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 **Dvlan Anderson** Kathleen Murphy Groves Wendy Pessaro Kathleen Hamilton Gary Peters Robert Berry Patricia Bonnewitz Jeanne Harper Laurie Peters Sandra Burke Jeannine lannaco Frank Powell Nelson Sanchez Julie Byron Pablo Ignacio Toni Capute Patrick Ignacio Princess Sanchez Riordan Cavoris Meja Irvin John Seaguist Margaret MacDiarmid **Justin Curtis** Ray Servis Mark Davis Carolyn Martin Jane Sliwinski Tony Donehoo Jamie Martin Margaret Smith Carol Donato Fred Toth Grea Moore Islea Duncan Kathleen Moore Amy Tracy Alan Ekberg **Beverly Moyer** Charles Watson John Evans Chris Moyer Danielle Weedon Kathy Evans Rav Mover Laura Williams Earl Fishback Don Notestein Louise Williams Elizabeth Gillam Patsy Notestein Michael Williams Lorraine Brennen Gilliam Angel Ortiz Travis Williams Betty Jo Wolfrum Lvnn Goss George Perry

#### **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**



"Jesus took Peter. James and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them: His face shone like the sun And his clothes became White as light."

Matthew 17:1-2

August 6, 2023 The Transfiguration of the Lord **Today's readings:** Daniel 7:9:1,13-14; Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

### **Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church**

2938 Oakleigh Avenue (PO Box 668) Appomattox VA 24522-0668 Pastor: Father James Gallagher 434-352-0104 For emergencies: Fr. Jim cell number: 434-238-7030

or Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church 434-846-5245 www.olpcatholicchurch.org

**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

## "Transfiguration/Anniversary of Hiroshima"

In Matthew's account of the Transfiguration of Jesus, it says "...his fact shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light."

We remember another "bright light" this day, August 6th. It is the bright light of the first atomic bomb and it was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. This bright light, like the sun, vaporized thousands of people in one minute. In Hiroshima, this day, there are still outlies of people on walls and buildings. They were literally vaporized into those structures. Some of the casualties were even Catholic Monks who had a monastery in the city, although God grieves for those of all faiths.

I believe it is the work of the Spirit that the movie "Oppenheimer" is well attended as it is playing at this time in August 2023 and the Transfiguration falls on a Sunday. It is too late to go backwards and undo the harm from that time in 1945. There was little empathy and sympathy for the Japanese people. There were too many atrocities and bloodshed on the hands of the Rising Sun's military, too many deaths to our own men and women at Pearl Harbor, Bataan and several other places.

But what do we do going forward? How do we protect this grand land of ours? Can we ever have a zero collateral damage? Collateral damage means the unintentional killing of non-combatants and civilians....tough life decisions!

#### **Prayer of Saint Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light.
And where there is sadness, joy

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

#### Parish News & Announcements

"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 <u>Saturday</u>, <u>August 12</u>, 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).

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."

Craft Club Update: The new craft club will meet on Wednesday, September 13 and 27 at 10 am and run until noon. Everyone is welcome! Bring your craft project or learn a new one. Bring a friend - it will be a fun time!



## Breakfast Sunday is next Sunday.

#### **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 Tew9th: Matt & Joanne Clark13th: Robert & Helen Berry22nd: Gary & Carolyn Conner