

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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](mailto: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 Mahendra	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](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/>



Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



November 30, 2025  
1st Sunday of Advent

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 FATHER JIM**

We begin the Season of Advent. 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].