## **January Birthdays**

Chuck Hirtz (Jan. 3) Bev Moyer (Jan. 5) Ray Servis (Jan. 6) Linda Gardner (Jan. 17) Alice Doeppe (Jan. 20 Alexander Gregory (Jan. 21) Chris Moyer (Jan. 22) Khalid Fadeel (Jan. 25) Keith Hamilton, Sr. (Jan. 29) Fram Afram (Jan. 30) Kay Johannes (Jan. 31)

## **January Anniversaries**

Charlie & Mary Graf (Jan. 4) Todd & Betty Crat (Jan. 20)

# **Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church**



January 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord

#### **Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church**

2938 Oakleigh Avenue (PO Box 668) Appomattox VA 24522-0668 Pastor: Father James Gallagher 434-352-0104 For emergencies: Fr. Jim's cell number: 434-238-7030 or Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church 434-846-5245 www.olpcatholicchurch.org

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

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.

Grea Moore

Margaret Smith

Dvlan Anderson Robert Berry Patricia Bonnewitz Gloria Bowden Millie Budnev Sandra Burke Julie Byron Toni Capute Deacon John Carev **Riordan Cavoris** Jim Croushorn Justin Curtis Alessia Destefano Carol Donato Islea Duncan John Evans Jack Fisher

Elizabeth Gillam **Beverly Moyer** Lorraine Brennen Gilliam Chris Moyer Lvnn Goss Rav Mover Don Notestein Kathleen Hamilton Patsy Notestein Angel Ortiz Jeanne Harper George Perry Holly Hewitt Jeannine lannaco Garv Peters Pablo Ignacio Laurie Peters Patrick Ignacio Frank Powell Nelson Sanchez Leslie Jarrett Princess Sanchez Marge Lent John Seaquist Ray Servis Carolvn Martin Jane Sliwinski

Chere Tew Jim Tew Fred Toth Amv Tracv Charles Watson **Danielle Weedon** Laura Williams Louise Williams **Michael Williams** Travis Williams Betty Jo Wolfram

#### The Financial Corner

Linda Gardner

Marv Graf

Meia Irvin

Paul Lent

**Kimberly Martin** 

Collections: January 1: \$984.00 Attendees: 23 January 5: \$550.00 Attendees: 65

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## A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

From Isaiah 64:7, we hear: "Father, you are the potter, we are the clay, the work of your hands."

All through our lives, God the Father is trying to form us the way the potter forms clay. God the Father is not turning us into a cup or a bowl. He is trying to form us to be like Jesus. How do we cooperate with God the potter? Am I very soft clay? Do I have values or principles? What do I stand for? Do I have boundaries? If my clay is too soft, then it is difficult for the Father to form me to look like Jesus. Am I brittle clay? Are my rules and regulations more important than people? Am I rough clay? Am I abusive to others? I must change, but it will be painful. God must chip my brittle edges and make them smooth. God must use sandpaper so I am not abrasive.

After a long time, God smiles. He sees his Son Jesus in you and me. Our lives are a continual work in progress. How is my attitude more Christlike than last year? Who do I accept that I used to judge? We look for Jesus in the wonderful changes that might be taking place in those around us. Some people are good clay and are becoming more and more like Christ.

The journey of the holy person is one with chips and scrapes. Yes, the potter's wheel keeps turning. God does not give up on us. Jesus never gets tire of forgiving.

To close with a prayer from the musician Carey Landry: "Mold us. Mold us and fashion us, into the image of Jesus your son. Father, may we be one in you, as you are in us."

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we reflect on how God has formed us through the work of the Trinity. We are God's sons and daughters of whom he is well pleased. Can I be open to be formed into that likeness?

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

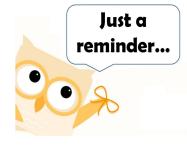
Due to inclement weather, some activities have been re-scheduled:

Today's Baptism for Wyatt and Wrenlee Simonton has been moved to Sunday, February 2.

Religious Education will resume this Wednesday, January 15 at the regular time. We hope you enjoyed those extra "snow days."

Our Grief Workshop will take place on Saturday, February 8.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** Tuesday, Jan 14, following 7 pm mass.



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