

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
Danny Bell
Robert Berry
Sandra Burke
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 Cemetery

Burial plots are \$500 and crematory plots are \$250 for parishioners. All prices include perpetual care. Please see one of the committee members (Steve Bradish, Mary Fishback, Dori Garcia, Joe Gardner, Chuck Hirtz, Don Notestein or Bonnie Toth) for more information.



PHONE TREE

Our Phone Tree can be used not only for prayer requests, but for any notices the church family should know about such as funerals, closings, happy events and important news. Please be sure your telephone number is up to date.

There are six people who do the calling. Notify any of them to start the phone tree: 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); Bernadette Servis (434-352-8803)

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Sirach 15:15-20
 Psalm 119
 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
 Matthew 5:17-37

Reconciliation

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

Financial Report

Attendance last Sunday: 74
 Last Week's collection: \$605

Y/T/D report
(includes E-giving)

July 1 - December 31, 2022

Income: \$43,138
 Expenses: \$43,275
 Balance: \$ -137

Theological Moment with Fr. Jim

I once knew a pastor whose faith community was in disarray. The church was close to Fort Lee and the parish itself had a number of active military personnel. September 11 had just occurred, and the feelings of all were raw and sensitive. A crisis among staff members was causing the Christian Formation coordinator to resign. There was anger and anxiety about the new sanctuary and the building program could be viewed as divisive to the parish. The pastor's first six year term was coming to a close. The pastor decided to sign up for six more years, if for no other reason to stand and take the heat of the crisis happening all around. He desired to give the place stability. The decision caused the staff and parishioners to pull together over the next few years. Nothing could be fixed, solved or resolved, but by being an example of perseverance, relationships that appeared broken were healed so that all could carry on.

In Matthew 5:17-37, Jesus is concerned that the early Christian community beset by persecution to whatever they could do to survive. There were enough forces outside trying to destroy the faith community without members bringing it down from within. To survive and thrive, there are things you do not do and things you must do.

Do not trash others. (That is what Gehenna is; a 24 hour a day trash dump.) Instead, build each other up. Tell your wife you love her before it is too late. Tell your husband you love him before it is too late. (Aby the way, guys, have you gotten your wife her valentine's flowers yet?) Stop lying and being inauthentic in your business dealings and with your neighbors. It's time to pull together as one.

A proactive challenge: How do we keep the passion and love alive at Our Lady of Peace and St. Victoria? In my ministry, what creative twist today can I use to tell others I care? How can I continually keep my marriage fresh and my spouse pleasantly surprised?

Parish News & Announcements

A Message from CEASA

Our Lenten Journey: As Catholics, we are encouraged to fast on Fridays during Lent. This year, your Committee for Education and Action on Sexual Abuse (CEASA) will be dedicating our fasting and prayers for the intention of victims of sexual abuse. We welcome all parishioners of Our Lady of Peace to join us spiritually and at whatever time of the day the spirit moves you, each Friday beginning Friday, February 17 through April 7 (Good Friday). As this is a virtual gathering, sometime during each of those days we will pray for truth, accountability, reconciliation, justice and healing. We hope you will join us. Blessings from your CEASA in this season of hope.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

The Diocesan Annual Appeal will begin soon. The funds for the appeal help those impoverished in Southern Virginia. Our goal this year is \$5410. We will receive 50% of whatever is pledged. Please keep the annual appeal in your charitable giving plans.

Shrove Tuesday (February 21st) There is a sign up sheet in the commons. The potluck begins at 6 pm and is followed by a prayer service and burning of the palms at 7 pm. (Don't forget to bring in your old palms and place them in the basket.)

Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) Services Mass with ashes at 12:30 PM, Ashes at 4:00 PM and Mass with ashes at 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross during Lent: Beginning February 25, Stations will be offered on Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM to give more folks an opportunity to participate. Come listen to Mary as she follows Jesus to Calvary. Those who have participated in the past all agree this is a very powerful presentation!

Birthdays

Feb 02: Bob Burke
 Feb 09: Biff Gilliam
 Feb 09: Earl Fishback
 Feb 13: Mary Graf
 Feb 14: Paul Harmon
 Feb 18: Helen Ravagli
 Feb 18: Cecelia Harmon
 Feb 19: Sandra Burke
 Feb 19: Kelsey Brown
 Feb 20: Carol Donato
 Feb 24: Ronnie Haney
 Feb 26: Caeli McCabe

Anniversaries

Feb 17: Jared & Megan Swing