

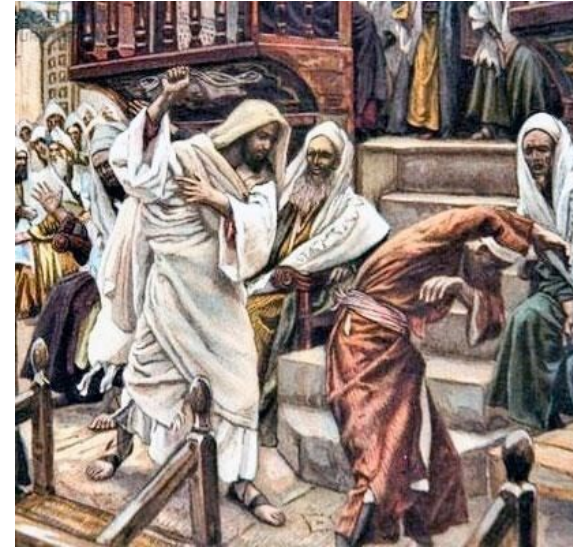
Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

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
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



Mark 1, 21-28

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)
Caili McCabe (Feb. 26)

February Anniversaries

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

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church
2938 Oakleigh Avenue (PO Box 668)
Appomattox VA 24522-0668

Pastor: Father James Gallagher 434-352-0104
For emergencies: Fr. Jim's cell number: 434-238-7030
or Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church 434-846-5245
www.olpcatholicchurch.org

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

She was a great speaker. She was always prepared with captivating content. She is one who could see that she is well read. Her voice was never monotone, She seems to show expression at the appropriate moment. No one would ever think that she was reading her notes. To be in her presence was challenging because while she was admired, one would like to be like her. But one is one willing to work at it with patience, patience, patience!

Her name was Theresa. She was not a priest, but she pastored three small parishes in Crewe, Meherrin and Blackstone. She was too good. It caused the bishop to feel uncomfortable because the priest was supposed to be the “top dog” and not a holy, baptized lay person, and especially not a woman. But, with her expertise and great pastoral care she was calling the whole system into question. If I listened closely, I could almost hear “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know you are the holy one!”

Yes, many of us have “unclean spirits.” The unclean spirit of the male hierarchy is prejudice and sexism. But there are other spirits that make us complicit in our sin.

I became aware of my own lack of tolerance and impatience as I watched a friend, a pastoral associate at a huge parish, work with a diverse staff. I saw her smoother over the heated discussion in adult formation as parishioners have passionate insights about topics. I witnessed her negotiate and say some things are non-negotiable in the education of their children.

“What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth?” I am going to have to change to be like people I admire.

How about a friend who has lost fifteen pounds while you just finished a banana split? How about a friend who has been sober many years while one might be trying to get back on the wagon?

Jesus is present in all those who challenge us. Our complacency is our unclean spirit.

The wonderful example of those around us make us say: “Uh oh! In my life there is work to be done!!”

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



BRING IN YOUR PALMS: Please start bringing in your palms to be used for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Lenten Calendar for February

- February 13: Shrove Tuesday Service 7:00 PM (Covered Dish at 6:00 PM)
- February 14: Ash Wednesday (Masses; 12:30 pm and 7:00 PM; Ashes for the Religious Education Children at 4:00 PM)
- February 16: Stations of the Cross at 6:15 pm (weekly except March 8)
- February 18: First Sunday of Lent
- February 25: Second Sunday of Lent

Mark Your Calendar for February 22nd!!!

On Thursday, February 22nd, Caile McCabe and Kenneth Hamilton will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Be there by 6:30 pm to get a seat. St. Thomas More is located at 3015 Roundelay Road, Lynchburg A 24502.

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!

TODAY'S READINGS

- 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95 (If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.)
- 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
- Gospel: Mark 1:21-28