

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH



January 1, 2023 ~ Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God

Fords, New Jersey

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Evenings by appointment only.
Closed weekends & Federal holidays.

Contact us:

Parish Office:.....732-738-7940
Parish Office Fax:.....732-738-3848
Religious Education:.....732-738-7940 ex. 12
Knights of Columbus #9199:.....732-277-9673

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday afternoon: 5:15 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

Holy Days of Obligation:

See Bulletin prior to Holy Day

Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Last Tuesday of the month: 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; 4:00-4:45 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

January 2 ~ Monday ~ St. Basil the Great

8:00 am * for Our Parishionars from Our Pastor

January 3 ~ Tuesday ~ Christmas Weekday

8:00 am † Anthony Paluscio from Jeanne Delaney

January 4 ~ Wednesday St. Elizabet Ann Seton

8:00 am † Agnes Gorzka from Ken, Ann & Casey Brown

January 5 ~ Thursday ~ St. John Neuman, Bishop

8:00 am † Phyllis Bertekap from Dawn & Victor
DeRosa

January 6 ~ Friday ~ Christmas Weekday

8:00 am † Fred Ferlicchi from Son

January 7 Saturday ~ Christmas Weekday

8:00 am. * Special Intentions for Suzanne Merten from
Joann Grandal

5:15 pm + Robyn & Paul Miller from Julia Dischler &
Stephanie Tornatore

January 8 ~ Sunday ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am + Todd Dubay from Kathy & Steve Whooley

10:00 am + Holy Name

12:00 Noon + Michael Patella from Nancy & Walt
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ONLINE GIVING

*Another easy way to
manage your church
giving is with Online Giving.
You can manage your giving or
give a
one-time gift.*

*Visit our church website
www.olpfords.org and click
the online giving link and
register with our church.
Your support during the year
helps sustain our church.*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ January 1

Happy New Year

MONDAY ~ January 2

8:30am Novena ~ Church
RECTORY CLOSED

TUESDAY ~ January 3

7:00 pm Blue Army Devotions ~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ January 4

NO PREP

8:00 pm Knights Business Mtg ~ Parish Hall

THURSDAY ~ January 5

7:00 pm Choir Practice ~ Church
7:00 pm Columbiettes Officers Mtg. ~ Parish hall

FRIDAY ~ January 6

No Activities

SATURDAY ~ January 7

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

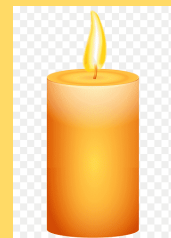
SUNDAY ~ January 8

8:00 am Holy Name Mtg. ~ Parish Center
12:00 Noon PREP Family Mass

Holy Name Society welcomes all to join them on Sunday January 8, at 9:30am to recite the recitation of the Rosary to our blessed Mother before the 10:00am Mass.

Sanctuary Candle

*In memory of
Lucia Skiban
From
Dan O'Gorman*



STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ December 18, 2022

Offertory Collection ___ \$4192.00
Weekly Online Giving ___ \$2773.50
Mail In Collection ___ \$1782.00
Christmas Flowers ___ \$2046.00
Total \$10,793.50

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for remembering your parish with your Stewardship of Treasure when you are away on vacation or when weather prohibits your attendance at Mass. Your continued financial support is essential and much appreciated by our parish community.



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
Renee Tumulty, Parish Secretary

Trustees

Joan C. Deyak
Paul B. Coleman

**A MOST BLESSED
NEW YEAR
FROM THE
PARISH
CLERGY
AND STAFF.**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

*Jessica Barretta,
Christine Mary Brown,
Diane Cowhey, Donna Ferrara,
Julia Forsythe, Maria Fortin,
Maria Lavid, Margaret Muzikar,
Lisa Sabo, Teddy Sabo,
Anthony Sclafani, Anna Verrico
Camille Wasilewski.*

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.*

SACRAMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at Our Lady of Peace on the 4th Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. We ask couples who are contemplating having their child baptized in the Catholic faith to contact the parish office to register for the Sacrament prior to attending the required Baptism Preparation Class, which is held the 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July and October.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: The bride or groom must be an active -registered member of Our Lady of Peace in Fords NJ, with weekly Mass attendance and involvement in the life of the Parish for one year before the marriage preparation process. Please call the Parish Office for more information. According to the Common Policy of the five Latin -rite (Roman Catholic) dioceses of New Jersey, there must be twelve months of marriage preparation for each couple who desires to be married in the Church. Please do not make any wedding arrangements (including reception hall) until you have met with a parish priest and he has approved the wedding date with you.

LOS SACRAMENTOS

EL SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO: El Sacramento del Bautismo se celebra en Nuestra Señora de la Paz el cuarto domingo de cada mes a la 1:00 p.m. Pedimos a las parejas que están pensando bautizar a su hijo/a en la fe católica que se comuniquen con la oficina parroquial para inscribirse en el Sacramento antes de asistir a la Clase de Preparación para el Bautismo, que se lleva a cabo el 2nd Martes de Enero, Abril, Julio y Octubre.

EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO: La novia o el novio deben ser un miembro activo registrado de Nuestra Señora de la paz, con asistencia semanal a misa y participación en la vida de la parroquia durante un año antes del proceso de preparación para el matrimonio. Llame a la oficina parroquial para obtener más información. De acuerdo a la Política Común de los cinco de rito latino (católico romano) diócesis de Nueva Jersey, debe haber doce meses de preparación matrimonial para cada pareja que desee casarse en la iglesia. Por favor no haga ningún arreglo de boda. (incluida la sala de recepción) hasta que se haya reunido con un sacerdote y ha aprobado la fecha de la boda contigo.

****PARISH 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 (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation)
 - ◆ 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.

****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. (Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación)
- ◆ 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.

St. James Church **Food Pantry**

*The food pantry is in need of
tuna fish, pasta, canned fruit,
rice & instant potatoes.*

*Thank you for
your continued
support.*



PARISH ORGANIZATION & MINISTRIES

ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY: 1st Sunday of every 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 the 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. Catholic adults who have not been confirmed in the Catholic Faith are invited to call about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION P.R.E.P./CCD: Grades 1-8.

Register at the Parish Office or online at www.olpfords.org.

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

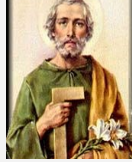
HOTLINE NUMBERS:

- * Alanon/Alateen: 1-888-425-2666
- * Narcotics Anonymous: 1-800-992-0401
- * Alcoholics Anonymous: 1-888-568-1112
- * Domestic Violence: 1-800-572-7233
- * NJ Gamblers Anonymous: 1-855-222-5542
- * Suicide/Crisis: 1-800-999-9999
- * Life Choices/Pregnancy Center: 1-888-678-4437
- * Courage: 1-732-562-2476
- * EnCourage: 1-732-248-9460

Did you know... OLP Bulletins are available online by visiting our website www.olpfords.org and clicking on *Weekly Bulletin*.

**PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR
EMPLOYMENT**

Dear Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family.



Please help me to find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care.

Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God.

Amen.

Ministry Schedule for January 7 & 8

5:15 PM Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Senatore, Barbara Balog, Joan Deyak

Lector: Bill Herring

Altar Servers: Emma Rose Felcetto

8:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Martin Verendia, Rosanne Brady, Kenneth Egan

Lector: James Carroll

Altar Servers: Edwin Onyschak

10:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: James Padden, Maria Frey, Maryann Shingola

Lector: Annalise Dantes

Altar Servers: Tristan Szylar

12:00 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Angela Chundak, Arleen Cesar, Augustus Cezar

Lector: Frank Heelan

Altar Servers: Joshua Baptisa

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, And I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Continually give me the grace to make a worthy Confession.

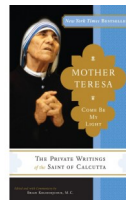
Amen

Come Be My Light

By **Mother Teresa and Brian Kolodiejchuk**

This historic work reveals the inner spiritual life of one of the most beloved and important religious figures in history--Mother Teresa.

During her lifelong service to the poorest of the poor, Mother Teresa became an icon of compassion to people of all religions; her extraordinary contributions to the care of the sick, the dying, and thousands of others nobody else was prepared to look after has been recognized and acclaimed throughout the world. Little is known, however, about her own spiritual heights or her struggles. This collection of her writing and reflections, almost all of which have never been made public before, sheds light on Mother Teresa's interior life in a way that reveals the depth and intensity of her holiness for the first time.



Compiled and presented by Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk, M.C., who knew Mother Teresa for twenty years and is the

postulator for her cause for sainthood and director of the Mother Teresa Center, Mother Teresa brings together letters she wrote to her spiritual advisors over decades. A moving chronicle of her spiritual journey—including moments, indeed years, of utter desolation—these letters reveal the secrets she shared only with her closest confidants. She emerges as a classic mystic whose inner life burned with the fire of charity and whose heart was tested and purified by an intense trial of faith, a true dark night of the soul.

Don't be in a hurry at the conclusion of Holy Mass:

Please do not leave the Church before the Celebrant (priest). The Mass ends officially when the priest leaves the Church. Even then, it is usually advised you sit or kneel in silent prayer of thanksgiving or simply gaze at Jesus in the Tabernacle, smile at Him and just be joyful.

God loves you!

The Pastor's Pen



Dear Friend,

These are the last New Year's Resolutions of Saint Sir Thomas More who was executed by the English King Henry VIII in 1535 because of his fidelity and loyalty to the Pope. He was the Lord High Chancellor of England. The Church has named him Patron of Statesmen and Politicians.

"Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humble entreat Him, by His grace, to enable me to keep these Resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to His will, for Christ's sake. [I will] remember to read over these Resolutions once a week.

Resolved, That I will do whatsoever I think to be most to the glory of God, and my own good, profit, and pleasure, in the whole of my duration; without any consideration of the time, whether now, or never so many myriads of ages hence.

Resolved, To do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general.

Resolved, Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.

Resolved, to live with all my might, while I do live.

Resolved, Never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

Resolved, Never to do anything out of revenge

Resolved, Never to speak evil of any one, so that it shall tend to his dishonor, more or less, upon no account except for some real good.

Resolved, To study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.

Resolved, Never to count that a prayer, nor to let that pass as a prayer, nor that as a petition of a prayer, which is so made, that I cannot hope that God will answer it; nor that as a confession which I cannot hope God will accept.

Resolved, To ask myself, at the end of every day, week, month, and year, wherein I could possibly, in any respect, have done better.

Resolved, Never to give over, nor in the least to slacken, my fight with my corruptions, however unsuccessful I may be.

Resolved, After afflictions, to inquire, what I am the better for them; what good I have got by them, and what I might have got by them.

Resolved, Always to do that which I shall wish I had done when I see others do it. Let there be something of benevolence in all that I speak."

In this New Year 2023 let us be resolved to pray always and never lose heart.



Father Matthew Pastor