

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



*"The Transfiguration"*  
*Matthew 17:1-9*

*March 6, 2023*  
*(Second Sunday of Lent)*

### Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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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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**March 6, 2023**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**

**Scripture Readings**

Genesis 12:1-4a  
 Psalm 33  
 2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
 Matthew 17:109

**Reconciliation**

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

**Financial Report**

February 26, 2023:  
 Attendance: 64  
 General Collection: \$821

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

**A Theological Moment with Fr. Jim**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

No one had ever seen anything like it before. A cloud, the “Shekinah”, cast a shadow over Moses, Elijah and Jesus. This cloud was present over the Ark of the Covenant in earlier times. This was a sign of the Spirit’s subtle presence over her people. Moses, the giver of the law that gave us boundaries and identity and Elijah, the prophet, who helped us see God’s love for others outside of our circle of faith. It was overwhelming. Deeply personal experiences that defy words are described by images such as the birth of your first child, grandchild, the sunrise over Narragansett Bay or the sunset at the Peaks of Otter in our Blue Ridge. The moments cannot be relived, but only savored.

Yet, who can blame Peter who tries to contain the mystery by building tents or more correctly, booths. But a “mystery” in the true sense of the word is not something solved or resolved like a television episode. A mystery is unfathomable and intriguing at the same time. The experience draws us in. We don’t want to leave.

But, yet as the disciples experienced the real presence of Christ on the mountain, they must come down the mountain and carry that experience in the souls and bring it to others. For the real presence of Christ is also in the people at the bottom, not at the peaks. So look for that real presence in the mother who carries her twelve year old child from the car to that child’s wheelchair every time the family drives on to the church parking lot. Look for that real presence of Christ in the once impoverished hungry person now feeding a hungry person she meets. Look for that real presence of Christ in the racially diverse group of people marching in solidarity on the anniversary of MLK’s birthday. Look for that real presence of Christ when an older child is teaching a younger child how to do math. Look for that real presence of Christ when people are getting current and honest with one another in their bi-polar group. Look for that real presence of Christ when a family member is letting go of years of resentment and taking the lead in carrying for a parent in assisted living.

Yes, the “mountain top” experiences certainly are to be savored and enjoyed. They energize you and me. But to spread the mystery and our appreciation thereof, we drink in our souls and come down the mountain. The “Shekinah” - the Holy Spirit - is in too many places to be catalogued. We truly miss out if we stay on the mountain too long.

As the words from “Sound of Music” say: “How can you hold a rainbow in your hand?”

**Parish News & Announcements**

**Lenten Opportunities**

Stations of the Cross are offered at 11:00 am every Saturday. All are welcome!

Reconciliation: Saturday, March 11 at 10:30 am. (Stations to follow)

**CEASA UPDATES**

**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).

**From the CEASA Team:** 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 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.



**Next Sunday is “Breakfast Sunday”**

**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  
 March 25: Patti West

**Anniversaries**

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