

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
George Doeppe
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 Catholic Church



April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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Appomattox VA 24522-0668

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

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)

A Theological Moment With Fr. Jim

“BEING CONVICTED”

It sounds scary. When one of our evangelical brothers or sisters "testifies" and says that they were "convicted". In other words, being convicted of the word of God. Finding out in the depth of one's that the word of God is so real... so true...so profound.

In her book "Hidden Women of the Gospels" Kathy Coffey speaks of Susanna the Shepherd Woman. The "conviction" comes when she listens to the voice of the Lord Jesus.

"I am the good shepherd." "As he soon spoke of gates and gatekeepers, of lying down in the opening to the sheepfold he was describing the grueling work my husband and me had done for the first ten years of our marriage. Was he sanctioning that long fatigue, back-breaking labor, constant complaining about stupid sheep? A softer tone had crept into his voice, too, as though he saw beneath the annoyance a tender care. It was as if our attention mirrored something of God's mercy." All of a sudden this woman, Susanna, the shepherd, felt validated. She realized that she was "Christ like" as she would lay her life down for her sheep. Jesus, by being the Good Shepherd, was transforming Susana into an image of God. The voice of the Shepherd is powerful, sometimes subtle but profound. (John 10:1-10) . All of us have convictions and altruistic ideas and Gospel beliefs. She could probably then quote the beer commercial, "It doesn't get any better than this!"

When I heard my freshman year high school religion teacher speak about some people being a "type of Christ" I was affected for life. Bill Layfield, who was also the athletic director introduced us to Dr. Martin Luther King as that type. Cesar Chavez, an Hispanic man and leader of the United Farm Workers was also presented as Christ like. It was very strong realization - so strong that I joined a group in front of the supermarket in 10 degree weather to support Chavez's grape boycott. Those of you that know me, might now understand where I stand! Later on in life I have been convicted again by the voice of the Shepherd spoken by Pope Francis. I believe in all my heart that Francis would be right on home with the simplicity and joy found in our humble rural parishes. During his first year as pontiff, he was asked to wear fancy, expensive vestments. To which he replied, "The carnival is over!". He made people mad and I loved it! When Francis became Pope I found more energy and more love towards Appomattox and Altavista/Hurt than I had the my first eight years there.

***This is where it's at. "It doesn't get any better than this."
The Good Shepherd' voice tells me so.***

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 2:14,36-41
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1—10

General Collection April 23:	\$592.00
Catholic Home Missions Collection April 23:	\$141.00
In attendance April 23: 62	
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

ANNUAL APPEAL PROGRESS We are almost there! We have reached 84% of our goal as we have pledged \$4525. Our goal is to reach \$5400. (We will receive 50% back from Richmond.)

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.

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).

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.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame! The parishes of Our Lady of Peace and St. Victoria will be gathering for our annual baseball outing on **Saturday, June 3**, at Bank of the James Stadium in Lynchburg to watch the Hillcats vs. the Carolina Mudcats. The first pitch is at 6:30 PM. Come join us for fun, fellowship and the National Pastime: BASEBALL. There is a sign-up sheet in the commons.

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