

June Birthdays

June 02: Stephanie Hamilton
June 02: Travis Williams
June 06: Katherine Hampton
June 16: Phil Hampton
June 19: John Evans
June 19: Joyce Hing
June 21: Beau Ellrich
June 22: Indra Valasco Ruiz
June 30: Patsy Notestein

June Anniversaries

June 04: Will & Annette McCabe
June 11: Scott & Patti West
June 12: Don & Patsy Notestein
June 13: Bob & Sandra Burke
June 13: Chuck & Pat Hirtz
June 24: Les & Maria Leslie
June 28: Keith & Kathleen Hamilton
June 30: Chene & Emily Heady

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.

Dylan Anderson	Jack Fisher	Kimberly Martin	Jane Sliwinski
Sid Barr	Linda Gardner	Willard Mock	Margaret Smith
Robert Berry	Elizabeth Gillam	Greg Moore	Chere Tew
Patricia Bonnewitz	Lorraine Brennen Gilliam	Beverly Moyer	Jim Tew
Gloria Bowden	Lynn Goss	Chris Moyer	Fred Toth
Kellsei Boyce	Mary Graf	Ray Moyer	Amy Tracy
Millie Budney	Kathleen Hamilton	Don Notestein	Emilia Walker
Sandra Burke	Jeanne Harper	Patsy Notestein	Charles Watson
Julie Byron	James Heady	Angel Ortiz	Danielle Weedon
Deacon John Carey	Pablo Ignacio	George Perry	Laura Williams
Riordan Cavoris	Patrick Ignacio	Gary Peters	Louise Williams
Justin Curtis	Meja Irvin	Laurie Peters	Michael Williams
Alessia Destefano	Leslie Jarrett	Frank Powell	Travis Williams
Carol Donato	Marge Lent	Nelson Sanchez	Betty Jo Wolfrum
Islea Duncan	Paul Lent	Princess Sanchez	
Patricia Elder	Patel Mahendra	John Seaquist	
John Evans	Carolyn Martin	Ray Servis	

The Financial Corner

Collections May 25: \$961; June 1: \$1037
Attendees May 25: 87; June 1: 80

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Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



Pentecost Sunday
June 8, 2025

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
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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

The late Bishop Sullivan was a man who could think outside the box. One of his favorite sayings was “We are a missionary diocese. We do not get stuck in our ways.” Another saying was “We are church in new ways!”

Bishop Sullivan realized the expertise and the emergence of women into leadership roles within the church. He saw competent women leading religious education programs leading prayer as well as teaching adults. He could see that there would be less priests and more parishes to cover. He also realized that while all priests could minister the sacraments, not all were capable of being pastors. Pastoring requires unique skills. But, there were qualified women who were capable of pastoring, so he appointed women to pastor parishes. At one time there were seven parishes and missions lead by women with degrees in theology, pastoral ministry and valuable life experiences.

The sacraments were covered by a priest who was not far away. The priest appointed had a good attitude and was comfortable with not being “the boss.” In most cases this worked out very well.

Of course, Rome gets nervous about some lay leadership and especially women pastors. So after Bishop Sullivan retired, one by one the parishes were taken over by priests. The women did “too good” of a job and made fools of the misogynous hierarchy. The lay people were asking serious questions about the sexual discrimination against women in the sacrament of Holy Orders. You could almost hear the voice of Tom Cruise from “A Few Good Men” - “You can’t handle the truth!”

One pastoral coordinator for me stands out. Her name was Theresa Mansfield. She pastored parishes in Crewe, Meherrin and Blackstone. She received the Bene Meritas Award from Pope John Paul II. It was the highest award given to a lay person. Theresa served 32 years in her position. She passed away Holy Week this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Handicapped Parking Spaces



It has been brought to our attention that some of our parishioners with limitations are having difficulty finding empty handicapped spaces when they arrive for mass. There are several spaces reserved in front of the entrance and are clearly painted with the example to the left. With our mass time being so early, many of our folks with disabilities find it difficult to get to church early, let alone on time, to find a suitable parking spot. If you do not have a handicapped placard or license plate, please refrain from parking in these spots. *“Whatsoever you do to least of my people, that you do unto me.”*

BREAKFAST SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY

Breakfast Sunday has been moved to NEXT Sunday, June 15, to celebrate Fathers’ Day and honor all the men in our parish.

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE!

You read that right! The Knights of Columbus will have Christmas Cards for sale after Mass in the commons. The cards are packaged 10 in each box and sell for \$10. Let’s support our Knights who continue to help our parish ministries in so many ways.

THANK YOU, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

Thanks to our Knights of Columbus, flags were placed for Memorial Day at the final resting places in our cemetery of all who served their country with honor. Thanks to Fr Jim for the special prayers he offered at this ceremony. (Thanks, too, to our anonymous donor for the new flags!)

MASS SCHEDULES WHILE FR. JIM IS AWAY

Fr. Jim will be heading to Rhode Island to be with his father June 12-19, 2025. As a result, there will be no masses during that time. However, Lay Ministers Diane Bradish and Andrew Brown will lead a Prayer Service with Communion next Sunday, June 15 and Diane will lead the prayer service on Tuesday morning, June 17.

We all offer prayers for safe travels and for a wonderful time making more happy memories with your dad while you celebrate sharing Fathers’ Day together.