

February Birthdays

Bob Burke (Feb 2)
Biff Gilliam (Feb. 9)
Helen Ravagli (Feb. 10)
Zina Talya (Feb. 11)
Barbara Luna (Feb. 11)
Paul Harman (Feb. 14)
Cecilia Chan (Feb. 18)
Wyatt Simonton (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)

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.

Dylan Anderson	Elizabeth Gillam	Beverly Moyer	Jim Tew
Robert Berry	Lorraine Brennen Gilliam	Chris Moyer	Fred Toth
Patricia Bonnewitz	Lynn Goss	Ray Moyer	Amy Tracy
Gloria Bowden	Mary Graf	Don Notestein	Charles Watson
Millie Budney	Kathleen Hamilton	Patsy Notestein	Danielle Weedon
Sandra Burke	Jeanne Harper	Angel Ortiz	Laura Williams
Julie Byron	Holly Hewitt	George Perry	Louise Williams
Toni Capute	Jeannine Iannaco	Gary Peters	Michael Williams
Deacon John Carey	Pablo Ignacio	Laurie Peters	Travis Williams
Riordan Cavoris	Patrick Ignacio	Frank Powell	Betty Jo Wolfram
Justin Curtis	Meja Irvin	Nelson Sanchez	
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	Chere Tew	

The Financial Corner

Collections:
February 9: \$1072.00
Attendees: 72

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Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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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

A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

Abraham Lincoln once said, "If you want one less enemy, then make him your friend." Jesus, in Luke 6:27-38, offers teaching and suggestions in disarming and loving our enemies. To those who exercise aggressive behavior towards us, he shows us passive resistance. Jesus does not advocate "doormat theology" but suggests ways to resist oppression in a creative way. For someone who hit us on the left cheek, for example, he tells us to turn the other cheek. To strike someone on the right cheek is a curse to the aggressor in his day. If a Roman soldier takes your cloak, to offer the tunic means that the oppressor must deal with a piece of clothing with an odor. The tunic in the day of Jesus was like underwear. Think of ways you can turn adversaries around. Think of ways you can build community. It is a different mindset than what we usually do. What has worked for me?

When I was having a tough time helping a community get along, the first thing I did was pray. I got in touch with my "Christ center." Then I asked the Lord to help me be loving and kind and to watch my mouth. Help me to "outsmart" these people and be wise. Then, I used humor. When people are laughing at your humor, they are not thinking about how they are angry with one another.

The Gospel tells us to reflect the God who is king to the ungrateful and the wicked. I never forget what my dad says: "Who knows? God still loves them." Remembering that we are all broken helps. I come with my dark side. I am not okay and you are not okay. But, that's "okay."

Who does this person who insults me, excludes me and denounces me remind me of? It might be a family member who I grew up with but deep down, I love.

It is quite an accomplishment when I can say, "They drew a line, long and thin, but I drew a circle and drew them in.

Lastly, the heroes of my life all used creative non-violence and turned some antagonists around. Dr. Martin Luther King, Mahatma Ghandi and Ceaser Chavez: they show us the possibilities!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

DIOCESAN APPEAL

The Diocesan Appeal begins March 2nd. Please take an envelope from the pew and make a pledge. The goal for Our Lady of Peace is \$4740, but we will get back 50% from Richmond from whatever monies we give! Did you know that Georgia Stomer with St. Pheobe's Food Ministry at St. Victoria received \$4000 from the Diocesan Food and Hunger Fund? That's a part of the appeal.

MARCH CALENDAR

- March 2: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- March 4: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (with breakfast meats) (6:00 pm) **
Shrove Tuesday Service and burning of the palms (7 pm)
- March 5: Ash Wednesday Masses: 12:30 pm and 7 pm
- March 7: Stations of the Cross: (6 pm)
- March 9: First Sunday of Lent with Special Rites for Beatrice and Itzell who are preparing for Confirmation
- March 14: Stations of the Cross (6 pm)
- March 11: Joint Meeting Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee
- March 15: St. Patrick's Dinner (1:00 pm)
- March 16: Second Sunday of Lent
- March 21: Stations of the Cross (6 pm)
- March 23: Third Sunday of Lent
- March 26: Reconciliation for our children at Religious Education (4 pm)
- March 28: Stations of the Cross (6 pm)
- March 29: Reconciliation for all (10:30 am)
- March 30: Fourth Sunday of Lent with Anointing of the Sick

LITURGY TEAM UPDATE

Lent is coming and begins on March 5, Ash Wednesday. Please keep us in prayer as we continue to meet and finalize our plans for our Lenten liturgies. Our theme will be based on "making amends."

**** Don't forget to bring in your palms from home. They will be burned on Shrove Tuesday evening as we sing our final "Alleluia's" until Easter.**