

## April Birthdays

April 03: Maria Leslie  
April 04: Kathy Ford  
April 11: Wesley Garica  
April 12: Gloria Bowden  
April 13: Luke Ford  
April 13: Beatrice Heady  
April 13: Yvon Page  
April 13: Kellie McCabe  
April 18: Ann Baaun-Gaydos  
April 18: Avery Lecco-mith  
April 21: Scott Wet  
April 22: Kaydence Lecco-Smith  
April 26: Robert Berry  
April 27: Allen Lecco  
April 27: Ilithya Velasco Ruiz

## April Anniversaries

April 18: Tom & Kathy Wall  
April 24: David & Ann Gaydos  
April 26: Ray & Bernadette Servis

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  
Sid Barr  
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  
Patricia Elder  
John Evans

Jack Fisher  
Linda Gardner  
Elizabeth Gillam  
Lorraine Brennen Gilliam  
Lynn Goss  
Mary Graf  
Kathleen Hamilton  
Jeanne Harper  
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  
Emilia Walker  
Charles Watson  
Danielle Weedon  
Laura Williams  
Louise Williams  
Michael Williams  
Travis Williams  
Betty Jo Wolfram

## The Financial Corner

Collections for March 23: [unavailable at printing]  
Attendees: [unavailable at printing]

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# Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



***The Parable of The Prodigal Son***  
***Luke 15:1-3, 11-32***

**March 30, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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**Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM**  
**Thursday 12:15 PM**

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## A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

Who appreciates the Father's love more: The prodigal son or the boring stay at home son? (Luke 15:1-32)

The son who took his father's inheritance and squandered it was in a distant country. That meant he was in "another world." It would be like trying to talk sense into someone who is drunk or high on drugs - feeling no pain and lots of denial. Yet, that son "comes to his senses." He ran out of things that made him "high." In addiction and recovery we call that a "moment of clarity." He then thought that he would return to his father. He admits he has a problem and his life is unmanageable. He would try to make amends by apologizing to his father and admitting that he sinned against God (his Higher Power). He has lost dignity and perhaps is coming up the road naked, so they put a robe on him (a robe or stole is given at Baptism as a sign of our dignity in Christ.) His status as son is restored as he receives a ring for his finger. Yet, he is free to stay or run away - freedom - a shoes are given for his feet.

This is an overwhelming story of reconciliation and forgiveness, but the father's generosity continues as there is a party thrown in his honor. The stay at home son is angry. Perhaps he, too, is a "prodigal son" because of his pride and judgements. Perhaps he is boring. Perhaps he never takes risks to have an adventure or even fall in love. Some would find the son who left exciting. "What was it like?" we could ask. "What did you see?" "Did you miss us?" He understands the father's love.

We are not supposed to sin. But we all do. Perhaps after we sinned, we felt forgiven. Perhaps we would not now of forgiveness if we were a "goodie-two-shoes."

It reminds me of Mae West. One time, a lady said to May West, "My goodness, what beautiful pearls!" May West said, "Goodness had nothing to do with it, my dear!" The lady responded, "Well, I never!" and Mae West said, "Maybe you should!" No, we should not sin, Mae. But if we do and we are sorry, God gives us the great pearl of his love like the father in the Gospel.

That is called a paradox. There is one answer to a paradox of God's grace. It is called **FAITH**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**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.

**2025 Diocesan Appeal Update:** As of March 20, you have donated \$2345 toward the 2025 Appeal. That is 49% of our goal of \$4790, so we are making progress! Remember, we will receive back 50% of the funds. There are envelopes in the pews to send in your donation.

**Fundraiser Rummage Sale Update:** Please continue to bring your donations for the rummage sale on April 25 & 26 as part of the fund raising efforts for a new roof and H/VAC system. Please remember to price your donations.

### WHAT'S ON THE CALENDAR

**Wednesday, April 2:** No Religious Education

**Wednesday, April 2:** Funeral Mass, 11:00 am for Jeannine Ianacco

**Friday, April 4:** Stations of the Cross (6 pm)

**Saturday, April 5:** Grief Workshop (10:30 am-1:00 pm)

**Tuesday, April 8:** Parish Pastoral Council Executive Meeting (7:30 pm)

**Wednesday, April 9:** No Religious Education

**Wednesday, April 9:** Both Itzel and Beatrice will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Thomas More Catholic Church (7 pm). Let's have an awesome turnout!!

**Friday, April 11,** Holy Cross Stations of the Cross/Soup Super (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.

### WEEKLY LENTEN REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, the younger of a man's two sons leaves home only to squander his inheritance in sinful living until he finally is bereft of his belongings and his dignity. Yet when he returns home ashamed and ragged, his father rejoices, covers him with a fine robe and throws a feast in his honor. God wants reconciliation. He is waiting for us to come home so that He may clasp us to himself in fullness and love and restore our dignity that has been lost in sin.

Fr. Jim is offering Communal Anointing of the Sick today during Mass.

