

## May Birthdays

May 07: Carolyn Maples  
May 10: Jeremy Hounsell  
May 13: Sid Smith  
May 14: Bonnie Toth  
May 19: Emily Heady  
May 19: Jim Tew  
May 21: George Perry

## May Anniversaries

May 02: Andrew & Kelsey Brown  
May 16: Fr. Jim's Ordination  
May 23: Steve & Diane Bradish

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  
Sid Barr  
Robert Berry  
Patricia Bonnewitz  
Gloria Bowden  
Kellsei Boyce  
Millie Budney  
Sandra Burke  
Julie Byron  
Toni Capute  
Deacon John Carey  
Riordan Cavoris  
Justin Curtis  
Alessia Destefano  
Carol Donato  
Islea Duncan  
Patricia Elder

John Evans  
Jack Fisher  
Linda Gardner  
Elizabeth Gillam  
Lorraine Brennen Gilliam  
Lynn Goss  
Mary Graf  
Kathleen Hamilton  
Jeanne Harper  
Pablo Ignacio  
Patrick Ignacio  
Meja Irvin  
Leslie Jarrett  
Marge Lent  
Paul Lent  
Patel Mahendra  
Carolyn Martin

Kimberly Martin  
Willard Mock  
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  
Emilia Walker  
Charles Watson  
Danielle Weedon  
Laura Williams  
Louise Williams  
Michael Williams  
Travis Williams  
Betty Jo Wolfram

### *The Financial Corner*

Collections for May 4: \$1033.00  
Attendees May 4: 76

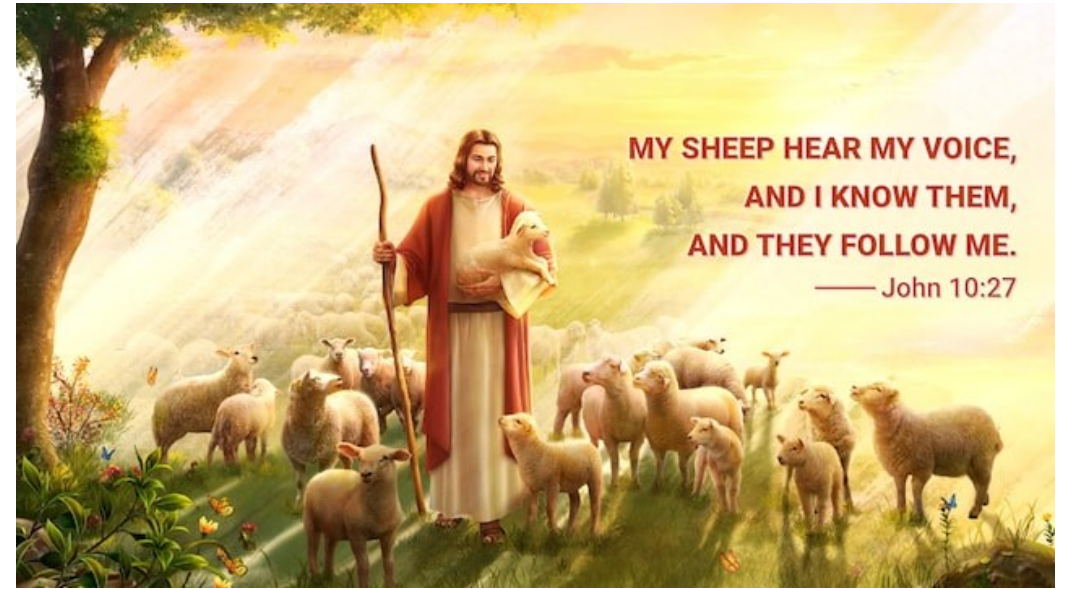
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# Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



**May 11, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Readings: Acts 13:14,43-52; Ps. 100; Revelation 7:914b-17; John 10:27-30**

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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

Richard Rohr, a Franciscan Priest and theologian, has given me a new twist on St. Francis of Assisi. Francis, according to Rohr, draws a distinction between pain and suffering.

Pain is universal and existential. We all have pain. No one is immune to pain. Physical pain, emotional pain, spiritual pain - we all have it. But, the Franciscans take on suffering is different than that which I have ever heard before. Perhaps it is new for you. Francis of Assisi defines suffering as taking our pain and uniting it with God's pain. Suffering is mindfulness and faith that we are in solidarity with Christ as he is already in solidarity with us.

So, for prayer it would be that I image Jesus dying on the cross and I place my pain with his. Francis says that this is one way we can "love Christ back" or show affection to God. As the suffering of Jesus is for all people and for all time, to place my pain with His puts me in union with those who encounter and have distress in my life.

Many of us will not make it to Jerusalem for the "Via Dellarosa" - the path that Jesus took to Golgotha and Calvary. So Francis came up with the idea called "The Stations of the Cross." Stations of the Cross are a prayer devotion in which we spiritually trace Jesus' journey to his death. There are fourteen stations or steps. Each one is a reflection on our pain in light of Christ's suffering. Usually, the Stations are marked by pictures of Jesus falling, meeting his mother and finally receiving the nails. Each station calls to mind our pain.

Francis of Assisi wanted us to have the experience of "loving Christ back." He wanted our pain to be suffering.

Just as important, Francis who ministered to the poor and even kissed a leper, wanted us to be in solidarity and have empathy for those who are hurting and cross our path. In a Roman Catholic Church, the Stations of the Cross are usually on the walls all around the sanctuary. That is because the wounds of Christ are all around us.

What is your pain? In the definition of Francis of Assisi, can you transform your pain to suffering? Can you love Christ back? Can you love his brother and sisters who have pain? Jesus has already loved you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



### *FIRST HOLY COMMUNION*

Katherine Hampton and Killian Brown will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist today. Welcome to the Table of the Lord, Katherine and Killian!

### *CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER TODAY*

Following mass today, we will proceed to the commons for the crowning of our Blessed Mother Mary. Katherine and Killian will have the honors of placing the crown.

### *TODAY IS BREAKFAST SUNDAY!*

Because today is also Mother's Day, our Knights of Columbus will be manning the kitchen and honoring all women of the parish with a special breakfast. Thank you, gentlemen! And....there will be cakes to honor both Katherine and Killian!

### *PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING*

The Parish Pastoral Council general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, following evening mass.

### *FR. JIM'S EASTER BREAK*

Fr. Jim will be in Chesapeake visiting his cousin, Mike Falvey. He will leave Monday, May 19, and return on Wednesday evening, May 21st. This will be his Easter Break. Safe travels, Fr. Jim!