

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
Michael Burke
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
Leslie Jarrett
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

January Birthdays

Chuck Hirtz (Jan 3)
Bev Moyer (Jan 5)
Ray Servis (Jan 6)
Margaret MacDiarmid (Jan 15)
Linda Gardner (Jan 17)
Alice Doeppe (Jan 20)
Alexander Gregory (Jan 21)
Chris Moyer (Jan 22)
Khalid Fadhael (Jan 25)
Keith Hamilton, Jr. (Jan 29)
Frem Afram (Jan 30)
Kay Johannes (Jan 31)

January Anniversaries

Charlie & Mary Graf (Jan 4)
Tod & Betty Craft (Jan 20)

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



January 14, 2024

Second 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

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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

This week, in John 1:35-42, we hear the question to Jesus: “Rabbi, where are you staying?” Jesus answers: “Come and you will see.”

The question posed to Jesus was not intended to be deep. It was a “surface” question like “are you staying in Rustburg or Red House or Tight Squeeze?” (There really is a place by that name near Altavista.) But Jesus’ response was one of depth.

“Come and you will see” is a powerful challenge. In John’s Gospel, “seeing” means to deeply experience. It means to be totally immersed like being baptized in a pool. Next week, Jesus will give the same response: “Come and see.” Jesus tells us that he has come that we may have life and have it to the fullest. To follow Jesus will not be a spectator sport. We will always be first string. But, we will be and feel full alive!

There will be an ache in our hearts as we see so many hungry people. But our eyes will well up with tears as 5,000 are being fed. We are Jesus’ followers and it felt good when we went to the gates of Jerusalem as he rode on a donkey. The crowd was praising us too. But we were shamefaced and terrorized when a similar crowd yelled “Crucify him!” Empathy and grief will be present as we encounter the widow of Nain as she accompanies her deceased son in a funeral procession. The next moment will be elation when he is raised and given back to his mother. Our grief will be overwhelming as the broken body of our Lord is placed in the tomb. Yet, our blood pressure will go through the roof as he appears in the Upper Room.

“How did he get there?” “Listen” he says. “I offer you peace and forgiveness though my hands and my side are wounded.” As he breathes on us, his Spirit is contagious and infective. We cannot be afraid anymore and we take it to the streets. We speak the language of love to all and to all the immigrants and visitors in our area. We speak the language of love to all and to all the immigrants and visitors in our area. As we are in the streets, one of says to the other and quotes The Grateful Dead: “What a long strange trip its been!”

But, that is what you get and what can happen when you accept his invitation to “Come and See!”

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Breakfast Sunday!

Please stay after mass and enjoy food and fellowship. We are blessed at Our Lady of Peace with so many wonderful cooks and bakers! All are welcome!



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Re-Scheduled: Due to the inclement weather last Tuesday, the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting was re-scheduled to this Tuesday, January 16, following 7 pm mass.

Liturgy Notes: We are now in “Ordinary Time” until February 11th. Lent is quickly approaching. Ash Wednesday is February 14th! Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, at 11:30 am to begin discussing the Lenten Liturgies and discuss a theme.

January Craft Club Meetings: They are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday and last Friday of each month.

TODAY’S READINGS:

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40 (Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42