

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Jodi Aerts
Dylan Anderson
Robert Berry
Julie Byron
Toni Capute
Riordan Cavoris
Justin Curtis
Mark Davis
Carol Donato
Islea Duncan
Alan Ekberg
John Evans
Earl Fishback
Fr. Jim Gallagher
Elizabeth Gillam
Lynn Goss
Kathleen Hamilton

Jeanne Harper
Jeannine Iannaco
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Margaret MacDiarmid
Carolyn Martin
Jamie Martin
Greg Moore
Kathleen Moore
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Don Notestein
Patsy Notestein
Angel Ortiz
George Perry
Gary Peters

Laurie Peters
Frank Powell
Nelson Sanchez
Princess Sanchez
John Seaquist
Ray Servis
Jane Sliwinski
Margaret Smith
Fred Toth
Amy Tracy
Charles Watson
Laura Williams
Michael Williams
Travis Williams
Betty Jo Wolfrum

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	Bonnie Toth	Mary Fishback
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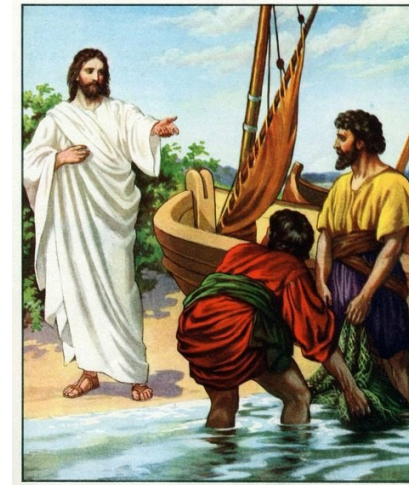
Our Lady of Peace Phone Tree



We have a phone tree that can be used not only for prayer requests but for any notices the church should or would like to know about i.e. funerals, closings, great happenings and other important news.

There are 6 people that do the calling: Sheila Seaquist: 434-352-8756; Carol Donato: 434-352-8275; Linda Gardner: 434-906-8409; Joyce Hing: 434-665-9844; Carolyn Conner: 804-502-1350 and Bernadette Servis: 434-352-8803. Notify any one of these people and they will get the phone tree started so everyone can stay informed.

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



PETER THE FISHERMAN

*"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Matthew 4:19*

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

2938 Oakleigh Ave. P.O. Box 668
Appomattox VA 24522-0668

Pastor: Father James Gallagher 434-352-0104

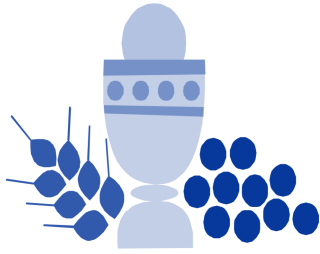
For emergencies: Fr. Jim cell number: 434-238-7030

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**

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Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Psalm 27 ("The Lord is my light and my salvation."
1 Cor 1:10-113,17
Matthew 4:12-23

Reconciliation

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

Reflections from Fr. Jim

Elitism vs Solidarity

As I often mention, the Franciscan theologian Richard Rohr, because I like his teaching about the fractured ego. The ego - the truth about ourselves is broken as a consequence of Original Sin. The truth about how we see ourselves is clouded and we don't want to be honest about our shortcomings. Instead, the ego medicates itself by putting others down and comparing. "I am not as bad as _." (fill in the blank). Or, "I am certainly better than _." (fill in the blank again).

We can often think we are better if we have more money and hang out with the "upper class" crowd. The broken ego also prevents us from keeping our own side of the street clean and looking at others' moral failures so we do not have to work on our own. It plays out in religion, too. "My daughter hangs out with "unsaved" youth."

Roman Catholics can be elitist when it comes to the "real presence." "We have the real presence of Christ and they do not." First of all, can you define the "real presence of Christ"? Second, are you going to try to tell Jesus he cannot be present to the other Christian churches? What's that all about?

Such is the case in the early church. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he talks about rivalry. Some follow Cephas' style of worshiping Christ. Some follow Apollos' style. Others even follow Paul's style. (I'm sure Paul is not pleased.) They forget that they are supposed to follow Christ. Cephas, Apollos and Paul are real cool guys, but they point to Christ.

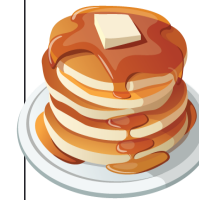
How about a little solidarity instead of elitism, ego and competition? Why not sit down and compare theologies? Why not find out the common ground? To do that, one must put the ego aside. Some day soon I would like to sit down with my friend, Rev. Brad Wilson, from New Prospect Baptist Church in Hurt and Rev. Adam Tyler at First Baptist Church in Farmville and talk about how we all experience Christ in the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist. It might not open up our table just yet, but it would create solidarity in one Lord, one Baptism and one God and Father of all. It would cause me to put my broken ego aside.

Parish News & Announcements

Looking Ahead to Lent

Please bring in your palms from last year and drop them in the basket in the "old commons." They will be burned on Shrove Tuesday.

Shrove Tuesday (February 21st)



Please join us for a covered dish at 6:00 PM for this traditional Feast Day - the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Please bring a covered dish for all to share.

At 7:00 PM, Fr. Jim will offer a special blessing and then we all proceed outside for the burning of the palms for Ash Wednesday. This is the final time we sing or say "Alleluia" until the Great Vigil of Easter!

Ash Wednesday (February 22nd)

Service times:

Mass with ashes at 12:30 PM
Ashes at 4:00 PM
Mass with ashes at 7:00 PM



January Birthdays

Jan 3: Chuck Hirtz
Jan 5: Beverly Moyer
Jan 6: Ray Servis
Jan 15: Marge MacDiarmid
Jan 17: Linda Gardner
Jan 20: Alice Doepe
Jan 21: Alexander Gregory
Jan 22: Chris Moyer

January Anniversaries

Jan 4: Charlie & Mary Graf
Jan 20: Todd & Betty Craft