

## November Birthdays

Joseph Afram (8th)  
Edwin Yahir Alvarado Garcia (10th)  
Yun Hi Davis (12th)  
Frank Dennany (12th)  
Millie Budney (13th)  
Nat Garcia (15th)  
Les Leslie (15th)  
Jodi Aerts (15th)  
Christ Afram (19th)  
Michael Afram (22nd)  
Nurium Jamery Garcia Alvarado  
(24th)

## November Anniversaries

Don & Maureen Smith (6th)  
Ray & Bev Moyer (12th)  
John & Sheila Seaquist (17th)  
Arnie & Kay Johannes (25th)

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  
Robert Berry  
Patricia Bonnewitz  
Millie Budney  
Michael Burke  
Sandra Burke  
Julie Byron  
Toni Capute  
Deacon John Carey  
Riordan Cavoris  
Jim Croushorn  
Justin Curtis  
Alessia Destefano  
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

## The Financial Corner

Collection for November 10 Breakfast Sunday: \$115.00  
Collection for November 17: \$801.00

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# Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



**November 24, 2024**

**Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

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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

One of my favorite televangelists is Joyce Meyers. She can be very witty, yet poignant. She is quoted as saying: "Do you want to see God laugh? Tell him your plans." I will keep that in mind as I prayerfully move towards retirement in a few years.

I remember the tragic day that President Ronald Reagan was shot. Of course, those in his administration were scrambling. Vice President George Bush was supposed to then "take over" and run the show according to the Constitution. But, Secretary of State Alexander Haig jumped the gun and jumped the line and announced: "I'm in charge here!" Needless to say that when President Reagan was soon recovering, Alexander Haig got his walking papers.

If you read John 13:33-37, Pontius Pilate is interrogating Jesus. (Again, "I'm in charge here!") But if one looks closely, we wonder who is interrogating who? Pilate has made all kinds of assumptions and presumptions about Jesus' leadership. Jesus sets the record straight: "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate then responds: "What is truth?" As he wonders about truth, the Roman Governor's leadership and confidence in himself is on shaky ground. Somehow or another, our God is guiding history. Jesus is shepherding the way. We respond by living in prayer, discerning his will and to be open to the Holy Spirit. We cannot control everything because "STUFF HAPPENS."

When I was the pastor at St. Catherine's in Clarkesville, the roof over the hall leaked. So, I covered it over in its entirety with plastic. Guess what?!? It still leaked. The water that leaked in is like our God who finds the cracks and crevices of life.

Some Dioceses try to control vibrant worship in lively parishes. (Again, "We're in charge here!") There is a diocese of Jefferson City in Missouri that has forbidden the use of hymns like "All Are Welcome", "Ashes", "Table of Plenty" and many others that we use at Our Lady of Peace and St. Victoria. It is the leadership's symptom of their addiction to control and power. I hope such dictates to not take place in our diocese. If they do, I want to be the first to ignore their dictatorship. They are NOT IN CHARGE HERE!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE TODAY at 4 PM:** An ecumenical service will be held at Grace Hills Baptist Church, 4320 Pumping Station Road, Appomattox VA 24522. Fr. Jim has been invited to preach. Please bring a "finger food" to share with our Christian brothers and sisters.

**ADVENT 2024:** Next Sunday is the First Sunday in Advent. Our theme this year is: "Pilgrims of Hope" in conjunction with the Jubilee Year 2025. Fr. Jim will be explaining the Jubilee Year in the coming weeks.

**CHRISTMAS EVE 2024:** It's not too early to start thinking about our Christmas Eve presentations before the Christmas Eve Liturgy. Do you sing or play in instrument and would like to be a part of the program? You don't have to be a member of the music ministry. As our church theme song proclaims: "All Are Welcome!" Please see Bonnie for details.



**FUND RAISING UPDATE:** Don't forget to get your ticket(s) for the 50/50 Raffle. Tickets are \$2 each for \$5 for three. The drawing will take place at the St. Patrick's Dinner. See Alice Doeppé to get tickets to purchase or sell. We need your help!

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ministries, teams and groups: Be sure to take full advantage of the bulletin to announce your news about meetings, happenings, etc. Please get your announcement to Bonnie by Wednesday of each week for publication. You can email at [bonnie3871@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com).

**PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER ANGEL TREE:** The angels are on the tree and ready to be adopted. There are several newborns as well as babies to be born in 2024 or 2025! Please return your gift(s) with the angel attached to your package(s) no later than Sunday, December 15. Thank you for continuing to support the Justice & Peace Team through participation the Angel Tree Project.