

March Birthdays

March 2: Keith Hamilton, Sr.
March 3: Betty Craft
March 4: Bernadette Servis
March 11: Mely Ruiz-Pineda
March 16: Pat Hirtz
March 16: David Gaydos
March 18: Kenneth Hamilton
March 21: Andrew Blum
March 25: Patti West
March 25: Robert Jackson

March Anniversaries

March 14: Reed & Jackie Johnson

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.

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

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Bonnie Toth at bonnie3871@gmail.com

The Financial Corner

Collections for March 16, 2025: \$706.

Attendees: 66

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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

In times when our help from the Lord seems distant and far way, it is good to read Exodus 3:1-25. Moses approaches a flaming bush. In his conversation with Lord our God says, “I have witnessed the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and I have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; I know their sufferings...”

First of all, I want to point out that God calls these enslaved and suffering “my people.” Those who are down and out, dismissed and oppressed have a special place in the Lord’s heart. Secondly, and the best of all, the Lord God says He “knows well” our suffering. This knowing is not a head trip kind of knowing. This is a womb feeling of our God. In this passage a mother-like, woman-like kind of compassion and empathy is attributed to the transcendent. It is comforting that our Creator cares that much. Yet, what do I do when I continue to feel oppressed and there seems to be no answer to my prayers?

I believe that we who are made in the likeness and image of our God are called to be that womb kind of care for each other - to be present to the stories of shared grief; to cry with each other and heal whenever possible. In other words, be that change we want to see in the world. And, like the fig tree in the Gospel, give one another and the Lord time with all the nurturing we can give.

God is not only watching, but caring more than we understand and know.

“There will be an answer. Let it be.”
(Beatrice’s friend, Paul McCartney)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKLY LENTEN REFLECTION

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us a parable of a fig tree that has not borne fruit. In the parable, the tree is to be given every opportunity to bear fruit, but if still it does not bear fruit, it is to be cut down so that the soil is not wasted. This suggests that our own reconciliation with God is not achieved merely by professing our faith. We are called to bear fruit according to our kind. Our obedience consists not just in following rules, but in living fully and fruitfully, making of our own life a suitable offering to others and to God.

Palm Sunday/Holy Week/Easter Liturgy Sign-Ups

Have you ever thought about ways be a part of these powerful liturgies? Please see the signup sheets on the Liturgy Table in the Commons for several opportunities to do so for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday, March 29, 10:30 am. Fr. Jim and a priest from St. Theresa’s in Farmville will be available.

Communal Anointing of the Sick: Sunday, March 30. Fr. Jim will offer anointing of the sick during mass.

Confirmation: Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 pm. Both Itzel and Beatrice will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let’s have an awesome turnout!!

Holy Cross Stations of the Cross/Soup Super: Friday, April 11, 6 pm. Fr Jim will lead the Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross followed by a Soup Supper featuring six different kinds of soup and some delicious home made bread. St. Victoria is joining us.



Fund Raiser Church Rummage Sale: Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 at Alice’s house on Church Street across from Appomattox Middle School. It’s time to clean out your garage and fill up Alice’s. Please see Alice after mass to make arrangements to get your items to her house.

Grass Cutting: Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines! The grass cutting season is here. Please see the chart on the entrance door to sign up for a date to volunteer.