

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

Fareda Yacoub (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 28, 2024

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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Appomattox VA 24522-0668

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For emergencies: Fr. Jim's cell number: 434-238-7030

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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

Learning a lifelong skill is a gift that keeps on giving. At thirteen years old, Fr. Patrick Quinn taught me to shoot a lay-up at CYO basketball practice. Every time I missed, I was supposed to run a lap around the gym. Finally, he said: "Just skip the lap and concentrate on hitting the back board with less power." It worked!

As I was trying to preach as a seminarian, Fr. Bob Perkins (my supervisor) critiqued me and said: "Jim, don't be so damn theological! If you don't know what it means, how can you expect to reach the people. Speak from your heart."

We all have stories of teachers, mentors and supervisors who gave us life long skills. They empowered us. In John 6:1-15, Jesus empowers the people to feed one another. Those who had lots of dried salted fish shared with those who had none or very little. Those who had lots of bread shared with those who had none. The real sign, wonder or marvelous deed was that Jesus changed selfish hearts into loving, giving and generous hearts. Also, I might add, whenever people learn a life skill, Christ is present.

It is a miracle or sign, wonder or marvelous deed because some people do not want to be empowered. We know because they did not want Jesus to leave and go to the mountain alone. They wanted Jesus to do the feeding. In a sense, they wanted Jesus to be their co-dependent and keep rescuing them. Didn't they learn anything?

That is why in another part of the Gospels, Jesus asked a disabled man: "Do you really want to be healed?" To be healed meant that the man could no longer sit and beg. To be healed, the man would have new responsibilities. But he would be empowered.

As I left Good Shepherd to go to my new parish, I gave the team all the information about the RCIA. But they did not pick up the mantle. A year later, two vans of folks drove up to visit me. As they got out of the vans, one asked: "Can you tell us again about the difference between a candidate and a catechumen?"

Again, do you really want to be empowered??

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Masses will be offered on **Tuesday, August 13 at 7 PM** and on **Thursday, August 15 at 12:15 pm** to celebrate this feast. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers: Please see Bob Burke and sign up if you can serve either of those masses.



Vacation Bible 2024: What a great VBS we had this year!!! We all learned and discussed how God's word is true, comforting, surprising, life-changing and is for everyone. Our team of leader/teachers, assistants, junior assistants and volunteers worked diligently to make this year's program a success. We thank Fr. Jim for his continued support by teaching, singing and even joining in with the crafts and games. Thanks to all who donated water and snack foods!

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 is a signup sheet in the commons. Anyone for tea?



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.