

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
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



June 4, 2023
The Holy Trinity

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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

I remember the television commercial from the 1980's about Momma Celeste Pizza. Someone would shout out: "*Abbondanza*"! Momma Celeste Pizza was no finger food. It was a big thick pizza with all kinds of toppings. The toppings alone would fill me up even back then during my marathon running days. "*Abbondanza*" means not just abundance, but *OVER ABUNDANCE*.

Your old fashion Italian wedding reception from up north begins to capture the concept a little bit. There is a sit down meal with four or five courses. Not only is the bar open, but it is an "open bar." Drinks are free. The live band (no DJ) plays and everyone is dancing, even Grandma using her wheelchair. At one wedding I attended, after a few drinks, grandma didn't even use her wheelchair. When the reception is supposed to be over, the mother of the bride requests more and more songs. People dance like the beginning of the affair. Then they all gather for the post reception at the home of the father of the groom. *Abbondanza*!

In my old neighborhood in Warwick, Rhode Island, the family across the street "*abbondanized*" very well! The windows were open in the summertime as one might not need air conditioning back home. So, young Tony played his accordion and we heard the sweet music all around us. (We were especially glad when Tony started taking lessons.) Nana Ianucelli cooked every day and the aroma blessed us. Nana's food was so good, that even the Jewish family up the street ate the sausage (when the Rabbi wasn't looking). The family's love blessed our neighborhood as we heard sweet Italian words. The Ianucelli family was *Abbondanza* for us. The invitation to come and eat was always there and the door was always open.

Nana, Tony, Diane and Big Tony were not only *Abbondanza* for us, but were an image of the Holy Trinity. The family or Father, Son and Holy Spirit love each other so much and it spills out into our history. Love by its very nature cannot be contained. It overflows. So, in the affection of Father, Son and Holy Spirit they *Abbondanza* and so their love become Creation (genesis). *Abbondanza* brings about freedom and liberation (Exodus). Jesus comes among us as our God had give Godself to each other and there is the Incarnation. Our Savior was in our world and walks among us. Jesus' feeding, forgiving and healing is the continuation of *Abbondanza*.

What is the *Abbondanza* of your family? Your group? Are you repeatedly "adopting" more folks into your life? Are you spreading the joy?

By the question "What attracts you to Our Lady of Peace in Appomattox or St. Victoria in Hurt?" we are trying to access the question concerning what kind of *Abbondanza* is going on. Loving is the reason our faith communities exist. Perhaps when the Spirit moves, it is because She has been loved by the Father and the Son. Perhaps when the Father guides, He has been loved by the Spirit and the Son.

What do I do with the *Abbondanza* in my life? The bar is open and it is an open bar. Let's share a drink, sit down and talk.

Parish News & Announcements

Vacation Bible School: July 17-21, 2023.



ALL ABOARD!!! Come take a fun ride on the Rocky Railway and learn how the Power of Jesus always pulls us through all the happenings in our lives. During our travels, we will meet Ramsey (the big horn sheep) Ava (the Red Trained Hawk), Sierra (the mountain lion), Finn (the Rainbow Trout), and Lawrence Elk (yes, you guessed it, he's an elk) and some other interesting characters.

We will learn Bible stories, enjoy craft time, sing some fun songs and enjoy visits with Fr. Jim! Who's ready to hop on the Rocky Railway???

Registration forms will be available on the table in the commons or see Alice Doepe.

Yard Sale Update: The Yard sale was a HUGE success. We made just shy of \$3400!! Thanks to all the volunteers including Trail Life and Liberty Baptist Church, Kudos to all for a job well done.

Today's Readings:

1st Reading Exodus 34:4-6,809
Psalm 19: Glory & Praise forever!
2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 12:11-13
Gospel John 3:16-18

General Collection May 28: \$450.00

In attendance May 28: 66

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

As of March 31:

Income: \$63,539.46

Expenses: \$63,522.27

Balance: \$ 17.09

June Birthdays

02: Stephanie Hamilton
Travis Williams
06: Katherine Hampton
08: Pam Skirvan
16: Phil Hampton
19: John Evans
Joyce Hing
21: Beau Elrich
30: Patsy Notestein

June Anniversaries

12: Donald & Patsy Notestein
13: Bob & Sandra Burke
Chuck & Pat Hirtz
24: Les & Marie Leslie
28: Keith & Kathleen Hamilton
30: Chene & Emily Heady