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 **Dvlan 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 lannaco Pablo Ignacio Patrick Ignacio Meia Irvin Margaret MacDiarmid Carolyn Martin Jamie Martin Grea Moore Kathleen Moore **Beverly Mover** Chris Moyer Ray Moyer Don Notestein Patsv Notestein Angel Ortiz George Perry Wendy Pessaro Garv 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**



May 28, 2023

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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

#### "In the name of Love. What more in the name of Love." "In the name of Love. What more in the name of Love." (Bono and U2)

In Acts 2:1-11, we learn that people from all over the known world were gathered in Jerusalem. There were different languages, different cultures and different colors. There were also different faith traditions - Jews and converts to Judaism. "Then how does each one hear them speaking in his or her own language?" When the Spirit moved among the Christian disciples, they became on fire with love and whirling dervishes. Those who were questioning life, "Why did this happen to us?" "Why is love so unfair?" They were now allowing life to question them. "How much can I care?" "How can I spread the Good News?" "What is my ability to suffer for my conviction?"

One answer to not just communicating, but *CONNECTING*, with all those who were in Jerusalem at the time was the "language of love." The language of love was not idioms or foreign phrases, but facial expressions and actions. Hispanic people, for example, know that an Anglo cares when he or she smiles, claps to an upbeat Latin American song or shows a friendly face. But, the language of love also was offering hospitality to those new in Jerusalem.

Pentecost was a grape or wine festival. Helping visitors who are drunk or hung over was a sign of love. Someone from Egypt needed a place to stay, and you as an early Christian have a spare room. That speaks love in volumes. Someone from Cappadocia was hungry and you offered them a meal. That spoke *TLC*. Someone from Rome needed directions, and you showed them the way that their chariot should travel. That shows *concern*. Someone from Cappadocia got very sick (they drank the water!) and you knew a medical person. No wonder each heard the Christians speak in their own language. Perhaps the Christians added our Messiah, a man named Jesus, cared for us in such ways. Can I tell you more about him?

So, how do you speak the language of *Love*? Remembering birthdays and anniversaries strengthens the community. Condolences ease our emotional wounds. Going outside the wall of our church by supporting the Pregnancy Support Center, Relays for Life and Mac's Kitchen are ways of speaking the love language. For me, the Downtown YMCA in Lynchburg is a place I encounter a very diverse group of people. They tease me and call me "Father Knows Best" and it is an entry into getting the connection and conversation going again - all in the name of Love.

Might that we be open to the Holy Spirit who will assist us in our "language lesson."

"What more in the name of Love?"

# Parish News & Announcements

# Annual Appeal Update:

We reached our goal for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Our goal was \$4510 and you raised \$4875 which is 108%. We will receive a refund of \$2347. Congratulations!!!!



Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2023 will occur on Monday, May 29.

Originally known as Decoration Day and was celebrated on May 30, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

May we never forget those who "gave all!"

# Today's Readings:

1st Reading	Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104	Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!
	1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,1-13
Gospel	John 20:19-23

# **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