

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](mailto: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 7, 2024**

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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  
Bonnie Toth at [bonnie3871@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com)

## ***A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM***

The Eucharist should be a celebration. The mass should be a time of joyful, happy music. The homily should be a part of the mass that holds people's attention. A church should be a place where all people feel welcome.

After mass, a good parish should have a lot of parties. The people should have coffee and donuts. It is nice to meet for covered dish dinners.

As a young priest, I wanted my church to have a talent show. I asked people to bring food for dinner. Then I asked people to sing, dance and tell jokes. A lot of people did not like the idea. They thought it was a waste of time.

Later that year, my church decided to help out homeless people. So, for two weeks during the winter, the homeless people stayed in our church hall during the evenings. We provided warm blankets, hot soup and thick sandwiches. But something was missing. There was no entertainment. The homeless people had nothing to do at our church. I decided to try again with a talent show. Our guests were not shy. They signed up to do all kinds of entertainment. One man could tell jokes. Some of the jokes were weird, but they were very funny, I have to admit! Another man played a French horn. Two homeless women sang a duet. Another man had no teeth but he could make sounds that sounded like a bird. He was the most entertaining. Others could tell stories, but I had to ask them to keep the stories short. Homeless people like to tell very long stories.

The two weeks went by quickly. They were a lot of fun for me. One man told our church congregation that he had fun being homeless. He said that he would try to tell clean jokes the next time.

Jesus also gave a show for his own people. He gave them "Healing and the Good News Show." But his own people did not want his talent show. When Jesus preached the Good News and tried to help his own people, they booed him off the stage. So Jesus took his show on the road. Jesus brought the Good News and healing to strangers. Just like my homeless people, the strangers believed in the show and they believed in Jesus Christ

The strangers were adulterers, tax collectors the poor and the uneducated. And yes, a few homeless.

There are two good things about this. First, when I am a stranger to Jesus, there is always the opportunity for him to reach out to me in friendship. There is always the possibility that I can be part of his holy family. When I am sorry for my sins and have faith, Jesus can do great things in my life. Second, we all should try to spread the Good News and try to comfort people. When others do not listen and they reject us, then we take the show on the road.

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS***

**Welcome back Fr. Jim!**

**Annual Appeal Update:** As of June 29, 2024, you raised \$4380! Congratulations for raising 109% of the goal for Our Lady of Peace. We will receive 50% in return.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** Tuesday, July 9, following 7 PM mass.

**Holiday Lake Picnic: July 11.** Come join in the fun! Please see the information and sign up sheet in the commons.

**Grief Workshop** The next Grief & Loss Workshop hosted by the Justice & Peace Team is scheduled this Saturday, July 13, 10 am - 12:30 pm. The Justice & Peace Team will provide refreshments. This workshop is ecumenical and open to all. Please reach out to Eileen Brennen (434-660-3721 or [abbasgirl24522@yahoo.com](mailto:abbasgirl24522@yahoo.com)) if you would like to attend or would like more information.

**Vacation Bible School: July 23-28, 2024.** Registration forms are available in the commons. Please return your forms to Alice, Helen or Bonnie no later than next Sunday, July 14. This year's theme is: High Seas Expedition.

### **Today's Readings:**

1st Reading:	Ezekiel 2:2-5
Psalm:	Ps. 123: "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleasing for his mercy."
2nd Reading:	2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Gospel:	Mark 6: 1-6

### **Reminder: Please Close The Doors!**

Our building, sanctuary, Corter Hall, and the commons, all have sectional heating. It is important that when you are done with an area, you close the doors. If you are one of the last one leaving, close all the doors between the sections. And, if you are the last one leaving, please be sure both front entrance doors are locked. Thank you!