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 Berrv Patricia Bonnewitz Millie Budnev 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

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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)

June Anniversaries

Wendv Pessaro

Garv Peters

Laurie Peters

Frank Powell

Ray Servis

Chere Tew Jim Tew

Fred Toth

Amy Tracy

Jane Sliwinski

Joseph Souza

Margaret Smith

Charles Watson

Laura Williams

Louise Williams

Travis Williams

Michael Williams

Betty Jo Wolfram

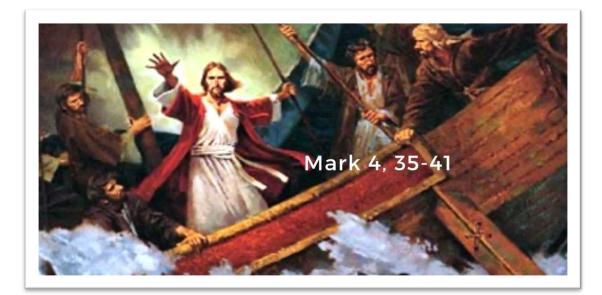
Danielle Weedon

Nelson Sanchez

Princess Sanchez John Seaguist

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 23, 2024 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

The bloom had come off the rose. The Israelites had been in the Promised Land for several hundred years. They knew of King David's sing, but they knew of King Solomon's many more public sins. The Jewish people were becoming disillusioned. It was this time that Genesis got a rewrite or additions. Yes, there are several authors of Genesis.

Two weeks ago we heard from the Book Genesis. Both Adam and Eve had eaten from the Tree of Knowledge. Franciscan Theologian Richard Rohr calls it the "Tree of Judgement." It meant that human beings made judgements about one another. Richard Rohr says that we all have a fractured ego. In other words, we have a need to always be right even though our own evil and sin are staring us right in the face. So Adam and Eve blame others and made judgements.

In our fractured and broken selves we judge who is "in" and who is "out." Notice the tribalism between political parties in our country. Also, we medicate our broken selves by deflecting and concentrating what others do wrong instead of keeping our own side of the street clean. Witness the fascination of the news coverage of the mistakes politicians' relatives have made. The details of their intimate sins make me feel good and so I don't have to take time to work on my own stuff.

In our second reading back that Sunday (2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1), Paul compels us to do the inner work - to face our shortcomings honestly as painful as these shortcomings might make us feel. For me, it means beginning my morning prayer by thoroughly looking as my mistakes. It means you and I lead with our weaknesses before God (not our strengths). Leading with my strengths before God is denial and then my relationship is not real. Paul then says, "Therefore we are not discourages...our inner self is being renewed day by day." This is a big improvement over judging others.

It gets better. Jesus talks about Satan or evil doing. We are divide within ourselves by our denial and judging. But people divide themselves from one another by scapegoating.

But joining together as people owning our shortcomings brings us together. We then become Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters to one another. I am not okay. You are not okay. Leading with our weaknesses invites the Holy Spirit to work. Those who go to recovery meetings can testify best.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Fr. Jim will be in Rhode Island next week and plans to return on Friday, July 5. Please keep him and his family in prayer as they gather to celebrate the life of Fr. Jim's sister, Mary. Stay safe, Fr. Jim, and enjoy special moments with your family. May your special time with your Dad be filled with love, laughter and great adventures!

In case of emergencies in Fr. Jim's absence: please contact Fr. Nixon [Fr. "Nixon" Negparanon], Pastor of Resurrection Church in Moneta (540-297 -5530) and Holy Name of Mary in Bedford (540-586-8988). (Fr. Jim filled in for Fr. Nixon three times last year.)

Lay Lead Prayer Service Sunday, July 30. In Fr. Jim's absence, Diane Bradish will direct the Lay Lead Prayer Service next Sunday. Eucharist will be available as Fr. Jim will be sure there are enough Consecrated Hosts available for us.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: July 9, following 7 pm mass.

Grief Workshop The next Grief & Loss Workshop hosted by the Justice & Peace Team is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, 10 am - 12:30 pm. Light refreshments will be provided. This workshop is ecumenical and open to all. Please reach out to Eileen Brennen (abbasgirl24522@yahoo.com) if you would like to attend or know someone interested.

Vacation Bible School: July 23-26. This year's theme is High Seas Expedition. Come sail with us! All are welcome! Registration forms are available in the commons. Alice Doeppe or Helen Dennany will be leading/teaching this year.

Have you heard?

Gabriella Dennany, daughter of our Frank & Helen Dennany, is an accomplished author. Her latest novel, <u>The Halls of Valhalla</u>, based on Norse Mythology, is available on Amazon. If you like to read mythology, this one's for you! Be sure to check out her other works, too.