OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

February 26, 2023 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent
GPS: 620 Amboy Ave, Edison, NJ 08837
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 69, Fords, NJ 08863
Email us: mail@olpfords.org
Visit us at: www.olpfords.org

PARISH OFFICE:
26 Maple Ave
Edison, NJ, 08837
MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Evenings by appointment .
Closed weekends and 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 pm

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.to12:00 noon; 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

OUR LADY OF PEACE
COLUMBIETTES COUNCIL 9199

If you are a practicing Catholic woman age 18 or over and you are seeking to enrich your life by giving back to your parish and community, you are invited to consider membership in Our Lady of Peace Columbiettes.

The Columbiettes are a faith based women's chartable organization dedicated to assisting others through various progrms. We support our diocesan, seminarians, various local food banks and prepare backpacks and toiletry items for those who need along with several other charitable endeavors.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Coumbiettes, please contact Joan Deyak at 732-738-4879 or any member.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 27
8:00 am + **Dennis Medvetz Family**

Tuesday, February 28
8:00 am + **Mary Paulik**
William Loux
7:00 pm **Georgette Claffy Family**

Wednesday March 1
8:00 am +**Robert Resetar Family**

Thursday March 2
8:00 am +**For Our Parishioners**

Friday March 3
8:00 am +**Mary Brucato**
Joann and Ben

Saturday March 4
8:00 am. + **Sharon Shevlin**
JoAnn Grandal
5:15 pm + **Dorothy and Albert Miller**
Traci, Barbara and Roy

Sunday March 5
8:00 am +**Mary Flanagan**
10:00 am + **Joan Flanagan**
Altar Rosay

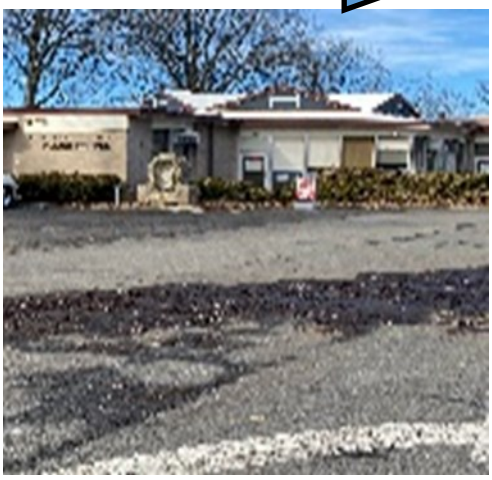
12:00 noon + **Maria and Joseph Zanella**

ADDITIONAL PARISH PARKING OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH CAMPUS

AMBOY AVENUE

MAPLE AVE

FRANKLIN AVE



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

OUR LADY OF PEACE
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Grades 1 through 8
REGISTRATION OPENS IN APRIL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Come and offer your service to the LORD!
The Parish is in need of Religious Education Teachers and Aides.

For further information please call **Dawn**
732-738-7940 ext –12

Coached By Joan of Arc

Lessons in Virtuous Leadership
By Alexandre Havard

Coached by Joan of Arc book is a dialogue between the reader and Joan of Arc, the woman Mark Twain called “easily and by far the most extraordinary person the human race has ever produced.”

As we explore her virtue-infused life, this astonishingly modern woman takes us by the hand, coaches us, whispers wise advice and lessons in noble leadership in our ear. Far from being anachronistic, her way of life and virtuous example is eternally new, for she follows precepts that are above human weakness.

Joan is for all of us – men and women of today, living and working in the midst of the world. She is for us all a coach, a mother, and an excellent teacher of the elevated, virtuous, and courageous life.

Ministry Schedule for March 4 and 5

5:15 p.m. Mass
Eucharistic Ministers: Marita Hansen, Karen Senatore, Barbara Balog
Reader: Goria DeMarzo
Altar Server: Sebastian Pridady

8:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Sinko, Arelne Verendia, Tom Bednar
Reader: James Carroll

10:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Ministers: James Padden, Jedlyn Tordecilla, MaryAnn Shingola
Reader: Aylssa Dantes
Altar Server: Tristan Szylar

12:00 noon Mass
Eucharistic Ministers: Angela Chundak, Irma Adan, Lorraine O’Prandy
Reader: Thomas Deignan
Altar Server: Emma Rose Felcetto

February 26, 2023 - 1st Sunday of Lent

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'"
Matthew 4:10
Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ February 26
1:00 pm Baptism
4:30 pm Lenten Holy Hour
6:00 pm Youth Group

MONDAY ~ February 207
8:30am Novena ~ Church

TUESDAY ~ February 28
7:00 pm Parish Mass ~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ March 1
4:30 pm Religious Ed 1-5 Parish Center
7:00 pm Religious Ed 6-8 II Parish Center
8:00pm Knights of Columbus Business Mtg. Parish Hall

THURSDAY ~ March 2
7:00 pm Choir Practice ~ Church
7:00 pm Columbiettes Officers Meeting Parish Center

FRIDAY ~ March 3
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross ~ Church

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

SUNDAY ~ March 5
12:00 pm Religious Education Mass
4:30 pm Lenten Holy Hour

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
Pastor

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, Religious Education Secretary
Renee Tumulty, Parish Secretary

Trustees

Joan C. Deyak
Paul B. Coleman

Weekly Collection
February 19, 2023

Online Giving:	$2812.50
Mail-In:	$939.00
Offertory :	$4492.00
Catholic Press :	$857.00
TOTAL	$9100.50

OUR LADY OF PEACE - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every FRIDAY at **7:00 PM** during **LENT**

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.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

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

The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our faith as Catholics.
- What is the Eucharist?
- Where is the Biblical basis for such a belief?

These questions and many more will be addressed in our upcoming video-based Bible Study: **Lectio: Eucharist**

Join us for this 10 Session series:

Mondays at 7:00pm
from March 6 through May 22
At Parish Center

Moderated by:
Fr. Jim Tucker

Learn about:
- The Old Testament roots of the Eucharist
- Fulfillment in Jesus Christ
- The Mass
- The Heavenly Worship

Enjoy:
- Interesting video presentations
- Live supplemental info
- Engaging discussions

To Register:
Contact the parish office:
732-738-7940
Email:
jtucker@olpfords.org
(put "Bible Study" in the subject)
Go to:
biblestudy.frjimtucker.com

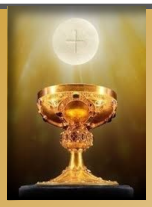
To order the workbook, go to: lectiostudy.org/eucharist

SURVIVING DIVORCE 2023

Surviving Divorce—For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 12 week program, while based on teachings of the Catholic church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after divorce. Meetings will be held on Thursdays 7:00 PM –9:00 PM beginning March 2, 2023 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane. Piscataway, NJ. For further information or to register contact Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947

OUR LADY OF PEACE ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 20123
8:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
PARISH CENTER



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

Please visit our Website:
www.olpfords.org

MEMORIALS FOR LOVED ONES

Mass Intentions ~ $10.00
Sanctuary Candle ~ $20.00
Altar Bread and Wine $25.00
Altar Flowers ~ $60.00

Please visit OLP's Parish Office to schedule.

*****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.

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.

Si está casado, debe estar en un matrimoni reconocido como válido por la Iglesia Católica.

Debe vivir una vida cristiana consistente con el papel de padrino o patrocinador de