

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



July 2, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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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
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UBUNTU

A Reflection by Sid Smith

There's a well-known story about an anthropologist who was studying a tribe in Africa. He wrote that one day he placed some sweets in a basket by a tree, and some distance away drew a line in the dirt. He told the children of the tribe to stand behind the line, and explained to them that when he said "go" they should race to the tree, and the first one there would get the treats. To his surprise the children didn't race, but when he said "go" they all held hands and ran to the tree together; then they shared out the treats among themselves. When he asked them why they did this they said, "ubuntu," and explained that none of them could enjoy the treats unless all of them did. No one could be happy, unless all were.

"Ubuntu" is a Zulu word that African Bishop Desmond Tutu described as meaning, "my humanity is inextricably bound up in yours." The counterpart in English would be the word "co-inherence." The idea, however you name it, is ancient and widespread. Most cultures have emphasized it. The only reason it seemed so surprising to the modern anthropologist is because our society emphasizes the individual rather than the group, constantly pushing us to consider "mine" rather than "ours," and "how does this affect me?" rather than "how does this affect my community?"

But ubuntu/co-inherence goes far beyond just interdependence or sharing or empathy. It means that my being and yours are so fundamentally intertwined that our very existence depends on that relationship.

This is Christian. Jesus tells us in the Gospel of John, "I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me." The persons of the Holy Trinity co-inhere in the unity of God. Jesus adds, "I am in my Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you." And, "unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you have no life in you." That is, we also co-inhere in Jesus, and his life is our life. Indeed, we only have life insofar as, and to the degree, that it is Jesus' life within us, and our life is in him. It is in Him that we receive the gift of ourselves.

In today's gospel Jesus tells his followers that "anyone who welcomes you welcomes me." In the communion of Saints, all co-inhere in one another, literally present in the world as the body of Christ. Ubuntu/co-inherence is particularly expressed in Jesus' insistence that when we meet the sick, the troubled, the beggar at the door, we are actually meeting Him, and as we do to them, so we do to Him. In other words, "my humanity is inextricably bound up in yours."

Today's Readings:

1st Reading:	2nd Kings 4:8-11,14-17	Year to date financial report (includes E-giving):
Psalm 89:	"Forever I will sing of the goodness of the Lord!"	July 1,22 to May 31, 2023:
		Income: \$81,260.74
2nd Reading:	Romans: 6:3-4,8-11	Expenses: \$79,263.37
Gospel:	Matthew 10:37-42	Balance: \$ 1,997.37

Parish News & Announcements

An Epic Event for Middle Schoolers

On **Saturday, August 19th**, the Diocese of Richmond is going to host EPIC, a one-day event for rising 6th-8th graders from all over Virginia. It's a great chance for our middle schoolers to meet Catholics of their age from throughout the state.

There's something for everyone: games, inflatables, general mayhem, great speakers, community service, prayer, and reflection. Beatrice (who went last year) vouches that it is fun. You can find the official description here: <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/epic-2/>

We are putting together an OLP group to attend this event. Transportation will be provided and the parish will pay all registration fees. If you're interested in having your rising 6th-8th grader attend, contact Chene Heady at headycr@longwood.edu or 434-509-9039 by Friday, July 14th (the registration deadline is Sunday, July 16th).

Holiday Lake Gathering: Thursday, July 13th. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the old commons. We will gather at 10 am at Shelter #2, which is near the water. Fr. Jim will celebrate mass at 11 am. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy food, fun, faith and fellowship!



The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2023 is on Tuesday, July 4.

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