DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

01 Mackenzie Lecco

02 Keith Hamilton

05 Mia Garcia

05 Carolyn Conner

07 Helen Berry

08 Will McCabe

14 Glen Moore

16 Christine Hamilton

16 Chere Tew

17 Dory Garcia

18 Emily Sofia Alvarado

22 Don Smith

29 Mary Metzinger

31 Jackie Johnson

07 Jerry and Lisa Wilkerson 29 Tom and Mary Meetzinger

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 23: \$1068.00; Maintenance Fund \$678

Attendees: November 23: 93

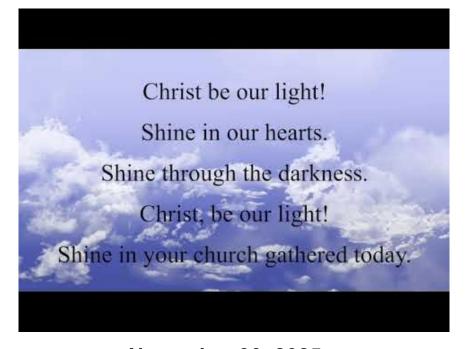
Have you considered E-giving? It's safe and convenient. You can sign up on our website: www.olpcatholicchurch.org or scan the QR Code to the right. You may sign up for recurring donations or make a one-time gift.

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 30, 2025 1st Sunday of Advent

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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 Bonnie Toth at bonnie3871@gmail.com

A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FATHER JIM

We begin the Season of Avent. It is different than Lent in that the color is blue. Blue is the color of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Blue is the color of hope where in Lent, the color of purple is the color of repentance. Remember the movie of the book "The Color Purple?" Forgiveness and reconciliation was happening all through the film.

During Advent we hope for the coming of Christ at the end of time. But, also, we look for the coming of Christ in our day. Christ "breaks in" during special moments and so we must be awake as St. Paul tells us and look for the signs as the prophets tell us.

I believe Christ "broke in" and we saw a moment of His divine presence when Mr. Velasco Hernandez was released from the ICE Detention Center in Farmville. It was quite remarkable. Many like him who have broken no laws and were good husbands and parents simply providing for their families tragically were deported. Despite having a good lawyer, I believe that it was truly miraculous that he was found innocent and is able to stay and be a good father and husband as well as a tax payer.

Christ, the Bread of Life, broke into our day when ten grocery carts of food were filled in Altavista as the community food bank workers from DAWN [Donation A Week Neighbor] collected nourishment for those in need. The food was given by people of all walks of life. In all of that, Evangelicals and Catholics were working together - Black, White, Brown and Yellow were aware of something bigger than themselves.

Pay attention this Advent. How is Christ, Emmanuel, breaking into your life?

We do not always have to wait for the end of time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

OUR ADVENT THEME

Our Advent Theme is "Christ Be Our Light." The light of the "Star in the East" led both shepherds and wise kings to the creche. That light was Christ. Christ's ministry on earth led from the creche to the cross, "on which hung our salvation." It is the risen Christ who emerged from the empty tomb, who appeared to the apostles, who has gone "to prepare a place for us." It is Christ who sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, lighting the fire that evangelizes the whole world. The crèche is never far from the cross, and the cross is never far from the empty tomb. At every stage of the journey, we find the Light of Christ.

ADVENT PACKETS

Don't forget to get your Advent Packet. What do I do to prepare for Jesus? Collect groceries. See your items on the bag. Write Christmas cards to those who are shut-in or homebound. Pray the scripture quote each day. Follow the schedule.

CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIATION

To prepare for Christmas, we offer confessions. One will be here at OLP on Saturday, December 13, at 10:30 am, with Fr. Chris of Farmville and Fr. Jim. Another is available at St. Thomas More in Lynchburg on Wednesday, December 3 at 6 PM. There may be four priests available there.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Before the annual Christmas Play, there is time to enjoy the many talents within our parish. Do you sing, play an instrument or would you like to recite a Christmas story? If you would like to be a part of the program, please see Bonnie Toth [bonnie3871@gmail.com; 434-660-3786].