

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
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Jamie Martin
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Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
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Patsy Notestein
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Our Lady of Peace Cemetery

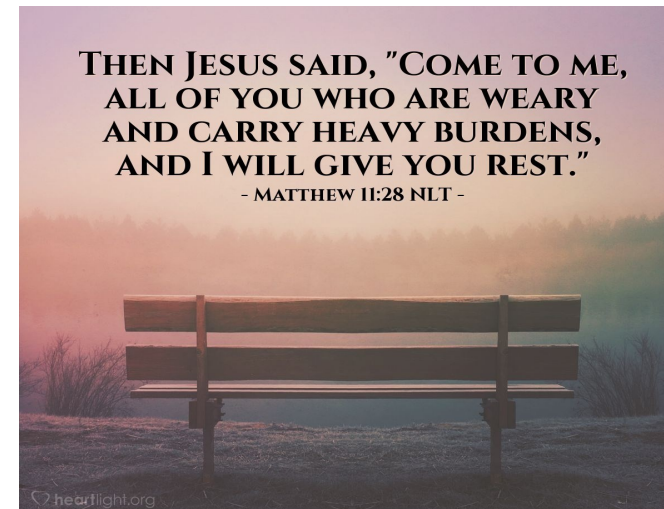
Burial plots are \$500 and crematory plots are \$250 for parishioners. All prices include perpetual care. Please see one of the committee members (Steve Bradish, Mary Fishback, Dori Garcia, Joe Gardner, Chuck Hirtz, Don Notestein or Bonnie Toth) for more information.

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 9, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

Often I have mentioned that Vatican II spoke of grace in the world. What the church does is point out the “God-moments” and the goodness. The church does not dispense grace, but it names it and frames it.

But, there is no denying that there is also evil and sin in our world. Our culture can lack civility. There are shows on television that are supposed to be comedies. But, if one listens to the dialogue of the show, there is usually an exchange of insults. Whoever can put down or insult the other person gets the biggest laughs.

On our highways there is road rage. Folks even yell out the widows of their cars. They will use unfriendly hand gestures. There is name calling in our schools. Children learn from one another and their parents about calling other people hurtful names. Human beings have a fractured ego. We have a “need” to think God loves us more than others and that we are better than others. An easy way to unite and gather people together is through hate. Politicians can act in an arrogant way. They take advantage of people’s ego and divide the country through hate.

Why do some of these leaders survive? There is anger in our culture. Our culture holds up arrogance as a value. Anger, a lack of civility and arrogance, however, are all sins. Again, these sins come from human weakness and selfishness. The sin is being egocentric. To be egocentric means that one believes the world revolves around “me.” In English, the word “sin” has three letters. The letter “l” is in the middle. The letter “I” is also a word. It means “self.” Self is when we put ourselves in the mile of our world because we think of ourselves.

Jesus comes as the one who is “other-centered.” He comes not only as one who is not arrogant, but as one who is a suffering servant. He is the humble one. The only two things Jesus knows is first, how to love and second, his Father’s will. Jesus is more than civil and polite. He is compassionate. He enters into our suffering. Even when people fail or violate him, e does not shame people. He seeks to give them dignity. What has God revealed to the “lowly?” The lowly know how to suffer and they know about suffering. They are the humble people. How do I know? I know from visiting prison. There is an honesty about those incarcerated. Those in prison cannot hide behind fancy titles, possessions, power or privilege.

Jesus says: “Your souls will find rest...” Close your eyes for a moment. Visualize Jesus on the cross. His arms are outstretched on the cross to carry something and someone. What is it that he desires to carry? He desires to carry your sin and my sin. He desires to carry all of our pain and sorrow. He can carry it! How? Because he is not only the suffering servant, but he is God. He wants to carry it. How give him all your pain and sorrow. Do not be afraid. He can do it. Now give him your sin. He wants to take it from you. Think about this image when you pray....

Today’s Readings:

1st Reading: Zec 9:9-10
Psalm 145: “I will praise your name forever, my king and my God!”
2nd Reading: Romans: 8:9,11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

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

Parish News & Announcements

Holiday Lake reminder: This Thursday, July 13th. If you are planning to attend, please consider bringing a dish to share. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the commons.

Vacation Bible School reminder: July 17-21, 2023. We have 12 passengers ready to board the Rocky Railway. All are welcome!

From Mac’s Kitchen: The following items are **ongoing needs:** pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, peanut butter, soup and canned tuna.

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).

Southside Pregnancy Support Center Baby Bottle Campaign: Please take home a baby bottle and fill it with your loose change and return it by August 31. Every penny helps and no donation is too small. Babies lives are being saved and the new parents are offered training and support.

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