

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
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.

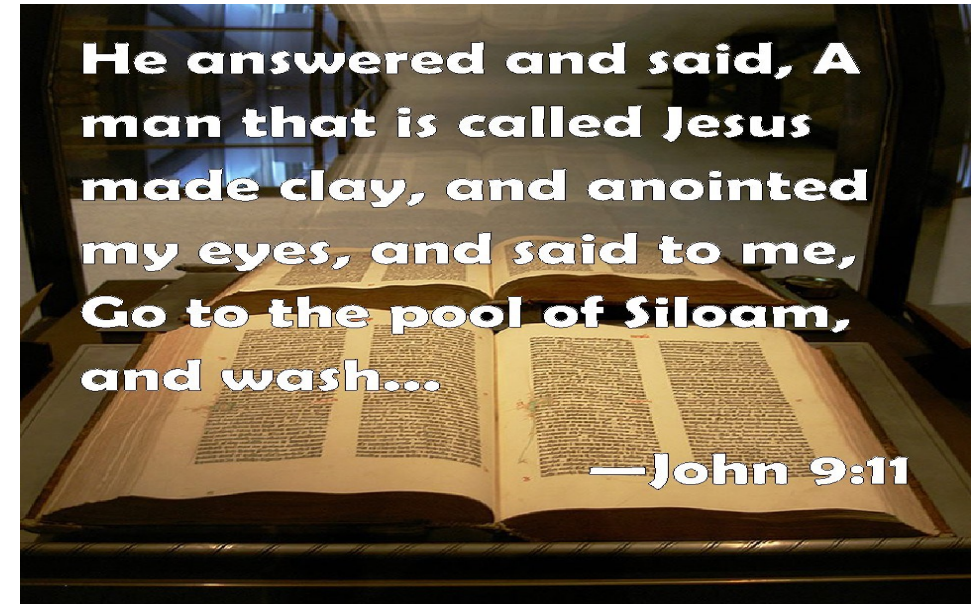
PHONE TREE



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 19, 2023

Fourth 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

Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8:30 AM and Tuesday 10:00 AM

Tuesday 7:00 PM Thursday 12:15 PM

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March 19, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent

Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5:8-12
 John 9:1-41

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

Financial Report

March 12, 2023:
 Attendance: 65
 General Collection: \$481
 Breakfast Sunday: \$124

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

Their whole purpose, it seemed, was to worship a punitive God. Their whole reason for being in charge was to be sure the Lord God's enemies - the poor, the lame, the blind and all with disabilities - knew and stayed in their place. This kept people praying, paying and obeying.

For the Lord God to heal would upset their whole house of cards! A merciful compassionate God was not in their repertoire. A Lord God in solidarity with those on the bottom of the social an ecclesiastical strata was scandalous.

In the face of Light, the Light that Jesus is and brought to the blind man's eyes warranted denial and a walk in darkness. Some people just cannot stand weak people becoming strong. Those who think they have it together will try stealing your joy.

"Do you have the bishop's permission to do that?" asks a deacon who has never visited us, as I tell a story of joy and empowerment about St. Victoria and Our Lady of Peace.

The Pharisees just could not see or want to see that Jesus healed this man. And, the worse nightmare for those in charge is that the man just keeps getting stronger and stronger.

"Who healed you?" "That man, Jesus"
"Who healed you?" "He is a prophet."
"Who healed you?" "The Son of Man!"

They couldn't stand it! So they threw him out of the Temple. Yet, he believed even more and he bowed down and worshiped Jesus.

In the words of Joel Osteen: "Don't let anyone steal your joy!"

Parish News & Announcements

Lenten Liturgical Skits (Gospel Readings Weeks 3 through 5)

This week we witness the story of the Man Born Blind, from the Gospel of John. "I once was blind but now I see."

Next week we will witness the Raising of Lazarus. How can that be? Come find out....

Holy Week, Easter Vigil Signups

Do you hear the call to be a part of our liturgies? Please check out the signup sheets in the commons for opportunities to participate in the upcoming Holy Week and Easter Vigil Services.

Justice & Peace Ministry



Go beyond pizza, pasta and fish and encounter new cultures with tasty recipes from around the world through Catholic Relief Services. 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. A few copies of the recipe's are available on the table in the commons. For a complete list, visit www.crsricebowl.org and then click on Lenten Recipes.

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" (pictured left) 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

As Catholics, we are encouraged to fast on Fridays during Lent. This year, our Committee for Education and Action on Sexual abuse is dedicating our fasting and prayers for the intention of victims of sexual abuse. We welcome all parishioners to join us spiritually and at whatever time of the day the spirit moves you, each Friday through April 7 (Good Friday) as we pray for truth, accountability, reconciliation, justice and healing. Blessings to all in this season of hope.

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