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 Dvlan Anderson Robert Berry Patricia Bonnewitz Sandra Burke Julie Byron Toni Capute Riordan Cavoris Justin Curtis Mark Davis **Tony Donehoo** Carol Donato Islea Duncan Alan Ekberg John Evans Kathy Evans Earl Fishback Linda Gardner Elizabeth Gillam Lorraine Brennen Gilliam

Lvnn Goss Kathleen Hamilton Jeanne Harper Jeannine Iannaco Pablo Ignacio Patrick Ignacio Meja Irvin Margaret MacDiarmid Carolyn Martin Jamie Martin Greg Moore Kathleen Moore **Beverly Moyer** Chris Moyer Ray Moyer Don Notestein Patsy Notestein Angel Ortiz George Perry Wendv Pessaro

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October 29, 2023 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October Birthdays

- 1 Annette McCabe
- 1 Caroline Swing
- 4 Julia Hounsell
- 6 Gary Conner
- 10 Ted Skirvan
- 14 John Hampton
- 23 Ray Moyer
- 27 Steve Bradish
- 28 Elizabeth Lecco
- 28 Anna Ellrich
- 29 Lyn Goss

October Anniversaries

- 14 Rob & Virginia Johnson
- 17 Travis & Louise Williams
- 28 Glen & Kathy Moore
- 31 Phil & Kari Hampton

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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 Bonnie Toth at bonnie3871@gmail.com Damien, a missionary, lived and offered prayers with the lepers on an island near Hawaii. He was trying to be careful not to catch a fatal disease. But after catching it, in a Sunday Homily he referred to all there as "we lepers." As the people were sad, they were also joyful.

"This priest now who lives with us is in solidarity with us." More importantly, they felt divine love. A primary component of love is not affection, but commitment. His illness not only made him more committed, but made him one with them.

In chapter one of John's Gospel we red that the Word became flesh and "dwelled among us." Another way of saying that is "God pitched his tent." The Lord God "stayed" with us and was committed to us - not only committed, but it was a tent, which meant God would journey with us. So, one of the faces of love are those who are committed to us.

We recall another face of love as firefighters rans TOWARDS the burning buildings in New York City on 9/11. They had no idea about the identities of those trapped inside and they were so focused there were few second thoughts about their own safety.

Love abandons any tendency towards narcissism. It focusses on others. It sees humanity as one large family.

Seeing sacrifices made by firefighters and others is the kind of love that makes demands on us. This kind of love can be contagious and bring out the best in others.

Jesus defines what it means to be neighbor. It's not so much to do something, but to BE something. **FR. JIM AWAY FOR FUNDRAISING**: November 4-5. He will be celebrating mass at St. Edward Catholic Church in Chesterfield County, near Richmond. The proceeds from the trip will be shared by Our Lady of Peace and St. Victoria.

In Fr. Jim's absence, Fr. Paul Konde will celebrate masses at our two parishes: Saturday, November 4 at 4 pm at St. Victoria; Sunday, November 5 at 8:30 am at Our Lady of Peace and Sunday, November 5 at St. Victoria at 11 am.

ACCEPTING WINE DONATIONS As we have gone back to sharing the Precious Blood, we are in need of wine donations. When you visit Kroger or Food Lion, please pick up a bottle. Red or blush wine is preferred. Fr. Jim says "No Thunderbird, please." Thank you!





St. Victoria Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, November 18 (9 am-1 pm): Come and buy some delicious casseroles. (Fr. Jim's casseroles are called "Fidel Casseroles"). There will be crafts, baked breads, award winning Brunswick Stew, and this year there are lots of pies! Let us support our sister church. St.

Victoria is located at 305 Victoria Drive, Hurt VA (just after the last Altavista exit.)