

OUR LADY OF PEACE

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time



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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Hours: Monday through Friday
9:00am - 4:00pm
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 20 & 21

5:15 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Marita Hansen,
Barbara Balog, Joan Deyak

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: Ava Pridady

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Alan Nygard,
Arlene Verendia, Tom Bednar

Reader: James Carroll

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Frey,
MaryAnn Shingola, Jennifer Sardo

Reader: Annalise Dantes

Altar Server: Tristian Szylar

12:00 noon Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Angela Chundak,
Arlene Cezar, Augustus Cezar

Reader: Tom Deignan

Altar Server: Samantha Alfaro



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 973-349-4626

St. Philip & St. James - Phillipsburg

Contact: Colleen Wolters 908-454-9880

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday January 15, Weekday

8:00 am

+ Nabil Girgess from The Resetar Family

Tuesday January 16, Weekday

8:00 am

+ Romana Zalewska from The Solakov Family

Wednesday January 17, Saint Anthony Abbot

8:00 am

• For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

Thursday January 18, Weekday

8:00 am

+ Robert Restar from Family

Friday January 19, Weekday

8:00 am

+ John DeAmicis from Joan Deyak

Saturday January 20, Weekday

8:00 am

+ The Godzien & Turek Families from Family

5:15 pm

+ Salvatore Brucato from Joann & Ben

Sunday January 21, Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am

+ Gilbert Wood Jr from Wife & Daughter

10:00 am

+ Robyn Miller & Paul Miller from Julia Dischler Family

12:00 pm

+ Giovanna Vescera from Michelle, Peter,
Michael & Family

Picture On Front Cover St. Anthony Abbot

St. Anthony the Abbot is the **famous
father of monasticism in the Church**—
he took the Gospel literally and gave
everything away to seek God in prayer.



Bread & Wine
In memory of
Stan Sobon
From
Barbara

Candle

In memory of
Frieda Gigantino
From
**Dan, Bryan, Rachel,
Donna & Randi**



Rosary for Life – January 19, 2024

Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country). Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend! Friday, January 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm on Main Street in Woodbridge. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ) There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, contact amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

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.*

*January 14, 2024
The Second Sunday In
Ordinary Time*

Breaking Bread# 736 To Jesus
Christ, Our Sovereign King
Blue Book #291 Here I am, Lord
Blue Book #344 Behold the Lamb
Breaking Bread #190 Go Make of
All Disciples

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.*



DIOCESE OF
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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ January 14

9:00 am– 12:00 pm Holy Name Meeting ~
Regina Caeli Room

9:30 am Holy Name Recite Rosary ~ Church

MONDAY ~ January 15

8:30 am Novena ~ Church

TUESDAY ~ January 16

7:00 pm Blue Army Devotions ~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ January 17

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

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

8:00 PM KOC Social Mtg ~ Parish Hall

THURSDAY ~ January 18

7:00 pm Choir Practice ~ Church

FRIDAY ~ January 19

No Activities

SATURDAY ~ January 20

11:00 am Confessions ~ Church

4:00 pm Confessions ~ Church

SUNDAY ~ January 21

No Activities

January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Jesus turned and saw them following him
and said to them, ‘What are you
looking for?’” - John 1:38*

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ December 31, 2023

Offertory Collection.....\$4,294.00
Mail In.....\$532.00
Online Giving.....\$1,934.50
Parish Assessment\$931.00
Christmas Offering.....\$1,119.00

Total:.....\$8,810.50

WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ January 1, 2024

Mail In.....\$181.00
Online Giving.....\$292.00
Solemnity of Mary.....\$1,242.00

Total.....\$1,715.00

WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ January 7, 2024

Offertory Collection.....\$3,940.00
Mail In.....\$2,780.00
Online Giving.....\$3,214.50
Together in Charity.....\$1,087.00

Total.....\$11,021.50

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,

A bishop friend of mine in Ireland recently sent this to me and I want to share it with you:

Ten Commandments of "Human Relations"

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes seventy-two muscles to frown, only fourteen to smile.
3. Call people by name. Music to anyone's ears is the sound of his/her own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is genuinely a pleasure, and if it isn't, learn to make it so.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody if you try.
7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate with the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellow's, and the right one.
9. Be alert to serve. What counts most in life is what we do for others.
10. Add to this a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience, and a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded manifold through life.

To have good "Human Relations" it is imperative to pray always and never lose heart.



Father Matthew

St. Francis Cathedral School

PreK3 thru 8th Grade OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 1pm - 3pm

528 Main Street, Metuchen ~ *Come and See*

the Catholic Difference!

**Call our school office for more information
at**

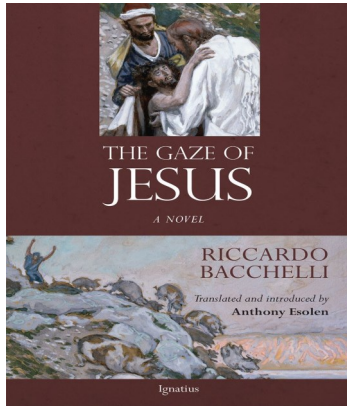
732-548-3107



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mercedes, invites all Catholic women age 18+ to join us! We are one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. In fact, Ct. Mercedes is celebrating our 101st Anniversary this year, and we're looking forward to 101 more! Our patroness is our Blessed Mother, and we are dedicated to Spirituality and Service. We meet at the K of C Hall in Woodbridge at 7 PM on the third Wednesday of the month. Why not come and see what we're all about? Our members belong to several parishes, including OLP, St. James, St. Cecelia, and St. Matthew, so chances are you might already know someone who's a member. There is always cake, coffee, and friendship after the meetings.

For more info, email: dacourt769@gmail.com
We're looking forward to meeting you!



The Gaze of Jesus - A Novel

By 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.

****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.