

OUR LADY OF PEACE

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany Of The Lord



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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9:00am - 4:00pm
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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
JANUARY 13 & 14**

5:15 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Deyak, Julia Dischler, Karen Senatore

Reader: Gloria DeMarzo

Altar Server: Anna Delgado

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Martin Verendia, Kenneth Egan, Barbara Sinko

Reader: Thomas Deignan

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Marie Gironda, MarryAnn Fazioli, Mary Prumos

Reader: Tom Bednar

Altar Server: Joshua Baptista

12:00 noon Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Heelan, Kathleen Kazary, Kevin Broesler

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: Alexis Nwinyi

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday January 8, The Baptism Of The Lord

8:00 am

+ Marie Hayes from June Alterado

Tuesday January 9, Weekday

8:00 am

+ For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

Wednesday January 10, Weekday

8:00 am

+ Anthony Lombardi from Lisa & Kristopher Dantuono

Thursday January 11, Weekday

8:00 am

+ Fred Ferlicchi from Son Emil

Friday January 12, Weekday

8:00 am

+ Helen Santo from Buddy Rooney

Saturday January 13, Weekday

8:00 am

+ Malcolm Aitken from Kevin Broesler

5:15 pm

+ Theresa Dileo from Marcella Miller & Family

Sunday January 14, Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am

+ Robert Coviello from Tom & Harret

10:00 am

+ Holy Name

12:00 pm

+ Lenidia Camacho from Alterado 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
Helen Radar
From
Wendt Family*

Candle

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Helen Radar
From
Wendt 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.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Blue Book#93 God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Blue Book#107 We Three Kings

Blue Book#112 The First Nowell

Blue Book#86 Joy to the World



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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.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ January 7

12:00pm Religious Ed. Mass ~ Church

MONDAY ~ January 8

8:30 am Novena ~ Church

TUESDAY ~ January 9

7:00 pm Blue Army Devotions ~ Church

7:00 pm Social Concerns ~ Regina Caeli Room

WEDNESDAY ~ January 10

4:30-5:45 Religious Ed. 1-5 ~ Parish Center

7:00-8:15 Religious Ed. 6-8 ~ Parish Center

THURSDAY ~ January 11

7:00 pm Columbiettes Business Mtg ~
Regina Caeli Room

7:00 pm Choir Practice ~ Church

FRIDAY ~ January 12

No Activities

SATURDAY ~ January 13

11:00 am Confessions ~ Church

4:00 pm Confessions ~ Church

SUNDAY ~ January 14

9:00 am– 12:00 pm Holy Name Meeting ~ Gym

9:30 am Holy Name Recite Rosary ~ Church

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Epiphany of the Lord

***“They fell down and worshipped him.
Then they opened their treasures and
offered him gifts of gold, frankincense,
and myrrh.” - Matthew 2:11***

***Notice the order of events in the Magi’s
visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and
prayed to Him. Then they presented
Him with their gifts. We, too, must take
time to pray before we present our
gifts to the Lord. We never know what
God may be asking us to share!***

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ December 24, 2023

Offertory Collection.....\$4,684.00

Mail In.....\$1,208.00

Online Giving.....\$2,436.50

Christmas Offering.....\$2,140.00

Total:.....\$10,468.50

WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ December 25, 2023

Offertory Collection.....\$930.00

Online Giving.....\$1,147.00

Christmas Offering.....\$11,832.00

Total:.....\$13,909.50

Combined Total : \$24,377.50

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

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friend,

As we begin a new calendar year let me offer some thoughts about making Christian Service a joy.

An amusing story was told to me by the retired manager of a New York hotel which hosted many large Catholic functions. The great Paderewski occupied a suite there a number of years ago during one of his seasons at Carnegie Hall. It was his custom to practice for a couple of hours every morning on the magnificent instrument that he had brought with him.

On the third morning of his stay an angry lady stormed into the manager's office and said, "Someone is hammering on an old tin can piano every morning across the corridor from me. This is the third day. It is driving me mad, and unless you stop it I shall leave immediately."

The astonished manager remonstrated, "But madam, that is Paderewski himself!"

The lady nearly fainted with surprise and said, "Paderewski! Oh, that's different. Of course I had not the slightest idea. I adore good music. I am an excellent musician myself. Please say nothing at all about it." The hotel man was much amused to note that thereafter, for the remainder of Paderewski's stay, the good woman kept the door of her apartment wide open and entertained a party of friends there every morning while he practiced.

What was the difference? The room? The hotel? The music? No! The only thing that changed was the woman's attitude. Before, she was irritated and annoyed; now, she was thrilled.

Often our own attitude needs some serious readjustment. The next time you are tempted to complain about your service to the Lord, stop and think about whom you are serving. What a privilege it is to know Jesus and to be His coworker. A love for the Lord takes the dead weight out of service and puts wings to it. Love makes serving Christ much easier.

Psalms 16:11 "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." This is about our great Redeemer! What a privilege to be close to Him!

To experience real Christian Joy we must always pray and, as a result, never lose heart.

Father Matthew



BAPTISM REGISTRATION



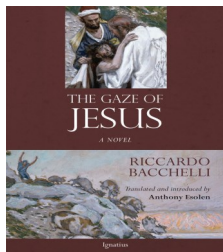
If you are a **registered parishioner** of

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.

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.



The Gaze of Jesus - A Novel

Riccardo Bacchelli

"Let me be with you!" Homeless, living for years in a state of demonic insanity, Ithamar one day spots a mysterious man on the shore, runs to him, and finds himself wholly cured. But when he begs this healer to take him as a disciple, he is rejected and ordered to go home. Jesus and his entourage sail off toward the horizon without him. Why was he turned away—and how can he begin a new life?

Eight-time Nobel Prize nominee Riccardo Bacchelli imagines the life of the Gerasene demoniac after his exorcism: his inner battles, his return to the family and the first-century Jewish community, his quest for love and meaning. The healer's gaze has been branded into his mind, but he cannot grasp who this man really is. As he gathers secondhand news of the Galilean miracle worker, he is determined to piece together the puzzle.

Elegantly translated and introduced by Anthony Esolen, *The Gaze of Jesus* is a gripping psychological, historical, and theological investigation into what it takes for the "uncalled" to follow Christ, to seek the face of Jesus from a distance. Bacchelli offers a vivid and visceral experience of the world of the New Testament, including some elaborate character studies of the Bible's darkest figures: Herod, Herodias, and Judas.



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.