

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
Louise 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.

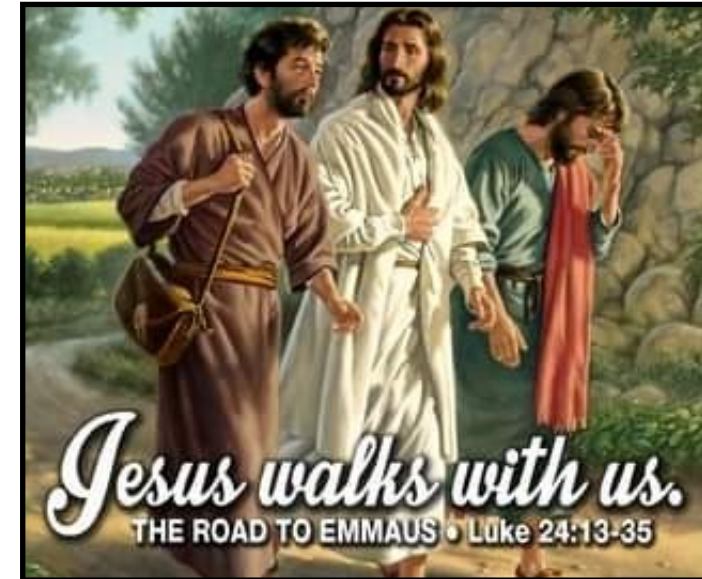
Phone Tree

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 23, 2023
3rd Sunday of Easter



Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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Pastor: Father James Gallagher 434-352-0104

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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

(Luke 24:13-35)

All of us know the stages of grief.

- ◆ Disbelief: "I can't believe this is happening to me!" At this stage, the pain is so unbearable that we might be numb for a while experiencing the loss.
- ◆ Anger: "Life is not fair or just!" The anger might be at God (there is a whole book called "Lamentations"). The anger might be at a counselor, therapist or family member who was not even the cause of the loss.
- ◆ Bargaining: "If you can only give me a break from the pain...;" "If you can only help me make it to my daughter's graduation...;" "If you can only help me make it to my son's wedding..." "I will be a better person if I get a break from the suffering from the loss."
- ◆ Depression: "I can't find meaning in life since I lost my job/my girlfriend, child/spouse."
- ◆ Acceptance: "The pain will always be there, but I can now move on in my life to something new. There are new ventures and adventures!"

I love the Road to Emmaus story because it is about good grief work. The Risen Lord walks among Cleopas and his wife and facilitates the telling about the tragic loss of their friend, Jesus. Jesus allows them to share their hopes and dreams now dashed against rocks. The Christ enters into their pain and suffering. Grief is a journey. As they continue to walk together, you can see the Lord work through the stages. (I hate the term "Get over it." No one "gets over" their loss, but they work through it.

The "breaking of the bread" in their case and every Sunday is a sign that He is always with us. We bring our losses to mass and we imagine the losses on the plate of bread and in the cup of wine. Yes! That is part of offertory, too. Place our disappointments there as they did at Emmaus.

We talk about the "real presence." It is mystery, multi-dimensional, unfathomable and multi-faceted. But, one way that the presence of the Risen Lord is among us is when we do the work of grief.

Who has walked "The Road to Emmaus" with you? When did you walk that road with another? Dare we enter in and experience the Real Presence of Christ.

Today's Scripture Readings:

Acts 2:14,22-33
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

April 8/9: \$1570.00
April 16: \$ 456.00
Breakfast: \$ 88.00

Year to date financial report (includes E-giving):
As of March 31:
Income: \$63,539.46
Expenses: \$63,522.27
Balance: \$ 17.09

Parish News & Announcements

Mac's Kitchen: THANK YOU to everyone for your generous support of the Lenten Food Drive. It has helped so much our abilities to care for the many families in need in our community. Additionally, your generous support of the Rice Bowl project will provide fresh produce and eggs for our May food boxes. Hunger never takes a day off. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

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: 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>

NEW DATE FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT: Friday, May 12, 2023 This is the tournament sponsored by Holy Cross Church that was postponed last fall. It is called "Fairways to Heaven" and will take place at London Downs at 1:30 pm. See Fr. Jim for an application or call Paul Warwick (434-941-5088). Cost: \$50 for golf and dinner; \$10 for dinner only.

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