

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  
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  
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 9, 2023***

***Easter 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](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

Easter 2023

The mission, so promising and the best thing that ever happened to us seemed to be cut short - cut short as he, who showed us and fired us up was cut down! The image he provided of a Lord God was loving and Mother that was nurturing, healing and forgiving. He showed inclusivity to lepers, adulterers, Roman occupiers, enemy collaborators. He provided so much promise. The image he provided of the caring Father who explored Canaanite territory was empathic and challenging about the hypocrisy of righteous religious leaders. The image of the caring Father he displayed, who showed anger towards abuse and the desecration of the Holy Temple as well as the abuse of people. He showed us how to be human. He showed us that the closer we get to God, the more human we become. These were different images than those put forth by the Pharisees, Herodians, Sadducees and the talking heads of that day who worshipped the Laws, believed in exclusivity, orthodoxy and worshipped their own hierarchy and church structure. There was hope of a movement - confusion about the movement, but yet a movement forward. Little did we know that we would have a bigger part of this movement than we thought. The tomb of Jesus of Nazareth was simply empty and open. Faith is holding out the hand to those in darkness. The tomb is empty and we who try to be open are filled with faith. We are told, urged and inspired to finish the mission. Journeying side by side in friendship and fellowship, we go to finish the mission. As the song says: "No one walks alone, the journey makes us one." Many are convicted of the vision and mission that have died for it and died the name Dreamer. Their blood is only that which fertilizes our fields of faith. Go and finish the mission wherever you are and whoever you are. You, the mother at the diaper-changing table; you, the plumber turning a wrench, in your own way; you, the cook, bent over a stovetop stirring a pot and offering hospitality in a world of hostility; you the humble professor and teacher using your wisdom to spread knowledge; you the musician and singer who puts a tune in our heart so we can change the sour notes of our culture; you who are vigilant to protect God's children and provide a safe environment; you who feed the hungry in the name of not Big Mac but Fr. Mac; you who care for the garment that surrounds the Body of Christ making sure we have lights, heat and gardens; you who are new, Alex, it is wide open.....go and finish the mission. The tomb is empty for all. The curtain in Holy of Holies is torn in two for all to enter and find strength. You are ever too old, too young or too sick. The joy you feel is the energy to finish the mission. The hope you experience is the courage to finish the mission. God is with us and works with us to that together in our Baptismal Priesthood we make the world an acceptable offering. If you do not complete the mission on this side of eternity, you will inspire others who come after you. You will live in their hearts and in the heart of the of the Father where there are many beautiful dwellings. As of right now, however, they find strength in you and the Dreamer who no longer resides in the place of the dead, but in our hearts.

Collection 4/2/23: \$1094.00  
Catholic Relief Collection: \$194.00  
Attendance: 72

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



Just a  
Reminder!

**Breakfast Sunday is next  
Sunday!**

## Parish News & Announcements

**Fr. Jim will be visiting his dad in Rhode Island following the Easter Sunday masses. We offer prayers for safe travels and a joyous visit.**

**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!

**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.

**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>

**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.

### Birthdays

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

### Anniversaries

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