

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
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Amy Tracy
Charles Watson
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Michael Williams
Travis Williams
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Our Lady of Peace Cemetery

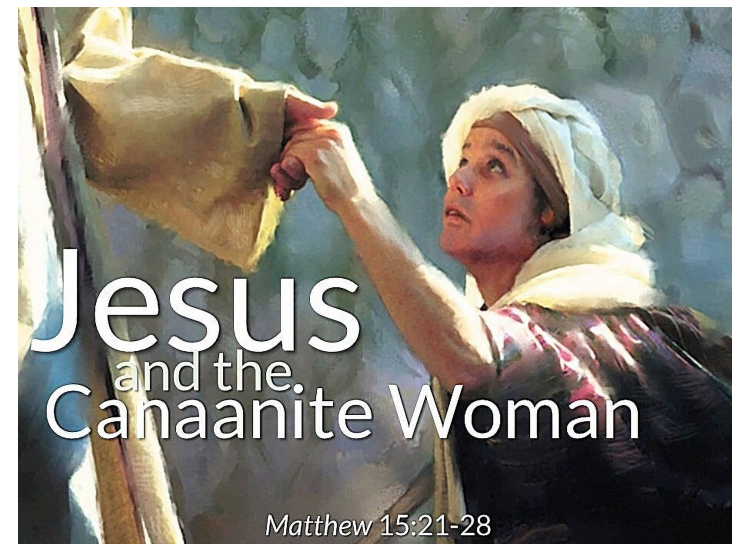
Burial plots are \$500 and crematory plots are \$250 for parishioners. All prices include perpetual care. Please see one of the committee members (Steve Bradish, Mary Fishback, Dori Garcia, Joe Gardner, Chuck Hirtz, Don Notestein or Bonnie Toth) for more information.

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



August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 56:1,6-7, Romans 11:13-15,29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

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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

Perhaps it is the work of the Holy Spirit that women in our church have come to the forefront. In this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 15:21-28, Jesus gets his comeuppance from the Canaanite woman.

Jesus: "The food for the children of Israel is not meant for the dogs!" Woman: "Yes, but even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the masters."

At Our Lady of Peace, on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Diane Bradish gave the reflection at the morning mass and Mary Fishback at the evening mass. And why not? Shouldn't we be hearing about Mary, the Mother of God, from a woman's perspective? Again, more leadership from Diane Bradish: On September 3rd, Our Lady of Peace will be celebrating the Feast of St. Phoebe. St. Phoebe in the first century was a deaconess of the Church of Cenchreae, at the Port of Corinth. She was recommended to the Christian congregation at Rome by St. Paul who praised her for her assistance to him and to many others. She may have brought Paul's epistle to the Romans with her. Paul refers to her as a "servant" or deacon [Greek diakonos and a helper or patron of many Greek prostatis]. This is the only place in the New Testament where a woman is referred specifically with these two distinctions. Paul introduces Phoebe as his emissary to the church in Rome and, because they are not acquainted with her, Paul provides them with her credentials. Diane Bradish will elaborate on St. Phoebe on September 3rd.

The diaconate for women faded out in the 12th Century as the diaconate was viewed as a transition to the priesthood for men. This meant no permanent deacons, those not become priests, faded out. For 800 years the permanent diaconate lay dormant. But, in 1967, Pope Paul VI approved the permanent diaconate's restoration. Yet, women have served just like deacons all along. Therese Mansfield was the de facto pastor of the Catholic Churches in Blackstone, Crewe and Meherrin in our Diocese. You have witnessed the excellent leadership of women in our faith community.

Might that St. Phoebe bless our church as the role of women in the diaconate is discussed at the Synod in October 2023.

St. Phoebe, pray for us!

Parish News & Announcements

Next Sunday, August 27: Major Robbie Richardson from the Appomattox Sheriff's Department will be speaking following Communion. He will share with us safety measures to put in place and how to deal with an active shooter or other threats.

Tuesday, September 12: 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.

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. Also, if you took home a 'baby bottle' to fill with that loose change, we are asking you to return it by the end of the month. A huge thank you to all who have already done so!

Last week's collection: \$688.

August Birthdays

4th: Islea Duncan
7th: Elizabeth Ellrich
10th: Sheila Seaquist
13th: Carolyn Panuska; Helen Berry
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