Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Mary Niagro at mcniagro@gmail.com.

Jodi Aerts Dylan Anderson Manfred Boewer Terry Brennen Julie Byron Toni Capute Carol Donato Irene Dombrowski Islea Duncan Lynn Goss Kathleen Hamilton Roland Hayden Jane Hayes Bill Hines Felice lannaco Jeannine lannaco Meja Irvin Lillian Johannes Lori Lecco Margaret MacDiarmid Kathleen Moore Beverly Moyer Chris Moyer Ray Moyer Mary Niagro Patsy Notestein Angel Ortiz George Perry Isabel Perry Nelson Sanchez Princess Sanchez John Seaquist Ray Servis Jane Sliwinski Margaret Smith Fred Toth Charles Watson Laura Williams Michael Williams Travis Williams Betty Jo Wolfram

Memorable Moments in Diocesan History

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Guy Fawkes' Day—an anti-Catholic English holiday in which a 17th century Catholic accused of plotting to blow up parliament is burned in effigy on a bonfire—was celebrated throughout colonial America. The Virginian George Washington took the first step towards tolerance for Catholics on November 5, 1775, when he ordered the Continental Army to abandon this holiday.

John Carroll, who would shortly become America's first bishop, in 1785 sent officials in Rome the first detailed picture of Catholicism in the newly founded United States. He estimated that the state of Virginia contained just 200 Catholics. The Virginia faithful received the sacraments only "four or five times a year," when a priest was able to travel down from Maryland.

Our Lady Of Peace Roman Catholic Church

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. Matthew 2:9



Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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

Bulletin news to: Mary Niagro at: mcniagro@gmail.com Requests for mass cards to: Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com



Scripture Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Reconciliation

Fr. Jim offers the Sacrament of reconciliation before Mass or by appointment.

| Collection 12/22/2019 | |
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| General Catholic | \$812.00 |
| Charities | 144.00 |
| Christmas Collection | |
| General | \$935.00 |
| Collection 12/29/2019 | |
| General | \$499.00 |

Upcoming Meetings and Events

<u>You Say it's Your</u> <u>Birthday</u>

Please stop by the Commons area after mass today and wish Ray Servis a happy 90th birthday

Religious Education Holiday Schedule

Classes will resume on Wednesday January 8, 2020!

Finance Council

The Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Remembering the Appomattox Martyrs

On the evening of Friday January 10, at Our Lady of Peace in Appomattox, we will have a memorial service for Morgan Dobyns, Emily Quarles, Bo Scruggs,

Dwayne Sipes, Joshua Sipes, Karen Quarles, Lauralee Sipes, and Jonathan Quarles who were killed 10 years ago. They are called our Appomattox Martyrs and we forever hold them in our hearts.

Diocesan Cemetery News

Effective January 1, 2020, the diocesan Office for Cemeterv and Funeral Services will assume management and administration of diocesan regional cemeteries and funeral services, which were previously overseen by the Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services. Deacon Ed Handel will serve as director of the new Office. For more information, please visit www.richmonddiocese.org

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday January 14 immediately after 7 p.m. mass.

CTAC Meeting

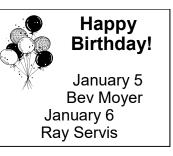
The Call to Action Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the church. At this meeting the CTAC will be preparing for the parish discussion session scheduled for January 26. The CTAC meetings are open to all parishioners.

Parish Notices and Announcements

Christmas Flowers

Donations for poinsettias were made in memory of the following people:

Weldon Buckhorn Sr. Burgess Family Tom Callahan Winnie Clark & Ed Cummings Barbara & Charlie Connor **Dolores Corter** Familes of Mark & Yun Davis Vee & Bill Fishback Mrs Barbara Gallagher Gardner & Spratley Families Dana & Deana Gaydos Thomas and Paul Gavdos Fred & Lilian Gick **Bea Gies** Pat & Veronica Goodwin Grandma Joan Willie Hagar Helen Rose & Charles Hanev **Riker Charles Hardv Deacon Bill Haves** John & Alice Hirtz Jenny Huey Al Lecco Janice Mav Jovce and Elwvn Mav Father Robert McEleney



Lynn Ravagli McMahon Paul & Louise Metzinger Murphy & Servis Families Anne and Leo Navin Anthony and Betty Niagro Christopher Overman Mr. & Mrs Howard Overman Jr. Steve Overman Marie Anne & Hermel Page Dorothy & Ed Panuska Alfred Ravadli Ben & Mary Reading The Rogers, Nunn, Grabowski and Hing Families **David Stephens** Deceased Members of the Spence and Mover Families Ethvl Waldorf

And in Honor of:

Deacon Lou Burgess Patti Noepple The OLP Choir and Musicians The OLP Religious Education Staff James Gallagher Sr. Father Jim Gallagher

Thank You For All You Do

Mac's Kitchen would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of food items during the advent season. Your generosity allowed us to provide boxes with holiday meals to 96 families.

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