

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 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 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

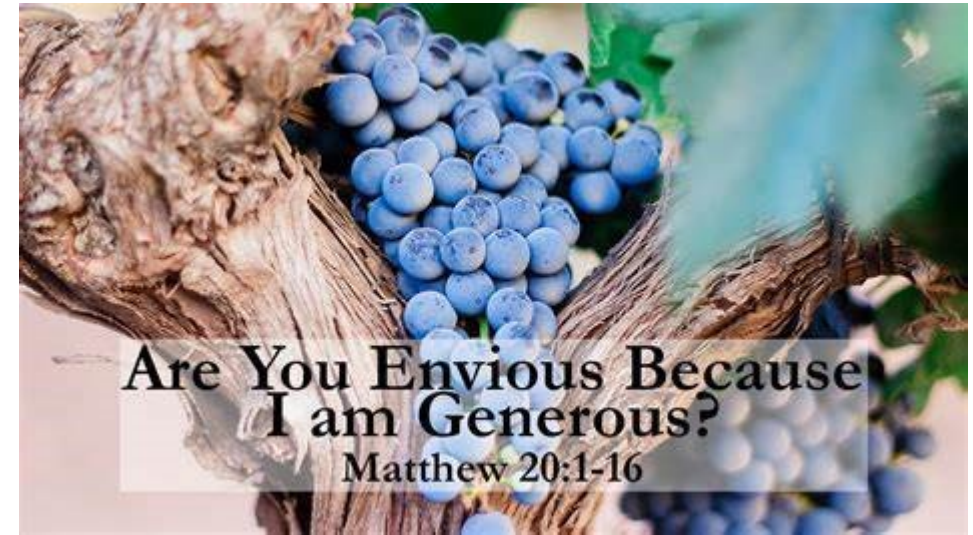
October Birthdays

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

17 Travis & Louise Williams
 28 Glen & Kathy Moore
 31 Phil & Kari Hampton

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



September 24, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24,27 ; Matthew 20:1-16

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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 Pastoral Moment with Fr. Jim
“The Gratitude Overcomes Disappointment”
Matthew 20:1-16**

My lack of gratitude and my ego got in the way and caused me to be a poor sport. As a senior at Rhode Island College, I had hoped to receive an award as a distinguished athlete and student after four years. I ran cross country in the fall and track in the spring. I was also a sports writer for our campus newspaper, the “Anchor.” Some years I was even the sports editor.

The award went to a basketball star who had scored over 1,000 points in his career. I acted out my disappointment by purposely missing the baccalaureate, resigning as sports writer and leaving the spring sports award banquet early (besides grumbling and complaining). I should have stopped to think about how God had blessed me those past four years. I had gotten my name and picture in the newspaper for running and winning several races. Our team won a championship in cross country my senior year. I had the honor and the privilege of running for the best coach in all of the New England states, Raymond Dwyer. I made wonderful life long friendships with teammates Ray Danforth and Tommy Kenwood. Instead, my ego wanted more. Yet, the award was not mine to receive. All good fortune is a gift from God.

In the Gospel, we learn of other ungrateful people. They are part of the vineyard and something greater than themselves. They were getting paid and were employed. They had co-workers with them whom they could befriend. Yet, they were resentful and jealous of others. Where was the gratitude? Gratitude would be to rejoice in the accomplishments of others.

Grace is God’s to give. Our Lord chooses who He wants to choose. Pope Francis, as you know by this time, tries to be compassionate to those who struggle morally and fall short. His critics, which include some bishops, say he is “giving away the store.”

The “store” - God’s grace and mercy is not guarded by those Bishops and Cardinals. The generosity is God’s to give.

No one has a right to it. It is a gift.

Parish News & Announcements

Adult Education: “The Bible and the Church Fathers” continues after mass. Bob Burke is hosting this class.

Craft Club: Because had SO much fun at the Craft Club on Wednesday, September 13, we decided to meet every other Wednesday and the 4th Friday of each month. Come join us any one of the days - or all. All are welcome.

“September/October Calendar”

Wednesday, September 27: Craft Club 10 am - Noon

Tuesday, October 3: Liturgy Meeting following 7:00 pm mass.

Wednesday, October 11: Craft Club (10 am to 12N)

Wednesday, October 25: Craft Club (10 am to 12N)

Friday, October 27:

Craft Club (10 am to 12N)

Trunk or Treat in the parking lot just after dark. As many churches have discovered, this is a wonderful way to let our children enjoy Halloween while keeping them safe. Last year’s “trunks” were amazing! It’s time to start thinking about what your “trunk” will be this year. Come in costume and enjoy the fun! This event is open to the public.