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.

Jodi Aerts Dylan Anderson Robert Berry Julie Byron Toni Capute Riordan Cavoris **Justin Curtis** Carol Donato Islea Duncan Alan Ekberg John Evans Earl Fishback Fr. Jim Gallagher Elizabeth Gillam Lynn Goss Kathleen Hamilton Jeanne Harper

Jeannine Iannaco Meia Irvin Leslie Jarrett Margaret MacDiarmid Carolyn Martin Jamie Martin Greg Moore Kathleen Moore **Beverly Moyer** Chris Moyer Rav Mover Don Notestein Patsy Notestein Angel Ortiz George Perry Gary Peters Laurie Peters

Frank Powell
Nelson Sanchez
Princess Sanchez
John Seaquist
Ray Servis
Jane Sliwinski
Margaret Smith
Fred Toth
Amy Tracy
Charles Watson
Laura Williams
Michael Williams
Travis Williams
Betty Jo Wolfrum

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Cemetery

Plots are available in the cemetery for \$500.00, or you may purchase crematory urn plots for \$250.00. These prices include perpetual care. For more information, contact one of the following Cemetery Committee Members:

Joe Do Gardner Ga

Dorothy Garcia Donald Notestein Chuck Hirtz Bonnie Toth

Mary Fishback

Our Lady of Peace Phone Tree

We have a phone tree that can be used not only for prayer requests but for any notices the church should or would like to know about i.e. funerals, closings, great happenings and other important news.

There are 6 people that do the calling: Sheila Seaquist: 434-352-8756; Carol Donato: 434-352-8275; Linda Gardner: 434-906-8409; Joyce Hing: 434-665-9844; Carolyn Conner: 804-502-1350 and Bernadette Servis: 434-352-8803. Notify any one of these people and they will get the phone tree started so everyone can stay informed.

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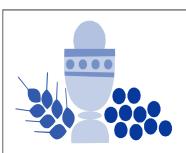
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January 8, 2023

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Scripture Readings:

Is: 60:1-6 Ps 72: 1-2,708,10-13 Eph 3:2-3,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Reconciliation

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

Parish News & Announcements

"What Do you Need from Him?" By Fr. Jim

On the Feast of Epiphany, we remember the Magi. We think there were three because there were three gifts. The names come from the Gospel of Thomas which did not make it into our Bible. The names that are given are Casper, Melchior and Balthazar. The gifts for me are a telling sign of what they need.

Gold stands for respect. Casper brings gold as a sign of respect for the new King. Back at his home, Casper is not getting the respect from his people that he desires. Perhaps by giving respect to this humble child, Casper realizes he needs to respect his people first.

Frankincense is a sign of transcendence and a higher power. Melchior has struggled with bad habits and additions. He goes off on people in his addiction to anger. He eats too much and drinks too much. His life is out of control and he needs to get a grip. Only the lord, God, can help him. So he brings a sign of higher power - that is incense - to this humble child. To see transcendence in the humble is a wonderful thing. He confesses his sins and weaknesses and receives help. "My help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth" he says.

Balthazar is coming to terms with the fragility of his age and mortality. Growing mature in years, he thinks he can do the same things physically as when he was younger. He keeps working harder to get that next promotion. But the time of success and upward mobility has passed him by. In a sense, he is coming to terms with his eventual death. So, he presents the child, Jesus, with Myrrh. This oil is used to give our deaths dignity - deaths on this side of eternity and for the other side.

So, there you have it. The journey of the three Wise Men was really a journey of faith. Where re you on the journey of faith? Hopefully, I am not standing still and complacent. Might that I be on the way, imperfect as I am. What gift would I bring to the Humble Child? One more thing: the Magi went home by a "different route" - a sign that they were converted and changed.

Gratitude From Fr. Jim

Fr. Jim expresses gratitude and many thanks for all the wonderful Christmas gifts. He is still opening up your presents. Gracias!

The following loved ones were honored and/or remembered with donations for our beautiful Christmas flowers:

Anne & Leo Navin Rogers, Nunn, Hing and Grabowski Families Tom Roberge Scott Roberge Buckhoren, Conner & Nolte Families McCabe and Maresca Families and Friends Joseph, Dorothy and Elizabeth McCabe Owens and Fishback Families Page Family Al Ravagli Lvnn McMahon Lecco and Cummings Families Joan Duncan **Davis Family**

Jane Haves Winnie Clark and Family Garcia Family Helen & Charles Haney Gaydos Family Barbara Gallagher Lerov Johannes Toth & Schaeffer Families Luke & Kathy Ford Families Goodwin & Hirtz Families Jake & Delores Corter Bill & Paula Hines Gardner & Sprathey Families Mover Family Leon & Elda Monroe

Today is Breakfast Sunday. All are welcome!!!

Jamie Sheets

(Breakfast Sundays are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month.)



January Birthdays

Jan 15: Marge MacDiarmid

Jan 21: Alexander Gregory

Jan 29: Keith Hamilton, Jr.

Jan 17: Linda Gardner

Jan 20: Alice Doeppe

Jan 22: Chris Moyer

Jan 31: Kay Johannes

Jan 3: Chuck Hirtz Jan 20: Todd & Betty Craft Jan 5: Beverly Moyer Jan 6: Ray Servis

Jan 4: Charlie & Mary Graf

January Anniversaries