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 Dvlan Anderson Robert Berry Patricia Bonnewitz Millie Budnev Michael Burke Sandra Burke Julie Byron Toni Capute Deacon John Carev Riordan Cavoris

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Don Notestein

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Ray Mover

Angel Ortiz

George Perry

Wendy Pessaro

Gary Peters Laurie Peters Frank Powell Nelson Sanchez Princess Sanchez John Seaguist Ray Servis Jane Sliwinski Joseph Souza Margaret Smith Chere Tew Jim Tew Fred Toth **Amy Tracy Charles Watson** Danielle Weedon Laura Williams Louise Williams Patsy Notestein Michael Williams **Travis Williams**

June Birthdays

Stephanie Hamilton (June 2) Travis Williams (June 2) Kathern Hampton (June 6) Phil Hampton (June 16) John Evans (June 19) Joyce Hing (June 19) Beau Ellrich (June 21) Patsy Notestein (June 30)

Lorraine Brennen Gilliam

June Anniversaries

Betty Jo Wolfram

Don & Patsy Notestein (June 12) Bob & Sandra Burke (June 13) Chuck & Pat Hirtz (June 13) Les & Maria Leslie (June 24) Keith & Kathleen Hamilton (June 28) Chene & Emily Heady (June 30)

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



June 2, 2024 Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ "Corpus Christi Sunday"

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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 Reflection, by Diane Bradish

There is a song I sing in my heart during communion time: "This is my body given for your freedom, this is my blood which was shed for all of mankind, take all and eat til the day of my return." [attributed to Charles G. Frischmann]

Today, on Corpus Christi Sunday, we celebrate the solemnity honoring the institution of the Holy Eucharist. In our gospel today, Jesus tells his disciples where to go so they can prepare "where I (Jesus) may eat the Passover with my disciples." I'm not sure why, but this reminds me of Fiddler on the Roof - this musical that explores & dives deep into Jewish identity, customs & relationships.

The Fiddler itself is a beautiful metaphor of survival in a life of uncertainty & tradition. The movie starts out with this stunning vision of a Fiddler playing on top of a rooftop. Close your eyes (if you've ever seen this movie or play) & you can hear the notes of that fiddle.

The lead character is Tevye who has this constant monologue with God - angry, pleading, plaintive.... but always, always intimate. He speaks to God about wealth - "If I were a rich man, ya ba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dibba dum.... I wouldn't have to work hard." He questions poverty - "how long must we endure?" He desires "to pray & discuss the holy books." The character Tevye wants to stick to traditions while at the same time not wanting his daughters to be unhappy. His inner battle mirrors the changes happening in this fictional town of Anatevka in which he lives.

Today we are like that Fiddler, we are like Tevye. We are in a survival story of our own. We are worried (climate change, political upheaval, church traditions), we are angry, we are plaintive & pleading. We want to work on our own traditions within our families, within our church community, within our world. How do we get through this life of uncertainty?

Last Sunday, my family & friends helped Steve & I celebrate a beautiful marriage tradition. We had our 15 year marriage blessed within the church, within the congregation we feel such a part of — a part of us! This is what the Body & Blood of Christ means, it makes us family. We give God thanks for Christ's presence with us in the Eucharist, we try to understand the Mystery, Faith & devotion in that Eucharist, & we appreciate this great gift of a sacrament & sacrifice of Jesus the Christ. We pray - sometimes angrily, sometimes plaintively, but always, always intimately with God.

Blessed be Corpus Christi!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Next week is Breakfast Sunday. Please bring a dish to share. You never disappoint!!!

Visitors, we invite you to stay and enjoy food and fellowship. There's always something for everyone's tastebuds!

Vacation Bible School Applications are available in the commons.

June Lay Minister Schedules are available in the commons. Be sure to see Bob Burke if you cannot serve on the date you are scheduled.

Please keep Fr. Jim and his family in prayer as they mourn the loss of Fr. Jim's sister, Mary Catherine Gallagher. The funeral for Mary Catherine will be held on June 30th in Rhode Island. Fr. Jim will leave June 28 and return to Virginia on Saturday, July 6. Condolences can be mailed to Fr. Jim's dad: Mr. Jim Gallagher, Brookdale West Bay, 2783 West Shore Road, Room E20, Warwick RI 02889.

JUNE CALENDAR

1st: OLP Tea

5th: Knights of Columbus Meeting

9th: Breakfast Sunday

11th: Parish Pastoral Council Executive Meeting

13th: Hillcats Game 15th: Mac's Kitchen

25-28: Vacation Bible School

June 28-July 6: Fr. Jim away in Rhode Island