

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  
Elizabeth Gillam  
Lorraine Brennen Gilliam  
Lynn Goss  
Kathleen Murphy Groves

Kathleen Hamilton  
Jeanne Harper  
Jeannine Iannaco  
Pablo Ignacio  
Patrick Ignacio  
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  
Travis Williams  
Betty Jo Wolfrum

### Our Lady of Peace Cemetery

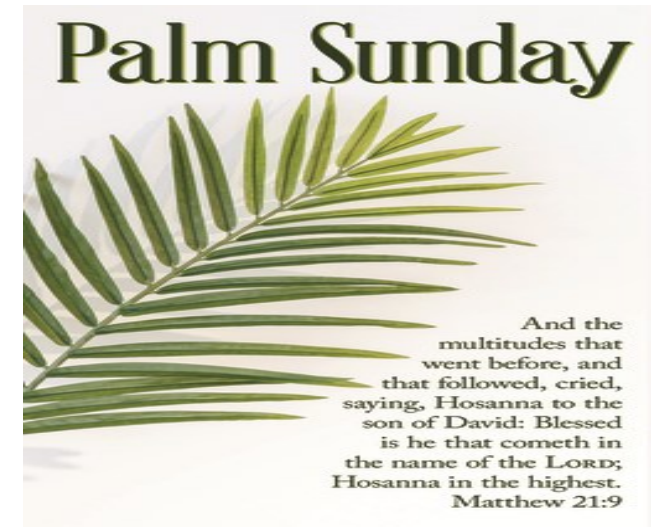
Burial plots are \$500 and crematory plots are \$250 for parishioners. All prices include perpetual care. Please see one of the committee members (Steve Bradish, Mary Fishback, Dori Garcia, Joe Gardner,

### 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



**April 2, 2023**  
**Palm Sunday**

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### Holy Eucharist

**Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 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)

**A THEOLOGICAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM**

**Matthew 27:50**

**“And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.”**

This verse occurs right after Jesus “gave up his spirit.” In the Jewish faith, a father would tear his own garments upon hearing the death of a child. God, the Father, tears “his” garment in the sanctuary. Where others tore their garments (“renting”) as they disowned Jesus or out of hatred of Him. Earlier in Matthew’s Passion, the high priest tore his garments, but out of anger at Jesus. At the death of the Christ, the Father tears the garment over the sanctuary out of love. God is grieving. Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus. The supreme being is vulnerable in love. God to Moses: “I have heard their cry and I know of their suffering.” It’s not a head trip kind of knowing, but in the Lord God’s divine gut. The Lord God’s heart is torn out - not just for Jesus, but for children with cancer.

With the veil torn in the sanctuary, the Holy of Holies is accessible. Before the death of Jesus, only the high priest could go in the Holy of Holies once a year. The high priest had a rope attached to him with bells as he was in the sacred space. As long as people heard the bells, then they knew the priest was alive. If he had been a naughty priest during the year, then the people feared the priest would be struck dead. Remember, it was all about a punitive god that they worshipped.

Now with the veil torn, the Holy of Holies is accessible to all. We all have access to the Lord God through Jesus and through Baptism. Yes, the priest speaks “In persona Christi” (in the name of Christ) during the Eucharistic Prayer, but all of you speak in the name of Christ by your Baptism. We are celebrants together at mass. We consecrate, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine. Through the power of the Holy Spirit you and I make Christ happen! Jesus died to make He and the Father accessible to all.

I appreciate these days when lay people are entering the Holy of Holies as they are starting up Bible studies and prayer groups on their own.

Did you know that a lay person who is baptized can bless others? Did you know that once you use a rosary to pray, it becomes blessed even without a priest or deacon?

***The veil is torn. The sanctuary is open!***

**Today’s Readings:**

Matthew 21:1-11  
Psalm 22  
Philippians 2:6-11  
The Passion from the Book of Matthew

Collection 3/26/23: \$501  
Attendance: 67

Year to date report (includes E-giving):  
July 1, 2022-February 28, 2023  
Income: \$57,261.79  
Expenses: \$56,304.41  
Balance: \$ 957.38

**Parish News & Announcements**

**EASTER FLOWERS:** To help defray the cost of Easter Flowers, please consider making a donation in memory of or in honor of someone special. A sign-up sheet and envelopes are available.

**LITURGY: The Triduum Services** are as follows: Holy Thursday (4/6) 7:30 pm; Good Friday: (4/7): 7:00 pm; Easter Vigil (4/8): 7:30 pm; Easter Sunday (4/9): 8:30 am.

**CEASA: Parish Discussion:** On April 23, 2023, your Committee for Education and Action on Sexual Abuse will host a parish discussion following the Mass. Todd Craft and Andrew Brown will facilitate the discussion focusing on prevention and deterrence of sexual abuse of children, young people, and vulnerable people. Andrew will lead a discussion on the Safe Environment Regulation from the Diocese of Richmond and Todd will focus on the role of law enforcement to prevent abuse. Often parishioners will ask, “I’m only one person, what can I do?” Come join the discussion and find out. We welcome all parishioners to participate.

**Covered Dish Discussion:** All members of the parish of Our Lady of Peace are cordially invited to take part in a “covered dish discussion” on April 26, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the church. We will enjoy a good meal followed by a discussion on the effect the sexual abuse crisis is having on the Catholic Church’s Synod on Synodality. In a recent article in the National Catholic Reporter, author Tom Roberts wrote, “Members of the hierarchy appear not to realize the depth to which the effects of the [sexual abuse] scandal have seeped into every level of the institution. If they did, they would be acting far differently.” All are welcome to join in. It might be helpful to read Roberts’ article which can be found at:

<https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/guest-voices/hierarchys-sacramental-betrayal-abuse-scandal-obstructs-synodality>

**JUSTICE & PEACE:** Collections via the CRS Rice Bowl are still being collected through this week.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Our Knights are collecting new and “gently used” caps for our Veterans at the VA Center in Salem as a part of “Help For Heroes.” Please place your donations in the basket in Corter Hall.

**BREAKFAST SUNDAY:** As Easter Sunday is the 2nd Sunday this month, Breakfast Sunday is moved to the third Sunday (April 16).

**Birthdays**

Apr 03 Maria Leslie  
Apr 05 Pat Bonnewitz  
Apr 07 Kathy Ford  
Apr 11 Wesley Garcia  
Apr 12 Gloria Bowden  
Apr 13 Luke Ford  
Apr 13 Matthew Clark  
Apr 13 Beatrice Heady  
Apr 13 Yvon Page  
Apr 13 Kellie McCabe  
Apr 18 Ann Gaydos  
Apr 21 Scott West  
Apr 22 Kaydence Lecco  
Apr 26 Robert Berry  
Apr 27 Allen Lecco  
Apr 28 Avery Lecco

**Anniversaries**

Apr 18 Paul & Cecilia Harmon  
Apr 24 David & Ann Gaydos  
Apr 26 Ray & Bernadette Servis