

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



Matthew 5:13-16

February 5, 2023

Fifth 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

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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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Scripture Readings

Is 58:7010
 Ps 112: 4-9
 1 Cor 2: 1-5
 Matthew 5: 13-16

Reconciliation

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

Financial Report

Attendance last Sunday: 67

Last Week's collection: \$793.00

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

July 1 - December 31, 2022

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

Theological Moment with Fr. Jim

"I'm Still Standing"

*"You know I'm still standing better than I ever did,
 Looking lilke a true survivor, feeling like a little kid.
 I'm still standing after all this time
 Picking up the pieces of my life..."
 (Elton John)*

There are times that the greatest witness is not the one who is successful, but the one who never gives up; perseverance endures. I think of Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs. He never made the playoffs or had gone to a world series but played for over 15 years. He was known as being cheerful, though his team often had a losing record. With an efficacious smile, his favorite saying was "Let's play two!" He eventually did go to the Hall of Fame. He was still standing.

I enjoy the saying "The race does not always go to the swiftest, but to the one who keeps on running." It is an explicit powerful witness when one does it for the Lord. Reading Paul's letter (1 Cor. 2:1-5), he tells us that he was not the most eloquent speaker. Moreover, he came with very little confidence, but he still CAME to them when sent by God.

We can look at Paul's life - shipwrecked in Acts 27 [I wrote a paper on that at Catholic University] in prison several times, kicked out of towns hostile to the Gospel, second guessed by Peter (Cephas) and James. Paul led with his weakness to connect with those who were weak. He was finally executed but his message and Good News prevailed!

This is not human wisdom, but the Power of God.

Paul tells us that this identity is in Christ. When our identity is Christ, we stand and we do not stand alone, even and especially in death.

Like Elton John and despite what life has thrown at you, are you still standing?

Parish News & Announcements

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2023

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 serve 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) Service times: Mass with ashes at 12:30 PM, Ashes at 4:00 PM and Mass with ashes at 7:00 PM



Next Sunday is Breakfast Sunday. Please remember to bring those delicious foods to share. All are always welcome!

Birthdays

Feb 02: Bob Burke
 Feb 09: Biff Gilliam
 Feb 09 Mary Fishback
 Feb 13 Mary Graf
 Feb 14 Paul Harmon
 Feb 18 Helen Ravagli
 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