

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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08: Joseph Afram
10: Edwin Yahir Alvarado
12: Frank Dennany
12: Yun Hi Davis
13: Millie Budney
15: Nat Garcia
15: Les Leslie
15: Jodi Aerts
19: Christ Afram
22: Michael Afram
24: Nurium Garcia Alvarado

06: Don & Maureen Smith
12: Ray & Bev Moyer
17: John & Sheila Seaquist
25: Arnie & Kay Johannes



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

The Financial Corner

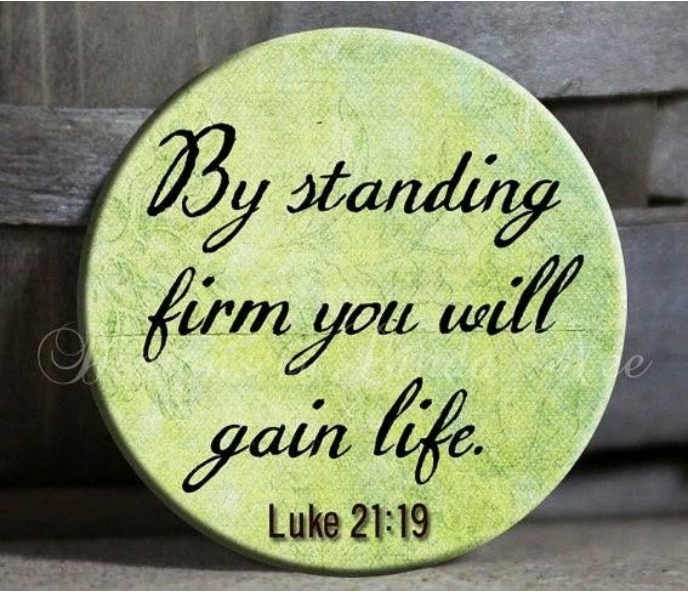
Collections: November 9: \$964.00
Attendees: November 9: 84

Have you considered E-giving? It's safe and convenient. You can sign up on our website: 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/>



Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



November 16, 2025
33rd 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

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

A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FATHER JIM

In a movie The DaVinci Code starring Tom Hanks, a terrorist threatens to blow up the Vatican. One of the Cardinals, or someone “important” says “If that explosion happens, then that will be the end of the Catholic Church.” The event, would not be the end of the Roman Catholic Faith. My hunch is that the overly dramatic line is playing on the lack of knowledge that others have about our faith tradition. No matter what the demise of the Vatican, the church would continue. Catholics would still gather for Eucharist on Sunday at Our Lady of Peace and St. Victoria. We do not worship the church structure or church structures. Jesus mentions in Mark 13:24-32: The sun will be darkened; the moon will not give light; stars will be falling.

As my friend and mentor, the late Fr. Jim Burge would say, “Things can be in good shape but not all set. St. James in Hopewell sits on the property with three buildings. As Fr. Jim was getting ready for the dedication of renovation of the church building with the bishop there with “all the bells and whistles” a pipe burst in the school building just a few minutes before the formal celebration. Yes! Things were in a good shape, but not all set. Jim, who played tennis and always stayed on this toes, did not get frazzled.

Church structures can put us into the temptation that our faith is “all set.” But the Holy Spirit is always transforming history and making us feel uncomfortable. But isn’t that true about our individual lives? The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem lead to the spreading of Judaism. They no longer put their emphasis on one location and one place.

We do not make ourselves into a “temple” of privileges, pride and complacency. As Bishop Sullivan would say, “We are a missionary diocese. We do not get stuck in our ways.” We are on the move. Fear and tragedy may come about, but do not catch us flat footed. We think outside the box, the bun and the hierarchy to be church.

Let us not be too complacent about old ways, old structures but look to crises as an opportunity to be creative. Prayer is a good way to be in touch with the “signs of the times.”

As REM, a pop group from the 90’s would sing, “It is the end of the world as we know it...and I feel fine!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Our wine supply is running very low. Would you be able to donate at least a bottle? Please keep in mind it must be red or rose. As many of our children are of age to receive the Precious Blood, please select a lighter bouquet.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

Next Sunday, November 23, you will meet those who have been working hard, praying and studying while preparing to become Catholic. They will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance, one of the first steps in the OCIA as they journey to the sacraments at the Great Vigil of Easter.

ALL HANDS ON DECK

Come and join and assist the Knights of Columbus as we bring down the decorations from the attic and prepare the outside of the church for our annual Grand Illumination. Our work begins Saturday morning at 8:30 am, November 29. Breakfast sandwiches and refreshments will be provided.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday, November 11, and the new council has been seated and executive members elected for 2025-2026. We welcomed Edwin Alvarez, Vicky Martinez, Annette McCabe and Tina Tyree! The new executive members are: Helen Dennany (Chairperson), Tina Tyree (Vice Chairperson) and Bonnie Toth (Secretary). A complete list of all members and their liaison assignments is available on the cork board in Corter Hall. Our next meeting will take place on January 13, 2026. All PPC meetings are open and anyone can attend. Bishop Knestout updated our “Called to Serve” Handbook. FYI: Our responsibilities and objectives are to be: “Listen to the needs of the whole parish and advise the pastor regarding those needs; foster a sense of unity and belonging throughout the parish community; assist the pastor with maintaining the vision of the parish; help the pastor and staff of the parish in coordinating parish activities in a manner that reflects the mission and purpose of the parish; advise the pastor and direct the parish in various aspects of parish life, including liturgy, adult and youth faith formation, charitable activities and outreach, stewardship, fellowship and daily life of the parish. The Pastoral Council is not a committee, but an advisory body; to promote programs and activities recommended by the Bishop, diocesan offices and affiliated agencies and organizations. So, know we are here for you!!!