

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
Jack Fisher
Linda Gardner
Elizabeth Gillam
Lorraine Brennen Gilliam

Lynn Goss
Kathleen Hamilton
Jeanne Harper
Holly Hewitt
Jeannine Iannaco
Pablo Ignacio
Patrick Ignacio
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Paul Lent
Carolyn Martin
Jamie Martin
Kimberly 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
Jim Tew
Fred Toth
Amy Tracy
Charles Watson
Danielle Weedon
Laura Williams
Louise Williams
Michael Williams
Travis Williams
Betty Jo Wolfram

July Birthdays

Faried Afram (July 1)
Beth Jarrett (July 3)
Richard Sprinkle (July 5)
Thomas Metzinger (July 18)
Avery Heady (July 19)
Killian Brown (July 20)
Kari Hampton (July 20)
Kathleen Moore (July 23)
Diane Bradish (July 23)
Fr. Jim (July 27)
Maureen Smith (July 27)
Reed Johnson (July 30)
Helen Dennany (July 30)

July Anniversaries

Beau & Elizabeth Ellrich (July 10)
Sid & Wendy Smith (July 12)
Chuck & Ronnie Haney (July 14)
Joe & Linda Gardner (July 15)
Ben Lynn Goss (July 27)
Fred & Bonnie Toth (July 29)

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



July 14, 2024
15th 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

My Uncle Joe remembered the Depression of 1929 and the 1930's like it was yesterday! His stories were vivid and heartfelt.

Grandpa Gallagher lost his business as he went into debt. He ran a butcher shop that was also a grocery store in the little Town of Blackstone which was located in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts. He had loaned out meat, bread and milk to people on credit. Of course being in the Depression, they could not pay him back. The store was repossessed. Tip Top Bakery had a warrant out for him for many years. Uncle Joe remembers delivering newspapers in the freezing cold so the family could survive. When there were holes in his shoes, he used linoleum and the color came through so people notice holes. He remembered the lack of heat in the house so all the 9 children wore their hats to bed. There were some children of means and these children poke fun of the Gallagher kids for being without the best clothing. The house got repossessed also and they moved in with an aunt.

Perhaps you or your parents and grandparents had terrible luck like the Gallagher Family once did. Perhaps you cannot afford the medical care you need Certainly, my family was not the only one. But, when Joe Gallagher became a Navy Officer, he never forgot where he came from. He had great compassion for those who were African American and towards the end of his career he worked with Affirmative Action at the Pentagon. While commander at Cam Ran Bay Airbase, he noticed soldiers of color were delt with more harshly in discipline matters than others. As the Religious Sisters of the nearby orphanage were in need of a well and housing for the children, he ordered the Seabees, the construction crew of the Navy, to assist the young children and the nuns there.

Uncle Joe remembered where he came from. He remembered the poverty and lack of dignity of years past and with heartfelt compassion helped others. Joe remembered when he was a "nobody" to connect and help the "nobodies" of the world.

And that is why in Mark 6:7-13, Jesus sends out his disciples as nobodies to be in solidarity with the nobodies in the world. No food or money to "buy" favor with others - no second tunic. One was not luxuriously dressed. They stayed and ate what was provided.

Be in solidarity with the sick. Spend time with those not feeling well physically and emotionally. Remember where you came from. In a sense, lead with your weakness. Don't hold a grudge. Leave if they do not receive you. You can come back later.

Where do you come from? When were you down and out? Might that energize you for the future spread of the Reign of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you! Fr. Jim is grateful for the monetary gift you provided to assist with his travels to his sister's funeral. Your gift is most appreciated.

Vacation Bible School: July 23-26, 2024. If you can help with any donations, please see the list available on the Liturgy table. See Helen Dennany or Alice Doeppe with any questions.

The Social Committee is hosting a Tea on Saturday, August 3, from 11 am - 1:00 pm in Corter Hall. The last tea was so much fun! We are inviting the ladies from New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Springfield Baptist Church, Jordan Baptist Church, Promise Land Baptist Church and Victory Baptist Church as well as all the ladies from OLP. Please RSVP Diane (434-221-9747) or Jodi (252-287-2921) or see them after mass if you plan to attend. If you can provide a sweet treat or a mini-type sandwich, there will be a signup sheet. Anyone for tea?

From Justice & Peace Committee: Hospice of Farmville is hosting an Open House on August 15, 2024 from 10 am - 2 pm (see insert). Meet Gwendolyn S Akers-Booker, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, to learn about being a hospice volunteer and make a difference in someone's life. Questions may also be directed to Eileen Brennen (abbasgirl24522@yahoo.com or 434-660-3721).

From the Liturgy Committee: Have you ever thought of becoming a lector (reader of the word), a Eucharistic Minister (minister of the plate or cup) or an Usher? Our usher list is painfully short and some of our lay ministers are serving in multiple capacities. Even if you are only thinking about any of these ministries, please reach out to Bob Burke for more information.

