

## January Birthdays

Chuck Hirtz (Jan. 3)  
Bev Moyer (Jan. 5)  
Ray Servis (Jan. 6)  
Linda Gardner (Jan. 17)  
Alice Doeppe (Jan. 20)  
Alexander Gregory (Jan. 21)  
Chris Moyer (Jan. 22)  
Khalid Fadeel (Jan. 25)  
Keith Hamilton, Jr. (Jan. 29)  
Fram Afram (Jan. 30)  
Kay Johannes (Jan. 31)

## January Anniversaries

Charlie & Mary Graf (Jan. 4)  
Todd & Betty Craft (Jan. 20)

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](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com).

Dylan Anderson  
Robert Berry  
Patricia Bonnewitz  
Gloria Bowden  
Millie Budney  
Sandra Burke  
Julie Byron  
Toni Capute  
Deacon John Carey  
Riordan Cavoris  
Jim Croushorn  
Justin Curtis  
Alessia Destefano  
Carol Donato  
Islea Duncan  
John Evans  
Jack Fisher

Linda Gardner  
Elizabeth Gillam  
Lorraine Brennen Gilliam  
Lynn Goss  
Mary Graf  
Kathleen Hamilton  
Jeanne Harper  
Holly Hewitt  
Jeannine Iannaco  
Pablo Ignacio  
Patrick Ignacio  
Meja Irvin  
Leslie Jarrett  
Marge Lent  
Paul Lent  
Carolyn Martin  
Kimberly Martin

Greg Moore  
Beverly Moyer  
Chris Moyer  
Ray Moyer  
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

Chere Tew  
Jim Tew  
Fred Toth  
Amy Tracy  
Charles Watson  
Danielle Weedon  
Laura Williams  
Louise Williams  
Michael Williams  
Travis Williams  
Betty Jo Wolfram

### *The Financial Corner*

Collections:  
January 12: \$517.00  
Attendees: 51

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# Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



**January 19, 2025**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church**  
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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  
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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

In John 2:1-11, Jesus tells the servants to fill the bowls used for ritual washing. Did you ever stop to think about how this is unsanitary? People have washed their dirty feet in those bowls - maybe the sweat and dirt from their travel before entering the home of the host. How clean is the water as the same bowls are filled again? Surely, there are germs and contamination.

Yet, this very water is changed to delicious and wonderful wine. It was so good the guests stayed several days afterword? Roland Rolheiser, a theologian and author who wrote “The Holy Longing,” tells us that we are all “contaminated water” when we come to Eucharist. Think of our short comings during the week. Recently, for example, I was not a happy camper as I spent three hours on the runway waiting to depart from Charlottesville Airport to Dulles. I let people know about it and now I am embarrassed. My water was unclean.

Rolheiser says that at the Eucharist we are changed. Our contaminated water is not only cleansed but becomes delicious to the taste. See, there is a word “transubstantiation.” It used to mean that the bread and wine at the mass were transformed into the body and blood of Christ. It still means that, but what is also means is there we are transformed into the body and blood of Christ. We are like that water at the wedding feast at Cana.

Maybe you do not feel transformed. But faith is not a feeling. Maybe if I believe that I am transformed and changed, then I will act like it. I will act like that delicious wine. I will act like the body and blood of the Lord if I believe that the Lord can change me.

“I believe, Lord. Help my unbelief.”

It is time to become delicious wine!



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**THANK YOU!!!** Mac’s Kitchen thanks everyone for their generous support during the holidays to make sure those in need in our community were able to have a normal holiday time. They also remind you that hunger does not stop after the holidays, so please keep them in mind as you do your weekly shopping.

MEET YOUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2025

The 2025 council met for the first time this year on January 14. From our by-laws: “The Parish Pastoral Council, unlike the Parish Finance Council, is not mandated by Canon Law. The primary role of the parish pastoral council is advisory, making recommendations to the pastor about the spiritual and physical well-being of the parish. As a “visionary” council, it concerns itself with where the parish wants to be in three to five years and not with the administration aspects of running the parish. The Parish Pastoral Council does not run the parish, or supervise its daily work. Ultimately, that responsibility falls on the shoulders of the pastor. It should be prophetic, calling the community and its leaders to grow in faith together and to respond to the needs of the people.” Your council members and their ministry liaison [contact] assignments are:

Arnie Johannes:	Buildings and Grounds
Beth Jarrett:	Justice & Peace/CEASA
Bonnie Toth:	Liturgy & Worship (Council Secretary)
Fr. Jim:	Pastor/Presider
Helen Dennany:	Religious Education/Christian Formation
Jodi Aerts:	Parish Socials/Community Life
Kelsey Brown:	Finance Committee (Council Chairperson)
Robert Berry:	Buildings & Grounds/Knights of Columbus (Council Vice-Chairperson)
Vacant Seat:	St. Victoria Catholic Church

We represent and work for you. We welcome your input, questions, concerns, etc.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY CALENDAR

January 22:	Finance Committee Meeting
January 23-24:	March for Life (Evangelizationrdichmond.org)
January 28:	Liturgy Meeting (11:00, following morning mass)
January 29:	Virginia Pro-Life Day (vaprolifeday.org)
February 2:	Baptisms: Wyatt Simonton and Wrenlee Simonton
February 4:	Calendar Planning (after both morning and evening masses)
February 7-8:	Diocesan Youth Conference in Richmond
February 8:	Grief Workshop
February 11:	Parish Pastoral Council Executive Meeting (following evening mass)
February 22:	Fundraising Meeting