

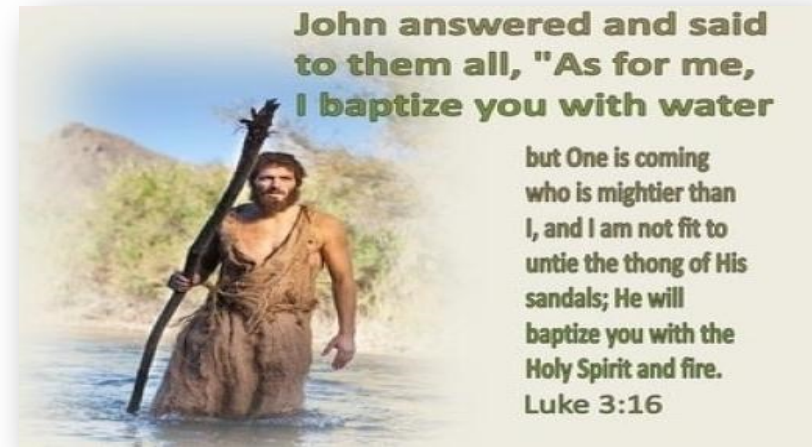
## December Birthdays

Mackenzie Lecco (Dec. 1)  
 Kathleen Hamilton (Dec. 2)  
 Mia Garcia (Dec. 5)  
 Carolyn Conner (Dec. 5)  
 Will McCabe (Dec. 8)  
 Betty Jo Wolfum (Dec. 15)  
 Christine Hamilton (Dec. 16)  
 Chere Tew (Dec. 16)  
 Dory Garcia (Dec. 17)  
 Emely Sofia Alvarado Garcia (Dec. 18)  
 Mary Metzinger (Dec. 20)  
 Don Smith (Dec. 22)  
 Jackie Johnson (Dec. 31)

## December Anniversaries

Tom & Mary Metzinger (Dec. 29)

# Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



**December 15, 2024**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent**

### Today's Readings

Zep 3:14-18  
 Phil 4:4-7  
 Luke 3:10-18

### Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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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)

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

### The Financial Corner

Collection for December 8: \$641.00  
 Attendees: 69

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## A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

In Luke 3:10-18, we see a successful intervention by John the Baptist. When someone or a group does an intervention on a person, it is to prevent that person from ongoing destructive behavior. The destructive behavior can be an addictive behavior or an action that harms oneself and/or others.

John goes out to the desert and draws a crowd. As Richard Rohr, the Franciscan says, "John offered God's forgiveness as free as water while the Pharisees and Scribes made folks jump through all kinds of hoops."

But John was a convincing speaker. The people listening to him felt "convicted." Being convicting in the evangelical sense means that my conscience is troubling me, or in this case, troubling the crowd. John has raised their consciousness that they had been living a sinful life. In the language of the 12 Step Program, they had a "moment of clarity."

One clue is that they asked "What should we do?" That is usually the question when one realizes that they have been in the wrong. Their defensiveness as been broken down and now they want to make amends. There are two kinds of amends. First, there is direct amends. Do right and show sorry to those we have hurt. The second is indirect amends. If we cannot heal those we have directly hurt, then we can do good for others. We can, for example, bring food to church for the impoverished or simply read a story to a child.

Amends heal we the offenders. Amends is a form of penance. We prove to God and to ourselves that we are truly sorry. We are taking a step to make a life change and a new direction. John makes a list of direct amends. Share an extra cloak with someone. Share your food. Tax collectors, stop collecting more than what you are supposed to collect. Soldiers, stop extortion.

Might that we feel "convicted" this season and become better Christians!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Advent 2024:** Today is Third Sunday in Advent. Our theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." Each Sunday of Advent, a candle will be processed and placed on the table. Today's candle is the Light of the Shepherd.

**Reconciliation:** The date has been moved to this Saturday, December 21.

**Fr. Jim's Travel Schedule:** Fr. Jim will be away December 26-28 to visit Cousin Mike in Chesapeake and January 6-10 in Rhode Island to visit his Dad.

**Lay Ministers:** Please see Bob Burke if you can serve on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day (or both).

### Christmas Eve Activities:

Parish Social: 6 pm with **light refreshments/finger foods** before mass. No need to cook! Please see the signup sheet in the commons. Volunteers are also needed to help set up and clean up. Please see Jodi if you can help her with this.

We gather in the worship area for our Annual Christmas Program at 7:00 pm (be sure to see Bonnie if you plan to participate) followed by this year's Christmas Play presented by our Religious Education Program children. Mass will begin at 7:45 pm.

### Christmas Morning Mass: 8:30 am



**Christmas Open House at the Seaquist Home:** John and Sheila invite you to attend their annual open house this Saturday, December 21, beginning at 6 pm. They are located at 10569 Stonewall Road, Appomattox VA 24522. Sheila's collection of beautiful manger scenes will be on display as well as lots of festive Christmas decorations. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship and perhaps meet some new friends! Call Sheila at 434-664-8242 with any questions.