our 140th graduation class!
Ann Shenigo
Holy Cross Regional School

Our Lady of Peace Is Reopening!

Our Lady of Peace plans to reopen officially on Sunday, May 24. The governor's new coronavirus guidelines and the bishop's new directives allow us to reopen and again conduct public masses—for which we rejoice. To stay safe while we celebrate mass, we will strictly adhere to all health guidance provided by the state of Virginia and the Diocese of Richmond.

Attending Mass during COVID-19, in Three Simple Steps:

Fr. Jim will be sending the parish the rather lengthy—but necessary—coronavirus guidelines that the diocese has mandated. However, the basic things the average parishioner needs to know can be summed up clearly and briefly as follows: Until the COVID-19 crisis is over, you should come to mass only if you do not fall into a vulnerable population and no one in your family is sick (if you don't meet those conditions, you should watch mass on-line at home). If you are able to come to mass, just follow these three simple steps:

1. Wear a mask (homemade is fine). You will lift or remove the mask only when receiving communion. If you do not have a mask, an usher will provide you with one.
2. Maintain social distancing. Keep six feet away from anyone who does not belong to your family. Wave, rather than hugging or shaking hands; this includes the Sign of Peace.
3. Listen to your usher. The ushers understand all the complexities of the governor's safety regulations and are our principal means of carrying them out. So during the coronavirus crisis, you should defer to your ushers the same way you would at a wedding. Just as at a wedding, you will be ushered to an assigned seat when you come in and you will be ushered out when you leave (do not leave until then). If for the next few months we can all pretend that we are at a wedding, we can all gather while still staying safe.