

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  
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