

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 Pessararo
 Gary Peters
 Laurie Peters
 Frank Powell
 Nelson Sanchez
 Princess Sanchez
 John Seaquist
 Ray Servis
 Jane Sliwinski
 Margaret Smith
 Chere Tew
 Fred Toth
 Amy Tracy
 Charles Watson
 Danielle Weedon
 Laura Williams
 Louise Williams
 Michael 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

For where two or three
 are gathered together in My Name,
 I am there among them.



Matthew 18:20

Knowing-Jesus.com

September 10, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

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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

A Hospital for Sinners
(Matthew 18:15-20)

In commenting about the Good Samaritan Parable, Saint Augustine said that the man left for dead on the side of the road was taken not only to an inn, but to the church. In the conviction of St. Augustine, the church was a “hospital for sinners.” That is why we hear in Matthew 18:15-20 that the people in the faith community go to such extremes to keep someone in fellowship.

Saint Augustine knows first hand how the church reached out to him when he had been about sex, drugs and rock-n-roll in his previous life. (Actually, he went easy on the rock-n-roll!) The faith community hung in there with him a long time (especially his mother, Saint Monica).

We are to have each others’ backs while challenging one another (privately) to be more than what we already are in the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis has reiterated many times about the church being a field hospital. “The Eucharist is not a reward for good behavior; rather, it is medicine for the soul.” Did you know that Francis has baptized children at the Vatican whose parents were not married?

How about his acceptance as of late towards gay people? At the World Youth Day he even said “We are a big church and there is room for everybody.”

One time when there were two immigrant families that were receiving Baptism and First Communion, someone asked “Fr. Jim will we be seeing those people again?” “Those people” is a dog whistle and a give-away about wanting to exclude. Meanwhile, the one who made the comment missed the entire Triduum during a Holy Week. She needed to keep her own side of the room clean. Rather, I liked the comment my friend, Cathy O’Callaghan made: “Why would one want to keep people from the sacraments?”

So - How can I be more invitational, accepting and supportive?

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 or talk to one of our teachers (Chene Heady, Beau Ellrich, Annette McCabe, Fr. Jim) after mass.

Craft Club Update: Sheila has been approached by several folks who want to attend the Craft Club but cannot attend on Wednesdays. As a result, she is going to try scheduling them on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Friday to give everyone a chance to attend one (or both). All are welcome!!!

“September Calendar”

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

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

Sunday, September 17 [revised date] following mass: “The Bible and the Church Fathers” If you have not yet registered, please see Bob Burke.

Monday, September 18: Fr. Jim will be away for his annual retreat. He will return on **Thursday, September 21.**

Tuesday, September 19: [No evening mass] Liturgy Meeting at 6:00 pm. We will begin to build a theme and plan for Advent 2023 liturgies.

Saturday, September 23 @ 12 Noon: Parish Picnic/Welcoming New Parish Members. Come one and all for food, fellowship, fun and games! Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided, but we invite you to bring a dish (salad, fruits, vegetables) or desert to share. There is a signup sheet on the table in the old commons. (In the event of rain, we will meet inside.)

Friday, September 22: Craft Club 10 am - 12 Noon.