

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 Doepppe (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



Mark 1, 14-20

**January 21, 2024**

**Third 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

Many of us have done things out of anger that we are ashamed of later. We wish we could have replayed the scenarios over again. A year and a half ago, I walked out of a staff meeting and just shouted: "I would like some respect, please!" After calming down, I went back to the staff and apologized. It seems that was one of the several times in my life where "anger had me" instead of me possessing anger. In other words, I was consumed by my anger.

Jonah, being consumed by the whale, was a metaphor about his anger consuming him. The Ninevites were related to the Assyrians who had conquered the ten tribes of Israel many years earlier. Although these particular Ninevites were not even living in those times, the hatred and racism of Jonah were still there. As we read in Jonah 3:1-20 this Sunday, he "white knuckled it" (as they say in addiction and recovery). He went begrudgingly. And even then, he waited for God to still nuke the Ninevites. But God forgave them.

In our Gospel, Mark 1:14-20, I believe the disciples, called while fishing, lead a life consumed by meaninglessness. You can hear James and John talking. "Each week, it is the same old, same old. We go to synagogue and the preacher does not connect with us."

Our Friday nights we go to the same bar and drink the same cheap wine and hear the same boring jokes. We work our fingers to the bone. There has to be more to life than this. Suddenly, they encounter the Lord. "This man has something and I want some of that."

It really does happen in life. A lonely person meets someone and it clicks. A teacher strikes a note in a student's heart and there are plans for a new career. Yes, Jesus is the meaning life!

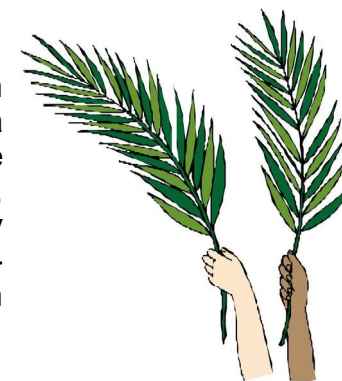
So, what consumes me? What consumes you?

Might that we be consumed by Christ and His Spirit as He directs us to new adventures!

## PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BRING IN YOUR PALMS:

Please bring your palms to be used this year on Shrove Tuesday, February 13. There will be a prayer service followed by the burning of the palms for ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday, February 14. What was old will become newly purposed and you are participating in the preparation of the liturgy. (More details will follow in next week's bulletin.)



**Craft Club Meetings:** They are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday and fourth Friday of each month. Come join the fun. Share your craft or learn a new one - and perhaps meet a new friend. All are welcome!

**Loss & Grief Workshop:** Saturday, February 3, 10 am-12 Noon. This is a follow-up meeting, but all are welcome. If you or someone you know might be interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Maxine Hollinger at 434-509-3306. Email is: [hollingermaxine@gmail.com](mailto:hollingermaxine@gmail.com). (Maxine is one of the two trained and licensed workshop leaders.)

### TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25 "Teach me your ways, O Lord."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20