

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  
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  
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

### February Birthdays

Bob Burke (Feb. 2)  
Biff Gilliam (Feb. 9)  
Earl Fishback Feb. 9)  
Helen Ravagli (Feb. 10)  
Paul Harmon (Feb. 14)  
Cecilia Harmon (Feb. 18)  
Sandra Burke (Feb. 19)  
Kelsey Brown (Feb. 19)  
Carol Donato (Feb. 20)  
Ronnie Haney (Feb. 24)  
Caeli McCabe (Feb. 26)

### February Anniversaries

Jose' Edwin Alavarado Mendoza and  
Nuriam Jamery Garcia Alvarado  
(Feb. 24)

# Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



*Mark 1:40-45 (Jesus heals the leper)*

**February 11, 2024**  
**6th 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

Whenever Jesus does something amazing, everyone surrounding the event is touched. In many places we read that “everyone rejoiced” when just one of them has been healed. Blessings are effusive. Blessings spread themselves to the community. Notice the rejoicing that takes place right after a little child is baptized. That is why at St. Victoria and Our Lady of Peace most baptisms are done within the mass. There is no such thing as “private grace.”

In today’s Gospel (Mark 1:40-45), Jesus heals the leper and tells him to go and show his healed self to the priests. That is because the priest, according to Mosaic Law, could validate the healing and return the healed one to his family and the community. What a joyful event!

But, there is another reason: Jesus is insidious in a good way about his wonderful work. As blessings are spread, the priests are also in need of healing. For Jesus to confront the priesthood about their “illnesses” would fall on deaf ears. The priests are into denial. So, the priesthood of Moses and our priesthood as Roman Catholics are in need of rehabilitation and restoration.

The priesthood needs to be healed of clericalism as some of us feel we are entitled by our titles. We are called “Father” and we haven’t “fathered” anything. We need to give life. Our egos can make us condescending towards God’s Holy Baptized People. We need to listen and be in touch with their lived experience. We need to be in solidarity and not set apart.

There is sexism. While some of us support the sexual discrimination of women from Holy Orders, we need to realize that there are other openings to maximize women’s participation. How about listening to a reflection from a feminine point of view? How about appreciating the gifts that women bring such as nurturing, inclusivity, compassion and healing? Where do priests stand on opening up the diaconate?

The priesthood needs to be healed of abuse. The abuse visited up others. The abuse that has happened long ago in the priest’s younger days - the whole hierarchy needs healing. The priesthood needs to be healed of loneliness that causes drinking, overeating and accumulating things while others suffer. The priesthood needs to be healed from ambition, the desire for *THE* parish, the desire for an arrogant title.

The joy of caring and serving God’s people should be more than sufficient. The joy of belonging to the people the priest serve is overflowing with grace. Lord, Jesus, send us a healed leper so that we too can overcome so much.

## Announcements & News

**Today is the last Sunday in Ordinary time as we enter into Lent on Ash Wednesday.**

**Shrove Tuesday: February 13.** There is a covered dish at 6:00 pm followed by a prayer service. At the end of the service, Fr. Jim will burn the palms you brought in for Ash Wednesday. During the burning of the palms, we will have one last opportunity to sing the Alleluia before the Great Vigil of Easter.

**Ash Wednesday: February 14.** Masses with ashes are offered at 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Fr. Jim will offer a special service for the religious education children at 4:00 pm (but all are welcome).

**Stations of the Cross** are offered every Friday during Lent beginning this Friday (Feb. 16) at 6:15 pm. The only exception will be March 8 when we are all invited to Holy Cross Catholic Church for Stations and a soup supper.

**Annual Appeal Kicks Off February 17th!** Our goal for the annual appeal is \$4,380. We will receive 50% back if we reach our goal. There are envelopes in the pew as well as diocesan mailings.

**Mark Your Calendar for Thursday, February 22nd!!** On Thursday, February 22nd, *Caeli McCabe* and *Kenneth Hamilton* will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Please plan to arrive by 6:30 pm to get a seat. St. Thomas More is located at 3015 Roundelay Road, Lynchburg VA 24502.

**Today is “Breakfast Sunday”** Don’t forget to stay and enjoy the delicious foods, coffee and tea. All are welcome. If you are visiting with us, we would be pleased to have you to join us!

### Today’s readings:

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46  
Psalm 32: “I turn to you, Lord, in times of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation”  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1  
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45