

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

03 Chuck Hirtz  
05 Bev Moyer  
05 Cherie Shallock  
05 Kathy Wall  
06 Ray Servis  
07 Mary Cheatham  
08 Itzel Valasco-Ruiz  
17 Linda Gardner  
20 Alice Doeppel  
21 Alexander Gregory  
22 Chris Moyer  
25 Khali Fadheel  
29 Keith Hamilton, Jr.  
30 Frem Afram  
31 Arnie Johannes  
31 Joy Malok

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

### The Financial Corner

Collections: December 21 \$1232.00  
Attendees: December 21: 96

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## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

20 Todd & Betty Craft

# Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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)

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## A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FATHER JIM

We began the Yuletide (Advent-Christmas) Season with Isaiah 2:1-5. It speaks about the mountain of the Lord and how many are drawn to it. God's magnetism is revealed. "All nations will stream towards it; Swords into plowshares."

While this feast is about Mary, Jesus and Joseph, it is also about the human existential called "belonging." I reflect back on when I was a little boy at Christmastime. More than the presents and gifts, as I got under the covers at night, on a winter evening in Warwick, Rhode Island, I said to myself, "It is good to belong!" "What would I do if I did not belong to Mom and Dad and the other kids?"

As I moved away from them, emotionally I found myself bonding with others. God is good. Isn't it wonderful that we can be cared for by those who are not our blood relatives? Church of the Epiphany in the Richmond area brought me to think and feel about the intense belonging with those whom I gathered for mass. That was several years before my ordained ministry. Imagine having trouble sleeping Saturday night because you anticipated seeing those who gather the next day for prayer and fellowship.

Holy Families come in many forms. Rather than the Feast of the Holy Family, I would like to call it the Feast of Belonging. Spirit is just as thick as blood, I applaud those church members who have included for meals and holidays those who are not blood related as I look at your Facebook photos. You are definitely on to something! I applaud those who bond with others, find intimacy and find meaning in life much different from the "Leave it to Beaver" image you used to see. By this time, you all know that family comes in many forms.

Happy Feast of Longing and Belonging! It is a gift to have deep relationships in your life. Might that Mary, Jesus and Joseph bless us ALL.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS

Agnes Chan (Cecilia Chan's mother)  
John Rotio (Joyce Hing's brother-in-law)

### GRATITUDE FROM FR. JIM

Fr. Jim wants to thank all of you for the many Christmas Cards and gifts. He is very appreciative!

### FR. JIM'S TRAVEL PLANS

Fr. Jim will travel to Rhode Island for his "Christmas visit" January 19-21st. This will be after everyone has had their parish council meetings, Christmas Masses, 1st Communions, Baptisms, and Bar Mitzvah's. He will spending time with his Dad. Your cooperation is appreciated!

### CHURCH CLOSINGS HELP NEEDED

Fr. Jim, Arnie and Diane have come up with a plan to be able to let you all know about church closings due to inclement weather. Based on the weather, road conditions and condition of the parking lot, etc. Fr. Jim and Arnie will determine mass cancellations. Fr. Jim will alert Diane if mass is cancelled. She will then contact her team of 5 or 6 people to begin making phone calls. But... Diane needs your help to make this work! If you can join Diane's volunteer team, please reach out to her.

### UPDATED PARISH DIRECTORY

We need to know that your contact information is correct and up to date. Please see the Parish Directory on the table in the commons and make any needed corrections. Please see Bonnie Toth if you have any questions.