

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



“Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water. He said ‘Come’. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out ‘Lord, save me!’ Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt? After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage saying truly you are the Son of God.’”

Matthew 14: 28-33

August 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

1 Kings:10,11-13; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

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

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
Bonnie Toth at bonnie3871@gmail.com

A Theological Moment with Fr. Jim

As a “geezer” I can remember Saturday morning cartoons. That was long before cable Cartoon Network and streaming. Around 10 am following Mighty Mouse, there was a cartoon show called “Heckle & Jeckle.”

Heckle and Jeckle were to magpies (or black crows). They would sing, dance, fly and get into mischief. As they were being chased by a bulldog, dressed as a police officer they opened a window in the building and went inside. They had the appearance of walking on thin air. Of course, they were birds. The bulldog followed and chased Heckle and Jeckle. The bulldog was also walking on thin air and doing well until he looked down, realized that he wasn't supposed to fly and fell to the ground. Heckle & Jeckle got away and proceeded to be about more mischief.

Jesus was walking not on thin air but on water. As the Gospel shows His divinity and how the Lord has power over creation, Peter is invited to do the same. And, just like the bulldog in Heckle and Jeckle, he is doing fine until he takes his eyes off of Jesus. Confidence in himself means finding strength in the Lord.

Those of us who are able to make prayer time and time alone with the Lord wonder what we would do without His daily presence. Morning prayers centers me going forward and I ask for forgiveness for the previous day's transgressions. There are several bad habits in my life. How will I get through the day without these bad habits getting in the way of my relationship with others?

The second of twelve steps for living with addiction has to do with turning our lives over to a “higher power.” So, even a program that is universal and could at times be called secular, recognizes one's need of God. Another step has to do with making a list of those who we have wronged and later doing penance (making amends). My nieces and nephews are beneficiaries of my amends for being mean to their parents (my brothers and sisters). Nieces and nephews have a nice Christmas. But that ain't the half of it!

We need the Lord to keep our jobs. We keep our eyes on Christ to try to keep our families together. We pray and ask for help to find energy to serve our faith community. Turning our eyes from the Lord, we can sink like Peter pretty fast. We remember two prayers:

From RCIA: “Christ will be your strength. Learn to know and follow Him.”

From a Bishop: “Our help is in the name of the Lord who made Heaven and Earth.”

Parish News & Announcements

Holy Day Masses: Tuesday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fr. Jim is offering two masses (10 am and 7 PM) “Be there or be square.”

Pregnancy Support Center: The Justice & Peace ministry is teaming up with the Knights of Columbus to raise funds for this year's Walk for Life. If you would like to either walk or donate (or both), please contact Will McCabe to donate via his team. The three walks this year will be: September 9th in Farmville and Amelia and on Sept. 16 in Keysville. Our team will be walking in Farmville. Every dollar raised goes directly to the PSC.

Mark Your Calendar.....

Sunday, August 27: Major Robbie Richardson from the Appomattox Sheriff's Department will be speaking following Communion. He will share with us how to avoid an active shooter.

Tuesday, September 11: Parish Pastoral Council meeting following 7 pm mass. All meetings are open.

Wednesday, September 13 and 27: The newly formed Craft Club will meet in Corter Hall from 10 am to 12 N. This is a time to work on and share your crafts and perhaps learn a new one. This club is open to the community. Come and join in on the fun and fellowship.

August Birthdays

4th: Islea Duncan
7th: Elizabeth Ellrich
10th: Sheila Seaquist
13th: Carolyn Panuska
16th: John Seaquist
17th: Joanne Clark
19th: Janice Callahan
21st: Fran Lecco; Joe Gardner
25th: Andrew Brown

August Anniversaries

3rd: Jim & Chere Tew
9th: Matt & Joanne Clark
13th: Robert & Helen Berry
22nd: Gary & Carolyn Conner