

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar 2 Keith Hamilton, Sr.  
 Mar 3 Betty Craft  
 Mar 4 Bernadette Servis  
 Mar 11 Mely Ruiz-Pineda  
 Mar 16 Pat Hirtz  
 Mar 16 David Gaydos  
 Mar 18 Kenneth Hamilton  
 Mar 21 Andrew Blum  
 Mar 25 Patti West  
 Mar 25 Robert Jackson  
 Mar 25 Barbara Mulac  
 Mar 25 Michael Mulac

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 14 Reed & Jackie Johnson

# Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



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	Linda Gardner	Chefley Matthews	Jane Sliwinski
Robert Berry	Elizabeth Gillam	Rhonda Mayberry	Don Smith
Patricia Bonnewitz	Lynn Goss	Willard Mock	Margaret Smith
Gloria Bowden	Mary Graf	Greg Moore	Maureen Smith
Kellsei Boyce	Kathleen Hamilton	Jane Moreton	Chere Tew
Millie Budney	Ronnie Haney	Beverly Moyer	Jim Tew
Sandra Burke	Jeanne Harper	Chris Moyer	Amy Tracy
Julie Byron	James Heady	Ray Moyer	Emilia Walker
Deacon John Carey	Pablo Ignacio	Riley Naber	Wardell Family
Chris Cass	Patrick Ignacio	Don & Patsy Notestein	Charles Watson
Riordan Cavoris	Meja Irvin	Angel Ortiz	Danielle Weedon
Suzi Crawford	Leslie Jarrett	George Perry	Laura Williams
Justin Curtis	Maggie Kreiser	Gary Peters	Louise Williams
Trish Decresce	Fran Lecco	Laurie Peters	Michael Williams
Alessia Destefano	Paul Lent	Frank Powell	
Carol Donato	Patel Mahendra	Nelson Sanchez	
Islea Duncan	Mary Marshall	Princess Sanchez	
John Evans	Carolyn Martin	John Seaquist	
Tom Ford	Kimberly Martin	Bernadette Servis	
Melanie Furlough	Doug Martinez	Ray Servis	

**March 22, 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

### Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church

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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

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

### The Financial Corner

Collections: March 15: General: \$1707; Easter Flowers: \$50; Maintenance: \$590

Attendees: March 15: 83

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## **A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FATHER JIM**

Lazarus is resuscitated. This is not a resurrection or the Resurrection. It is a resuscitation but a sign of the Resurrection to come. From what we know about death and dying these days the sign, woder and marvelous deed worked by Jesus is entirely possible.

We have all heard of “near death experiences” and those who have given testimony of them. Those who have had these kind of events are changed. They become more loving, kind and no longer sweat the small stuff. I wonder if Lazarus was also deeply touched by the care and concern of the community.

As at the Eucharist and in mass, Jesus was in the community. He wept for he loved Lazarus so much. I remember weeping for my friend Bob Barker at a mass of the resurrection at Sacred Heart Church in Petersburg. I had been with Bob at Yankee Stadium a couple of times and even sang “New York, New York” during the homily. I hoped my tears showed solidarity with Bob’s widow, Jane, and the rest of the faith community where Bob served at Sacred Heart. But in the case of Lazarus who is resuscitated, the words of Jesus were most profound: “Unbind him! And let him go.”

Lazarus had the binds of death. The community unbinds him. Isn’t that Christian community at its best? We “unbind” on another. We help someone who has had bad habits find a better way. We forgive those for whom we have a grudge. They are no longer beholden to you and me.

I believe there really was a Lazarus and the story really happened. But the church has kept this story because Lazarus is the Catechumen. By instructing and supporting those preparing for Baptism, we desire that they find the freedom that transcends death.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **TODAY’S MASS INTENTIONS**

Roger Therien (husband of Bernadette Servis’ niece)

### **ANNUAL APPEAL - ALMOST THERE!**

We are almost there. Our goal is \$6060 and we have raised \$5925. Therefore, we have reached 98%. Someone, please kick in a few more dollars to meet our goal.

### **TRIDUUM LITURGY PRACTICE**

As Fr. Jim teaches us, The Triduum is one continuous liturgy: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, The Great Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Morning. If you have signed up to be a part of any of these liturgies, please plan to attend the rehearsal on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00 pm. There are still a few spots to fill - can we count on you?

### **HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATIONS: MARCH 26TH**

Our Beau Ellrich, Jr. and Mia Garcia will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, March 26 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church at 7:00 pm. Please come out and show them your support.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH: MARCH 27th**

We have been invited to Stations of the Cross followed by a Soup Supper at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Friday, March 27. Stations begin at 6 pm. There are always lots of delicious soup choices. Please let Fr. Jim know if you plan to attend so he can let them know so he can give them a head count.

### **GREAT JOB SOCIAL COMMITTEE!**

Thanks to our Social Committee for a wonderful job putting together the St. Patrick’s Dinner on March 17. Thanks, too, to all who brought food and deserts. There was a great turnout and a great time was had by all.