

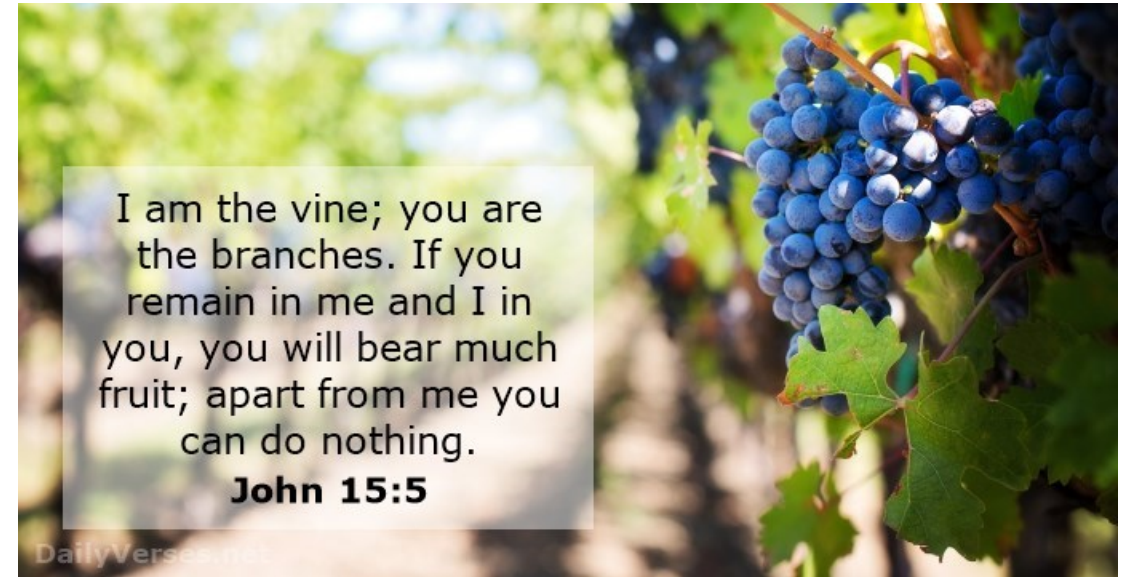
Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

Jodi Aerts
Sonya Albores
Dylan Anderson
Robert Berry
Patricia Bonnewitz
Millie Budney
Michael Burke
Sandra Burke
Julie Byron
Toni Capute
Riordan Cavoris
Justin Curtis
Tony Donehoo
Carol Donato
Islea Duncan
Alan Ekberg
John Evans
Linda Gardner
Jack Fisher
Elizabeth Gillam
Lorraine Brennen Gilliam

Lynn Goss
Kathleen Hamilton
Jeanne Harper
Jeannine Iannaco
Pablo Ignacio
Patrick Ignacio
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Paul Lent
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
Joseph Souza
Margaret Smith
Chere Tew
Fred Toth
Amy Tracy
Charles Watson
Danielle Weedon
Laura Williams
Louise Williams
Michael Williams
Travis Williams
Betty Jo Wolfram



May Birthdays

Carolyn Maples (May 7)
Jeremy Hounsell (May 10)
Bonnie Toth (May 14)
Emily Heady (May 19)
Jim Tew (May 19)
George Perry (May 21)

May Anniversaries

Andrew & Kelsey Brown (May 2)
Steve & Diane Bradish (May 23)
Frank & Helen Dennany (May 23)

Fr. Jim's
Ordination
(May 16)



April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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

I really think a lot of the Presbyterian Pastors in Altavista. Both Ed and Betsy Soto are pastors who do an awful lot for the community. Lately, there was great joy in my heart as their third child, Zach, finally came home from the hospital. Zach was born 3 and 1/2 months premature and could not come home from the hospital in Roanoke. As we dedicated DAWN, the new and our own ecumenical food pantry a few weeks ago, Betsy came into the celebration with the baby carriage with little Zach inside. There were tears in our eyes as the Risen Lord was present all over the event. While we were waiting and praying for Zach, Rev. Ed Soto displayed a great amount of energy and generosity. He and Josh (Associate Pastor of New Prospect) were overseeing the construction of the new DAWN facility. Ed Soto was also teaching at Faith Christian School as well as caring for his other two children while Betsy would go back and forth to Roanoke to feed their new baby Zach. There are many other things Rev. Ed Soto was doing. Oh yes, he pastors Altavista Presbyterian, of course!

I am telling you this because Ed Soto and I tease each other about my Catholic and Presbyterian theology. At the time of the Reformation, Roman Catholics were accused of “works of righteousness” or thinking they could earn salvation. It all goes back to St. Augustine who says, “No one does good unless they are graced by God. Grace always precedes good works.” And, you cannot earn grace. I like to joke with Ed because he does so many inspiring things that I “accuse” him of works of righteousness - in other words, acting like a Catholic. He even gave me a couple of rosaries he found laying around the Presbyterian Church!

There is another part of St. Augustine that says “If you see someone doing good works, it is because they are already graced by God. In other words, that person is “cooperating” with God’s grace and help. That would have been the Roman Catholic perspective during the Reformation. Whether we cooperated with God’s grace or we are graced before doing good, the vine and branches of Jesus unites. In today’s Gospel, John 15:1-8, Jesus is the lifeblood of works of love people do. Augustine was correct that no one has life and does wonderful things if they are the branches disconnected from the vine.

Our branches are strengthened and invigorated when we stay close to the “Vine.” Prayer keeps the life going. Communion keeps the life going when we come to the table each week. Sorrow and reconciliation prunes away that which drains the life, Christian fellowship with our Presbyterian sisters and brothers as well as other Christians strengthens us. But I felt just as strong after celebrating Passover with a Reformed Jewish Synagogue, Beth Chaverim, in Virginia Beach.

Keep the life force coming and stay close to the Vine. You might find yourself doing wonderful things like Reverends Ed and Betsy Soto!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: If you would like to be a part of the Social Committee, please join Diane and Jodi today after mass today.

Annual Appeal Progress: Our goal is \$4380. You have raised \$3885, which is 88% of the goal. We are almost there! Remember, the Diocese will return 50% to us.

Pentecost Sunday will be the third Sunday in May (May 19). As it is our tradition, we would like the Prayers of the Faithful to be proclaimed in different languages as well as in English. If you speak a language other than English, please see Fr. Jim for a copy of the prayer will be invited to proclaim during the Prayers of the Faithful on May 19.

What’s On the Calendar

MAY

- 1st: Knights of Columbus Meeting
- 4th: Grief Workshop
- 8th: Craft Club
- 12th: May Crowning following mass (Mothers’ Day)
Breakfast Sunday
- 14th: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- 15th: Calendar Planning
- 19th: Pentecost Sunday
- 24th: Mac’s Kitchen
- 24th: Craft Club

JUNE

- 9th: Breakfast Sunday
- 12th: Craft Club
- 13th: Hillcats Game
- 15th: Mac’s Kitchen
- 25-28: Vacation Bible School
- 28th: Craft Club