

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 Doepp
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.

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 Mahenra
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

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

20 Todd & Betty Craft

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



**January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord**

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

The Financial Corner

Collections: December 25: \$1464; December 28: \$1040; Catholic Charity: \$119.00

Attendees: December 25: 103; December 28: 80

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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FATHER JIM

It had been several years since the weekly episodes of Star Trek went off the air, so we contented ourselves with re-runs. We all enjoyed the character development. "Bones" (Dr. McCoy), Dr. Sulu the navigator ("Steady as she goes, Dr. Sulu"), Scotty ("I'm giving her all she can handle, Captain!") Captain Kirk, and of course everyone's favorite: Dr. Spock ("Totally illogical!"). So, we could not wait in 1978 for the first Star Trek Movie to come out. It opened with space creatures flying their spaceship. Someone in the audience who was a manic Trek fan spoke out loud and said, "Romulans!"

The poor Romulans who were minding their own business got drawn in and were consumed and died by another spaceship. Come to find out, that predator spaceship had been destroying other spacecrafts as well. So this was a job for Kirk, Spock and the entire Enterprise. Spoiler alert: the predator spaceship was destroying and consuming because it was looking for its "creator" In a sense, that is what a lot of us do.

We have habits of overeating, angry outbursts, over buying and consuming because deep down inside, we are all looking for our Creator. We are looking for Transcendence and we are looking for God. There is something missing. There is a refrain from a song by Anne Quigley: "There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us. There is a longing in our hearts for love, we only find in you, our God."

It is silly, yes, that the predator spaceship was longing for its creator. But, ultimately, that is what we need to do. The three Magi Casper, Melchior and Balthasar had a "holy" longing. They may have been wealthy. They may have been powerful. They may have been prayerful to their pagan gods and goddesses but there was something missing. Like Dr. Spock and Kirk, they followed the stars. They found the meaning of life. U2 and Bono wrote a song "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For."

But the child Jesus and deep down who he was, the Creator, the Savior and Messiah satisfied. Life was different. They went home by a different route.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS

The People of the Parish

JANUARY MINISTER SCHEDULES

January schedules for readers and eucharistic ministers are now available. If you need to make any adjustments, please see Bob Burke.

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 be spending time with his Dad. Your cooperation is appreciated!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, January 13, following evening mass. Council liaisons, please gather your reports and get them to Bonnie asap for distribution at the meeting.

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.

