

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Mackenzie Lecco
02 Kathleen Hamilton
05 Mia Garcia
05 Carolyn Conner
05 Christopher Cass
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 Metzinger

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
Sid Barr
Robert Berry
Patricia Bonnewitz
Gloria Bowden
Kellsei Boyce
Millie Budney
Sandra Burke
Julie Byron
Deacon John Carey
Riordan Cavoris
Suzi Crawford
Justin Curtis
Trish Decresce
Alessia Destefano
Carol Donato
Islea Duncan

John Evans
Linda Gardner
Elizabeth Gillam
Lynn Goss
Mary Graf
Kathleen Hamilton
Jeanne Harper
James Heady
Pablo Ignacio
Patrick Ignacio
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Maggie Kreiser
Fran Lecco
Paul Lent
Patel Mahendra
Carolyn Martin

Kimberly Martin
Willard Mock
Greg Moore
Jane Moreton
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Don Notestein
Patsy Notestein
Angel Ortiz
George Perry
Gary Peters
Laurie Peters
Frank Powell
Nelson Sanchez
Princess Sanchez
John Seaquist

Bernadette Servis
Ray Servis
Jane Sliwinski
Don Smith
Margaret Smith
Maureen Smith
Chere Tew
Jim Tew
Fred Toth
Amy Tracy
Emilia Walker
Charles Watson
Danielle Weedon
Laura Williams
Louise Williams
Michael Williams
Betty Jo Wolfrum

The Financial Corner

Collections: December 7: \$1470; Christmas Flowers: \$590
December 14: \$1112; Religious Retirement Fund: \$585
Attendees: December 7: 87
December 14: 73

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.



Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



“Christ Be Our Light”

**December 21, 2025
Fourth 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

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

I am one who believes that when Jesus came among us he grew and matured as any other human child. That takes nothing from his divinity or “godliness” but balances his being with humanity. Luke 2:53 says that “the child grew in wisdom, stature and favor with God and mankind.” He grew and developed just like other children. I am fond of saying, “Jesus learned.” He learned inclusivity, nurturing and healing from his mother, Mary.

In today’s Gospel, Joseph dreams. An angel tells him to take Mary as his wife. Later on in a dream, Joseph was informed to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt. This parallels the Joseph story in Genesis where Joseph (the one with the amazing technicolor coat) finds himself in Egypt. (Read or watch the movie with Donnie Osmond). He has a gift of dreaming, vision and interpreting dreams. Joseph, the father of Jesus, does the same. Several times in Luke Joseph dreams.

Dreamers are visionaries. Remember Martin Luther King and his speech, “I Have a Dream?” He put forth a sacred vision for all. Dreams and visions energize us. They give us hope. They give us direction.

Jesus was a visionary and a dreamer. He told us about the heavenly banquet. When thousands were fed, he laid out before us what life could be like. From the cross, he even told an executed prisoner, “Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Visioning and dreaming are what he learned from Joseph, his father. Grace does not always work in a vacuum. Mary and Joseph mediated God’s grace - even to Jesus, the Son of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

OUR ADVENT THEME IS: “CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT”

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

We will decorate the worship area and altar for Christmas tomorrow morning at 10:00 am. There are trees to put up, banners to hang, Stations of the Cross to come down for wreaths to be hung, altar cloths to be changed, a creche to put up and poinsettias to arrange. As the saying goes: “Many hands make light work.” If you have some time tomorrow and would you’d like to help, you are most welcome!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Vigil: Lessons & Carols (7:15 pm); Christmas Play (7:30 pm); Mass (7:45 pm)

Thursday, December 25: Mass (8:30 am)

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.



Thank you to all who adopted an angel to support the Southside Pregnancy Support Center Christmas Gift program this year! Your generosity with the amount of gifts was overwhelming and so appreciated! Not an angel was left on the tree and no child was left out!