

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
Patricia Bonnewitz
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



July 16, 2023
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church
2938 Oakleigh Avenue (PO Box 668)
Appomattox VA 24522-0668
Pastor: Father James Gallagher 434-352-0104
For emergencies: Fr. Jim cell number: 434-238-7030
or Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church 434-846-5245
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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 PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM
The Receptive Soil of the Joyful Seed

As you have heard from me “ad nauseum,” we are baptized (as we hear in the anointing prayer) “priest, prophet and king” (builder of the reign of God). We are called, therefore, to ministry by our baptism. **Priest:** to make our world a holy place; **Prophet:** to witness to the Gospel by setting a good example or speaking; **King:** builder of God’s reign by participating in ministry.

For someone who goes through RCIA and is baptized, the expectation is to immediately participate. For an infant child, there is a “seed” for ministry placed in the child’s heart. It is watered and nurtured by the good soil which is the faith community. There have been times of joy watching the children of Christian Formation while they accept the seed that is given to them.

Her name was Catie. She has bright red hair and her face was the “map of Ireland.” She was very enthusiastic and was one of our first female altar servers. While we had a lesson on Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the teacher digressed and spoke about Mary appearing in poor countries. She appeared as someone of the native population. In Mexico, she appeared as an Aztec woman and is dressed as such. Mary even appeared in Ireland. Catie then asked: “Fr. Jim, when Mary appeared in Ireland, did she have red hair?” Catie was showing off her beautiful hair as she said that. A seed planted in receptive soil. From then on, Catie was referred to as “Our Lady of Knock!” Many years later, she went to Rome, It was on Facebook. I hit the “like” button and commented: “Our Lady of Knock goes to the Vatican.” A few years earlier, Catie even parachuted from a plane.

The lesson continued and it came up that Mary and Joseph were surprised that they were having the Baby Jesus. In the group of kids, seven-year old Brian raised his hand and announced: “My mother and father said that I was a surprise!” All the teachers looked at each other and had difficulty holding back their laughter. We were all relieved when Melissa said: “That’s good, Brian. That means you are like Jesus!” Again...the receptive soil and the joyful seed.

“The Almighty Will”

The child, the seed and a grain of corn.
The acorn on the hill.
Each for some separate end in born.
In season fit and still.
Each must in strength arise to work
The Almighty Will.
-Robert Louis Stevenson

Parish News & Announcements

PRECIOUS BLOOD IS OFFERED: You have noticed that people are receiving the Precious Blood (the Consecrated Wine) at communion during the past few weeks as well as the Consecrated Bread (Body of Christ). Given the decrease in COVID, the Diocese of Richmond has given permission to all parishes to again offer the Precious Blood. To receive the Precious Blood is an option and not a necessity. If you receive the Consecrated Bread (The Body of Christ) alone, you will have completed your obligation. (Fr Jim)

Understanding CLERICALISM – an invitation from your CEASA

July 23 (following Mass) a discussion at the round table by the defibrillator in Corter Hall. Topics include: What is it? (A faulty way of thinking by both clergy and laity); What is it not? (Disrespect for clergy); Compare it to similar abusive cultures in corporations, military, academia, etc.; Pope Francis’ view (“the gravest of sins”); Examples of clericalism; Fr. Jim’s stories; Effects of clericalism on the clergy, laity, and on the church’s ability to follow in the footsteps of Jesus; What can we here at OLP do about clericalism in our own life, in the life of our parish, and in the life of our Catholic Church at large?

BRING YOUR COFFEE AND DONUTS, YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS.

Today’s Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 65: “The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.”
2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Sunday Collections:

July 2: \$744.00
July 9: \$818.00
Year to date financial report (includes E-giving):
July 1,22 to May 31, 2023:
Income: \$81,260.74
Expenses: \$79,263.37
Balance: \$ 1,997.37

July Birthdays

3rd: Beth Jarrett
5th: Richard Sprinkle
18th: Thomas Metzinger
19th: Avery Heady
20th: Killian Brown
23rd: Diane Bradish; Kari Hampton
27th: Maureen Smith
29th: Jared Swing
30th: Reed Johnson

July Anniversaries

10th: Beau & Elizabeth Ellrich
12th: Sid & Wendy Smith
14th: Chuck & Ronnie Haney
15th: Joe & Linda Gardner
27th: Ben & Lynn Goss
29th: Fred & Bonnie Toth