

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
Kathy 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
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
Danielle Weedon
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, Chuck Hirtz, Don Notestein or Bonnie Toth) for more information.

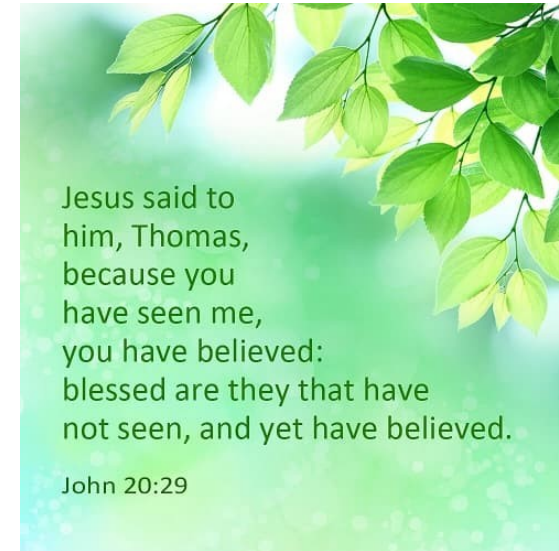
Phone Tree

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

April 16, 2023
2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Word Sunday



Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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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

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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
Requests for mass cards to: Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com

A Theological Moment With Fr. Jim

Is My Easter Joy Real?

As I write this, my 94 year old Dad is in a good place. Literally, he enjoys his assisted living arrangement. He has made a lot of friends and could probably run for mayor in that Warwick, R.I. facility. Taking his daily walks, he checks on folks and some times jokes as he is passing by. Can you believe that he likes the food there? He tells me about the new chef who does not use too much seasoning. Of course, it is helpful that he goes out two to three times a week. My brother Patrick takes him to restaurants and my sister Kathy takes him sight seeing. The coast, bay and ocean front can be attractive even in the midst of winter. So if he is in "good place", I am in a "good place." I arrived at an emotional high point from after celebrating the phenomenal liturgies of Holy Week. Realizing that I will be returning to Virginia soon and seeing immediate family in my rear view mirror, I won't be riding the high crest of emotion for long. But that is how one finds out if their Easter joy is real.

In John 20:24-29, Thomas, at first glance, is getting a bad rap. He is known as "Doubting Thomas". When Thomas comes "late to the party", he wonders what the other disciples have been smoking when they speak about encountering the Risen Lord. He will not believe unless he touches the wounds of Christ. He is not only skeptical but he challenges himself. So when Jesus appears he puts his hand in His side and places his fingers in the holes of His hands. Then exclaims, "My Lord, and my God!" Thomas has put his Easter faith to the test by touching the wounds of Christ. Any doubt is gone or diminishes.

I look at returning to St. Victoria and Our Lady of Peace to see if my Easter Joy is "live or Memorax." (Remember that commercial?) Though, still a little fatigued, I will be part of an extra parish council meeting at Our Lady of Peace about budget and the following day giving the input to finance council the next day. Both parishes have calendar planning as we place on certain dates more meetings, Holiday Lake, Vacation Bible School, alter server outings, parish picnics and our ball game trip to the Hill Cats. Most importantly, we need to update one another about the status of our people who are homebound and ask, "Are they being visited regularly?" Other challenges include adding an extra prayer service at Hargrave on Mondays and finding someone new to take over the video taping of masses as Nick Mendoza as a new wonderful employment opportunity (Congratulations, Nick!)

Might I continue to say, "My Lord and My God"! You, with spouses, children, grandchildren and great health issues even see the great wounds of Christ. May your Easter Faith and joy carry you through!

Today's Scripture Readings:

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 118
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Year to date financial report (includes E-giving):

July 1, 2022-February 28, 2023:

Income:	\$57,261.79
Expenses:	<u>\$56,304.41</u>
Balance:	\$ 957.38

Parish News & Announcements

Calendar Planning: April 25, 2023, both at 11 am and 7:30 pm. It's time to place your favorite events on the calendar such as the parish picnic, Christian Formation classes, Holiday lake and many more. Don't miss out!

Justice & Peace: We are hosting a Grief Workshop on Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 10 am - 2:30 pm. Grieving, be it the loss of a loved one, loss of a relationship or loss of health, is a difficult journey that needs and requires support. The workshop will be presented by Maxine Hollinger (MA/CCMHC/CHt) and David Lekrone (BS/CLC) known as "Two Elder Guides). Both Maxine and David have certifications in clinical mental health and life coaching. J&P will provide a light lunch. To register, please contact Eileen Brennen (434-248-6641; 434-660-3721 or abbasgirl24522@yahoo.com).

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/hierarchy-sacramental-betrayal-abuse-scandal-obstructs-synodality>

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 18 Avery Lecco-Smith
Apr 21 Scott West
Apr 22 Kaydence Lecco-Smith
Apr 26 Robert Berry
Apr 27 Allen Lecco

Anniversaries

Apr 07 George & Alice Doeppe
Apr 18 Paul & Cecilia Harmon
Apr 24 David & Ann Gaydos
Apr 26 Ray & Bernadette Servis