

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

01 Annette McCabe  
04 Julia Hounsell  
06 Gary Conner  
14 John Hampton  
21 Ingrid Velasco Ruiz  
23 Ray Moyer  
27 Steve Bradish  
28 Elizabeth Lecco  
28 Anna Ellrich  
29 Lynn Goss  
30 Karam Afram

14 Robert & Virginia Jackson  
17 Travis & Louise Williams  
31 Phil & Kari Hampton

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).

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

The Financial Corner

Collections: October 5: \$1247.00  
Attendees: October 5: 82

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Catholic Relief Services: <https://www.crs.org/donate>  
Catholic Near East Welfare Association: <https://cnewa.org/>



Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



October 12, 2025  
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

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](http://www.olpcatholicchurch.org)

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  
Bonnie Toth at [bonnie3871@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com)

## **A Pastoral Moment with Fr. Jim**

### **Part II: OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Last week I mentioned how the OCIA came about in the early church. For those of us that throw around the word “tradition,” you can see that it is more traditional than the Latin Mass. It goes back that far. It started out as something called the “catechumenate.”

After the 5th Century, the Baptisms were beginning to be done more privately without the whole community. Pagan tribes might be baptized because the chief or leader got baptized. All this was done without preparation. Later on, maybe on a Sunday afternoon, they were done in the back of the church. Or for adults, Joe your neighbor up the street, would attend mass with his wife but not receive Communion. Then one Sunday after Easter you noticed Joe receiving Communion and you said, “How did this happen?” You were happy, but there was no party or celebration for Joe after mass. The community was not involved. Yet, there were missionaries in Africa doing this the first three hundred years of the church.

The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) called for bringing back the tradition of the early church. It took a while to formulate. After it was put together, it was translated (the RCIA) into English. In Virginia Beach in the Diocese of Richmond at Ascension, there was a priest names Fr. Bob French. “Frenchie” as he was called, said “This is dynamite.” As Frenchie was on fire, the RCIA (today called OCIA) was off and running in 1973. Ascension in Virginia Beach became the model for how it could be done throughout the nation. Ascension parishioners went all over the country giving workshops. I say “parishioners” as the ideal is that the OCIA should be lay lead. The priest or deacon comes in once in a while to teach. The priest or deacon facilitates the rites on the altar, but the rites too, are lay lead.

Eventually, the OCIA has made it throughout the diocese with a few bumps in the road. Some people want clericalism, that is lead by the deacon or priest. But Fr. Jim is working on that at St. Victoria as it is already happening at Our Lady of Peace in Apomattox.

We want to thank Fr. Bob French who passed away six years ago. He was very prophetic!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **TODAY’S MASS INTENTION:**

**Barbara Gallagher  
Dolores Wurth**

### **OCTOBER CALENDAR**

Oct. 18: OCIA (10:45 am - 12:15 pm)  
Oct. 21: Liturgy Planning (11:00 am)  
Oct. 25: OCIA (10:45 am - 2:15 pm)  
Oct 25: Rummage Swap (12:30 - 2 pm)  
Oct. 31: Trunk-Or-Treat (6:30 pm)

### **FR. JIM AWAY AT BISHOP’S MEETING**

All the priests of the diocese will be meeting with Bishop Knestout **October 13-16**. Fr. Jim will return Friday afternoon, October 17. There will be no masses during the week. However, feel free to gather for morning or evening prayer.

### **QUILTER GROUP RAFFLE**

Today is the drawing for the raffle ticket fundraising our Quilter Group is hosting to benefit our building campaign. This is your last chance to get a ticket. You might just be a winner of one of the beautiful hand made prizes!

### **BREAKFAST SUNDAY TODAY**

We invite all our visitors to stay and enjoy some breakfast foods and coffee or tea. As the hymn proclaims: “Come to the feast of Heaven and Earth! Come to the Table of Plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.”