

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
Carol Donato
Islea Duncan
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
Kimberly Martin
Greg Moore
Kathleen Moore
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Don Notestein
Patsy Notestein
Angel Ortiz
George Perry
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

August Birthdays

Virginia Jackson (01)
Islea Duncan (04)
Elizabeth Ellrich (07)
Sheila Seaquist (10)
Carolyn Panuska (13)
John Seaquist (16)
Joanne Clark (17)
Janice Callahan (19)
Joe Gardnr (21)
Fran Lecco (21)
Andrew Brown (25)

August Anniversaries

Jim & Chere Tew (02)
Matt & Joanne Clark (09)
Robert & Helen Berry (13)
Gary & Carolyn Conner (22)

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



August 18, 2024
20th 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

So here we are - the fourth week in a row that we hear from John 6 or what is sometimes called the "Bread of Life discourse." The first week, I talked about empowerment and how Jesus inspired the people to share with one another so that there was more than enough to eat. Wherever people are empowered for good and "feed one another" Christ is present. The second week, Jesus' body and blood are our food for the journey - the journey of life or even the Boston Marathon! Last week I talked about the Priesthood of Mary and how she held up the infant Jesus and said: "This is my blood." what mother does not say that about her child?

This week I want to mention that the gift of Christ's body and blood. The Lord's Supper and Eucharist are timeless. When Jesus said at the Last Supper: "Do this in memory of me" it was a command and not a request, so we follow that mandate and we know he is present as we remember him. "Anamnesis" is a Greek word that means "memory" and much more. At the Eucharist we say: "Let us proclaim the mystery of faith!" We then remember and he is with us. Moreover when Jesus died on the cross, it says (depending who's Passion you read): "He breathed his last." or "He gave up his spirit."

Giving up his breath is powerful as the breath of god creates. Also, where did his spirit go? It went through all eternity to be with those who died: Adam, Eve, Abraham, Moses, Mariam and thousands more who faithfully lived and waited. His spirit went to be with all those who suffer or are in pain and sorrow. In a way, the death of Christ enabled his presence to transcend history. It is part of a fancy theological term called "Eschatological." With his command to "do this in memory of me" and with his spirit given up at his death, he is present at our table each Sunday. He comes importantly in his glorified body as he came in the resurrection stories. Again, he is not bound by time and space.

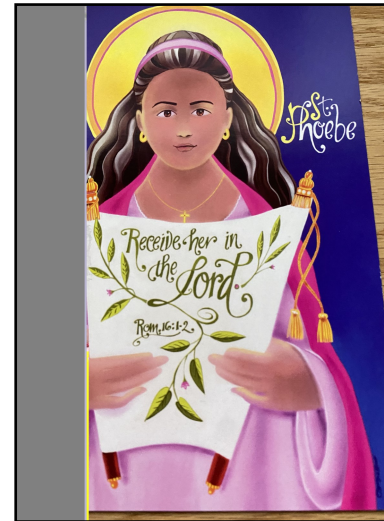
That is comforting on some level. We are still sad at the loss of a loved one but nevertheless comforted. He brings to the table, the Eucharist, all those who have died. He does not come alone. We cannot see them as we like, but they are present in the Lord's supper if we remember them as we remember Christ. In another way, those we love who have moved away are also connected to you and me by the ONE who connects all time, space and beyond.

Does he connect those in our future who we won't live to meet and embrace? Something to think about!

"WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE. WE BELIEVE!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you to all who came to enjoy our Tea on August 3. We hosted ladies from Jordan Baptist Church, Promise Land Baptist Church and Victory Baptist Church. They shared fellowship with us here at Our Lady of Peace. Thank you, also, to those who helped up set up (Carolyn, Kelsey, Kelsey's mom Susan) and then helped us clean up afterward (including Dory). Our Lady of Peace makes fellowship so much fun! We cannot wait for our next parish get-together.



St. Phoebe of Cenchreae, a diakonos and benefactor many, traveled over 746 miles to bring St. Paul's letter from Corinth to the new Christian community in Rome.

September 3rd is the day our church commemorates St. Phoebe. Our objective for a St. Phoebe Day Celebration is to strengthen and grow the circle of active participants in the church's discernment on women and the diaconate. As we journey on this path, we hope more people will be inspired to walk together on this journey. We will have a surprise speaker in September who will amaze us all with her sparkle and zest for life and love of our church and Jesus!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Aug 21:

Sunday, Aug 25:

Sept. 2-6 (Mon-Friday);

Wednesday, Sept 4:

Sunday, Sept. 8:

Wednesday, Sept. 18:

Tuesday, Sept. 10:

Saturday, Sept. 21:

Saturday, Sept. 28

OLP Finance Meeting

Fr. Jim away - Lay Lead Prayer Service w/Diane & Andrew

Fr. Jim away for yearly retreat

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Loss & Grief Workshop

Religious Education begins for 2024-2025

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Pregnancy Support Center Walk for Life
(Appomattox)

Parish Picnic