

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
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 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 8, 2023

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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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

The Cornerstone A Reflection from B. Sidney Smith

The best college commencement speech ever given* was delivered by David Foster Wallace at Kenyon College in 2005. In it he makes an observation that is quite startling but clearly true: that each of us is given the freedom to choose *what* to worship, but none of us is given the freedom to choose *whether* to worship. Everybody worships.

Many would deny this. It is commonplace for young, intellectually precocious people to adopt a posture of knowing skepticism, declaring that they believe nothing not proven from objective reasoning or independent observation. Some wear this declaration like a badge, even making a career out of it, like the militant atheist Sam Harris or the late comedian George Carlin.

As a teacher of logic, it was my job to explain to students that reason doesn't work that way. Logic is just a way of determining which statements can be inferred from other statements. It can never produce a true statement starting with nothing. If a person really believed nothing, then logic would be useless to them. Without prior belief there can be no reasoning, just a blank page forever.

And of course everyone has beliefs, even if they don't think about them or are even unaware of them. Our beliefs are revealed in the things we ask of life. This is the meaning of the phrase *lex orandi, lex credendi*, "as we pray, so shall we believe." Our wants direct our beliefs, and our beliefs direct us in our pursuits and admirations. It's all perfectly natural.

Wallace's point is that if we don't examine our beliefs, we end up worshiping the wrong things. Our world is filled with attractive idols who demand reverence, but they are false gods. Worship money or possessions, and you never have enough. Worship power, and you live in fear of your own weakness. Worship fame, and you never feel validated. Worship health, and you never feel well. Worship youth or attractiveness or charisma, and you live in despair at your own aging and decline. Worship dogma, and you end by treating truth as your enemy.

Building a life of joy and fulfillment is like building a house that is sturdy and straight. In biblical times houses were made of stone, and once the first stone was placed every stone placed thereafter was placed in reference to that first stone; otherwise the house would be at risk of collapse. The first stone was called *the cornerstone*.

In today's Gospel, Jesus declares that the cornerstone of our lives, in the Kingdom prepared for us, is the very stone the builders rejected: it is He. Choosing to place our faith in Him grants us the blueprint for a new life, one not bounded by our worldly cares, or by our self-imposed limits, or even by our own death, because we die and rise with Him.

* There are many YouTube videos of Wallace's address, but I like the one published on the "After Skool" channel. You can use the URL [youtube.com/watch?v=OsAd4HGJS4o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OsAd4HGJS4o) to go straight to it.

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.

Craft Club Dates for October: Wednesday, October 11 and 25; Friday, October 27 (10 am - Noon)

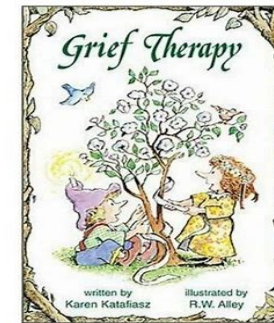
Trunk or Treat, Friday, October 27, 2023



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