

May Birthdays

May 07: Carolyn Maples
May 10: Jeremy Hounsell
May 13: Sid Smith
May 14: Bonnie Toth
May 19: Emily Heady
May 19: Jim Tew
May 21: George Perry

May Anniversaries

May 02: Andrew & Kelsey Brown
May 16: Fr. Jim's Ordination
May 23: Steve & Diane Bradish

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

The Financial Corner

Collections for May 11 (will be available next week)
Attendees May 11: (will be available next week)

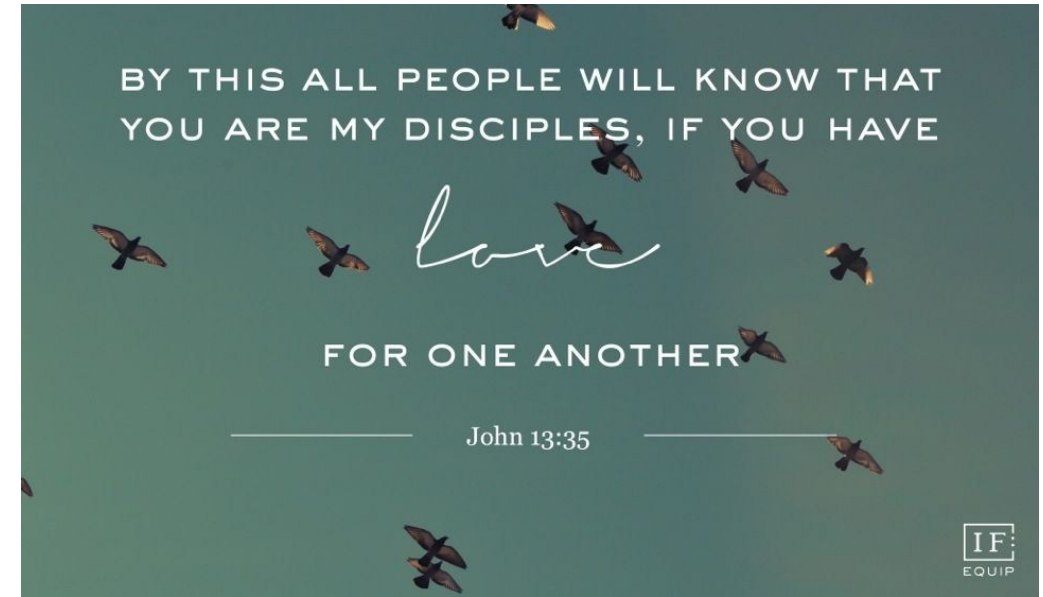
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Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



May 18, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 14:21-27; ps. 145; Rev. 21:1; John 13:31-22a,34-35

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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
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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

As the staff of Catholic churches get together every few months, they report and share their best pastoral practices. After all the staff members from larger churches have given their reports, it was the turn of Our Lady of Peace, one of my parishes and a small church, to report. Two pastors at the end of the table talked out loudly, joked and laughed as I was speaking. Another time, a pastor from a larger church walked out as we were presenting. I found myself deeply offended. I also get offended when the people from Lynchburg hardly ever visit Hurt or Appomattox as I am always running to offer assistance. But, these are just a few of the ways I find myself feeling offended.

One of my favorite theologians is a Franciscan Priest named Richard Rohr. Richard Rohr talks about “being in Christ.” If one is “in Christ” then it takes a great deal of disrespect to be offended. For if I am in Christ, I truly believe in my heart the quote from 1 John 3:1: “See what love the Father has bestowed on us, that we may be called the children of God.”

How easily I get offended is how much “I am in Christ.” Another way of saying it is perhaps I have a great ego need. The huge ego need is what Richard Rohr calls “the small self.” It is the small self that has a big ego need - the need to be right; the need to be in control; the need for lots of attention and affirmation.

In Matthew 23:1-2, Jesus speaks about the Pharisees and Scribes. They have power but they are “small.” They do not practice what they preach. They like fancy titles and places of honor. And, of course, they have a need to be right and never embrace their own dark side as to see themselves as sinners called to continual conversion with all the rest of us.

Ironically, those who see themselves as weak and know their own darkness do not get easily offended. They know that they are dust but at the same time paradoxically they know they are God’s child. A slight because you are from a small church does not offend. Rather, the slight puts them in solidarity with the rest of humanity.

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While they are special in God’s eyes, they are no more special than anyone else on the planet. And that is perfectly alright. They are in Christ.

So, this week I invite you with me to ask, “How easily do I get offended?” and “How much am I in Christ?”

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

It’s that time of the year again - Tea Time! Come join us for a Tea with our Sisters in Christ. Tea date is Saturday, May 31, here at Our Lady of Peace in Corter Hall. Time is 12:30 - 2:20 pm. Come dressed up or just dressed! Let’s celebrate with our Sisters in Christ! A sign-up sheet is in the commons area to let us know if you will join us and/or if you can bring sweets or sandwiches to share. Please see Jodi or Diane if you have any questions or can volunteer to help with setting up and cleaning up after.

SYNOD UPDATE

In 2021, the phase of listening to the People of God (the synodal process) began. A copy of the letter to His Holiness, Leo XIV, seeking his blessing and guidance for the continuation of the synodal process is included in today’s bulletin.

2025 APPEAL UPDATE

To date, Our Lady of Peace has raised \$2895 or 61% of our goal. Please consider sending in your donations. Remember, we get 50% back.

FR. JIM’S EASTER BREAK

Fr. Jim will be in Chesapeake visiting his cousin, Mike Falvey. He will leave Monday, May 19, and return on Wednesday evening, May 21st. This will be his Easter Break. We wish Fr. Jim a safe trip and time to relax and refresh. Enjoy your well deserved break, Fr. Jim!