

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH



January 8, 2023 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

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.

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.



MASS SCHEDULE

January 9 ~ Monday ~ The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am * Special Intentions for Dennis & Roseanne Gorman from Edward & Charles

January 10 ~ Tuesday ~ Weekday

8:00 am * For Our Parishionars from Our Pastor

January 11 ~ Wednesday ~ Weekday

8:00 am † Vinny Blandino from Giusepp D'Angelo

January 12 ~ Thursday ~ Weekday

8:00 am † George Palus from Helena & Paul Medvedz

January 13 ~ Friday ~ Weekday

8:00 am † Thomas Cammarato from Nancy & Walt

January 14 Saturday ~ Weekday

8:00 am. *Special Intentions for Kathy Mercardo from JoAnn Grandal

5:15 pm + Jimmy Geoffroy from The Balint Family

January 15 ~ Sunday ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Anthony Schinella from Joann & Ben

10:00 am + Louie Garcia from OLP Choir

12:00 Noon + George Manzella from Karen Nunn

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY ~ January 9

8:30am Novena ~ Church

TUESDAY ~ January 10

7:00 pm Blue Army Devotions ~ Church
7pm Social Concerns Mtg ~ Parish Center
7pm Baptism Seminar ~ Parish Center

WEDNESDAY ~ January 11

4:30 - 5:45 pm PREP Grades 1-5 ~ Parish Center
7:00 - 8:15pm PREP Grades 6-8, II Parish Center

THURSDAY ~ January 12

7:00 pm Choir Practice ~ Church
7:00 pm Columbiettes Business Mtg. ~ Parish Center

FRIDAY ~ January 13

No Activities

SATURDAY ~ January 14

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

SUNDAY ~ January 15

No Activities

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.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 25, 2022 2022

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| Offertory Collection | \$2076.00 |
| Weekly Online Giving | \$3019.50 |
| Parish Assessment to the Diocese | \$1661.00 |
| Christmas | \$14,844.00 |
| <u>Mail In Collection</u> | <u>\$1015.00</u> |

Total \$22,615.50

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



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.*

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*

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.

A Friendly Reminder

Please be mindful to speak in a low voice within the church when greeting a neighbor. Our church is blessed with extraordinarily good acoustics, which means that sounds carry.

Extended conversations should be held in the narthex in the rear of the church or in the vestibule at the parking lot entrance. Please be considerate of those who are in prayer.

Many thanks.

****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.

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 Monty following 8:00am Mass.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY: meets as scheduled

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Marcelo Aguirre

From

The Aguirre Family

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Sanctuary Candle -

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Donation: \$20.00

Bread & Wine -

Used at Masses for one week.

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Donation: \$60.00



Arrangements for these Memorials may be made in the Rectory Office.

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

Ministry Schedule for January 14 & 15

5:15 PM Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Julia Dischler, Marita Hansen, Karen Senatore

Lector: Morgan Ryan

Altar Server: Anna Delgado

8:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Bednar, Alan Nygard, Barbara Sinko

Lector: Anthony Ferrazzano

Altar Servers: Edwin Onyschak

10:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Jedlyn Tordecilla, Mary Ann Fazioli, Marie Gironde

Lector: Corinne Ambrosi

Altar Server: Sebastian Pridady

12:00 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorriane O'Prandy, Fraank Heelan, Kathleen Kazary

Lector: Judy Ferrazzano

Altar Servers: Colin Pridady



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

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,

In the early days of the church BAPTISM was a declaration that the believer was definitely identifying with that group of people who were called Christians and were often despised and hated.

To be a Christian meant taking a leap of Faith.

To identify yourself with those who were called Christians meant persecution, maybe death; it meant being ostracized from your family and shunned by friends.

Finally, the one act which was the final declaration of this identification was BAPTISM.

As long as a persons socialized with Christians, they were tolerated, but when they submitted to BAPTISM, they declared to all the world, I BELONG TO THIS DESPISED GROUP, and immediately they were persecuted, hated, despised and often murdered.

In baptism, therefore, the believer entered into the fellowship of the sufferings of Christ.

Someone might be a believer and keep it strictly a secret and thus avoid unpleasantness and suffering, but once a person submitted to BAPTISM she or he had burned their bridges to the pagan world behind them.

The early Christians prayed and did not lose heart.

Father Matthew
Pastor



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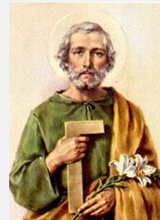
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in advance for all your support.

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.