

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](mailto: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

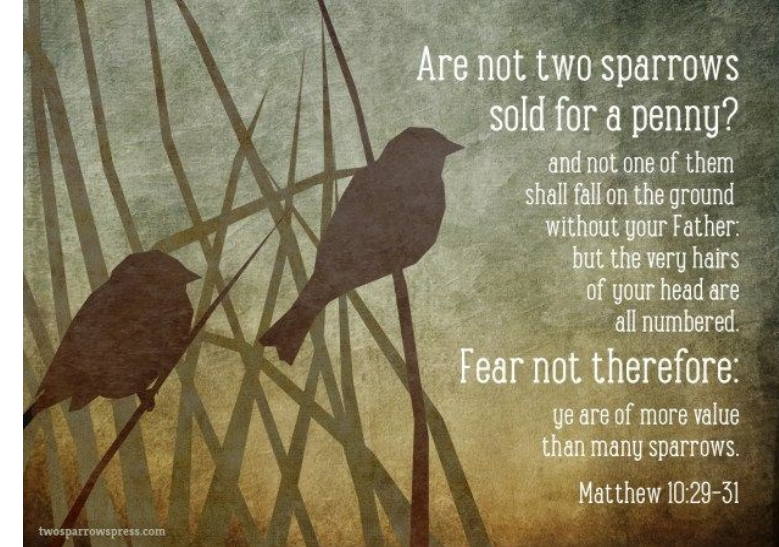
Burial plots are \$500 and crematory plots are \$250 for parishioners. All prices include perpetual care. Please see one of the committee members (Steve Bradish, Mary Fishback, Dori Garcia, Joe Gardner, Chuck Hirtz, Don Notestein or Bonnie Toth) for more information.

### 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



**June 25, 2023**

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com)  
Requests for mass cards to: Bonnie Toth at: [bonnie3871@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com)

***A Theological Moment With Fr. Jim***

***“Jesus, the Asylum of the Soul”***

The late John Belushi, from the early “Saturday Night Live” episodes was the “Soul Man,” In a song James Taylor warned us: “They will take your soul if you let them. Don’t you let them.” Sting wrote a song in 1996 titled “Let your soul be your pilot.”

In our Gospel reading today (Matthew 10:26-35) Jesus warns us “...and do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.” The soul can be deeply wounded, however.

Patrick Cairns wrote a book about sexual abuse of minors. It was called “Slayer of the Soul.” Sexual abuse can scare a child’s soul and damage them for lie. Jesus says “Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be know.” The toxic secret about abuse needs to get out there in therapy as a long recovery awaits the one wounded.

So, what is the soul? It is the essence of who we are. It survives physical death and is created for eternity.

The antidote and protection of that eternal and fragile part of our being is participation in Christ. A relationship with Christ in the midst of even our bad behavior or good behavior is the nurturing and strength for our souls.

In Matthew, Jesus tells us he knows the number of hair on our head. He is certainly participating in our lives. We are more than many sparrows.

Our identity is in Christ, not in power, possession and privilege - but greater than all these together.

In Christ, our essence survives and your deceased loved ones live on. Jesus is the asylum of the soul.

**Today’s Readings:**

1st Reading: Jeramiah: 20:10-13  
Psalm 69: “Lord, in your great love, answer me.”  
2nd Reading: Romans: 5:12-15  
Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

**Collections:**

June 12: \$761.00; June 18: \$456.00

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

***Parish News & Announcements***

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

**Eucharistic Ministers Meeting Today:** Bob Burke will host a very important meeting following today’s prayer service for all Eucharistic Ministers and all who would like to become a Eucharistic Minister. Is this ministry calling you?

**Holiday Lake - Thursday, July 13th.** Signups will begin Sunday, July 2nd for our annual outing to Holiday Lake. We will gather again at Shelter #2, near the water, at 10 am. Fr. Jim will offer mass at 11:00 am. Please bring a dish to share as we all enjoy fun, food, faith and fellowship.

**“The Legacy of 1963 for 2023. Why We Can’t Wait.”** The Justice & Peace Team is planning a video presentation followed by a discussion on Saturday, August 12, at 10:30 am. The facilitator is The Rev. Dr. Jim Nelson, Director, Cornelius Corps, and is sponsored by the Belmont UMC Race & Reconciliation Project. The topic for this day is “The Birmingham Campaign.” This is part 1 of a 4 part series. Others will include “The March on Washington”, “The Assassination of Medgar Evers” and the “Assassination of JFK..” Joins us as we see how people decided not to conform to a pattern that was thought to be a way of life and to transform minds and hearts in a non-violent way. We hope to realize how and what people did 60 years ago that will influence us today as we continue to work for racial justice in the way of Jesus. For more information, please contact Eileen Brennen (abbasgirl24522@yahoo.com).

**Thank You** Mary Fishback and Diane Bradish for leading the prayer service this morning in Father Jim’s absence. We may be a small parish, but with Fr. Jim’s guidance, we are invincible!

**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