

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](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com).

Jodi Aerts  
Dylan Anderson  
Danny Bell  
Robert Berry  
Sandra Burke  
Julie Byron  
Toni Capute  
Riordan Cavoris  
Justin Curtis  
Mark Davis  
Tony Donehoo  
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

### 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.

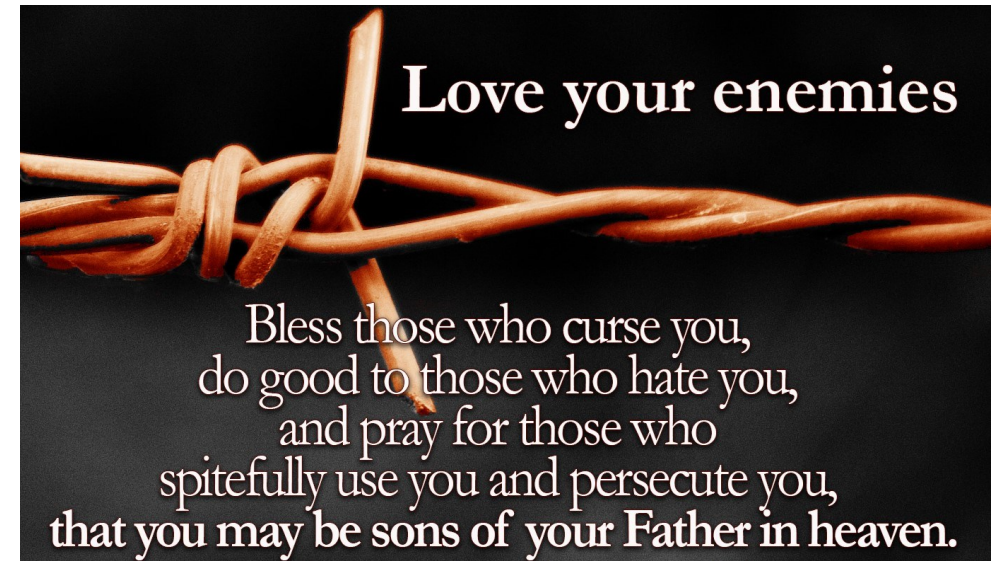


### PHONE TREE

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 19, 2023*

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

2938 Oakleigh Avenue (PO 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](http://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: Bonnie Toth at: [bonnie3871@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com)

Requests for mass cards to: Bonnie Toth at: [bonnie3871@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com)



**February 19, 2023**  
**7th Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

**Scripture Readings**

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18  
 Psalm 103  
 1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
 Matthew 5:38-48

**Reconciliation**

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

**Financial Report**

Attendance last Sunday: 43  
 Last Week's collection: \$595  
 Breakfast Sunday: \$ 54

**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**

In today's Gospel (Mark 5:38-48), it would appear and feel at first glance that Jesus is professing a "doormat" theology - that is, we should be willing to be stepped on and repeatedly play the victim: giving those who slap us on the face the other side of the face; hand over our cloaks as well as our tunics; loving our enemies. What Jesus is really advocating is "Nonviolent passive resistance." Nonviolent passive resistance means respecting our dignity while doing no harm to our adversaries while also raising the consciousness of our adversaries.

Love your enemies means being engaged with our antagonists - being in relationship and staying in relationship and wearing those down who wish us harm. While the Pharisees were antagonistic toward Jesus, he still attended their meals and banquets. It was there that opportunity for dialogue and exchange of teaching could take place. Given the opportunity, some came over to his way of thinking. And for a few moments, eating with them smoothed over the "rough edges." My observation feels like today some want to undo all the hard work people and sacrifices to bring lively and creative liturgies to our diocese. Some are advocates of clericalism - making the clergy more important than God's holy baptized lay people. It is important for me to stay in relationship and befriend in the Lord those with whom I differ.

The Roman soldiers might ask for the tunics and outer garment of an Israeli citizen. Jesus tells the people to give them the cloak as well. Giving the cloak is an act of resistance because the cloak is a smelly undergarment. Imagine a Roman going to Capernaum to meet others at a social gathering with someone's smelly cloak! He won't get very far with his reputation.

Giving the other cheek when someone slaps you on the face is a curse to the one who is slapping. The violent one is cursing themselves. To hit someone on the left cheek was not a blessing for the violent one. Ghandi saw this kind of motivation as "satyagraha" which means resisting untruth by truthful means. Ghandi said: "If one remains steadfast in it, in a spirit of dedication, it always brings success." Ghandi was not a Christian, but the Holy Spirit was certainly operative in his witness. Dr. King, as many know, was a student of Ghandi. No doubt, the Spirit moved in Martin Luther King's work.

Perhaps many of us can think of creative ways of living out this part of Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount."

**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 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) 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