

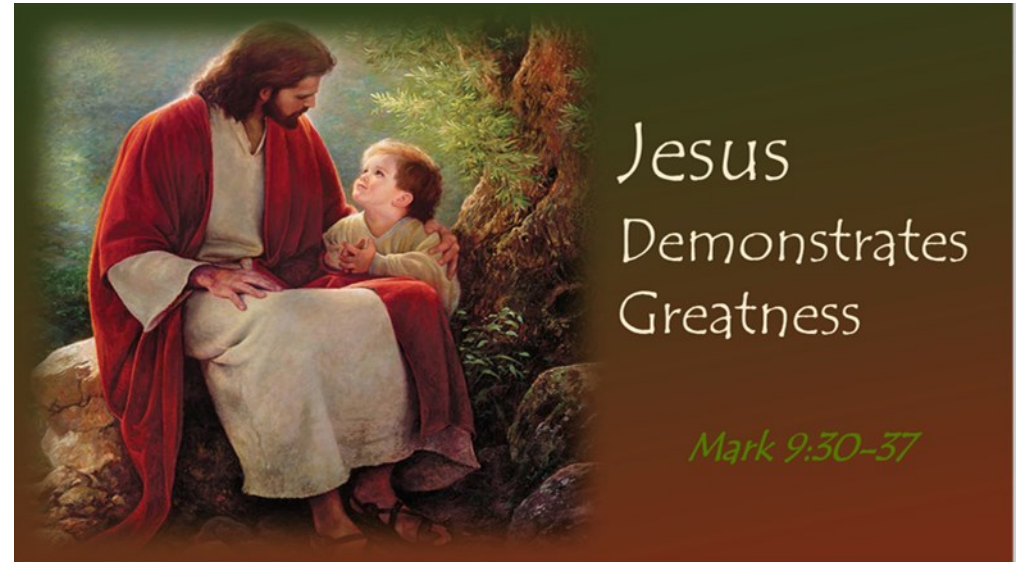
September Birthdays

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
 Marge Lent
 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 22, 2024
25th 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

The Financial Corner

Collections for September 15: \$672. Attendees: 66
 E-giving for July : \$2460.00

Have you considered E-giving? It's safe and convenient. You can sign up on our website: www.olpcatholicchurch.org or scan the QR Code to the right. You may sign up for recurring donations or make a one-time gift.

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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

In Mark 9:30-37, Jesus, the best friend of the disciples, predicts his suffering and death. They are losing an intimate companion and they say nothing. What is going on in their hearts? What is going on inside the depths of their being? Do they feel threatened because they are not ready to lay down their own lives? Are they wondering: "What has all this been for?"

One thing we know is that there is an ego battle going on. The disciples argue who is the greatest. Could it be a succession battle? When Jesus dies, will I be "in charge?" So, what helps when our ego is frayed, bruised or embattled? It does not have to be any of those things. My cousin, Mike, always says: "Want what you have and you will have what you want."

So, what do you have? It is enough? And, if it is not enough, how much is enough? Is this an addiction problem? What do you have that no one can take away? How many friends do you have and who are they? Can I be thankful? And what about family? What is my family legacy? What are the stories that I rejoice in? What are the problems and tragedies that we all survived?

I always rejoice in that although I have two small parishes that lack the resources of other parishes, we do a lot of creative things. Some of the liturgical things we do would not be allowed in bigger wealthier parishes. On any given Sunday there is a lay person preaching (oh sorry, giving a "reflection"). We are situated right in the midst of those in poverty which gives us a great opportunity to carry out what Mother Theresa would do. Want what you have and have what you want!

What gives you joy that is yours? Jesus takes a child and asks us to receive that child. Children can be very focused on joyful things. I remember when Sesame Street was on the television and my little sister Kathy was watching intently. There was focused joy! The house could fall down and Kathy would still be watching Big Bird.

So, what is your joy? Name your joy and it will take away comparisons and ego issues.

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 [Pregnancy Center/Mac's Kitchen/Grief Workshop], and Council 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, canned 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 or 434-509-9039. Thank you, volunteers!

Church Picnic and Welcoming New Families this coming Saturday, September 28 at 11:30 a.m. Please see the sign up sheet on the table in the commons. Come join in on the food and lots of fun. If you have not already done so, be sure to meet and get to know our newest parishioners (aka: "family members").