

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  
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  
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

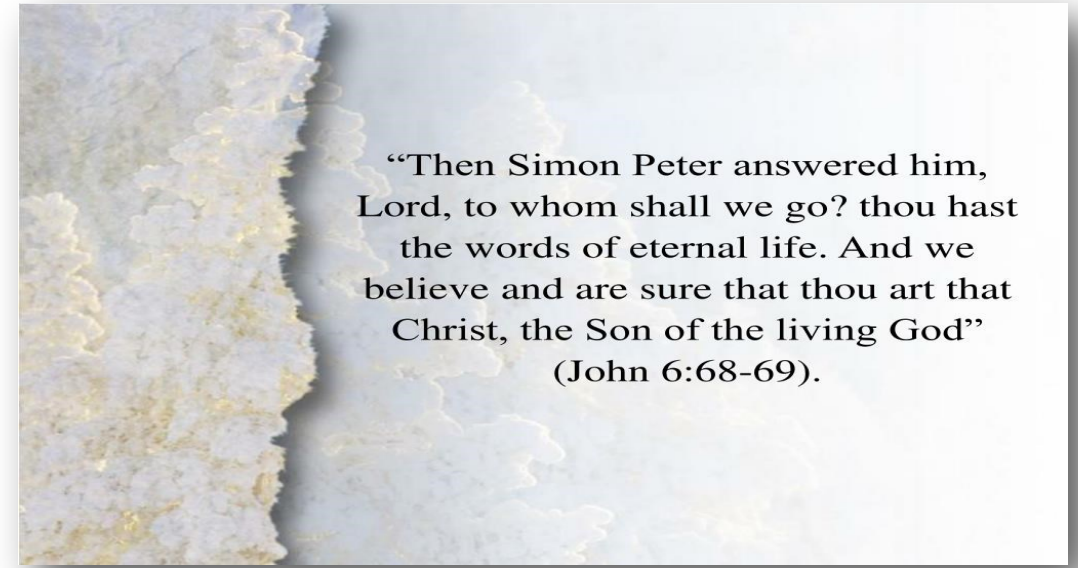
### September Birthdays

Todd Craft (02)  
Eileen Brennen (03)  
Joseph White (03)  
Louise Williams (12)  
Mary Fishback (12)  
Chuck Haney (13)  
Arnie Johannes (18)  
Sherry Hager (22)  
Robert Moore (23)  
Paul Portman (24)  
Fred Toth (25)  
Alan Budney (26)  
Beau Ellrich, Jr. (27)  
Don Notestein (29)  
Chene Heady (30)  
Benn Goss (30)

### September Anniversaries

Khalid & Zina Afram (09)  
Alan & Millie Budney (10)  
Nat & Dory Garcia (30)

# Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



## August 25, 2024 21st 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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This Sunday, please keep Fr. Jim in prayer as he visits The Church of the Redeemer “begging” for funds. Today’s service is a “Lay Lead Celebration in the Absence of a Priest” facilitated by Diane Bradish & Andrew Brown.

### A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

It bothers the heck out of me when I read Paul’s letter to the Ephesians - especially Ephesians 5:21-32. The part I do not like is the quote: “Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church...As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands.”

It goes against how I counsel couples. Paul, what about mutuality? Paul, what about solidarity? Paul, what about complementarity? Paul, what about equality? Yet Paul goes on to say in the next paragraph, “So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.”

So what is going on here? Among the pagans, the woman or wife was looked upon as property for the husband to do with whatever he wanted. While Paul is far away from the equal right amendment and solidarity and mutuality, the second paragraph about loving your wife is an improvement. Paul does not fit neatly into the categories of today. Yes, he does move the marker. Paul is not an abolitionist of slavery either. But when he does send a runaway slave back to his master, he tells the master to treat the returning slave as a brother. Again, not what we would like, but an improvement for the day.

But we also now, thanks to Diane Bradish, that Paul recognizes women in leadership roles. Paul benefits from the wealth of two strong women in the Acts of the Apostles - Priscilla and Aquilla. He knows that the early church would have a tough time without them. So he darn well gave credit where credit was due!

Of course, there is our heroine, St. Phoebe of Cenchreae, a diakonos who traveled over 746 miles to bring Paul’s letter from Corinth to the new Christian community in Rome.

I am not of an oppressed group, so it will be easy for me to read Paul. I try to give him credit where credit is due! I do like, as well, how Paul uses Olympic metaphors in some of his writings. Regardless of gender and station in life, it is in his bottom line that we all belong to the Body of Christ.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Drivers Needed for Religious Education:** Due to a severe bus driver shortage, the Appomattox Public Schools are no longer able to provide transportation to Religious Education for the youth of our parish. We now need to provide the transportation ourselves. If you would be willing to pick youth up at their schools around 3:10 on Wednesdays and take them to OLP for Religious Education, please e-mail Chene Heady at headycr@longwood.edu or text/call him at 434-509-9039.

Drivers would need to be Virtus-trained by September 18th (if you are interested but not Virtus-trained, the diocese is offering fully on-line Virtus sessions on 9/8 and 9/9). Our Religious Education program is substantial for a parish of our size, but (like our parish) it is not very big. If we could get just a handful of drivers, with vehicles of any size (enormous vans are not required), the youth of our parish would eternally benefit.

**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!

### September Calendar

Sept. 2-6 (Mon-Friday);	Fr. Jim away for yearly retreat
Wednesday, Sept 4:	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Sunday, Sept. 8:	Loss & Grief Workshop
Wednesday, Sept. 18:	Religious Education begins for 2024-2025
Tuesday, Sept. 10:	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 21:	Pregnancy Support Center Walk for Life (Appomattox)
Saturday, Sept. 28	Parish Picnic