

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

01 Annette McCabe  
04 Julia Hounsell  
06 Gary Conner  
14 John Hampton  
21 Ingrid Velasco Ruiz  
23 Ray Moyer  
27 Steve Bradish  
28 Elizabeth Lecco  
28 Anna Ellrich  
29 Lynn Goss  
30 Karam Afram

14 Robert & Virginia Jackson  
17 Travis & Louise Williams  
31 Phil & Kari Hampton

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

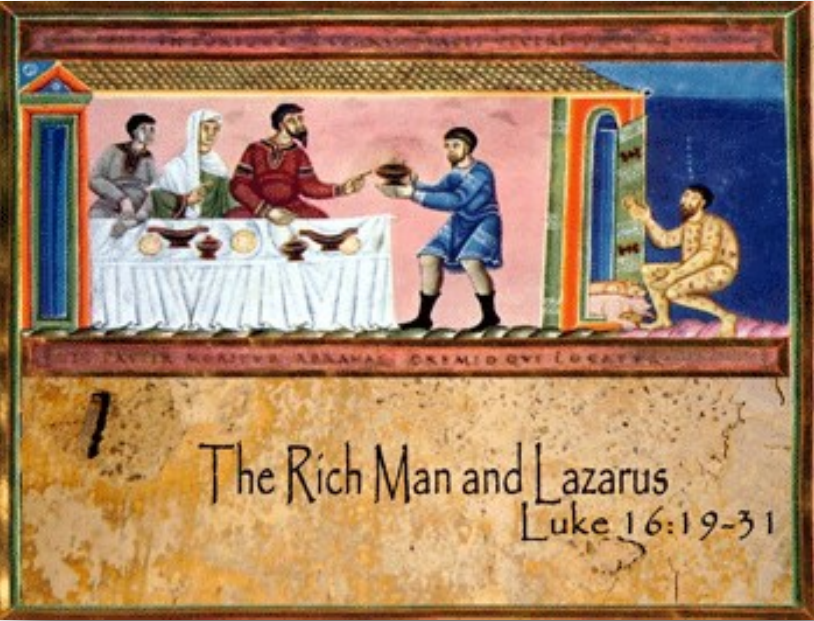
The Financial Corner

Collections September 14: \$952; September 21: \$850; Palestinian Relief: \$118  
Attendees September 14: 69; Sept. 21: 76  
Have you considered E-giving? It's safe and convenient. You can sign up on our website: [www.olpcatholicchurch.org](http://www.olpcatholicchurch.org) or scan the QR Code to the right. You may sign up for recurring donations or make a one-time gift.

More ways to help with the Palestinian Relief Effort:  
Catholic Relief Services: <https://www.crs.org/donate>  
Catholic Near East Welfare Association: <https://cnewa.org/>  
United Nations Relief and Work Agency: <https://www.unrwausa.org/>



Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



September 28, 2025  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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](http://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](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com)

## **A Pastoral Moment with Fr. Jim**

In Life, because of our brokenness and “fractured ego” (as Richard Rohr would say), we place barriers between ourselves and others. We might chose not to speak with someone with whom we have had words. We may feel uncomfortable with others who speak a different language and might b of a different culture.

While museums are a way of learning about the mistakes of our past, we might want to be in denial about how our ancestors treated Africans or immigrants. So, we seek to take away information in the Smithsonian so we do not have to make amends and build bridges. Who is it or what group do I feel a need to keep my distance? Or, we might not care. Sometimes there is an epidemic of apathy. I heard a brilliant priest friends once say, “The opposite of love is not hate. The opposite of love is apathy.”

Notice in the Gospel about Lazarus the poor man and the rich man (named “Divees”) there does ot seem to have out right violence against Lazarus. Rather, Lazarus is being ignored. Lazarus is in the doorway while Divees, the rich man pigs out.

As there was a barrier between Lazarus and Divees in this life, so there will be a barrier between them in the next life. All it took for this to happen was apathy on the part of the rich man.

The reference I Luke 16:31 about “one rising from the dead” is about Jesus. By his suffering and death, Jesus bridges the barrier. It is a long way from the attitude of apathy to suffer for another. The Spirit must inflame our hearts.

I like our banner in the commons that says “co-exist” with different faith symbols from around the world. But we are called to do more than co-exist. We are called to love and care. Might that our “co-existing” would be a jumping off to help us transcend any apathy so we can love and care.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TODAY’S MASS INTENTIONS:**  
Kirk Harris (friend to Alan Lecco)

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

We continue to collect interest/nomination forms for the 2025-2026 Parish Pastoral Council. If you have questions or need to now more, please reach out to any council member. A list is posted in Corter Hall.

### **GRIEF WORKSHOP UPDATE**

Our next Grief Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 4. The time has been changed to 12:45-3:00 pm. Please notify Eileen Brennen @434-660-3721 or email [abbasgirl24522@yahoo.com](mailto:abbasgirl24522@yahoo.com) if you’re attending.

### **CATHOLIC FEST: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**

Join Bishop Knestout and the entire diocese at a one-day festival at the Diamond in Richmond on Saturday, October 11. The day will be full of music, fun, fellowship, faith and celebrating Mass as a diocese. Musical acts will include Scythian, The Young Escape, Marie Filler and local performers from our diocese. There will be a Kids Zone, vendors, food trucks and more, so you don’t want to miss the opportunity for the whole family. Bring your friends, family youth group, class ministry or your whole parish! There is a clear bag policy (no backpacks, purses, totes, etc.) For more detailed information, visit: [www.catholicfest.richmonddiocese.org](http://www.catholicfest.richmonddiocese.org).

### **OCTOBER CALENDAR**

Oct. 4: OCIA (10:45 am)  
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Oct. 7: Liturgy Planning (11:00 am)  
Oct. 11: OCIA (10:45 am)  
Oct. 11: Mac’s Kitchen (8:00 am—12N)  
Oct. 12: Raffle Drawing after mass (Quilters Club Fundraiser)  
Oct. 18: OCIA (10:45 am)  
Oct. 21: Liturgy Planning (11:00 am)  
Oct. 25: OCIA (10:45 am)  
Oct 25: Rummage Swap (more details to follow)  
Oct. 31: Trunk-Or-Treat (6:00 pm)