

OUR LADY OF PEACE

December 17, 2023

3rd Sunday in Advent



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 11:00 A.M. to
12:00 P.M.
4:00 P.M. to 4:45 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.

Weekday Masses
Monday – Saturday
8:00 A.M.
Last Tuesday of the
month 7:00 P.M.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 23/24

5:15 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Julia Dischler,
Barbara Balog, Karen Senatore

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: Anna Delgado

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Kenneth Egan,
Alan Nygard, Barbara Sinko

Reader: James Carroll

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Jedlyn Tordecillia,
Marie Gironda, MaryAnn Fazioli

Reader: Corinne Ambrosi

Altar Server: Brandon Chung

12:00 noon Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Heelan,
Kevin Broesler, Kathleen Kazary

Reader: Thomas Deignan

Altar Server: Colin Pridady

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, Camille Wasilewski,
Jessica Barretta, Joanne M.,
Maria Lavid, Teddy Sabo,
Lisa Sabo, Diane Cowhey,
Norma Nebus, Nancy Gaid



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.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 18 Late Advent Weekday

8:00 am

+ For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

Tuesday, December 19 Late Advent Weekday

8:00 am

+ Richard Stanowski from Mrs. Paula A. Pincus

Wednesday December 20 Late Advent Weekday

8:00 am

+ Sharon Smith from Patrick & Maureen Antoniello

Thursday December 21 Late Advent Weekday

8:00 am

+ Tom Devane from Family

Friday December 22 Late Advent Weekday

8:00 am

+ Evelyn Sulenski from Edgin Reyes

Saturday December 23 Late Advent Weekend

8:00 am

+ Frank Dellapieto from Joann & Ben

+5:15 pm

+ Carol Turco from Family

Sunday December 24, 4th Sunday in Advent

8:00 am

+ Joseph Flanagan from Joan Flanagan

10:00 am

+ William Novak from Wife

12:00 pm

+ George Bandics from Chris & Pat

Sunday Christmas Eve December 24

4:00pm

+ Helen & Louis Bertekap from Marcella & Bob

Midnight Mass

+ Jennifer Balint from Loving Family

Monday December 25 Christmas Day

9:00am

+ Thomas M. Lovas from wife, Patricia

12:00 noon

+ Steven Kopil from Desiree, Jason & Colin Gannon

STEWARDSHIP

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ December 17
Christ Child Bassinet Last Day
1:00pm Church Decoration

MONDAY ~ December 18
8:30 am Novena ~ Church

TUESDAY ~ December 19
7:00 pm Blue Army Devotions ~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ December 20
No Religious Ed. Classes
8:00pm Knights Social Mtg - Parish Hall

THURSDAY ~ December 21
7:00pm Choir Practice ~ Church

FRIDAY ~ December 22
No Activities

SATURDAY ~ December 23
11:00 am Confessions ~ Church
4:00 pm Confessions ~ Church

SUNDAY ~ December 24
No Activities

POLISH "OPLATEK"

Back by popular demand, our parish will be offering the Polish "Oplatek" Christmas wafer, used for the breaking and sharing of unleavened blessed wafers at the Christmas Eve Dinner.

This custom has gained popularity in non-Polish households as well. The Oplatek wafers are four to an envelope at \$4 each or 2 for \$7. They are available at the Parish Office, Monday ~ Friday, 9 AM – 4:00 PM.

An explanation of this pious custom is printed on the envelope packet.
Wesołych Świąt!



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass
4:00pm
Midnight Mass



Christmas Day Mass
9:00am
12:00 Noon

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

December 17, 2023 **3rd Sunday of Advent**

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.



Bread & Wine

In memory of
Richard DeRollo
From
The DeRollo Family



Sanctuary Candle
In memory of
Mini Debari & Will Cooper
From
Fran & Bill Cooper

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR

December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve

4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Julia Dischler,
 Karen Senatore
Reader: Gloria DeMarzo
Altar Server: Tristian Szylar

Midnight Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Arlene & Martin
 Verendia, Jedlyn Tordecilla
Reader: Bill Herring
Altar Server: Brandon Chung

Christmas Day December 25, 2023

9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Bednar,
 Roseanne Brady, MaryAnn Shingola
Reader: Marita Hansen
Altar Server: Joshua Baptista

12:00 Noon

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene & Augustus Cezar,
 Lorraine O'Prandy
Reader: James Padden
Altar Server: EmmaRose Felcetto

HERE AT OLP

**GIVE A BIRTHDAY GIFT TO THE INFANT
 JESUS**
(Help clothe a baby)

*Gifts of **UNUSED** baby clothing, bedding,
 diapers (infant-12mo.) and toiletries
 (baby wipes, soap, oil, shampoo, lotions,
 etc.) may be placed in or adjacent to the
 bassinet in the middle of the church from
 the First Sunday of Advent,
 December 2nd to December 17th*

*If preferred, financial donations by
 check, payable to **OLP SOCIAL**
CONCERNS CHILD SHOWER may be
 placed in the second collection basket at
 weekend Masses.*

*Your gifts will be given to various
 organizations.*

Please do not wrap gifts.

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



The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friend,

Johann Sebastian Bach was born into the musical family of Bachs in 1685. By the age of ten, both of his parents were dead. Early in his friction-filled life, young Johann determined he would write music ... music for the glory of God ... and this he did.

Most of Bach's works are explicitly Biblical. Albert Schweitzer referred to him as the fifth evangelist, thus comparing him to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. At age 17 Bach became the organist at the church; soon thereafter he was given charge of the entire music ministry.

During his ministry in Weimar, Germany he wrote a new cantata every month ... EVERY MONTH! And during one three-year period he wrote, conducted, orchestrated, and performed (with his choir and orchestra) a new cantata every week!

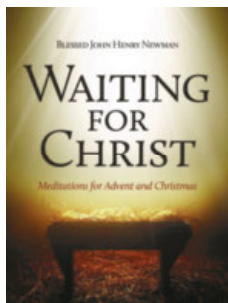
No one had any idea what a mark Bach would leave. His legacy lives on some 300 years later. You can hear his music at will.

At the beginning of every authentic manuscript one will find the letters "J.J." This stands for Jesu Java (Jesus help me). At the end of each original manuscript you will find the letters "S.D.G." This stands for Soli Deo Gloria (to the glory of God).

Bach is a reminder that one who gives his life to Jesus and serves Him does not count it a loss. Mk 8:35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

We can only "lose our life" to "save it" if we pray always and never lose heart.

Father Matthew



Waiting For Christ Meditations For Advent & Christmas by John Henry

Saint John Henry Newman was one of the most beloved and well-known preachers of his time. Originally an Anglican priest, Newman converted to Catholicism and became a Catholic priest and cardinal. Known for his beautiful prose and exultant preaching, Newman has long been a source of inspiration for those in the Church. In this new and compact compilation of his sermons, you're invited to journey with St. John Henry Newman through Advent into Christmas and Epiphany, meditating on the coming of Christ and the Christian life. Newman's masterful knowledge of the lives of the saints, Catholic doctrine, and, above all, Sacred Scripture, will help you immerse yourself in these liturgical seasons of waiting, wondering, and joy.

Waiting for Christ, provides an opportunity to spend a few minutes with St. John Henry Newman and Christ every day of the Advent and Christmas seasons, preparing for the coming of the Lord.

****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.

December 17, Hymns

Breaking Bread #69

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Breaking Bread # 63

Ready the Way

Breaking Bread #59

The Advent of Our King

Breaking Bread #44

O Come, Divine Messiah



The parish office will be closed on
December 22nd & 25th
for the observation of Christmas.

HOTLINE NUMBER

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1-800-992-0401

Alcoholics Anonymous:

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Domestic Violence:

1-800-572-7233

NJ Gamblers Anonymous:

1-855-222-5542

Suicide/Crisis:

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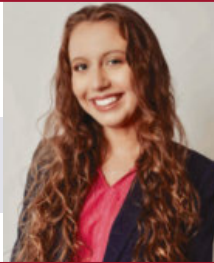
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