

August Birthdays

August 02: Virginia Jackson
August 04: Islea Duncan
August 07: Elizabeth Elrich
August 08: Jerry Wilkerson
August 09: Virginia Blum
August 10: Sheila Seaquist
August 13: Carolyn Panuska
August 16: John Seaquist
August 19: Janice Callahan
August 21: Joe Gardner
August 21: Fran Lecco
August 25: Andrew Brown
August 31: Steve Boyer

August Anniversaries

August 03: Jim & Chere Tew
August 13: Robert & Helen Berry
August 22: Gary & Carolyn Conner
August 23: Frank & Helen Dennany

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

John Evans
Linda Gardner
Elizabeth Gillam
Lynn Goss
Mary Graf
Kathleen Hamilton
Jeanne Harper
James Heady
Pablo Ignacio
Patrick Ignacio
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Magie Kreiser
Fran Lecco
Paul Lent
Patel Mahenra
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
Bernadette Servis

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 Wolfrum

The Financial Corner

Collections August 10: \$771.00
Attendees August 10: 84

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Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



August 17, 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

Didn't you enjoy some of the old Saturday Night Live skits from back in the 1980's and 1990's? My favorite skit always involved Bill and Wendy Whiner. Their last name speaks for itself. They would complain about everything. As they complained, it sounded sickening. It was so bad that when they had a home invasion and the burglars tied them up, they whined and whined and it hurt the burglars' ears - so bad that the robbers untied them and ran out of the house empty handed!

I wonder if the early Christians whined like that when Jesus went to the Father. Imagine the separation anxiety and the anxiety about carrying out the new mission. One had to have great faith in the Holy Spirit to have made it this far, even stumbling and bumbling as we go along. Perhaps instead of looking up to the sky, they looked deep within. I believe the Holy Spirit has accompanied us through history.

I think that there are three ways of leading. One is pontificating. In other words, leading from above. Dictating and being foreign to the experience of the sheep. For example, a bishop and district superintendent who never pastored a rural parish tells you what you should do. A Catholic Priest who has no children tells married couples how to raise their children or worse yet, tells them to have children. That is pontificating!

A second way is teaching people for a while and then abandoning them. I have been guilty of that. Leaving parishes and saying, "What's the matter with those folks" I taught them how to do it." While it is better than pontificating, it can also be arrogant.

The third way is the way of the Holy Spirit: accompanying people and walking with them - getting your hands dirty in the ministry to be done. Pope Francis said, "We need leaders who have the smell of the sheep on their hands."

Accompaniment says like the theme song from Friends: "I'll be there for you." Accompaniment does not mean being the people's co-dependent and ministering for them. It means ministering with them. We learn from each other. "If I have to leave, I will be back to advise, nurture and affirm."

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All of us Christians ritualize accompaniment. We all have the Lord's Supper. One point of convergence for all of us is that Jesus is still with us in the breaking of the bread.

I often wonder is the teaching of my church in regards to family and marriage would have more credibility if we had a Pope we called "Mamma" instead of "Papa." that would be true, especially is "Mama" had six children.

Perhaps that time is long overdue. That would be accompaniment!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

QUILTER CLUB FUND RAISER

Our Quilters Club is sponsoring a raffle to help raise money for our new roof and HVAC system. All prizes (including the materials and craftsmanship to make them) and the printing of the tickets have been donated, so all money gleaned from ticket sales will go directly to our church fund . Good work quilters!!!

1st Prize: Handmade Quilt

2nd Prize: Handmade Crocheted Afghan

3rd Prize: Handcrafted Angel

4th Prize: Handmade Metal Cross

Tickets are \$3 for 1 and \$5 for 2. Drawing is October 12, 2025.

Tickets are available after masses. Can they count on you to either purchase tickets or take a book or two to sell?

PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER WALK FOR LIFE APPOMATTOX: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

OLP is a \$500 sponsor again this year and we are featured on the 2025 T-shirts. All are welcome to walk. However, if you would like to raise additional funds by getting sponsored by family or friends, please see Bonnie for a "Fundraising Form." If you raise at least \$100 in donations, you will receive a 2025 Walk For Life T-shirt! Registration begins at 8:30 am and the walk begins at 9:00 am at Courtland Festival Park.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES are here! If you use envelopes, be sure to get a box. See Kelsey Brown. Even if you don't use the envelopes and use E-Giving, you might still want to get a box to make sure you don't miss "special" donation times.