

## 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

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: 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](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.

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

07 Jerry and Lisa Wilkerson  
29 Tom and Mary Metzinger

# 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](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

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!