

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 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
Robert Berry
Patricia Bonnewitz
Gloria Bowden
Millie Budney
Sandra Burke
Julie Byron
Toni Capute
Deacon John Carey
Riordan Cavoris
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
Yvette Tarsitano

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 26: \$1022.00
Attendees: 106

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Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church
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For emergencies: Fr. Jim's cell number: 434-238-7030
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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
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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

The key phrase for me in Luke 5:1-11 is the quote from Jesus: “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Literally, it works and they catch an abundance of fish. But, “deep water” in Jesus Christ means a true and authentic relationship. It means I our prayer life going into the depths where the “Dark Night of the Soul” man woman dwells.

Remember in the story about the Woman at the well when the Samaritan women keeps asking questions of the depth of Jesus. She goes deeper into the mystery of who he is. First, he is recognized as a Jew and then as a prophet and finally the Messiah. But she was open and honest from the beginning admitting that she had five husbands. She kept going deeper into the “Well.”

In the face of the Divine Lover, Peter sees himself as a sinner. I would like to think that this was a longer dialogue and Peter had a chance to go deeper into himself and encounter his own “dark night of the soul” All of us have a dark night of the soul person Mine has tattered clothing with shame about things I have done wrong to others and others have done to me. Mine has an odor and is filthy from sin He is chained to his bad habits that are not easy to overcome. It is to this place that Jesus wants to visit, heal, bathe and forgive It is from that spot of Jesus’ embrace that I am called to not judge, but walk with others in their brokenness as we are two broken people together. Peter was deeply aware of himself as a sinner. But all of us receive a new identify when Jesus visits us.

At first, we want to forget our dark night of the soul. We want to drink it away. We want to distract it away, Peter asked Jesus to depart from him. He does not want to go there. But then, he lets Jesus command his boat. We then become fully equipped to spread the Good News.

Isaiah has a similar situation and becomes aware of his unclean state. But because of it and of his fallen state, he is sent (Isaiah (6:1-8).

It all begins not by praying and living life superficially, but by going out into the “deep water.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



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

February 11: Parish Pastoral Council Executive Meeting (following evening mass)
February 20: Liturgy Team Meeting (10:30 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.

DIOCESEAN YOUTH CONFERENCE THIS WEEKEND

Please keep Caeli, Sofia, Beatrice and Itzel in prayer this weekend as they attend the Annual Diocesan Youth Conference. We look forward when they return to hearing about what they have learned while sharing and growing in their faith, growing closer to Christ and making new friends.

CALLING ALL CHOCOLATE LOVERS!!!

Our sisters and brothers in Christ at St. Anne’s Episcopal Church (just up the road at 415 Oakleigh Avenue) are hosting their 9th Annual “Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate” this Thursday, February 13 from 6:30—8:00 pm. Church member made deserts include pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, cheesecake, mousse and candy, They will offer non chocolate as well as some sugar free and gluten free deserts. All proceeds will fund their church outreach projects. Limited tickets are available at \$10 each. Please call 434-660-4083 for your tickets.