

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 Doeppe
21 Alexander Gregory
22 Chris Moyer
25 Khali Fadheel
29 Keith Hamilton, Jr.
30 Frem Afram
31 Arnie Johannes
31 Joy Malok

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

20 Todd & Betty Craft

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
Chefley Matthews

Rhonda Mayberry
Willard Mock
Greg Moore
Jane Moreton
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Don & 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
Amy Tracy
Emilia Walker
Wardell Family
Charles Watson
Danielle Weedon
Laura Williams
Louise Williams
Michael Williams
Betty Jo Wolfrum

The Financial Corner

Collections: January 11: \$1869.00
Attendees: January 11: 82

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January 18, 2026
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Thursday: 12:15 PM

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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FATHER JIM

I never really appreciated Mr. Rogers years ago. My introduction was watching it with my little sister, Kathleen, in 1969. I got home early from high school. It was a cute show and warm and friendly. But until recently, I never appreciated the prophet that Rev. Fred Rogers was.

Mr. Rogers talked about life having “modulations.” Modulations of life can be stressful. It means change for children. A child’s first time at school can be scary, so Fred had a show which featured a school the size of a doll house. He pointed out all the rooms and the cafeteria. But then he took us into a real school to meet a teacher. While talks with the teacher, she share that she had children at home. This was to teach the children watching that the teacher was a human being just like them. His sweater and change of shoes at the opening song “It’s a Wonderful Day in the Neighborhood” set a relaxing tone. He helped the children deal with anger. We could all use that lesson again. He would ask “What do you do with the mad you feel?” In one episode, he blew up a balloon and slowly let the air out. He was telling us that we need to release the anger in a peaceful way, perhaps talking about it. Again, we could use a man like him today.

He had a puppet figure names “King Friday.” When other puppets would complain about the kingdom to King Friday, the king would say “I don’t have to make changes. I am on top.” Pointing out the arrogance of certain leaders and how life is not fair about the situation, an adult would think about the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights movement.

Fred made subtle statements about inclusivity. Different racial groups had parts in the show including a gay man. That was something quite radical for the 1970’s. He washed a black man’s feet in response to a fight about integrating a swimming pool in North Carolina. Mr. Rogers respected everyone. The statement “I like you as you are!” stands out as well as “Don’t let people make you less than you are” and “Look at all the people helping you” as a way of giving thanks.

In Exodus, we see that our God gave us bread for the journey. In John 6 we see that Jesus is the bread for our journey. Whenever you celebrate Communion and the Lord’s Supper, it does support us in the journey of life. But some times people are bread for our journey. Mr. Rogers was like that. He got us through “modulations” of life.

“The thinkg the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle...heal the wounds. Heal the wounds and you have to start from the ground up.” Pope Francis

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY’S MASS INTENTIONS

Joan Melcher (wife of Lou Melcher)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, January 19:

Fr. Jim leaves for Rhode Island to visit his Dad. He will return January 23. Safe travels, Fr. Jim, and please let Mr. Gallagher know we send lots of love from OLP.

Sat/Sun. Jan 31-Feb. 1:

Fr. Jim “begs” in Charlottesville. There will be a Prayer Service with Communion led by Andrew Brown and Diane Bradish.

Sunday, February 8:

Our Annual Diocesan Appeal begins. This appeal supports many wonderful programs around southern Virginia. Our goal for OLP is \$6060. Remember, anything we contribute is subject to a refund ot 50%.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

A note from our VBS Principal, Helen Dennany: Hi everyone! Vacation Bible School is happening this Summer. Yippee!! On February 7 at 1 pm (Saturday) I will have our first meeting to share ideas and begin early planning. If you love Bible Stories and love telling them to children, then come and join us for our first planning session. All volunteers must be VIRTUS certified.