

## 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)

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).

Dylan Anderson	Elizabeth Gillam	Beverly Moyer	Jim Tew
Robert Berry	Lorraine Brennen Gilliam	Chris Moyer	Fred Toth
Patricia Bonnewitz	Lynn Goss	Ray Moyer	Amy Tracy
Millie Budney	Kathleen Hamilton	Don Notestein	Charles Watson
Michael Burke	Jeanne Harper	Patsy Notestein	Danielle Weedon
Sandra Burke	Holly Hewitt	Angel Ortiz	Laura Williams
Julie Byron	Jeannine Iannaco	George Perry	Louise Williams
Toni Capute	Pablo Ignacio	Gary Peters	Michael Williams
Deacon John Carey	Patrick Ignacio	Laurie Peters	Travis Williams
Riordan Cavoris	Meja Irvin	Frank Powell	Betty Jo Wolfram
Jim Croushorn	Leslie Jarrett	Nelson Sanchez	
Justin Curtis	Marge Lent	Princess Sanchez	
Carol Donato	Paul Lent	John Seaquist	
Islea Duncan	Carolyn Martin	Ray Servis	
John Evans	Kimberly Martin	Jane Sliwinski	
Jack Fisher	Greg Moore	Margaret Smith	
Linda Gardner	Kathleen Moore	Chere Tew	

### The Financial Corner

Collections for September 8: \$772; Breakfast Sunday: \$96; Attendees: 69  
 E-giving for July : \$2460.00

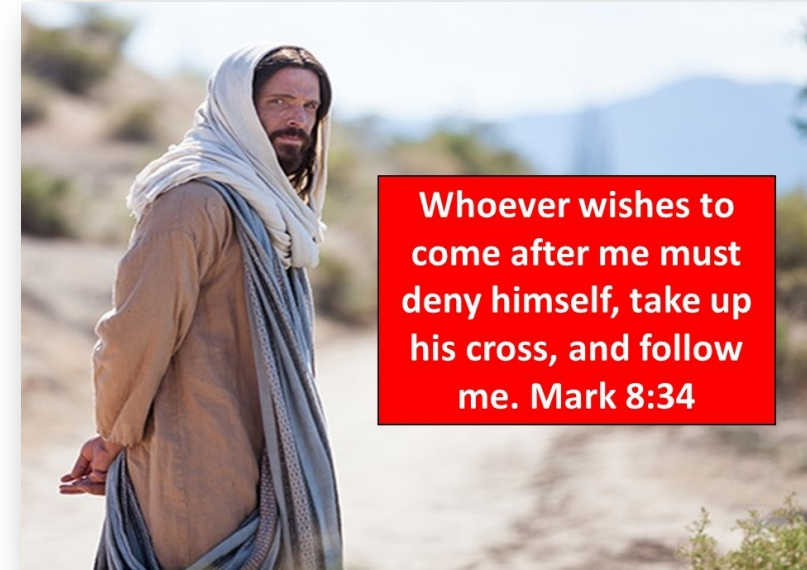
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Whoever wishes to  
 come after me must  
 deny himself, take up  
 his cross, and follow  
 me. Mark 8:34

**September 15, 2024**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church**  
 2938 Oakleigh Avenue (PO Box 668)  
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Pastor: Father James Gallagher 434-352-0104  
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**Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM**  
**Thursday 12:15 PM**

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact  
 Bonnie Toth at [bonnie3871@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com)

## A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

It was 2001 in the Petersburg, Virginia area. Both St. Joseph's in Petersburg and Sacred Heart in Prince George (neighbors separated by just five miles) were having lay people trained to lead morning prayer and evening prayer with communion. These were called "lay presiders" and they also were prepared for Sundays if the priest was away. The lay presiders would occasionally give "reflections" [short homilies] on Sundays to give the people another point of view and to stay in practice. In the midst of this were men in the diaconate program preparing for ordination.

The lay presiders were both men and women. To have deacons only would eliminate the voices of women. Personally, like Deacon Lou Burgess, I saw how to we could accommodate both lay presiders and deacons. After all, as I was a priest, I had no problem sharing the pulpit and leadership of prayer. This was confusing, however, for some in the pew. I was once asked "Fr. Jim, which is more powerful: a deacon or a lay presider?" I thought about it and I remembered Mark 9:30-37 and Jesus saying: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last and all and servant of all." Also from Mark 8:35: "...but whoever loses his/her life for mu sake and that of the gospel will save it."

So the short answer I gave was that it depends who wants to give of themselves, die to self and serve with all their heart is the most powerful. Ordination and fancy titles to not guarantee that someone is greater. There are days the lay presider, caring for spouse and children and preaching her heart out is the most powerful. And there are days that the deacon or priest is more powerful. Living the Gospel and giving one's life for others is the great equalizer.

A title like "monsignor" or "vicar" means nothing compared to the parents I observe who are 27/7 caring for their children with disabilities. Moreover, a title of "exaltation" means that someone needs to work harder than the rest of us and set an example.

We Roman Catholics have to stop worshipping the hierarchy and worship Jesus the "suffering servant!" We need to show the same respect (or even more) to those working to pass out food to hundreds.

The pyramid of the church needs to be turned upside down.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Parish Pastoral Council:** "...We are called to serve one another and walk humbly with God." With great respect for lay leadership, you might be called to guide our parish by serving on our Parish Pastoral Council. Please consider it as we need your support. There are several openings available in the new year: a liaison to St. Victoria, liaison to Justice & Peace (ministering to the poor), Secretary just to name a few.

**Mac's Kitchen:** Mac's Kitchen is always in need of the following for their boxes: Mac and Cheeses; canned fruit, caned corn, canned green beans, canned tuna, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, cereal, elbow noodles. Thank you for your continued support to this ministry!

**Organization Squad Alert!!!** Several closets, shelves and cabinets could use a cleaning and re-organizing. We are looking at September 13, 20 or 21. If you would like to volunteer, please use the sign-up sheet or see Diane or Jodi.

### Religious Education Update:

1. ACPS will have an early dismissal on September 18th. So our new Religious Education start date is **September 25th**.
2. Instead of school busses, this year OLP volunteers will be driving children from their schools to the church for Religious Education. Parents should already have received an email from Chene Heady with the details. If you are a parent and have not yet received these details, please contact him at [headycr@longwood.edu](mailto:headycr@longwood.edu) or 434-509-9039. Thank you, volunteers!

### What's Happening in September

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| Saturday, Sept. 21:  | Pregnancy Support Center Walk for Life (Appomattox) |
| Wednesday, Sept. 25: | Religious Education begins for 2024-2025            |
| Saturday, Sept. 28:  | Parish Picnic/Welcoming New Families                |