

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 23, 2023

16th 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
Requests for mass cards to: Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com

A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

As Bishop Sullivan and I had a special mass for death row inmates at Mecklenburg in the early 1990s, I took a lot of grief from some of the parishioners of St. Catherine in Clarksville and Good Shepherd in South Hill. "What are Catholic Clergy doing, go to those on Death Row?"

What was encouraging were the words of Isaiah 55:10-11 which speak for the strength and effectiveness of God's word. One time when we were getting ready to celebrate mass with the men on the Row, it occurred to us that we had forgotten the lectionary - the book containing the readings for the Eucharist. But one of the inmates had gotten a paperback bible through security and presented it to Bishop Sullivan. It was too late by that time for the officers on duty to interfere.

I am reminded then of the Leonard Bernstein's "MASS" and the song "The Word of the Lord." One can take comfort in Bernstein's total work "Mass" but in particular: "The Word of the Lord."

Here I wish to share some of those words which are apropos to the scriptures of Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time...

"You can lock up the bold men,
Go and lock up your bold men and hold men in tow.
You can stifle all adventure for a century or so.
Smother hope before it's risen. Watch it wizen like a gourd.
But you cannot imprison the Word of the Lord.
.....For the Word was at the birth of the beginning
It made the heavens and the earth and set them spinning.
And for several million years its endured our forums and find ideas
It's been rough but it appears to be winning!
There are people who doubt it and shout it out loud.
Oh they bellow and they bluster 'till they muster up a crowd.
They can fashion a rebuttal that's as subtle as a sword.
but they're never gone to scuttle the Word of the Lord.
....We await the season of the Word of the Lord."

(Thank you Leonard Bernstein! You are missed in so many ways!)

Parish News & Announcements

Understanding CLERICALISM – an invitation from your CEASA

Please join us for an important discussion today after mass 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.**

Vacation Bible School was held July 17-21. 21 children attended, including 6 from St. Victoria. Our journey on the Rocky Railway helped us to learn that Jesus travels with us always and helps to pull us through life situations We all met awesome new friends! Thank you, "Engineer" Fr. Jim, for guiding us, supporting us and being a very important part of our lessons. Many, many thanks to every crew member who worked so very hard planning, teaching, feeding, crafting, nurturing, encouraging, decorating, setting up, cleaning up and so much more! And, thank you all for your generous donations of water, snacks, and your prayers. You kept our train going!

Come share the crafts you have. Make new friends and learn new things. A Craft Club is in the planning stage. We would like to meet on Wednesday mornings. This club is open to all. If you are interested in joining, please see Sheila Seaquist.

Today's Readings:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Psalm 86
Romans 8:26-27
Mathew 12:24-43

Year to date financial report (includes E-giving):

July 1,2022 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; Fr. Jim Gallagher
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