

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  
Wendy Pessaro  
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

### 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.

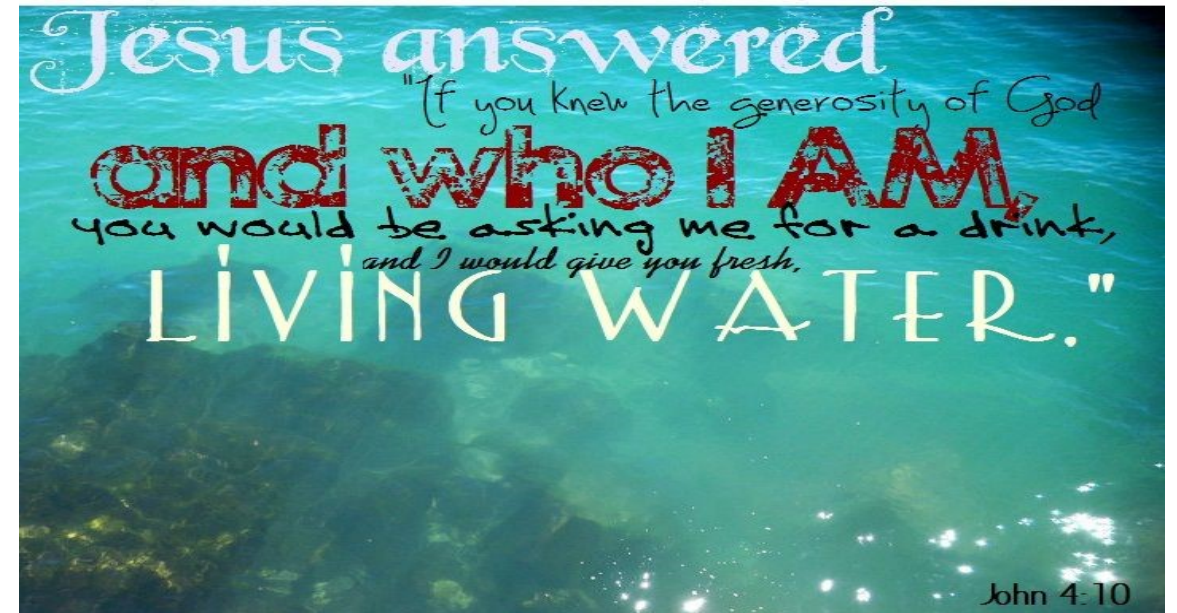
### PHONE TREE



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



**March 13, 2023**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**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)



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Exodus 17:7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-2,5-6  
John 4:5-42

**Scripture Readings**

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

**Financial Report**

March 6, 2023:  
Attendance: 70  
General Collection: \$775

Year to date report  
(includes E-giving):

July 1, 2022-January 21,  
2023

Income:	\$51,352.38
Expenses:	<u>\$50,137.61</u>
Balance:	\$ 1,214.77

**A Theological Moment with Fr. Jim**

**“It Doesn’t Matter Anymore”**

A player hits a ninth inning homerun and his team wins the World Series. The strike outs and hitting slumps of August and July are forgotten. The terrible press and coverage from his team’s losing streak is not longer an issue. This moment of victory erases it all.

He finally found love after several broken relationships. He realizes that he was partially to blame and even felt guilt about his character defects. But she cares for him and is the fulfillment of his dreams.

In one moment, in one powerful dialogue, the woman of mixed race and mixed faith has found the meaning for living a Jacob’s Well. It could be a romantic place as in the past, Jacob met Rachel here, Moses met Zipporah and Abraham earlier found Isaac a wife named Rebekah.

After five failed marriages, she found a man whose deep soul had no bottom but intrigued her to no end. Was he seeking her or was she seeking Him? His own would not receive him, after all, so he went through Samaria. Jesus crosses gender and conventional boundaries as he asked her for a drink. She was not afraid of taking him on as she had dealt with other men. But here is man that has depth. She goes deeper and deeper into the Living Water. At first, she acknowledges that he is a Jew. But as she continues, she senses he is greater than Jacob. He looks into her soul and reveals her life back to her and she knows he is a prophet. As one is overjoyed and cries tears, this water wells up inside her that brings a person that will never disappoint. “Can this be the messiah?” Jesus is the water that requires no bucket. He will “bubble up” like a spring inside the woman. She is transformed by this water. There is joy in being known and still loved. It doesn’t matter anymore that she was shunned by other women as she went to get water.

It doesn’t matter anymore...that she was wounded by five other men.  
It doesn’t matter anymore...that she was wounded by shame.  
It doesn’t matter anymore....that she was wounded by sin.  
It doesn’t matter anymore...that she was wounded by rejection.  
It doesn’t matter anymore...whatever went down.

The grace and love by Jesus and her love for Jesus helps her transcend any fear to show her face. She shows no signs of being shunned by neighbors.

**“Come see a man who told me everything I have done.” Could he possibly be the Christ?”**

**Parish News & Announcements**

**Lenten Liturgical Skits (Gospel Readings Weeks 3 through 5)**

Today’s presentation brings to life the story of the Woman at the Well. It will be presented in place of the Gospel reading.

Next week we will hear the story of the Man Born Blind. Rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday Evening, March 15 at 6:30 pm.

**Lenten Opportunities**

Stations of the Cross are offered at 11:00 am every Saturday. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues each Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm.

**Justice & Peace Ministry**

Go beyond pizza, pasta and fish and encounter new cultures with tasty recipes from around the world through Catholic Relief Services. Visit [www.csricebowl.org](http://www.csricebowl.org) and then click on Lenten Recipes. Each Friday of Lent, we abstain from eating meat as a way to experience a little of the hunger that many experience daily. Journey with us around the world and incorporate the recipes into your meatless Fridays. Consider giving the money you saved each week, about \$3 per person per meal, to our Rice Bowl to feed those in need. Our Rice Bowl can be found in the commons and the monies donated will be used to help feed the hungry in our little corner of the world through Mac’s Kitchen.

**CEASA Ministry**

**From the Diocese of Richmond: “Harm happened in isolation. Healing can happen together.”** For those who suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join virtually on March 15th at 7:00 PM. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support and heal. For further information, or the virtual link, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 877-887-9603 or email [dana@atreeplanted.org](mailto:dana@atreeplanted.org).

**Birthdays**

March 02: Keith Hamilton, Jr.  
March 03: Betty Craft  
March 04: Bernadette Servis  
March 10: Megan Swing  
March 16: Pat Hirtz  
March 16: David Gaydos  
March 18: Kenneth Hamilton  
March 23: Charlie Graf

**Anniversaries**

March 14: Reed & Jackie Johnson  
March 15: Earl & Mary Fishback