

## 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



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  
Gloria Bowden  
Millie Budney  
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  
Mary Graf  
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  
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

**January 5, 2025**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

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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  
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## The Financial Corner

Collections:  
Christmas Eve: \$597.00 Attendees: 80  
Christmas Morning: \$547.00 Attendees: 39  
December 29: \$833 Attendees: 62

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## A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

I understand there is a friendly rivalry between Star Wars and Star Trek fans. I saw an episode of the Big Bang Theory when Sheldon and his friends were dressed as Star Trek characters. They walked into a Star Wars movie and got booed.

I think many of us “Trekkies” remember when the first Star Trek movie came out in 1978. It has been a long time since the television show had ended and we were hungry to see Spock, Bones and, of course, Captain James Kirk. There were many other Star Trek movies to follow, but I delighted in the first one. The movie opened up with an alien flying a space vehicle. A manic “Trekkie” said loud enough for us all to hear: “Uh-Oh, Romulans!” But something strange happened to the Romulans and the space craft. It got swallowed up and destroyed by another spacecraft - a giant unmanned satellite to be exact. Come to find out, the satellite was swallowing up other spacecrafts in that part of the galaxy. The space federation needed help. So, they called “Admiral” Kirk (he had gotten a promotion even though the television show was off the air) and a refurbished Enterprise to come to the rescue. Kirk called “Bones” (Dr. McCoy) and Dr. Spock out of retirement. As the show progressed (spoiler alert!) they discovered that the monster satellite was swallowing spacecraft because it was “looking for its creator.”

For we Christians, we are always looking for our Creator. We are desiring a deep relationship with our God. Addictions have a spiritual dimension. We are ultimately looking for the ultimate buzz or penultimate buzz. We want more and more of that which does not satisfy. Our whisky, marijuana, our pornography, our over eating becomes our God. We put our bad habits before people. When we are really looking for transcendence, we are searching for our Lord. Our hearts are not satisfied. We are just like that giant satellite in the first Star Trek movie.

Those who are taking the healthy path are the three Magi. Casper, Melchior and Balthazar are missing something in life. Despite their wealth, prestige, power and consumption, nothing is working. So, they follow the star. It leads them to the meaning, source and summit of life: The Lord Jesus.

Did you know that one of the steps for recovery and to stop consumer too much is to turn our lives to our “Higher Power?” So, whatever bad habits we have, might we be like those searchers following the star. It leads us to the answer, a happy life and satisfaction.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Lay Ministers:** Be sure you get your copy of the January schedule. If you need to make any changes, please be sure to see Bob.

**Religious Education Update:** Religious Education will resume this Wednesday, January 8 at the regular time. We hope you had a nice Christmas Vacation!



Happy New Year! A shout out to all teens 13-17 years old: Come to the new Youth Group meeting this Friday, January 10 from 5:30 until 7 pm at Our Lady of Peace Church. Enjoy fun and fellowship. We hope to see you there!

**Fundraising Update:** There will be a meeting this Friday, January 10 at 10 am for those working on the quilt to be raffled. Even if you are not a quilter, help is needed with cutting and pressing, etc. Come and be a part of the group. All helping hands are welcome!

**Grief Workshop Meeting:** We will meet this Saturday, January 11, for a “Tired Santa Party” from 11 am to 2 pm. This is a pot luck and gift exchange (either a \$10 re-gift, frivolous or functional item).



Brother and sister Wyatt and Wrenlee Simonton will each receive the Sacrament of Baptism next Sunday, January 12, during mass. How special it will be that next Sunday is the “Baptism of the Lord!” All are welcome to stay for the reception following mass.

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

**Fr. Jim’s Christmas Travel Schedule:** Fr. Jim will be away January 6-10 in Rhode Island to visit his Dad. Safe travels, Fr. Jim!

**MANY THANKS TO ALL FROM FR. JIM for all the Christmas gifts he received!**