

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



May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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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

In 1982, Sally Fields won an academy award for her performance in the movie, "Places of the Heart." The ending (spoiler alert!) was great Catholic Theology of Eucharist. There is a scene where all are gathered in a Baptist Church and they are sharing communion. They pass around the bread and grape juice as they share and the pastor recites what Jesus said at the Last Supper. I said that it was good "Catholic Theology" because the camera flashed to individuals who had died in the film, including an African American man who had been lynched for accidentally shooting Sally Fields' husband. The man who shot him was drunk at the time. Sally Fields' husband was sitting right next to the murderer at the Lord's Supper! They were present at the Eucharist as we believe Jesus brings those who have died and we have loved to the Eucharist.

There were also some of Sally's antagonists and enemies there as well as her children, new boyfriend and friends. Many had touched Sally Field's heart throughout the plot. All have touched the Lord's heart. In other words, the Father's heart is enormous. Come to the Father. Doesn't your heart have many places? I know that this summer there are many friends from previous parishes that I am just dying to visit. There isn't enough time to see them all and that really bothers me for they "live" in my heart. There is Jane, the widow of my friend and deacon, Bob Baker. There is the Mallory family in Williamsburg. There are former young adults from my Clarksville days who now live in Raleigh. When I visit with them and hopefully many more, it soothes my soul. They have touched a tender place where love dwells. Perhaps that there won't be time is a consequence of Original Sin, when we are limited in our humanity in our ability to care for one another. Who does your heart ache for during the summer months? If you and I hunger for love within our limitations and brokenness, we can't imagine the care of that Great Lover who wants us to dwell with him. The heart of Jesus ached. Something powerful happened at the Jordan River that sent him inviting us into the heart of the Father. Jesus did all he could to bring us into the heart of the Father. He told stories of lost sons, lost daughters, lost coins and lost sheep. "Come into the heart of the Father."

When we still didn't get it, he died for us. And being "bears of small bring" (like Winnie the Pooh) he rose and set his Holy Spirit.

Does your heart ache to see someone? Do you miss a good friend? Know that God aches for you. "Come into the Heart of the Father."

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

General Collection April 30: \$755.00
In attendance April 30: 73

Year to date financial report (includes E-giving):
As of March 31:

Income:	\$63,539.46
Expenses:	<u>\$63,522.27</u>
Balance:	\$ 17.09

Parish News & Announcements

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Reminder: Tuesday, May 10 following 7 pm mass.

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.)

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.

May Crowning of the Blessed Mother: Sunday, May 14 before mass. The crowning will be inside. Is your garden beginning to bloom with flowers? Please feel free to bring some to adorn our Blessed Mother. (We could also use flowers for either side of the tabernacle.)

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.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church Yard & Plant Sale: Saturday, May 13 from 9 am to 1 pm: The plant sale will be outside by the "Community Garden" and the yard sale will be inside. Some items will be marked and some will be on a table marked "The Price Is Right" where you get to name the price! All proceeds will benefit Relay for Life (The American Cancer Society). You may contact Evelyn Ford for more information at 434-660-4083.

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