

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

Lynn Goss
Kathleen Hamilton
Jeanne Harper
Jeannine Iannaco
Pablo Ignacio
Patrick Ignacio
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Carolyn Martin
Jamie Martin
Greg Moore
Kathleen Moore
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Don Notestein
Patsy Notestein
Angel Ortiz
George Perry
Wendy Pessaro

Gary Peters
Laurie Peters
Frank Powell
Nelson Sanchez
Princess Sanchez
John Seaquist
Ray Servis
Jane Sliwinski
Margaret Smith
Chere Tew
Fred Toth
Amy Tracy
Charles Watson
Danielle Weedon
Laura Williams
Louise Williams
Michael Williams
Travis Williams
Betty Jo Wolfrum

February Birthdays

Bob Burke (Feb. 2)
Biff Gilliam (Feb. 9)
Earl Fishback Feb. 9)
Helen Ravagli (Feb. 10)
Paul Harmon (Feb. 14)
Cecilia Harmon (Feb. 18)
Sandra Burke (Feb. 19)
Kelsey Brown (Feb. 19)
Carol Donato (Feb. 20)
Ronnie Haney (Feb. 24)
Caeli McCabe (Feb. 26)

February Anniversaries

Jose' Edwin Alavarado Mendoza and
Nuriam Jamery Garcia Alvarado
(Feb. 24)

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



February 18, 2024
1st Sunday of Lent

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

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A Pastoral Moment with Fr. Jim

Beatrice Heady really loves the Beatles. She always quotes Ringo when she says goodbye. Ringo says "Peace and Love." One of my favorite Beatles' songs is "Yellow Submarine." I don't know if it is hers. You all know the refrain: "We all live in a yellow submarine. A yellow submarine. A yellow submarine. Sky of blue. Sea of green. In our yellow submarine!"

Literally, we don't live in a yellow submarine, but we do journey together. We want to get to that rainbow just like in the Book of Genesis. As faith communities, Our Lady of Peace and St. Victoria, we want to be a people of many colors who glow in the sunshine by God's grace and our good work and our good works.

So, Noah gathers all the animals - different animals in the Ark. As we journey together through the storms of life, perhaps we are like those different animals. We have our differences. Some are republican and some are democrat. Some are struggling with Vatican II and others are ready for Vatican III. We speak different languages and come from different countries. At covered dish celebrations and breakfasts we eat different things and cook different things - all delicious and all good. Todos sabormissimos! On this Ark we live in our yellow submarine. Lent is about caring for and loving one another. We pray much more for each other and the wider world. We pray that the ship called Holy Land journeys in peace and stops fighting. We pray for fellowship with other "arks" like Presbyterians, both kinds of Methodists and Episcopalian and of course Baptists as well.

We also pray about works of justice and peace as we seek to be in solidarity with the poor and comfort those who are ill. We fast not only to be careful about eating, but our other appetites. Self control over anger is another example. On this Ark or submarine, we ask for forgiveness from God and each other. We keep the ship sailing on the right course.

May your Lent bring you to the joy of the bright rainbow as Noah experienced. We don't sail alone.

"And our friends are all aboard. Many more of them live next door. And the band begins to play. Buh-bump. Pump,pump..."

Announcements & News

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. The Liturgy Team met several times to discuss this year's Lenten theme. Our theme this year is "Letting go of Extra Baggage." Each Sunday you will see a suitcase with the name of one of the seven deadly sins (Gluttony, Pride, Wrath, Sloth, Greed, Envy and Lust). The greeter will read a short explanation each week written by Fr. Jim or a team member. At the end of the mass, the "sin" will be removed from the front of the suitcase, tucked inside and processed out as a symbol of getting rid of that sin.

Stations of the Cross are offered every Friday during Lent beginning this Friday (Feb. 16) at 6:15 pm. The only exception will be March 8 when we are all invited to Holy Cross Catholic Church for Stations and a soup supper.

Annual Appeal Kicks Off February 17th! Our goal for the annual appeal is \$4,380. We will receive 50% back if we reach our goal. There are envelopes in the pew as well as diocesan mailings.

Mark Your Calendar for Thursday, February 22nd!! On Thursday, February 22nd, *Caeli McCabe* and *Kenneth Hamilton* will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Please plan to arrive by 6:30 pm to get a seat. St. Thomas More is located at 3015 Roundelay Road, Lynchburg VA 24502.

Today's readings:

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm 25
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:12-15