

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  
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

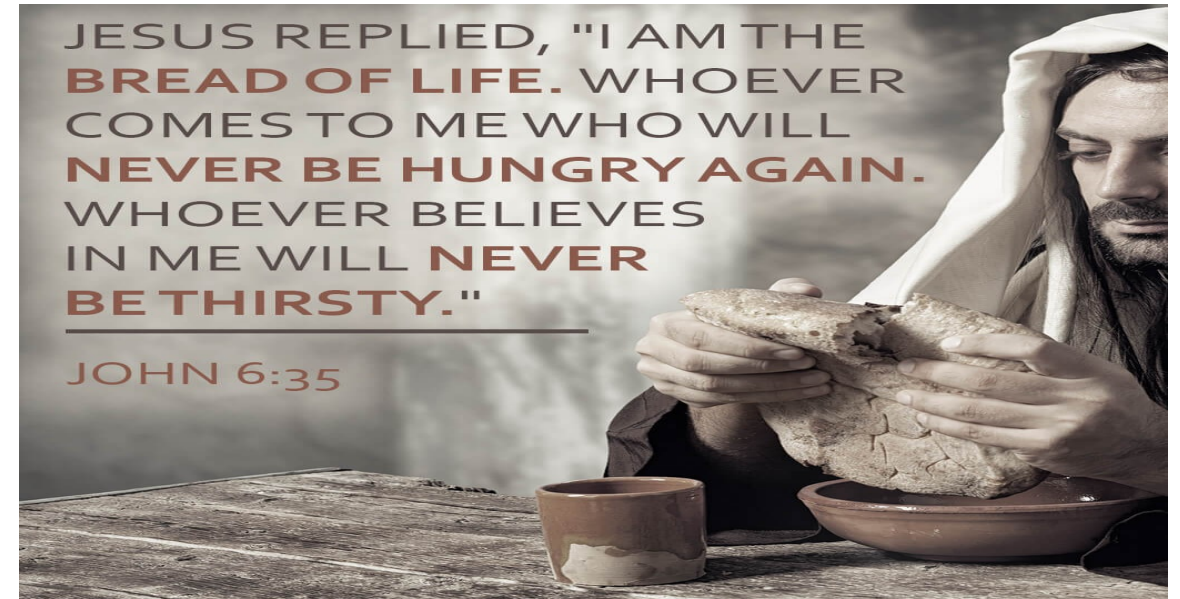
### August Birthdays

Virginia Jackson (01)  
Islea Duncan (04)  
Elizabeth Ellrich (07)  
Sheila Seaquist (10)  
Carolyn Panuska (13)  
John Seaquist (16)  
Joanne Clark (17)  
Janice Callahan (19/0)  
Joe Gardner (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 4, 2024**  
**18th 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

A long, long time and thirty pounds ago, I ran the Boston Marathon. The Boston Marathon is twenty-six miles long. There are thousands of runners competing. Some are even Olympic athletes. My goal was to finish in under three hours. However, the first goal was just to finish. As the race began, there was a band playing loud joyful music which inspired me. I wanted to run faster, but I knew I had to pace myself. I was thankful for the band.

At the ten mile mark, there was a large group of school children. They were cheering me and all the runners. Some children were singing. It was inspiring and brought tears to my eyes. At this point, I tripped and fell. A little girl said: "Get back up! You can do it!" The encouragement helped me get back up. I only had a bruise on my hand, so I continued the race. The children were in the right place at the right time for me.

At the fifteen mile mark, I began to approach "Heartbreak Hill." This was a hill that was seven miles long. It was a gradual incline and the toughest part of the race for most runners. But on this hill, there were priests and nuns along the way. They were cheering me and the other runners. As a Catholic man, this also was encouraging. I did not want to give up. I kept on running and they helped me forget that I was tired and in pain.

After the long Heartbreak Hill, everyone was cheering. There were hundreds of people on the side of the road. Some brought me water. Someone brought me an orange and a banana. Finally, I finished. My body was sore all over, but my spirit soared! I was thankful to all the people in the City of Boston who helped me finish the race. I did not finish under three hours, but I was close - three hours, five minutes and twenty-two seconds.

Jesus sends us encouragement for the journey of life. Jesus gives himself as food for the long race of life. He feeds us in many ways. He gives us his body and food. His body and blood strengthens us when we have had a bad week. His body and blood strengthens us when we have had a bad week. His body and blood strengthens us when we are in a bad mood. His body and blood heals us when we fall in the race. His body and blood strengthens us when we sing. Jesus was even there in the time of Moses. In the Book of Exodus, he was there as the Jewish people were fed in the desert. Jesus was disguised as manna. Later, God the Father sent Jesus as food for the journey when Jesus was preparing to die. At the last supper, he presented a gift that would keep on giving.

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When we become the body and blood of Christ, we feed one another. We give of ourselves. At Baptism, folks begin the race of life and the community is there to encourage them almost as the people of Boston encouraged the runners. If we let him into our hearts at the Last Supper, He lives in you and me.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Masses will be offered on **Tuesday, August 13 at 7 PM** and on **Thursday, August 15 at 12:15 pm** to celebrate this feast. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers: Please see Bob Burke and sign up if you can serve either of those masses.

**Protecting God's Children:** If you are able to offer up an hour of your time after mass on Sundays, you are needed to watch the young people on at the playground and on the basketball court. If you can volunteer, please see Annette McCabe.

### Is your child in need of school supplies?

Our chapter of the Knights of Columbus is offering assistance to OLP families who need help with school supplies. If you are in need of assistance, please reach out to Will McCabe (or any KOC member) with a list of school supplies needed for your child.



### From the Liturgy Committee:

**Sunday, August 25:** Fr. Jim will be "begging" at Church of the Redeemer. Therefore, Diane Bradish and Andrew Brown will lead the "Lay Lead Prayer Service" in Fr. Jim's absence. Eucharist will be available.

Have you ever thought of becoming a lector (reader of the word), a Eucharistic Minister (minister of the plate or cup) or an Usher? Our usher list is painfully short and some of our lay ministers are serving in multiple capacities. Even if you are only thinking about any of these ministries, please reach out to Bob Burke for more information.