

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



“They were exceedingly astonished and they said, He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Mark 7:37

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

**September 8, 2024
23rd 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 1: \$850.00
E-giving for July : \$2460.00

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

Back in 1980, one would have to applaud the school system in Chesterfield County, Virginia. They were trying very hard to “mainstream” students with special needs and disabilities into a “regular” classroom. Many students with special needs were kept isolated from other students who excelled in school because of the fear that the special needs students would be ridiculed or hold up the rest of the class.

Slowly, but surely, the students were introduced into the mainstream. First, it was art class; then music; and then physical education. The new students did well over all and made new friends. The new students performed and exceeded expectations. The socialization, belonging and acceptance helped to carry the day. The students were “restored” to the community.

In another situation, a student returned to the classroom after having treatment for cancer. His name was “JT.” JT had lost all of his hair due to the kind of cancer treatment he was given. He had to wear a special hat when he returned to class. Much to his wonderful surprise, JT found that his friends were all wearing hats to be in solidarity with him! In a way, the community embraced him.

In the time of Jesus, people with disabilities were ostracized from the community. But Jesus’ healing was more than a physical healing. The people healed were restored to the community. Restoration to the community, whether it be mainstreaming students or wearing a cap like JT’s class did was profound comfort and a sign today that Jesus, the wounded healer, is still at work.

The deaf man healed today by the word “Ephrathah” means “be open.” Not only were the man’s ears open, but the community became “open” to accepting him - again restored and welcomed to the community. Remember the raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45) and what Jesus tells the community to do: “Untie him and let him go free!”

How can I be more open? How can we have the heart of Jesus and bring back to our society, church or “classroom” those who are kept apart?

In the community love, acceptance and belonging bring Christ’s blessings to a new level.



Today is Breakfast Sunday. We invite all our visitors and guests to stay after mass and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and sample the wonderful foods from the kitchens of our parishioners. You will agree that our cooks are the best ever!

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!

What’s Happening in September

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| Tuesday, Sept. 10: | Parish Pastoral Council Meeting |
| 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 |