

### 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

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  
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  
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 for March 2, 2025: \$834.00  
Attendees: 67

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# *Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church*



**March 9, 2025**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

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**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**

I loved the song “We Are The World, We Are The Children” from 1986. What an endeavor it was to get all those American pop singers together. They worked through the night as a team. They heeded the message to check their ego at the door as each one was so popular: Madonna, Bruce Springsteen, Willie Nelson and Harry Belafonte - just to name a few. I found one fault. Willie Nelson sang: “A God has shown us by changing stone to bread...”

In the Gospel of Luke 4:1-13, Jesus is tempted to change stones to bread. But he doesn't do it. Instead, HE becomes bread to us - Bread in the Eucharist and the Lord's Supper but in many more ways than we can count! And, we are called to feed the “hungry heart” because as the boss (Bruce) tells us, everyone has one.

This Lent, our two parishes are challenged to first make amends. I have sins that involve food. I eat too much of it. What if I gave away the money to someone in need instead of buying a fish sandwich? (It is a lot of money these days.) If I eat out less, perhaps in some ways prices would drop so others can feast. How about our Lenten packets. Have you shopped yet for Mac's Kitchen or St Phoebe's Pantry?

Back to the hungry heart again. Mother Teresa did not want anyone assisting her in her program that had a child or relative at home hungry for love. Sometimes for me, it is easier to “run away” and be with the poor than to deal with some mess in the home.

Earlier, when I was a younger priest, I assisted with a ministry to the homeless. I would sleep in the shelter with them. It got a lot of compliments and affirmation. Meanwhile, there was another priest in my house with whom I did not get along. His heart was hungry. I needed to patch things up there before I spent my nights in the shelter.

The Word of God means not only giving food for the body, but food for the soul.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **WEEKLY LENTEN REFLECTION**

In today's Gospel, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray and to be tempted by the devil. During Lent, we, too, are called to the desert spaces of our own lives. In the desert there are no worldly distractions or creature comforts to distract us from honest self-assessment. In the desert we can confront our own temptations. It is an opportunity to identify - and put away from us - all those things that separate us from God. This is necessary, because there can be no reconciliation for us with God when we choose other things before Him.

### **MARCH CALENDAR**

- March 9: First Sunday of Lent with Special Rites for Beatrice Heady and Itzell Velasco 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 (5:00 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

### **DIOCESAN APPEAL**

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!