

## June Birthdays

June 02: Stephanie Hamilton  
June 02: Travis Williams  
June 06: Katherine Hampton  
June 16: Phil Hampton  
June 19: John Evans  
June 19: Joyce Hing  
June 21: Beau Ellrich  
June 22: Indra Valasco Ruiz  
June 30: Patsy Notestein

## June Anniversaries

June 04: Will & Annette McCabe  
June 11: Scott & Patti West  
June 12: Don & Patsy Notestein  
June 13: Bob & Sandra Burke  
June 13: Chuck & Pat Hirtz  
June 24: Les & Maria Leslie  
June 28: Keith & Kathleen Hamilton  
June 30: Chene & Emily Heady



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  
Kellsei Boyce  
Millie Budney  
Sandra Burke  
Julie Byron  
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  
Patel Mahendra  
Carolyn Martin  
Kimberly Martin

Willard Mock  
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 Wolfrum

### The Financial Corner

Collections May 11: \$827; May 18: \$852  
Attendees May 11: 112; May 18: 91

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Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

John 14:23



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Readings: Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Ps. 67; Revelation 21:10-14,22-23; John 14:23-29**

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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



"Where are you going?" asks the disciples Jesus answers, "I go to prepare a place for you." The place is in the heart of the Father. The Father's heart is big and there is room for everyone. All through Jesus' life he sought to bring us into the heart of the Father. He told stories of lost sons, lost daughters, lost coins and lost sheep. He gave us parables and often said, "The Kingdom of God is like..."

As I celebrate 38 years of ordination, I remember my first Mass of Thanksgiving. Fr. Bob Perkins presented me with a gift. It was a figurine of a rabbit - not just any rabbit - but a rabbit called "Dandelion." If you read the book Watership Down, you hear of such a character. He was the story teller. When rabbits were afraid because of a tractor or bulldozer bulldozing or uprooting their home, the rabbits shouted, "Dandelion, tell us a story!" When he did, they felt courage and hope. They knew they could find another home. When rabbits were in love and jumping over one another in the moonlight, someone would say, "Dandelion, tell us a story." He immediately told a narrative of love and how his descendants came about. When rabbits were full of berries and feeling pretty high from the plants they had eaten, someone said, "Dandelion, tell us a story!" he then told of time of famine and also great feasts and how we should be grateful for our creator.

My friend Bob said to me publicly, "Jim Gallagher, now you tell the story. Bring people into the heart of the Father. You be the Dandelion!" I have told stories. That's easy for an Irishman. Hopefully, some have brought people into the heart of the Father. I have told the story of inmates on death row. I have told the story of sheltering homelessness in Virginia Teach while we partnered with a Jewish Community. God makes a home for all. I have told the story of my fascination with the beautiful cultures of Mexico and Haiti. Jesus embraces Romans and Samaritans. I have told the story of what it means to grow up as the oldest of six children and being the son of a truck driver. Jesus was the Good Shepherd. I have told the story of a long lost love and companions who continue to touch my heart. Love never dies and death does not quench love. I have told the story of my sin and a God who never get tired of forgiving.

Have the stories brought people to the heart of the Father?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### ***BAPTISMS TODAY***

This morning at mass, twin sisters Emilia and Hailey Corujo will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Their parents are Alex and Margaret Corujo and they are the great granddaughters of Fran Lecco. Blessings to all!

### ***A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR-END THANK YOU FROM DR. CHENE HEADY***

Religious Education wrapped up for this year on Wednesday, May 14th. This was a great year for us: 20 students were involved in the program, with 16-18 attending regularly. We had two Confirmations and we will end us with four First Communions (there's one more coming in August). It's great to see such life and vitality and the youth of the church.

I want to thank all our volunteers, especially because this was a very challenging year. The loss of school bus transportation was a real threat to the very existence of our program. But because of you all - and the God you serve - who are so generous, we instead had a wonderful year and things look great for next year too! Thanks to: Our Teachers and Assistants: **High School:** Bob Burke, Bonnie Toth and Fr. Jim; **Middle School:** Chene Heady; **Elementary School:** Beau Ellrich; **Primary School:** Helen Dennany, Chene Heady assisted by Emely Sofia Alvarado Garcia; **Substitute Teacher:** Alice Doeppe; **Our drivers:** Dori Garcia, Beth Jarrett, Cecilia Chan and Chene Heady (and our **substitute drivers** Sid Smith, Fr. Jim, Bonnie Toth and Helen Dennany).

### **IT'S TIME FOR TEA**

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.

### **GRATITUDE FROM FR. JIM**

Fr. Jim wants to thank all of you for the many cards, gifts and prayers in honor of his Anniversary of Ordination You are very thoughtful. Gracias!!