

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
 Linda Gardner
 Elizabeth Gillam
 Lorraine Brennen Gilliam

Lynn Goss
 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
 Chere Tew
 Fred Toth
 Amy Tracy
 Charles Watson
 Danielle Weedon
 Laura Williams
 Louise Williams
 Michael Williams
 Travis Williams
 Betty Jo Wolfrum

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



October 15, 2023

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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
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October Birthdays

1 Annette McCabe
 1 Caroline Swing
 4 Julia Hounsell
 6 Gary Conner
 10 Ted Skirvan
 14 John Hampton
 23 Ray Moyer
 27 Steve Bradish
 28 Elizabeth Lecco
 28 Anna Ellrich
 29 Lyn Goss

October Anniversaries

14 Rob & Virginia Johnson
 17 Travis & Louise Williams
 28 Glen & Kathy Moore
 31 Phil & Kari Hampton

A Pastoral Moment with Fr. Jim

Matthew 22:1-14 is one of my favorite Gospels. The host of the banquet is told to go out to the highways and byways and invite those who are marginalized and neglected by society. The theology (or pathology) of the day was that God was punishing those who were poor or disabled. To invite them challenges the magisterium of that day.

When this Gospel comes, I put on my cowboy hat and sing Garth Brooks' song, "Friends in Low Places." but, the last four verses are troubling. After all the effort at inviting the disenfranchised, someone is being thrown out for not having a "wedding garment"? So why is that incident in there? What is that all about? Well, the last four verses are what we call a "redaction." In the original text, it was only the poor and the lame that were present at the party. But a good reason - the part about the wedding garment was added. Why?

The "wedding garment" is really a baptismal garment. Back then, there was not infant baptism. You were baptized as an adult. Previous to your baptism, you lead a life of sin. Yes, you are forgiven and baptized. But, you also could not judge others for their sin. You could not come to the party with a condescending and arrogant attitude because you, even though you are holy now, are still a sinner.

You should seek solidarity with others who have sinned and were forgiven. The "wedding garment" is a sign of your past sinful life, but also your new life in Christ and your life now of grace. But you still sinned and you cannot put on airs and think you are better than other people. Hence, it is a garment to remind you.

At the Easter Vigil party at St. Victoria, one of the newly baptized said they became a Catholic because they had a pastor who knew what sin was. Oh, happy fault! God writes straight with crooked lines.

FR. JIM AWAY FOR FUNDRAISING: November 4-5. He will be celebrating mass at St. Edward Catholic Church in Chesterfield County, near Richmond. The proceeds from the trip will be shared by Our Lady of Peace and St. Victoria.

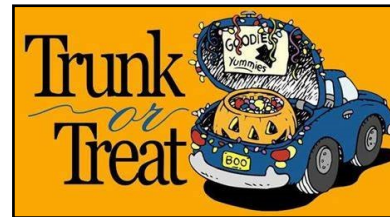
In Fr. Jim's absence, Fr. Paul Konde will celebrate masses at our two parishes: Saturday, November 4 at 4 pm; Sunday, November 5 at 8:30 am at Our Lady of Peace and Sunday, November 5 at St. Victoria at 11 am.

Parish News & Announcements

Farewell Reception for Charlie and Mary Graf, Sunday, October 22, 2023: Charlie and Mary are two of our founding members. They will be moving to North Carolina soon and October 22 is their last Sunday with us. Please make plans to stay after mass and wish them well.

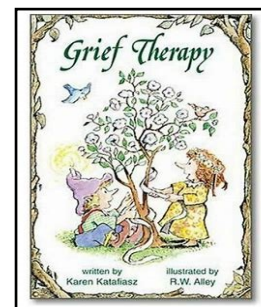
SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray for a local couple who was so excited to become pregnant after 12 years of marriage. Sadly, the baby did not survive birth. May God bring them comfort in this time of grief.

Craft Club Dates for October: Wednesday, October 25; Friday, October 27 (10 am - Noon)



Trunk or Treat, Friday, October 27, 2023
Please join us with your car (and yourself too) decorated and filled with the goodies you would like to give out to the children on this night. In the past, we've lined up our cars with the trunks facing out, all decked out with Halloween finery. Then the children and their parents can walk

around the parking lot stopping at the cars to see the decorations and get their goodie! You do not have to decorate, it's just fun if you wish to do so. We will line up at 6:00 pm. The children start to stroll around at 6:30 PM. (In the past, we've had a lot of children; this will be in the newspaper also!)



Grief Workshop, Saturday, November 11, 2023:

"Two Elder Guides" invite you to explore different ideas, methods and strategies to navigate through the upcoming holiday season. In our group setting we will explore: being compassionate with yourself, setting your intention to mourn and heal during the holidays, creating new holiday rituals while keeping those that are precious to you and drawing on the power of "now" to find meaning and comfort.

The Justice & Peace Ministry is hosting this workshop and will provide a light lunch as well as coffee, tea and morning snacks. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please contact Eileen Brennen to register. Her email is: abba24522@yahoo.com