

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
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Justin Curtis
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Tony Donehoo
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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 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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Pastor: Father James Gallagher 434-352-0104

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

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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

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7
Psalm 51 Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Reconciliation

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

Financial Report

February 19, 2023:
Attendance: 75
General Collection: \$609

Year to date report
(includes E-giving):

July 1, 2022-January 21,
2023

Income: \$51,352.38
Expenses: \$50,137.61
Balance: \$ 1,214.77

Theological Moment with Fr. Jim

“Illusions and Delusions of Grandeur”

A song from 1982: “Fame” by Irene Cara

“Fame, I’m gonna live forever, I’m gonna learn how to fly. (Fame)
I feel it coming together, people will see me and cry. (Fame)
I’m gonna make it to Heaven, light up the sky like a flame.” (Fame)

The illusion of fame is just as the song says - that we will escape shame and death.

Adam and Eve were told by the power of evil that they would be like gods. Though having it all in the Garden of Eden, they wanted more and wanted to continue to “climb.” Fame is addictive and it is part of the illusion of power, privilege and possession. It is fleeting, yet we want more and more. Yesterdays’ sports page about my marathon running 38 years ago is today’s fish wrap. If my motivation is serving others, that love however, will go on.

We have seen, for example, US Presidents of both parties having it all or so we thought, but it wasn’t enough. They wanted more. Their power, position and privilege was to be used to serve the people. That goes doubly so for clergy of all churches (especially Catholic Clergy) as well as those in other organizations. That one can continually “climb” is a myth in the worst sense of the word.

In Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus is offered fame. The power of evil tells Jesus to create a spectacle by throwing himself down. It is the Temple and everyone will be watching. But instead of seeking fame, Jesus will take away our shame. He will serve from the cross. Crucifixion was a curse by God (so they thought) and a great shame. Shame is worse than embarrassment and guilt. Shame gets to the roof of our self-worth. But by Jesus “becoming shame, he takes our shame away! He takes my soiled baptismal garment and soiled life and washes them in his blood. He rules from the cross. Instead of turning stones to bread, he will become bread for you and me. He turns around all three temptations offered by evil.

What temptations come my way? How can I turn them around to create good? For example, a recovering addict makes amends.

We put ourselves under the BLOOD. Then, as the Titanic song by Celine Dion says, “My love will go on.”

Parish News & Announcements

Lenten Liturgical Skits Practices for the three skits will be as follows: Woman at the Well: March 8 at 6:30 pm; Man Born Blind: March 15 at 6:30 pm; Raising of Lazarus: March 21 at 7:30 pm.

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.

Stations of the Cross Beginning Saturday, February 25, Stations of the Cross will be offered at 11:00 am every Saturday. All are welcome!

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.

Fr. Jim will visit his Dad Fr. Jim will be traveling north to see his father in Warwick, Rhode Island, directly following Easter Sunday masses on April 9. He will be return on Saturday, April 15.

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 Cecilia 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