

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  
 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

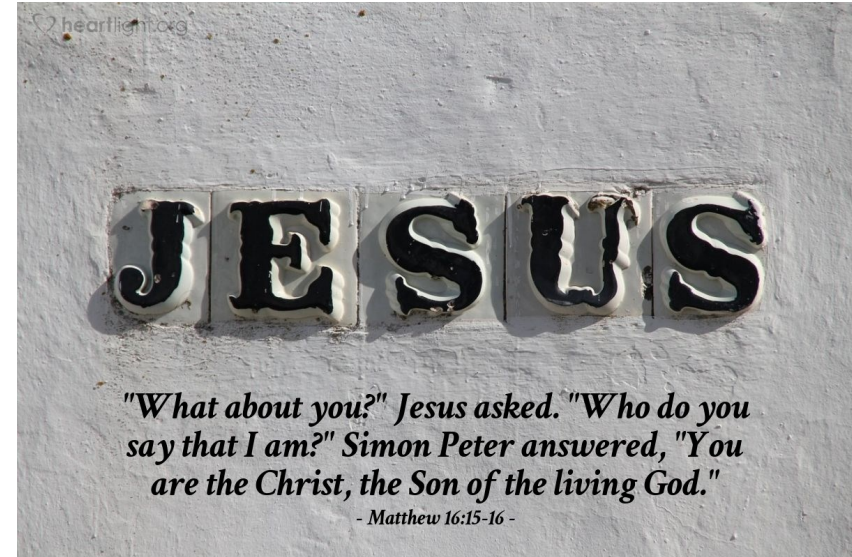
### September Birthdays

2 Todd Craft  
 3 Eileen Brennen  
 3 Joseph White  
 7 Mark Davis  
 12 Louise Williams  
 12 Mary Fishback  
 13 Chuck Haney  
 18 Arnie Johannes  
 22 Sherry Hager  
 23 Robert Moore  
 24 Paul Portman  
 25 Fred Toth  
 26 Alan Budney  
 27 Beau Ellrich, Jr.  
 29 Donald Notestein  
 30 Chene Heady  
 30 Ben Goss

### September Anniversaries

9 Khalid & Zina Fadeel Talya  
 10 Alan and Millie Budney  
 30 Nat & Dory Garcia

# Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



**August 27, 2023**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings:

**Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20**

**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 Theological Moment with Fr. Jim***

*“But who do you say that I am?”  
(Matthew 16:13-20)*

To answer your question, Lord Jesus, I would like to tell you where I see you and experience you.

You are the one I experience as I watch a mother move her daughter who has disabilities from their car in the parking lot into her wheelchair each Sunday. They travel at other times all over for therapy sessions as the younger one desires to walk up to meet the bishop on the day of her Confirmation.

You are the one I thank as you have placed my earthly dad in good hands. Dad, at 94 years old, lives in assisted living. My sister Mary takes him out several times a week to his doctors appointments. She is always there by his side.

You are the one who is present as over 80 boxes of groceries are given out on Saturdays. The parishioners have bonded with the poor in the midst of the Appomattox food desert. There are smiles, laughter, tears and joy as they have come to know another's story over the past years.

Christ, Jesus, you move to another venue. There is a break in their loneliness as they are being brought your whole body. Homebound and hospitalized people share their stories. There are tales we healthy ones do not understand. “For what you have hidden from the learned and the clever, you have revealed to the merest children.” They share with those who visit the truth of suffering and the cross.

Lord Jesus, you are present in the children. On your birthday (Christmas) they sing and they dramatize a tale of hope. We who perpetually have an inner child, have a tear in our hearts.

Not all is light and happy in your presence. You challenge us to justice and to look at “the other” as one of us - to protect the innocence of the little ones for example, and to have the healthy but uncomfortable conversation about abuse.

Lord Jesus, you are all these and much more. But above all, I am grateful for your presence in my (our) life. We can point you out and know that we may have challenging days, we are *never* abandoned.

## ***Parish News & Announcements***

**Religious Education is Back!** Religious Education at Our Lady of Peace resumes for the 2023-2024 school year on Wednesday, September 20th. We will again meet from 4:00 PM-5:00 PM on Wednesdays when Appomattox County Public Schools are in a full-day session. We are currently talking to Appomattox County Public Schools to work through the logistics of arranging after-school transportation to OLP on Wednesdays for children who need it; please e-mail Chene Heady or talk to him after mass if your child or grandchild needs transportation. **If you have a child or grandchild who should be attending Religious Education, it's not too late to enroll them for this year.** Just e-mail Chene Heady at [headycr@longwood.edu](mailto:headycr@longwood.edu) or talk to one of our teachers (Chene Heady, Beau Ellrich, Annette McCabe, Fr. Jim) after mass.

**Adult Education:** Have you ever wondered what it was like during the first few centuries of the Church? Was it filled with just a succession of creeds, councils, persecutions and heresies, or is there more to the story? You are invited to join us on a journey into “The Bible and the Church Fathers.” We will begin a 12 week study after mass beginning Sunday, **September 10**. If you are interested in attending, please see Bob Burke to register.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** \$1006.00

### **Mark Your Calendar**

**Sunday, September 3:** Feast of St. Phoebe - A light for Women's Ministry. A presentation on who St. Phoebe is and how her legacy relates to Our Lady of Peace will be shared following Communion regarding St. Phoebe. Diane Bradish will have literature available regarding St. Phoebe to share with you.

**Tuesday, September 12:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting following 7 pm mass.

**Wednesday, September 13:** Craft Club - 10 am - Noon.

**Tuesday, September 19:** Liturgy Team Meeting following 7 PM mass. We will begin to build a theme and plan for Advent 2023 liturgies.

**Saturday, September 23:** Parish Picnic/Welcoming New Parish Members. More information and sign-up sheet to follow.