

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



November 12, 2023
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November Birthdays

8 Joseph Afram
 12 Yun Hi Davis
 13 Millie Budney
 15 Nat Garcia
 15 Jodi Aerts
 15 Les Leslie
 19 Colin Swing
 19 Christ Afram
 22 Michael Afram
 24 Frank Denny

November Anniversaries

6 Don & Maureen Smith
 12 Ray & Bev Moyer
 17 John & Sheila Seaquist
 25 Arnie & Kay Johannes

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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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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

As I was preparing to speak to the people at St. Edwards in Richmond I thought about our pastoral strengths as a faith community in response to Matthew 23:1-12, where he challenges those in power and well-off.

“They place heavy burdens on their shoulders and do not lift a finger to help them...”
The answer is to be servants of the Lord.

Avery Dulles wrote a book called "Models of the Church". There are 5 models or ways of living as a church or faith community. I want to mention some of them that we do well. First There is the Servant Model which means serving the poor. Each Monday and once a month on a Saturday you lift more than a finger as you carry and haul heavy boxes of to those in need. Lately, we have had a grief support group for those suffering loss. Here you lift your hearts. This servant model lends itself to ecumenism as many faiths join you and folks of different cultures and colors do more than assist.

There is the Herald and Sacramental Models to speak of. The word is proclaimed. This is the Herald model. But in prophetic ways as lay people and among them women are speaking to the Gospel. You have come to the realization that our priesthood is dying out, when we went four weeks without a priest and we must stand up for ourselves. We are listening that Pope Francis is giving nod that change, which is inclusive is afoot.

The Eucharist nourishes us and gives us strength each week. Our liturgical celebrations are well planned, and I do not need to add, well sung. While our musicians service without salary, it is evident that the Holy Spirit is present. This is the sacramental model.

Avery Dulles spoke about the Community Model. This acknowledges Christ is the gathered assembly in the sanctuary as well as in the coffee and covered dish. We gather in loud, boisterous fellowship before announcements. There is an excitement about the Lord as we come together.

But the gardens, plants and flowers on our exterior provide a warm welcome. There is tender loving care for God's creation as the eyes feast outside our church as we drive up. The playground welcomes children as one can tell by the wear and tear of the grounds and fun is a slam dunk on the basketball court.

Let me not forget the Institutional Model. One way of thinking about would be to say that Pope Francis would feel very welcome and comfortable here. He might even bring some gelato from Rome for our parish social.

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINE DONATIONS NEEDED: 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!

PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER ANGEL TREE: The Angel Tree is up and the angels are waiting to be adopted. This year, the families only are invited to a special party where the gifts will be presented by Santa on Sunday, December 3rd. (We have found a Santa.) Therefore, please return your gifts no later than Sunday, November 26 with the angels attached. “Venue 1848” located on Church Street has very generously donated their facility for the party. They will decorate, but OLP is providing the refreshments (cookies, punch, candy canes, etc.) We anticipate approximately 50 attendees (children and parents). If you can help by baking some cookies, please see Eileen Brennen, Alice Doepppe or Bonnie Toth. Thank you for ALL you do to support the Pregnancy Support Center!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, November 14, following 7 pm mass.

Four members are ending their terms. We are still looking for nominations and/or volunteers to fill these seats on the new Parish Pastoral Council beginning November 2023. Do you feel called to serve? For further information, please see Todd Craft, Diane Bradish or Fr. Jim.

ST. VICTORIA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: NEXT SATURDAY, NOV. 18TH: (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.)

Cream for coffee needed: Please see Carolyn if you can donate some Half-n-Half or flavored creamers or help with a donation to cover the costs.

Today is Breakfast Sunday!