

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](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com).

Jodi Aerts  
Dylan Anderson  
Robert Berry  
Patricia Bonnewitz  
Sandra Burke  
Julie Byron  
Toni Capute  
Riordan Cavoris  
Justin Curtis  
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 19, 2023**

**33rd 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**

I identify and admire the servant who placed his money in the ground and did not invest it. He feared the master, the one in authority. One can only wonder what happened in the servant's past to make him distrustful of those in charge. Was it abuse of some kind? Did the servant keep getting slapped down for speaking his mind?

Fear paralyzes. There were times in ministry I was the victim of such paralysis, of knowing which way to move or decide; not knowing the correct words to say as parishioners were polarized, divided and fractionalized. Thankfully, through prayer and fasting, people matured and forgave one another as the breath of the Spirit came through. We worked through it.

Love and fellowship in the Holy Spirit liberates. Hopefully, people moved on and could invest their energies into Christ's mission,

Whoever sits in the Chair of Peter in the Vatican can inspire liberation or repression. An "ultra-Montanist" is one who following the reigning Pontiff very strongly, even at times the following is stronger than the Gospel or mercy. The ultra-Montanist try to close off discussion. The Pope, it seems, has the last and only word.

Discussion was closed off about women's ordination, the issues of sexual abuse and LGBT issues. I was called "disloyal" to the Pope or "disloyal" to Rome if it looked like I was encouraging discussion. I remember reading about "McCarthyism" and the "Red Scare" of the 1950's. It felt oppressive. It was scary for priests because a local bishop would reward the "ultra-Montanists" for their spying and reports.

Interestingly, as Pope Francis came to the fore, the antagonists have been silent. It is amusing now that I could be judged very loyal to Rome. Francis has brought change to the Vatican. He has opened up many taboo topics for discussion. We can now invest our liberated hearts and minds in the sharing of our faith without reprisals!

We can now take our treasure out of the ground and share.

## **PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Parish Socials Team Meeting After Mass Today**



Committee Chair, Diane Bradish, will meet today following mass with anyone interested in helping with upcoming hospitality projects for the month of December. The meeting will take place in the 1st Classroom.

### **Pregnancy Support Center Angel Tree**

Thanks to all who have adopted an angel. Please remember to return your wrapped gifts with the angels attached by next Sunday. Please see Eileen Brennen, Alice Doeppe or Bonnie Toth if you can bake a batch of cookies for the family party on December 3rd.

### **Blue Ridge Cursillo Christmas Ultreya**



The Blue Ridge Cursillo invites you to a Christmas Ultreya on Saturday, December 2nd at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, 1307 Oakwood Street, Bedford VA 24523. Mass is at 9:30 am with Pot-luck brunch and Social to follow. Please see insert for full details.

