# 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 lannaco
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
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**Gary Peters** Laurie Peters Frank Powell Nelson Sanchez Princess Sanchez John Seaguist 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

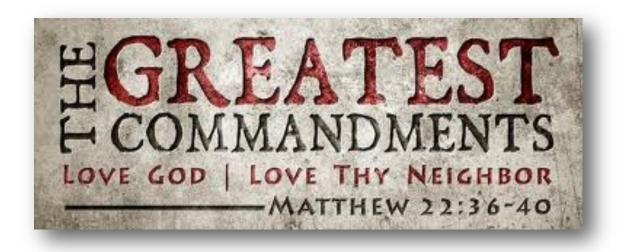
### **October Birthdays**

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

4	Rob & Virginia Johnson
7	Travis & Louise Williams
28	Glen & Kathy Moore
31	Phil & Kari Hampton

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



# October 29, 2023 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **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

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact Bonnie Toth at bonnie3871@gmail.com

## A Pastoral Moment with Fr. Jim Matthew 22:34-40

Damien, a missionary, lived and offered prayers with the lepers on an island near Hawaii. He was trying to be careful not to catch a fatal disease. But after catching it, in a Sunday Homily he referred to all there as "we lepers." As the people were sad, they were also joyful.

"This priest now who lives with us is in solidarity with us." More importantly, they felt divine love. A primary component of love is not affection, but commitment. His illness not only made him more committed, but made him one with them.

In chapter one of John's Gospel we red that the Word became flesh and "dwelled among us." Another way of saying that is "God pitched his tent." The Lord God "stayed" with us and was committed to us - not only committed, but it was a tent, which meant God would journey with us. So, one of the faces of love are those who are committed to us.

We recall another face of love as firefighters rans TOWARDS the burning buildings in New York City on 9/11. They had no idea about the identities of those trapped inside and they were so focused there were few second thoughts about their own safety.

Love abandons any tendency towards narcissism. It focusses on others. It sees humanity as one large family.

Seeing sacrifices made by firefighters and others is the kind of love that makes demands on us. This kind of love can be contagious and bring out the best in others.

Jesus defines what it means to be neighbor.

It's not so much to do something, but to BE something.

#### Parish News & Announcements

**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 at St. Victoria; Sunday, November 5 at 8:30 am at Our Lady of Peace and Sunday, November 5 at St. Victoria at 11 am.

**ACCEPTING WINE DONATIONS** As we have gone back to sharing the Precious Blood, we are in need of wine donations. When you visit Kroger or Food Lion, please pick up a bottle. Red or blush wine is preferred. Fr. Jim says "No Thunderbird, please." Thank you!

### 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: abbasgirl24522@yahoo.com



St. Victoria Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, November 18 (9 am-1 pm): Come and buy some delicious casseroles. (Fr. Jim's casseroles are called "Fidel Casseroles"). There will be crafts, baked breads, award winning Brunswick Stew,

and this year there are lots of pies! Let us support our sister church. St. Victoria is located at 305 Victoria Drive, Hurt VA (just after the last Altavista exit.)