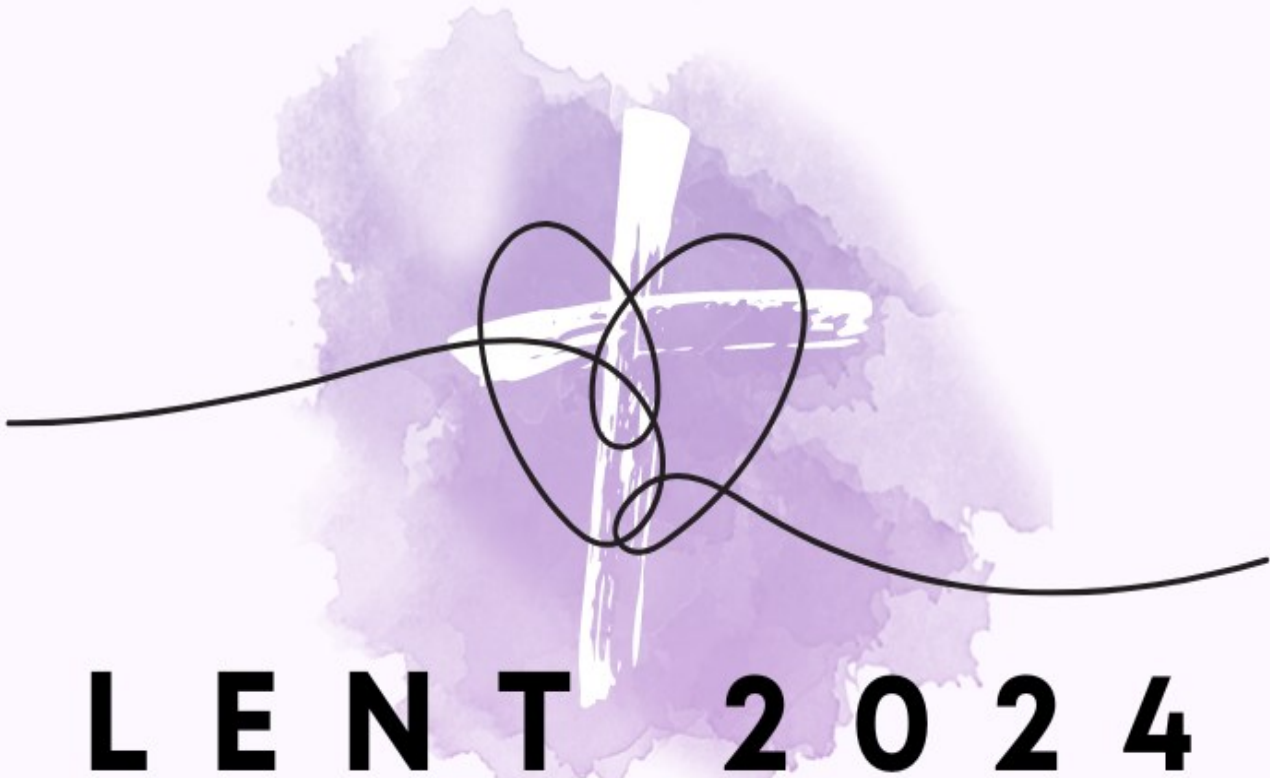


OUR LADY OF PEACE
February 25, 2024
Second Sunday Of Lent



L E N T 2 0 2 4

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – Saturday

8:00 A.M.

Last Tuesday of the month

7:00 P.M.

HOLY SACRIFICE OF
THE MASS

Saturday 5:15 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF
PENANCE

Saturday:

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.

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9:00am - 4:00pm
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2/3

5:15 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Deyak, Julia Dischler, Karen Senatore

Reader: Marita Hansen

Altar Server: Anna Delgado

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Arlene Verendia, Tom Bednar, Roseanne Brady

Reader: Thomas Deignan

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: MaryAnn Fazioli, Mary Prumos, MaryAnn Shingola

Reader: Annalise Dantes

Altar Server: Tristian Szylar

12:00 noon Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Heelan, Kathleen Kazary, Kevin Broesler

Reader: Corinne Ambrosi

Altar Server: Ashley Alfaro



***Our Social Concerns Ministry is
asking for help for the
OZANAM SHELTER***

***Items can be placed in the bins
provided at the church doors by
Social Concerns.***

The following items are needed:

Toiletry Items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, hand cream, powder, mouthwash, deodorant, etc.
Nursing Supplies: antibiotic ointment (Bacitracin), cough drops (sugar free & regular), throat lozenges, Imodium, rubbing alcohol, first aid cream, gauze (square & rolls), peroxide, vitamins (Multi or Vitamin C), nasal aspiration for babies, medicine spoons, droppers, thermometers with covers, baby wipes, Pedialyte, Vaseline, antacids, laxatives, Visine, laundry detergent, paper cups (3-5 oz.), zip lock bags (1 qt. size), Kleenex, hand sanitizer.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday February 25, Second Sunday Of Lent

8:00 am

+For All Members Of Sinko & Neff Families
from Family

10:00 am

+ Carole Fackina from Roseanne Brady

12:00 pm

+ James Clemens from Candi

Monday February 26, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

+ Dorothy Louise Merrifield from
Tommy Toth

Tuesday February 27, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

+ Carol Donofrio from Jenny Gurrieri

7:00 pm

+The Deceased Priest & Religious who served
at Our Lady of Peace Church

Wednesday February 28, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

+ Maureet & Richard Gerrity from
Frank & Ann Heelan

Thursday February 29, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

+ For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

Friday March 1 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

+ Robert Restar from Family

Saturday March 2, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

+ Dennis Medvetz from Family

5:15 pm

+ John Lynch from Elaine & Tim Murray

Sunday March 3, Third Sunday Of Lent

8:00am

+ Mary & Joseph Brucato from Joann & Ben

10:00

+ Altar Rosary

12:00

+ Richard Warchola from Family

Bread & Wine

In memory of
Milagros Jesena Smith
From
The Gonzales Family



Candle

In memory of
Charles Ruggiero
From
Dan O’Gorman



STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

February 25, 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

“Here I am!” he answered.”- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us.

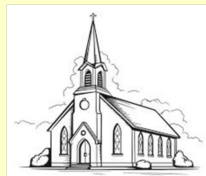
Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

2024 Bishop’s Annual Appeal
STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts
and Send Us on Mission

“Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32)
Just as the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus “set out at once” to share their experience of the Risen Lord with others, we too are inspired to go out into the world and tell everyone we meet of His love and grace. Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports the work of the ***Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication***. Responsible for our website, social media platforms, videos, podcasts and written content about our Catholic faith, the Evangelization & Communication ministry is essential to how we expand our effort to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all. More and more, we have come to understand that these tools are necessary for reaching people where they live and work. A gift of any amount is important and greatly appreciated.

EVENING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION

Come and join us on Sunday’s Evenings at 4:00pm in the Church



March 3, 2024
March 10, 2024
March 17, 2024

Blood Drive **Our Lady Of Peace Social Concerns Ministry**

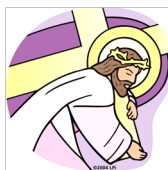
Sunday, March 3, 2024
8:30 am—1:30pm



Parish Center Gymnasium
25 Franklin Ave Edison

Monthly Parish Mass

Our Lady of Peace celebrates Mass at 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of every month. All are welcome to join in this Eucharistic Celebration.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

COME AND JOIN US
EVERY FRIDAY
DURING LENT AT 7:00 P.M.

REMEMBER - ALL FRIDAYS
DURING LENT ARE DAYS OF
ABSTINENCE (NO MEAT.)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ February 25

1:00pm Baptism ~ Church
6:00-7:00pm Youth Group ~ Parish Center

MONDAY ~ February 26

8:30 am Novena ~ Church
7:00pm-8:00pm Bible Study ~ Parish Hall

TUESDAY ~ February 27

7:00 pm Parish Mass ~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ February 28

4:30-5:45pm Rel. Ed 1-5 ~ Parish Center
7:00-8:15pm Rel. Ed 6-8, II ~ Parish Center
8:00 pm KOC Officers Mtg. ~ Parish Hall

THURSDAY ~ February 29

7:00 pm Choir Practice ~ Church

FRIDAY ~ March 1

Stations Of The Cross

SATURDAY ~ March 2

11:00 am Confessions ~ Church
4:00 pm Confessions ~ Church

SUNDAY ~ March 3

12:00 Noon Rel. Ed Family Mass ~ Church
8:30 am-1:30 pm Holy Name
Blood Drive ~ Parish Center

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Eunice McLaughlin, Raymond Miller,
Danielle Maglies, Francis Lee,
Dotty Karnowski, Anna Verrico,
Anthony Sclafani, Rolando Rey
Christine Mary Brown,
Donna Ferrara, Lonie Ebarle
Julia Forsythe,
Jessica Barretta, Joanne M.,
Maria Lavid, Teddy Sabo,
Lisa Sabo, Norma Nebus, Nancy Gaid,
Joan Trainor, Harriet Gockel

Prayer For Strength & Confidence

Heavenly Father, Giver of life and health: comfort and relieve Your sick servants and give Your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in Your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP

Due to early publication of the bulletin, the Church Collection and Online Giving collection data will be posted in next week bulletin.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Anyone who wishes to present the gifts at the Offertory of the Mass (especially if the Mass is being offered for a member of your family or at your request) should speak with one of the ushers at the main entrance to the Church before Mass.

PARISH ORGANIZATION & MINISTRIES

ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY: 1st Sunday of the month. Contact Angela Chundak at 732-221-0977

BAPTISM PREPARATION: 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July, & October. Contact the Parish Office. (Must Register, no Walk-Ins)

BLUE ARMY DEVOTIONS: Tuesday at 7:00pm

COLUMBIETTES #9199: 2nd Thursday at 7:00pm

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: 2nd Sunday of the month. Contact Alan Nygard 732-986-3199.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #9199: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday at 8:30am

PRE-CANA MINISTRY: 2nd Saturday of March & 3rd Saturday Of October. Contact the Parish Office.

FOCCUS: Contact Parish Office.

R.C.I.A.: All persons seeking instruction or more information about membership in the Roman Catholic Church are invited to call the parish office.

ROSARY: 1st Sunday of every month at 9:30am sharp before the 10:00am Mass and 1st Saturday of the Month following 8:00am Mass.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY: meets as scheduled

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friend,

We need to possess an enduring love.

Endurance: the power to withstand hardship or stress, to keep on going despite all setbacks.

I recently heard of a Catholic woman who, after having four children, started running and then entered marathons. This year, she is running the London Marathon, but before she does, she will run four other marathons each day before the London Marathon. So she will be running 26 miles every day for five days. It will take great endurance to complete, but on British TV she said she is committed to enduring all that she will have to face to complete the marathons set before her.

Now consider all that Jesus endured for you in coming to this sinful world: the hatred before the so called elite, the cursing and mockery from Jew and Gentile, his abandonment from his disciples, the beating and floggings before the authorities, his humiliation in being stripped naked and sentenced to death upon a cross, forced to carry his own cross to Calvary upon his open wounded back, then nailed to it his hands and his feet and raised up into the ground, driven down into the socket of the ground, and then to be seemingly forsaken by God as he bore our sins in his body as darkness filled the entire world. Yet our Lord endured it all for us!

And he cried out in John 19:30, "It is finished!" Cries of victory—of accomplishment! What he had set out to do, he had endured to the end and had completed his task for us.

Jesus prayed always and never lost heart and he was God and the Son of God!

Father Matthew



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Breaking Bread #124 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

Breaking Bread #128
Led by the Spirit



Blue Book #208 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Breaking Bread #141 The Glory of These Forty Days

Parochial Ministry

*Rev. Matthew R. Paratore, S.T.L.,
J.C.L., Pastor*

*Rev. James G. Tucker, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Sebastian Kaithackal C.M.I.,
(In Res.)*

Deacon John A. Raychel

Parish Services

*Rev. John J. Zec, Ph.D., Music Director
Candida Gonzalez, Coordinator of Religious Ed*

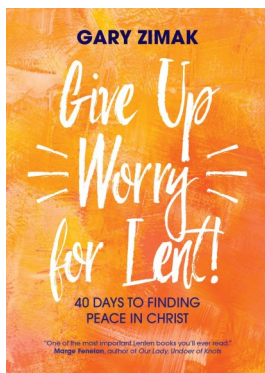
Lourdes Hnath, Organist

Parish Staff

*Walter Springer, Business Administrator
Norma Izzo, Bookkeeping Assistant
Dawn Aube, PREP Secretary*

Trustees

*Joan C. Deyak
Paul B. Coleman*



**GIVE UP WORRY FOR LENT 40 DAYS TO
FINDING PEACE IN CHRIST
BY: ZIMAK GARY**

Winner of a third-place award in the backlist beauty category from the Catholic Media Association.

Catholic author and self-described “recovering worrier” Gary Zimak combines practical spirituality, daily scripture readings, and simple action steps to help you kick the worry habit as part of your Lenten renewal. He shows you how to let go of the anxiety-producing areas of life in order to find the lasting peace that comes from trusting God.

During the season of Lent, Catholics and other Christians frequently give up something they enjoy as a measure of penance or self-discipline—and often fall back into old habits at the first “Alleluia!” In *Give Up Worry for Lent!*, Zimak offers fellow worriers practical, scripture-centered advice on how to relinquish the need to control the uncontrollable—not just for Lent but for good—and how to find peace in Christ. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, Zimak guides you to ponder a scripture passage and to apply it to your own life by following four simple steps:

- Read
- Reflect
- Respond
- Pray

As you continue to meditate on scripture and practice the simple action steps at the end of each reflection, you will find it easier to replace old worries with new messages of hope and to change your life forever.

****REGISTRO PARROQUIAL****

Para permitirnos servirle mejor, todos los feligreses deben registrarse en la oficina parroquial. Si usted es un nuevo feligrés, o un feligrés actual que se mudó o cambió de número de teléfono, por favor contacte a la Oficina Parroquial.

Los miembros de la familia de 23 años o más deben registrarse por separado como individuos, incluso si continúan viviendo con sus padres. Debe ser un feligrés registrado para ser un Patrocinador de Confirmación o un Padrino.

REQUISITOS PARA SER PADRINO/PATROCINADOR DE CONFIRMACIÓN

Debe ser un feligrés ACTIVO, REGISTRADO por un mínimo de seis meses que asista a misa semanalmente y contribuya al apoyo de la Iglesia, de acuerdo con los medios de uno.

Debe haber recibido todos los sacramentos de iniciación.

Si está casado, debe estar en un matrimonio reconocido como válido por la Iglesia Católica. Debe vivir una vida cristiana consistente con el papel de padrino o patrocinador de confirmación

****REGISTRATION****

To enable us to better serve you, all parishioners should register at the Parish Office. If you are a new parishioner, or a current parishioner who has moved or changed phone numbers, please contact the Parish Office.

Family members 23 years or older should register separately as individuals even if continuing to live with their parents. You must be a registered parishioner to be a Confirmation Sponsor or a Godparent.

GODPARENT/CONFIRMATION SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

Must be an ACTIVE, REGISTERED parishioner for a minimum of six months, who attends Mass weekly, and contributes to the support of the Church, in accordance with one's means.

Must have received all the Sacraments of Initiation.

If married, must be in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.

Must live a Christian life consistent with the role of godparent or sponsor.