

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.

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 September 28: 1374.00
Attendees September 28: 84

Have you considered E-giving? It's safe and convenient. You can sign up on our website: www.olpcatholicchurch.org or scan the QR Code to the right. You may sign up for recurring donations or make a one-time gift.

More ways to help with the Palestinian Relief Effort:
Catholic Relief Services: <https://www.crs.org/donate>
Catholic Near East Welfare Association: <https://cnewa.org/>



Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



October 5, 2025
27th 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
Thursday: 12:15 PM

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

A Pastoral Moment with Fr. Jim

How did OCIA [RCIA]* come about? In the first three hundred years of Christianity, there were people who wanted to cross over from the Jewish faith or one of the pagan religions. They would gather in small groups and in homes of those who were already Christians. Remember, the Christians did not yet have churches. The homes of friends were the churches. Depending where you were, the instruction would take a whole year or maybe two years. At that time, they would learn about Christ. At times the Lord's Supper or Mass, the priest or deacon would question them to see if they were progressing. These were called "Rites." There were also times they might meet with the bishop.

After much preparation, the big time would come. All would gather outside on the evening of Holy Saturday. They would light a bonfire and bless the fire. During the night, they would tell stories about salvation history (Creation/Genesis-Exodus/Freedom) until they got to the part about Jesus (Gospels). Then as the sun rose, the Catechumen would bow to the east as Jesus is the Light of the World and spit towards the West where it was still dark to curse Satan. Next, they were anointed with the Oil of Catechumen and brought to the water (a lake, pond, stream or ocean). In some communities the women deacons would baptize the women and the male deacons would baptize the men. The deacon would ask, "Do you believe in the Father?" If you said "Yes!" then you would be dunked into the water (complete immersion). You might not know when you were coming up for air, but as St. Paul says, "That is the dying and rising into Christ." The deacon would ask about the Son and Holy Spirit and the same thing would follow. Next you were brought out of the water and given a nice white garment - a sign of your Christian dignity. You were also next anointed with Chrism and the priest or bishop would say, "Receive the Holy Spirit" the gift of the loving Father. (We think of this anointing of the Sacrament of Confirmation, even though the early Christians saw it all as Baptism. Next, you were brought to the home of a Christian (remember, no churches yet!). There you would celebrate the Lord's Supper (Mass). It might even be like a covered dish with lots of food.

The neophyte, or new Christian, would continue to meet for 50 days until Pentecost. This would be known as Mystagogia ("Savoring the Mystery"). That is what the OCIA [RCIA] would be like in the early church.

STAY TUNED FOR PART II NEXT WEEK...

*Order of Christian Initiation of Adults [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults]

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION: Joan Melcher

CATHOLIC FEST: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Join Bishop Knestout and the entire diocese at a one-day festival at the Diamond in Richmond on Saturday, October 11. The day will be full of music, fun, fellowship, faith and celebrating Mass as a diocese. Musical acts will include Scythian, The Young Escape, Marie Filler and local performers from our diocese. There will be a Kids Zone, vendors, food trucks and more, so you don't want to miss the opportunity for the whole family. Bring your friends, family youth group, class ministry or your whole parish! There is a clear bag policy (no backpacks, purses, totes, etc.) For more detailed information, visit: www.catholicfest.richmonddiocese.org.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 7: Liturgy Planning (11:00 am)
Oct. 11: OCIA (10:45 am)
Oct. 11: Mac's Kitchen (8:00 am—12N)
Oct. 12: Raffle Drawing after mass (Quilters Club Fundraiser)
Oct. 18: OCIA (10:45 am)
Oct. 21: Liturgy Planning (11:00 am)
Oct. 25: OCIA (10:45 am)
Oct 25: Rummage Swap (Please see the insert for details)
Oct. 31: Trunk-Or-Treat (6:00 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.