

**February Birthdays**

Bob Burke (Feb 2)  
Biff Gilliam (Feb. 9)  
Helen Ravagli (Feb. 10)  
Zina Afram (Feb. 10)  
Barbara Luna (Feb. 11)  
Paul Harman (Feb. 14)  
Cecilia Chan (Feb. 18)  
Wyatt Siimonton (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’ Alvarado & Nuriam Garcia  
(Feb. 24)

***Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church***



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	Elizabeth Gillam	Beverly Moyer	Chere Tew
Robert Berry	Lorraine Brennen Gilliam	Chris Moyer	Jim Tew
Patricia Bonnewitz	Lynn Goss	Ray Moyer	Fred Toth
Gloria Bowden	Mary Graf	Don Notestein	Amy Tracy
Millie Budney	Kathleen Hamilton	Patsy Notestein	Charles Watson
Sandra Burke	Jeanne Harper	Angel Ortiz	Danielle Weedon
Julie Byron	Holly Hewitt	George Perry	Laura Williams
Toni Capute	Jeannine Iannaco	Gary Peters	Louise Williams
Deacon John Carey	Pablo Ignacio	Laurie Peters	Michael Williams
Riordan Cavoris	Patrick Ignacio	Frank Powell	Travis Williams
Justin Curtis	Meja Irvin	Nelson Sanchez	Betty Jo Wolfram
Alessia Destefano	Leslie Jarrett	Princess Sanchez	
Carol Donato	Marge Lent	John Seaquist	
Islea Duncan	Paul Lent	Ray Servis	
John Evans	Carolyn Martin	Jane Sliwinski	
Jack Fisher	Kimberly Martin	Margaret Smith	
Linda Gardner	Greg Moore	YvetteTarsitano	

**February 2, 2025**  
**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

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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](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com)

***The Financial Corner***

Collections:  
January 26: \$866  
Attendees: 72

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## A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

While Jesus is Lord and God, I enjoy the Gospel of Luke as he proclaims a Jesus that is relatable. In other words, Luke shares with us the humanity of Christ. Verse 40 of today's Gospel says: "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him," Wow! The child "grew." We could talk for hours about that. Did Jesus know he was God and THE Son of God? Relatable to all of us, as we grow. As we realize who we are to ourselves, to others and to the Lord.

February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation. And, there is a wealth of profound catechesis that is low hanging fruit and easy to grasp, yet profound. Anna was a prophetess. Helloooooo Vatican!!! A woman who is a prophet. Listen, you who struggle with opening the diaconate to women. She was married to her husband for seven years. Seven is a number of perfection. "Her marriage was holy and a blessing to both spouses. She was 84 years old. 7x12 equals 84. Seven, again, a blessing and 12 for the tribes of Israel. She was the "nice aunt" - probably of Jerusalem. That is one loaded term. The high priests were in Jerusalem. What do you think what Anna has to say?

Like any family, there are "Debbie Downers." That is the uncle or aunt or relative that sometimes lacks filters but will tell the truth. They will tell the good news and the bad news. "Uncle" Simeon has the good news. "My eyes have seen your salvation which you prepared in the sight of all peoples - a light for revelations to the Gentiles, and glory for your people of Israel." Then comes the challenging news. "Behold, this child is destined to be the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted, and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed."

So, even in the family of Jesus, light and dark sides are revealed - a relatable Son of God to you and me. The creche' is never too far from the cross. The cross is never too far from the empty tomb.

Every rose has its thorn. Every night has its dawn.

Jesus later chooses to be baptized by John at the Jordan so he could be fully immersed into your life and into mine.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### BAPTISMS



We are all privileged to share in the celebration as Wyatt Simonton and Wrenlee Simonton receive the Sacrament of Baptism at mass today. You are all invited to stay and celebrate following mass.

**HEADS UP!!!** Have you purchased your 50/50 tickets yet to support the fund raising campaign?? Please see Alice Doepppe after mass. Plans continue as we prepare for the upcoming St. Patrick's Dinner in March and the Rummage Sale in April.



### FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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| February 4:   | Calendar Planning (after both morning and evening masses)          |
| February 2-8: | Diocesan Youth Conference in Richmond                              |
| February 8:   | Grief Workshop (12:30 - 3 pm)                                      |
| February 11:  | Parish Pastoral Council Executive Meeting (following evening mass) |
| February 20:  | Liturgy Team Meeting (10:30 am)                                    |
| February 22:  | Fund Raising Meeting (11:00 am)                                    |

### UPDATED CHURCH DIRECORY

Our church family is growing and it's time to update our church directory! Sheila Seaquist has agreed to take on this huge task. Please check the sheets on the table in the commons for your name(s). Add anything that needs to be added and change anything that needs to be changed. If everything is correct, please mark a checkmark by your name(s) and information so she will know it is correct. See Sheila with any questions.