

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
Millie Budney
Michael Burke
Sandra Burke
Julie Byron
Toni Capute
Deacon John Carey
Riordan Cavoris
Jim Croushorn
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)



Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



May 12, 2024

Ascension

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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or Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church 434-846-5245

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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

You can close Holy Cross School, you cannot kill the Holy Spirit. Six former faculty members, two of which are Anne Shenigo and Pat Rony of the Holy Cross Catholic School, have gone over to James River Day School to serve on their faculty. Why do I mention them? Well, as some of you know, they have been part of the excellent Holy Cross School Musicals from the past. Anne is an excellent director and Pat is a wonderful costume designer. This year on Mothers' Day and Ascension Weekend, they are doing the Wizard of Oz.

The Wizard of Oz is an Ascension Story. The quote and question from the Acts of the Apostles is poignant for today and those who want to return to clericalism ("We can't do anything without the priest." or "I am the priest addicted to control. Don't make any move without me.")

"Men and women of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into the sky?!" Jesus, in one way disappeared from their midst. So why are we standing around doing nothing? Are we helpless, abandoned and without hope? Back to the Wizard of Oz, one thing that journey to Oz taught Dorothy and her friends is that what each thought they were lacking was within them. The Lion without a brain, though cowardly, exercised courage even though he was afraid. The Scarecrow without a brain showed intelligence as he guided the group when they lacked direction. The Tin Man really did have a heart as he felt hurt and disappointed. Sometimes to be capable of love means being capable of being hurt. Dorothy realized that "home" is where the heart is and whenever we bond with others in friendship and love. As the song from the group America (1974) said: "Oz never gave anything to the Tin Man that he didn't already have."

So men and women of Galilee (Our Lady of Peace, St. Victoria, Holy Cross), why are you standing around? All those things Jesus taught you are within you! Within you are: healing and consoling others, feeding the hungry, teaching the children and adults, having the ability to pray and lead prayer.

Our call at baptism is not just about salvation in the next life, but exercising our "priesthood" in the here and now. Yes, you the laity speak "in persona Christi" by your baptism. It is also about building the "kingdom" or about justice and peace activities. The Christ who has ascended is also still present in the caring and evangelizing each other.

Knowing about that greatness that is in each, we say "I can do this! I got this!" The voices in Acts also tell us that Jesus will return the way he came. That means he "returns" when we are healing and counseling others, feeding the hungry, teaching and growing in our faith, praying and leading prayer.

So stop waiting for "Father" and stop standing around looking up into the sky. Time is wasting!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Please keep Fr. Jim and his family in prayer as they mourn the loss of Fr. Jim's sister, Mary Catherine. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Annual Appeal Progress: We are inching closer to our goal of \$4380. You have raised \$4235 which is **97%**! Remember, we receive 50% back from the diocese.

Parish Socials: The Social Committee will host a "Tea" on Saturday, June 1 from 1-3 pm in Corter Hall. We are extending an invitation to the ladies at St. Victoria, St. Annes; and Holy Cross. Please RSVP Diane (434-221-9747 or Jodi (252-287-2971) We hope you will come and enjoy the teas, light refreshments and meet new and old friends from our sister churches. If you can contribute sweet treats or finger sandwiches, please reach let Diane or Jodi know.

May Crowning: Miss Anna Ellrich will crown the Blessed Mother following mass. We will dispense with a recessional hymn and gather in the commons to sing "Hail Holy Queen" to Mary instead.

Happy Mothers' Day Breakfast Sunday: Today is Breakfast Sunday, but our Knights of Columbus gentlemen are hosting a special Pancake Breakfast in honor of the ladies. Thank you, gentlemen, for spoiling us and manning the kitchen!

*Happy
Mother's
Day*

CRAFT CLUB: Sadly, due to lack of participation, the Craft Club is disbanded.

MAY CALENDAR

12th: May Crowning
Knights of Columbus Mothers'
Day Breakfast
14th: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
15th: Calendar Planning
19th: Pentecost Sunday
24th: Mac's Kitchen
25th: Knights of Columbus to honor our
deceased veterans.

JUNE CALENDAR

1st: OLP Tea
9th: Breakfast Sunday
13th: Hillcats Game
15th: Mac's Kitchen
25-28: Vacation Bible School