

OUR LADY OF PEACE

December 24, 2023

4th 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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Hours: Monday through Friday
9:00am - 4:00pm
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 30/31

5:15 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Deyak,
Barbara Balog, Julia Dischler

Reader: Gloria DeMarzo

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: Mary Prumos,
Maria Frey, James Padden

Reader: Annalise Dantes

Altar Server: Tristian Szylar

12:00 noon Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Heelan,
Kathleen Kazary, Kevin Broesler

Reader: Corinne Ambrosi

Altar Server: Ava Pridady

Christmas Mass Intentions

Sunday December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm

+ Helen Louis Bertekap from Marcella & Bob

Midnight

+ Jennifer Balint from Loving Family

Monday, December 25 Christmas

9:00 am

+ Thomas M. Lvas from Wife, Patricia

12:00 noon

+ Steven Kopil from Desiree, Jason & Colin Gannon

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday December 24, 4th Sunday Of Advent

8:00 am

+ Joseph Flanagan from Joan Flanagan

10:00 am

+ William Novak from Wife

12:00 pm

+ George Bandics from Chris & Pat

Tuesday, December 26 St. Stephen the first Martyr

8:00 am

+ Maria Donachie from The Wathen Family

7:00pm

+ Ruben Dimanlig from the Gonzales Family

Wednesday December 27 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00 am

+ Ruth Mazarella from the Wathen Family

Thursday December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 am

+ For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

Friday December 29 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am

+ Anthony Stanowski from Mrs. Paula A. Pincus

Saturday December 30 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am

+ Gladys P. Lisnock from Marissa Murray

+5:15 pm

+ Frank & Minnie DellaPietro from Family

Sunday December 31, Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am

+ Urszula Bloch from Marta Bloch

10:00 am

+ Knights Of Columbus

12:00 pm

+ Lowell Aube from Family

January 1, 2024

is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass

4:00pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Mass

9:00am

12:00 Noon

New year's Day
Not a Holy Day of Obligation





Bread & Wine
In memory of
Helen & Louis Bertekap
From
Marcella & Bob



Sanctuary Candle
In memory of
The Brucato Family
From
Joann & Ben



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

December 24th Hymns
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Breaking Bread #44 O Come,
Divine Messiah
Breaking Bread #94 Lo, How a Rose
E're Blooming
Breaking Bread #39 O Come,
O Come, Emmanuel
Breaking Bread #43 People, Look East

A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM THE
PARISH CLERGY
AND STAFF.



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.*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ December 24
Christmas Eve

MONDAY ~ December 25
Merry Christmas

TUESDAY ~ December 26
7:00 pm Parish Mass ~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ December 27
No Religious Ed. Classes
8:00pm Knights Officers Mtg - Parish Hall

THURSDAY ~ December 28
7:00pm Choir Practice ~ Church

FRIDAY ~ December 29
No Activities

SATURDAY ~ December 30
11:00 am Confessions ~ Church
4:00 pm Confessions ~ Church

SUNDAY ~ December 31
No Activities

December 24, 2023 **4th Sunday of Advent**

*"Hail, full of grace, the Lord
is with you!" Luke 1:28*

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given.

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ December 10, 2023

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| Offertory Collection..... | \$ 4,657.70 |
| Mail In..... | \$ 2,002.00 |
| Online Giving..... | \$ 2,319.50 |
| Immaculate Conception..... | \$ 1,463.00 |
| Retirement Fund For Religious..... | \$ 1,043.00 |

Total:.....\$11,485.20

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.

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



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.

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friend,

Christmas can still arrive when you least expect it, sometimes in the most unexpected manner. A priest friend of mine relates a story of an elderly woman named Stella Thornhope who was struggling with her first Christmas alone. Her husband had died just a few months prior through a slowly developing cancer. Now, several days before Christmas, she was almost snowed in by a brutal weather system. She felt terribly alone, so much so she decided she was not going to decorate for Christmas.

Late that afternoon the doorbell rang, and there was a delivery boy with a box. He said, "Mrs. Thornhope?" She nodded. He said, "Would you sign here?" She invited him to step inside and closed the door to get away from the cold. She signed the paper and said, "What's in the box?" The young man laughed and opened up the flap, and inside was a little puppy, a golden Labrador Retriever. The delivery boy picked up the squirming pup and explained, "This is for you, Ma'am. He's six weeks old, completely housebroken." The young puppy began to wiggle in happiness at being released from captivity. "Who sent this?" Mrs. Thornhope asked.

The young man set the animal down and handed her an envelope and said, "It's all explained here in this envelope, Ma'am. The dog was bought last July while its mother was still pregnant. It was meant to be a Christmas gift to you." The young man then handed her a book, How to Care for Your Labrador Retriever. In desperation she again asked, "Who sent me this puppy?" As the young man turned to leave, he said, "Your husband, Ma'am. Merry Christmas."

She opened up the letter from her husband. He had written it three weeks before he died and left it with the kennel owners to be delivered with the puppy as his last Christmas gift to her. The letter was full of love and encouragement and admonishments to be strong. He vowed that he was waiting for the day when she would join him. He had sent her this young animal to keep her company until then.

She wiped away the tears, put the letter down, and then remembering the puppy at her feet, she picked up that golden furry ball and held it to her neck. Then she looked out the window at the lights that outlined the neighbor's house, and she heard from the radio in the kitchen the strains of "Joy to the World, the Lord has Come." Suddenly Stella felt the most amazing sensation of peace washing over her. Her heart felt a joy and a wonder greater than the grief and loneliness.

"Little fella," she said to the dog, "It's just you and me. But you know what? There's a box down in the basement I'll bet you'd like. It's got a little Christmas tree in it and some decorations and some lights that are going to impress you. And there's a manger scene down there. Let's go get it."

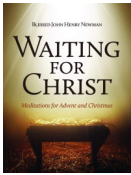
God has a way of sending a signal of light to remind us life is stronger than death. Light is more powerful than darkness. God is more powerful than Satan. Good will overcome evil.

May God, Who is all good, bless + the members of Our Lady of Peace this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

As a parish family let us 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.



HOTLINE NUMBER

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:

732-562-2476

EnCourage:

732-248-9460



****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.