

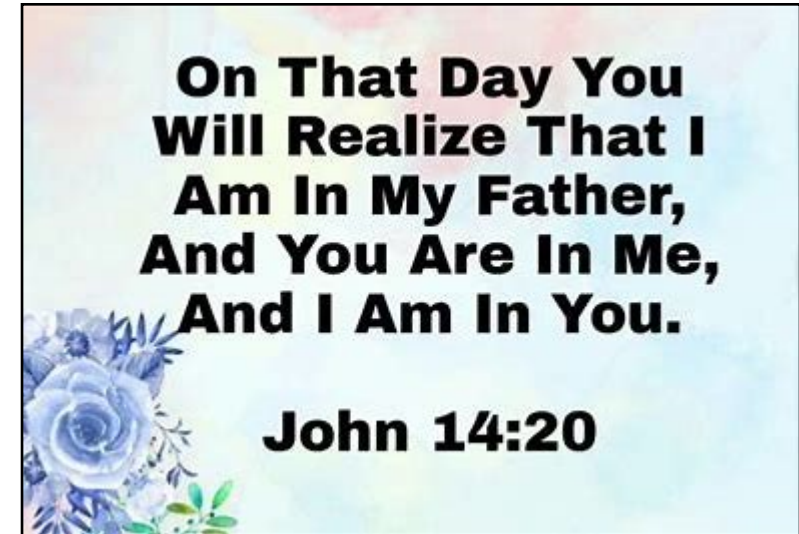
Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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



May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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

“Intimacy and Integration”

In John 14:15-21, Jesus says, “On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.”

Ray was in the diaconate program for the diocese. He was a good lector and good at leading prayer, but he was lacking in his visible compassion for the poor. Though he resisted, I invited him to be a part of the ministry with Hispanic people. He said, “But I don’t speak Spanish.” And what was worse, he felt uncomfortable around Latino people. But the Spanish-speaking people appreciated his efforts. He was hanging out after mass to meet the folks. He would join in the songs. After a while, he no longer confused “Sangre de Cristo” (Blood of Christ) with “Sangria de Cristo” (the party drink). He visited the homes with me after Baptisms and Quinceaneras. He really desired to belong. The Hispanic Community reciprocated and gave him a new name. No longer was he “Raymond” - they called him “Raymundo.” He had made the team! As time went on and I left to go to another parish, he became to be known as their deacon. Raymundo would even refer to the community as “my people.” He had become spiritually intimate. Spiritual Integration would take place over time and he began to think like someone from Latin American and even enjoyed the food and customs.

Coach Dwyer was a coach for distance running at Rhode Island College. Coach cared for the whole person. Our Saturdays were important to be spent with family. He believed in an after race or after track meet meal. He even encouraged one of the team members to bring his guitar along. He desired a friendship and closeness with all on the team. The slowest runner was as important as the swiftest. The team reciprocated. We listened to his voice and followed all of his advice. We did not want to disappoint our coach and friend. Even to this day, many years later, his voice and advice ring in my head. “Short strides going up the hills.” “Long strides going down the hills.” “You are stronger than you think you are!” His friendship with us (intimacy) has led to integration (he is in our heads and hearts).

Jesus is what it means to be human. The way to God is to be fully human and fully alive. Intimacy (deep friendship) makes us feel fully alive. There is a search for intimacy that does not satisfy. Addiction to pornography is a symptom of wanting to be close to others and that becomes a dead end. But, when we seek to belong to others and to our God and reach out in healthy ways, it can lead to joy and wholeness. In the Lord, we can become in Christ and Christ in us. Jesus was and is that. It means prayer and time alone with the Lord. It means fellowship and making the effort to go beyond our comfort zone for those in the community. Our parish has the opportunity to be Christ’s arms, hands and feet - as at our gatherings on Sundays and feasts. May we allow Christ to be us in us so that we might be in Him and one another.

Parish News & Announcements

Ministry to the Sick: If you are interested in joining this ministry, please meet with Fr. Jim on Tuesday, May 30th, after both masses to learn more about visiting our homebound.

Volunteer Receptionists needed: As we do not have a parish secretary, we are looking for volunteers to answer the phone on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. There are two training sessions offered on May 23rd following 10 am and 7:30 pm masses.

Baseball Tickets Deadline: The OLP and St. Victoria baseball game is on June 3rd at 6:30 pm at Bank of the James Stadium in Lynchburg. The deadline for signing up for tickets is May 21st. Please see Scott West with payment (cash or check) no later than Sunday, May 28th. Scott will get the tickets and hand them out at the entrance of the ballpark beginning at 5:30 pm on the day of the game.

Today’s Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Psalm 100: “Let all the earth cry out to God with joy!”

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel John 14:15-21

May Birthdays

07: Carolyn Maples
10: Jeremy Hounsell
14: Bonnie Toth
15: Dot Mazulaitis
19: Emily Heady
19: Jim Tew
21: George Perry

May Anniversaries

02: Andrew & Kelsey Brown
16: Fr. Jim’s Ordination to the Priesthood
23: Steve & Diane Bradish