

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
Sonya Albores
Dylan Anderson
Robert Berry
Patricia Bonnewitz
Millie Budney
Michael Burke
Sandra Burke
Julie Byron
Toni Capute
Riordan Cavoris
Justin Curtis
Tony Donehoo
Carol Donato
Islea Duncan
Alan Ekberg
John Evans
Kathy Evans
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 Pessararo
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

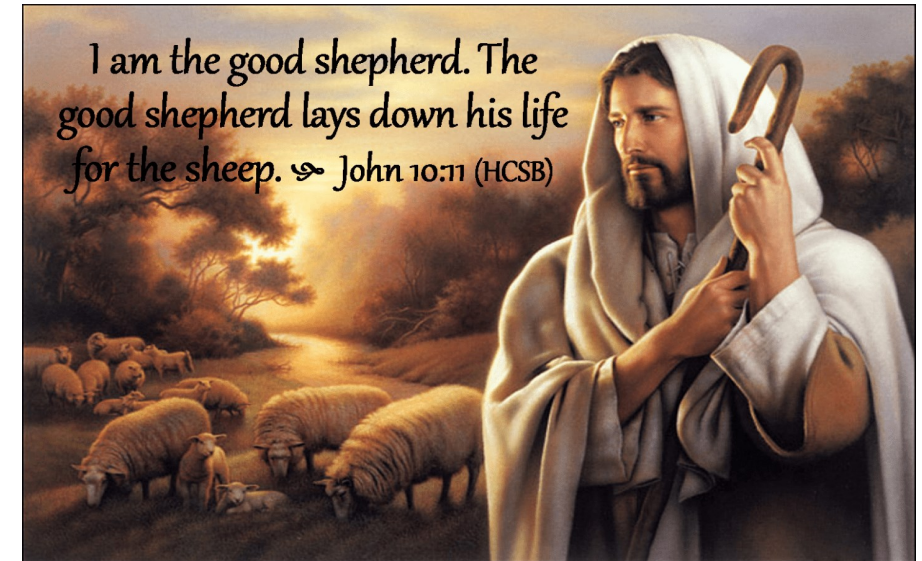
April Birthdays

Maria Leslie (April 3)
Pat Bonnewitz (April 5)
Kathy Ford (April 7)
Wesley Garcia (April 11)
Gloria Bowden (April 12)
Luke Ford (April 13)
Matthew Clark (April 13)
Beatrice Heady (April 13)
Yvon Page (April 13)
Kellie McCabe (April 13)
Ann Baaun-Gaydos (April 18)
Avery Lecco-Smith (April 18)
Scott West (April 21)
Kaydence Lecco-Smith (April 22)
Robert Berry (April 26)
Ilethya Valasca (April 27)
Allen Lecco (April 27)

April Anniversaries

Paul & Cecilia Harmon (April 18)
David & Ann Gaydos (April 24)
Ray & Bernadette Servis (April 26)

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

We have all had experiences in the working world where the boss or supervisor seems to be out of step with our lived experience with the workers. Expectations happen that are impossible to meet because those in authority do not understand and seem disconnected or detached.

For example, there used to be an expectation by the diocese that every parish is large enough and wealthy enough to have a staff that includes a full time religious education coordinator, a full time bookkeeper and a parish secretary as well as a priest that serves just one parish. Lately, I am happy to report, our diocese chooses to work with us in our own unique circumstances.

But, perhaps you have worked in a situation where the supervisors and management are out of touch with your lived experience. A family might easily be in the same situation where those who are supposed to lead siblings and children are emotionally detached.

In the Gospel today, John 10:11-18, Jesus describes all kinds of leaders or shepherds. The yearling runs away when the trouble [wolf] comes. The sheep are “not his own.”

There are those that have sympathy. This is a good beginning. Where there is feeling for others in need, there is empathy. This is connecting with another’s pain and sorrow. You cry with those grieving. You have pain in the gut of your stomach. Empathy is beyond understanding. Solidarity is empathy in action as you remember, for example, someone who needs medical assistance and has no insurance. You refer them to the Free Clinic - especially as you remember when you were in physical pain and had no assistance.

But our Good Shepherd does better than that. There is the powerful verb and word “know.” To “know” is more than a cognitive or “heads up” experience for God. Jesus says, “...the Father knows me and I know the Father...” Would you agree that the bond between the Father and Jesus is so strong that it is beyond our understanding? The Father is “incarnate” in the Son. As we say, “One in being!”

Now what does Jesus say about us? “I *KNOW* mine and mine know me.” Jesus is one in the being of our suffering, pain and joy. As the commercials on television say recently: “He gets us!” That is different than any church or family leader we have. Might, however, we be filled with empathy and in solidarity and pray that some times the “knowing” incarnate shines through you and me. These are examples when that happens.

Jesus laid his life down for you and me. Haven’t we seen others in our human history?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Annual Appeal Progress: Our goal is \$4380. You have raised \$3885, which is 88% of the goal. We are almost there! Remember, the Diocese will return 50% to us.

Interested in the Catholic Faith? Are you curious about the Catholic Church and what it teaches? Why do Catholics give such credibility to the Pope? Why do they do the “Lord’s Supper” each week? Do you know some Catholics that impress you? If you interested in become a Catholic, contact our pastor, a guy we call Fr. Jim at jimg301@juno.com or all him directly at 434-238-7030. He will be happy to set up an appointment.

What’s On the Calendar

April

26th: Craft Club

MAY

1st: Knights of Columbus Meeting

4th: Grief Workshop

8th: Craft Club

12th: May Crowning following mass
Breakfast Sunday

14th: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

15th: Calendar Planning

24th: Mac’s Kitchen

24th: Craft Club

JUNE

9th: Breakfast Sunday

12th: Craft Club

13th: Hillcats Game

15th: Mac’s Kitchen

18-21: Vacation Bible School

28th: Craft Club