

August Birthdays

August 02: Virginia Jackson
August 04: Islea Duncan
August 07: Elizabeth Elrich
August 08: Jerry Wilkerson
August 09: Virginia Blum
August 10: Sheila Seaquist
August 13: Carolyn Panuska
August 13: Helen Berry
August 16: John Seaquist
August 19: Janice Callahan
August 21: Joe Gardner
August 21; Fran Lecco
August 25: Andrew Brown
August 31: Steve Boyer

August Anniversaries

August 03: Jim & Chere Tew
August 13: Robert & Helen Berry
August 22: Gary & Carolyn Conner
August 23: Frank & Helen Dennany

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

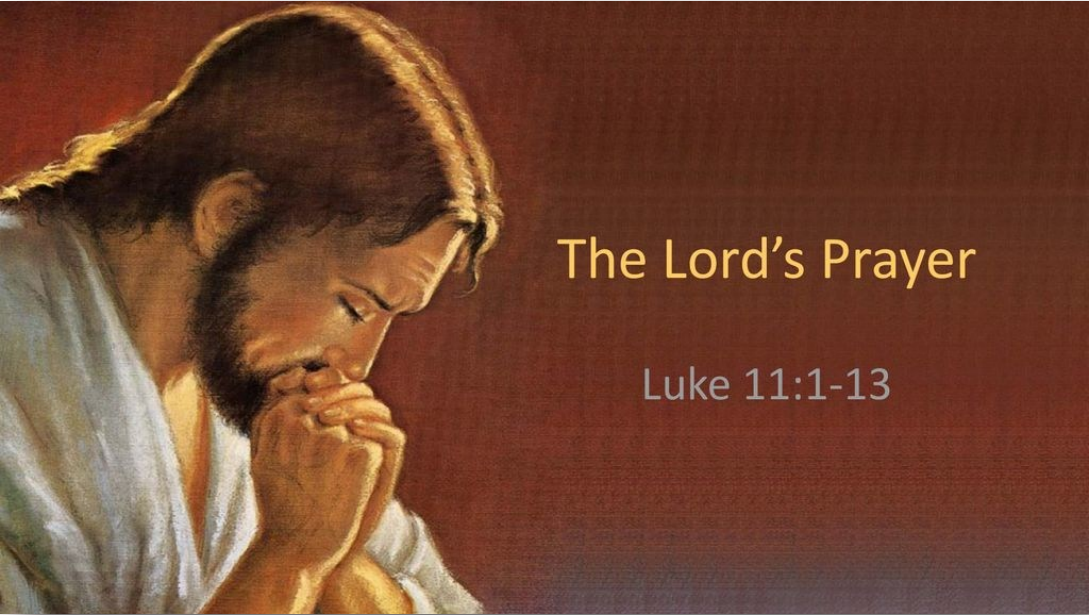
The Financial Corner

Collections July 20 (unavailable at printing)
Attendees July 20 (Unavailable at printing)

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Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



July 27, 2025
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church
2938 Oakleigh Avenue (PO Box 668)
Appomattox VA 24522-0668
Pastor: Father James Gallagher 434-352-0104
For emergencies: Fr. Jim's cell number: 434-238-7030
or Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church 434-846-5245
www.olpcatholicchurch.org

Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesdays at 6 PM
Thursday 12:15 PM

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
Bonnie Toth at bonnie3871@gmail.com

A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

By this time, many of us already know the stages of grief and loss. The stages are a guide through our sadness in life. They are not “set” stages. Just because we find ourselves in depression does not mean our emotions does not mean we won’t go back to anger.

Usually, folks find themselves numb with grief. It is difficult to believe that “this is happening to me.” The second stage is anger. “What caused this?” “Who can I blame?” Why is this happening to me?” “Life is not fair!”

Then, there is bargaining. “Lord, can I get a break from this pain?” (more about this later) After this, they find themselves depressed. “Nothing is fun anymore.” “I keep getting tears in my eyes.” “Things won’t go back to the way they used to be.”

Finally, after going back between the stages, there is acceptance. “I can live with the new reality. I have my hobbies. Baseball has been “veddy, veddy” good to me.”

Today, we find Abraham bargaining - bargaining but with who else but God! Making a “deal” with God is not a sin, but actually grace and prayer. If you did not believe in God then you would not be having that discussion. So, first of all, bargaining with God is a faith statement. Have you ever bargained with God? I have been bargaining with God these past few months. My Dad, 96 years old, has taken a turn downward health wise. While I have hoped he gets better because I love him, I hope and pray that he makes it through the summer months so I can be present to my ministry to the parishes. Afterall, there are many people at St. Victoria and Our Lady of Peace who are going through their own losses. My prayer with God this summer has been one of bargaining. I can relate to Abraham more now than any other time in my life.

We bargain with God in many other situations. “Lord, I have an uncomfortable meeting where my “ex” is present. Be with me that day.” “Lord, my mother has cancer. Give me some more years with her.”

Either way, might that we experience the Lord God with us in all our losses. The cross is never too far from the creche. But, the cross is never too far from the empty tomb.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

HILLCATS BASEBALL OUTING



Please join us at 6 pm on **Saturday, August 2nd** at Lynchburg Stadium. It is Military Appreciation Night and they are offering a special price of \$8 per ticket. Be sure to sign up so we will know how many tickets to order. Play ball!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Don't forget our next big event on July 31. We are hosting a birthday party for a famous character, Harry Potter! The “birthday gifts” requested are to benefit our local Pregnancy Support Center. If you are planning to attend, please be sure to add your name to the sign up sheet.

CALENDAR PLANNING

Fr Jim would like to get all events in the liturgical year on the calendar. The next calendar planning meeting will be on Tuesday, August 5 after both morning and evening masses. This is for Liturgy, Parish Socials, Finance, Religious Education and other ministries.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

There will be one mass for the Feast of the Assumption. It will be on Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 12:15 PM. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.