

# **OUR LADY OF PEACE**

**December 31, 2023**

## **The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph**



### Weekday Masses

Monday – Saturday

8:00 A.M.

Last Tuesday of the  
month

7:00 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.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday:

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.

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Parish Office: 26 Maple Ave.  
Edison, NJ 08837

Hours: Monday through Friday  
9:00am - 4:00pm

Phone: 732-738-7940

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR  
JANUARY 6 & 7**

5:15 p.m. Mass

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marita Hansen,  
Karen Senatore, Barbara Balog

**Reader:** Bill Herring

**Altar Server:** EmmaRose Felcetto

8:00 a.m. Mass

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Arlene Verendia,  
Tom Bednar, Roseanna Brady

**Reader:** James Carroll

10:00 a.m. Mass

**Eucharistic Ministers:** MaryAnn Singola,  
Jennifer Sardo, Jedlyn Tordecilla

**Reader:** Corinne Ambrosi

**Altar Server:** Alex Gironda

12:00 noon Mass

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Arlene & Augustus  
Cezar, Lorraine O'Prandy

**Reader:** Frank Heelan

**Altar Server:** Ashley Alfaro

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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

**Monday January 1, Solemnity of  
Mother of God**

8:00 am

\* For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

12:00 PM

\* For The Health & Well Being Of OLP  
Parishioners In 2024 from Our Pastor

**Tuesday January 2, Saints Basil The Great &  
Gregory Nazianzen**

8:00 am

+ Anthony Lombardi from Michael & Ashley  
Dantuono

**Wednesday January 3, The Most Holy  
Name Of Jesus**

8:00 am

+ Judith L. Lance from Joe & Annie Rodak

**Thursday January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann  
Seton Religious**

8:00 am

+ Helen Radar from The Deman Family

**Friday January 5, Saint John Neumann**

8:00 am

+ Roselia Paradela from The Resetar Family

**Saturday January 6, Saint Andre Bessette**

8:00 am

+ The Gloria of God from Virginia

5:15 pm

+ Virgil Verrico from Marcella Miller & Family

**Sunday January 7, The Epiphany Of The Lord**

8:00 am

+ Jimmy Carroll from Joann & Ben Dellapietro

10:00 am

Altar Rosary

12:00 pm

+ Kevin Bell from The Lesch Family



**RITE TO LIFE BUS TRIP**

Three parishes will be running buses to the March  
for Life in Washington DC on January 19, 2024.  
Please call to reserve your seat on the bus.

St. Francis Cathedral - Metuchen

Contact: Kara Kwiatkowski 732-548-0100 ext. 210

St. John Vianney - Colonia

Contact: Carolyn Glodek 973-394-4626

St. Philip & St. James - Phillipsburg

Contact: Colleen Wolters 908-454-9880



## **Bread & Wine**

*In memory of*  
**Juan & Josephine**  
*From*  
**Family**



**Flowers**  
*In memory of*  
**Prego & Bellina Family**  
*From*  
**Family**

## **OFFERTORY GIFTS**

*Anyone who wishes to present the gifts at the Offertory of the Mass should speak with one of the ushers at the main entrance to the Church before Mass.  
The usher will give you instructions on where to sit and when to bring the gifts forward.*

## **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.*

December 31, 2023

Hymns

Blue Book #105 - It Came Upon  
the Midnight Clear

Blue Book #76 - Away in a Manger

Blue Book #106 - Once in Royal  
David's City

Blue Book #102 - Hark! The  
Herald Angels Sing



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METUCHEN

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION  
ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS  
OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at  
<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.

Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than  
**March 31, 2024**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.



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



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY ~ December 31**

No Activities

### **MONDAY ~ January 1**

8:30 am Miraculous Novena ~ Church

### **TUESDAY ~ January 2**

7:00 pm Blue Army Devotions ~ Church

### **WEDNESDAY ~ January 3**

No Religious Ed. Classes

8:00pm Knights Business Mtg ~ Parish Hall

### **THURSDAY ~ January 4**

7:00pm Choir Practice ~ Church

7:00 pm Columbiettes Off. Mtg  
~ Regina Caeli Room

### **FRIDAY ~ January 5**

No Activities

### **SATURDAY ~ January 6**

11:00 am Confessions ~ Church

4:00 pm Confessions ~ Church

### **SUNDAY ~ January 7**

12:00pm Religious Ed. Mass ~ Church

## **December 31, 2023**

### **The Holy Family of Jesus,**

### **Mary and Joseph**

*"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - Colossians 3:13*

*Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.*

# **STEWARDSHIP**

## WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ December 17, 2023

Offertory Collection.....\$5,387.00

Mail In.....\$869.00

Online Giving.....\$3,065.50

Christmas Flower Offering.....\$2,186.00

Total:.....\$11,507.50

## 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.

## 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,

All blame is a waste of time.

No matter how much fault you find with another, and regardless of how much you blame him, it will not change you.

The only thing blame does is to keep the focus off you when you are looking for external reasons to explain your unhappiness or frustration.

You may succeed in making another feel guilty of something by blaming him, but you won't succeed in changing whatever it is about you that is making you unhappy.

Instead of playing the blame game, pray always and never lose heart.



Father Matthew

## BAPTISM REGISTRATION



If you are a **registered parishioner** of Our Lady of Peace Church and are planning to have your child baptized, please register for the Sacrament of Baptism by calling the Rectory Office at : (732) 738-7940

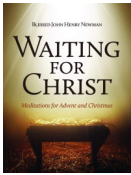
**Attendance at the Baptism Seminar, which is held quarterly, is a *REQUIREMENT* for Baptism. Next seminar January 9, 2024 at 7 P.M. in the Parish Center, 25 Franklin Ave., Edison.** Parents are encouraged to make arrangements early, even prior to their child's birth.

**GODPARENTS— Canon Law requires at least one Godparent. A Godparent must be a practicing Catholic, i.e. one who is baptized and has received First Holy Communion AND Confirmation and, if married, must be in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church, if the Godparent is not a member of this parish, a Certificate of Eligibility is needed from his/her proper parish. The other Sponsor may be a baptized non-Catholic. He/she will be noted in the baptismal register as a Christian Witness to the ceremony. A non-practicing Catholic may not be a Godparent or a Christian Witness.**

## 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***

Holy Name Society welcomes all to join them on Sunday January 14, at 9:30am to recite the recitation of the Rosary to our blessed Mother before the 10:00am Mass.



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.