

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



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.

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

The Financial Corner
Collections for August 25: \$422.00
E-giving for July : \$2460.00

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**September 1, 2024
22nd 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

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
Bonnie Toth at bonnie3871@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

Jesus' controversy with the Pharisees is marked by the opposition between a formal, exterior religion (rules and regulations disconnected from the lived experience of the people) and the real, interior demands of the Kingdom of God (caring for the widows and orphans and welcoming the stranger).

The disciples have started to free themselves from the disconnected religious precepts and the Pharisees take advantage of that opportunity to situate Jesus outside of what they consider the tradition of the people. They make ritual washing more important than acts of charity and justice.

The Lord Jesus sets the record straight that he and his disciples are following the great prophets like Isaiah. The ritual washing or picking grain on the Sabbath so others can eat have been made a distraction to avoid the real demands of the Good News and the Gospel.

One way to water down the Gospel is to transform it into a series of formal rules that need to be observed only externally. Those who do that or try to do it look with contempt at those who, in their judgement, do not comply with the external rules.

Often, the poor consider themselves "sinners" because they live in a complex and confused world without being able to follow what Jesus calls "human precepts." These norms characterize Christians who are arrogant, devoid of compassion, people whose hands are clean but wonders if they have a heart.

True cleanliness consists in putting the word of God into practice (Deuteronomy 4:1, James 1:17 - a word of love, a gift of God from whom all things come.) It demands of us concrete gestures towards others - again caring for orphans and widows, visiting victims of poverty, exploration, those who are strangers, refuses and immigrants.

Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day 2024!

Fr. Jim away: Fr. Jim will be at his annual retreat September 2-6. Please keep him in prayer as he takes time to renew, reflect and relax.

Church Parking Lot: The church parking lot will be re-paved September 2-6 and will be closed during that time.

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.

September Calendar

Sept. 2-6 (Mon-Friday);	Fr. Jim away for yearly retreat
Sept. 3	St. Phoebe Day
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/Welcoming New Families

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.