

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

### 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

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



Mark 4, 35-41

**June 23, 2024**  
**12th 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

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 sin, 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 at 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 discouraged...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 divided 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](mailto: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, [The Halls of Valhalla](#), 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.