

## 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](mailto: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  
Ronnie Haney  
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 18: \$646; Respect for Life: \$217.00  
Attendees: January 18: 62

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# *Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church*



**January 25, 2026**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### **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  
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## **A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FATHER JIM**

Last month we celebrated the Feast of the Nativity (Christmas or The Incarnation.) In other words, God become one with us. So, I want to begin by quoting Paul and say that “Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

Many adults feel as though Christmas is for children. They become choked up or teary eyed watching children enjoy Santa Claus. Everyone loves to see a smile on a child’s face when the presents are opened. Perhaps I get this way because it touches my inner child. It helps us revisit our sorrowful yet joyful past. That child is still part of us. When Jesus came as a child, it was not just for a few years. His infancy and childhood transcends history. The child Jesus is still with each one of us and definitely in the children today. And when Christ comes and is in all things, Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ will come again.

Christ is suffering and in some tragic cases, dying, as children are separated from their parent at the border of Mexico and the United States. Christ is risen, however, as your church provided presents at Christmastime for the impoverished families, Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

I always enjoy the story about Mary and Joseph finding Jesus in the Temple, holding a bible study with the scribes. I like the story because he gives his parents pushback. Jesus is an adolescent in the story (12 years old, but just about a teenager). We also might have an adolescent in us. You know, the one that wants to keep those in authority honest. Lately, Catholics have been pushing back against the bishops and cardinals. I absolutely love it. (Many of them are out of step with the lay people’s lived experiences. In all adolescence, Christ has died, Christ is Risen and Christ will come again. Some adolescents are sacrificed on the altar of bullying and some at the altar of peer pressure.

But Jesus remains an adult as well. I experience that in friendship. My friends David and Phil faithfully break bread with me at Hardees on Thursday nights. They always have my back. But, I also find Jesus very much in the friends of the Ministerial Association. I imagine at the best of times that is what Jesus enjoyed (or enjoys). Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. Jesus dies and suffers in the heartache and breakup in broken relationships and separations. He lives in events like Catholics, Baptists and Methodist singing songs at the Creche on a cold December night. My friend Anatasia said that it was too bad that Jesus did not live long enough to collect social security. In other words, Jesus the senior citizen. Well, Jesus always existed throughout the ages in the dreamers and sages. There was not a lot of Jesus in Elijah. Jesus was in Ana and Simeon when as an infant he was brought to the Temple for his dedication.

One time, a friend of mine went to the Vatican - about 30 year ago. He saw John Paul II standing next to Mother Theresa on the balcony. My friend said that he did not see a lot of human being in the frail and old Mother Theresa, but he saw a lot of Jesus!

Christmas was a month ago, but we can look for Jesus this very day. He never stops being a child, an adolescent, and adult or a senior citizen. Jesus promises two things. First, he will always be with us. Second, he promised eternal life. If you get a better offer—take it!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **TODAY’S MASS INTENTIONS**

***Patricia Holden (dear friend of Sybil Frey)***  
***Patricia Rainka (mother of Sheila Seaquist)***

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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 of 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.

### **CHURCH CLEANING HELP NEEDED**

Our cleaning team needs your help. Do you have an hour a week to spare? If you can help, please reach out to Tina Tyree (ttyree0421@gmail.com).