

OUR LADY OF PEACE

January 21, 2024

Third 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

Phone: 732-738-7940

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
JANUARY 27 & 28**

5:15 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Julia Dischler,
Karen Senatore, Barbara Balog

Reader: Gloria DeMarzo

Altar Server: Emma Rose Felcetto

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Roseanne Brady,
Kenneth Egan, Alan Nygard

Reader: James Carroll

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Jedlyn Tordecilla,
Marie Gironda, MaryAnn Fazioli

Reader: Alyssa Dantes

Altar Server: Alex Gironda

12:00 noon Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine O'Prandy,
Frank Heelan, Kathleen Kazary

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: Colin Pridady



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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday January 22, Weekday

8:00 am

+ George Palus from Helena & Paul Medvedz

Tuesday January 23, Weekday

8:00 am

+ Andrea Fagan From Sue Crofford

Wednesday January 24, Saint Frances

De Sales

8:00 am

+ Annette Toomey from Kennedy Family

Thursday January 25, The Conversion of

St. Paul

8:00 am

+ Thersa Augustine Kottisseril from The Parish Office

Friday January 26, St. Timothy & St. Titus

8:00 am

+ Amelia Gavin from Jeannie Delaney

Saturday January 27, Weekday

8:00 am

+ Maria Fortin from The Devane Family

5:15 pm

+ Christopher Scerbo from Marcella Miller & Family

Sunday January 28, Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am

+ Peter Timpe from Marija & Allen Stulic

10:00 am

+ Robert Rapach from Emlilia Semeniuk

12:00 pm

+ Conrado Sotelo from The Sotelo Family

Bread & Wine



In memory of
Lisa Pinelli
From
Aunt Louise & Family

Candle

In memory of
Maria Fortin
From
The Devane 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.

January 21, 2024

The Third Sunday In
Ordinary Time

Breaking Bread #554 Sing a New Song
Breaking Bread #597 I want to Walk as
a Child of the Light
Breaking Bread #501 Come, Follow Me
Breaking Bread #547 All Creatures of
Our God and King

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.



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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.factsmgmt.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 21
No Activities

MONDAY ~ January 22
8:30 am Novena ~ Church

TUESDAY ~ January 23
7:00 pm Blue Army Devotions ~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ January 24
4:30-5:45 Religious Ed. 1-5 ~ Parish Center
7:00-8:15 Religious Ed. II 6-8
~ Parish Center

THURSDAY ~ January 25
7:00 pm Choir Practice ~ Church

FRIDAY ~ January 26
No Activities

SATURDAY ~ January 27
11:00 am Confessions ~ Church
4:00 pm Confessions ~ Church

SUNDAY ~ January 28
6:00-7:00 pm Youth Group ~ Parish Center
1:00 pm Baptism ~ Church

January 21, 2024 **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Follow me and I will make you fishers
of men."- Mark 1:17*

Jesus' call to "*follow me*" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ January 14, 2024

Offertory Collection.....\$4,731.00
Mail In.....\$1,462.00
Online Giving.....\$2,223.50
Repairs & Maintenance.....\$1,097.00

Total:.....\$9,531.50

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

Picture On Front Cover **St. Francis De Sales**

Known as "The Gentleman Saint," his spirit of optimism, hope, freedom confidence in God's love prompts the Oblates of St. Francis De Sales to please God by doing everything - big or small enthusiastically and well. He is the patron saint of adult education, the deaf, and journalists.

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friend,

A Catholic Magazine carried a story about four young men, Catholic College students, who were renting a house together.

One Saturday morning someone knocked on their door. And when they opened it, there stood this bedraggled-looking old man. His eyes were kind of marbled, and he had a silvery stub of whiskers on his face.

His clothes were ragged and torn. His shoes did not match. In fact, they were both for the same foot. And he carried a wicker basket full of unappealing vegetables that he was trying to sell.

The boys felt sorry for him and bought some of his vegetables just to help him out.

Then he went on his way.

But from that time on, every Saturday he appeared at their door with his basket of vegetables.

As the boys got to know him a little bit better, they began inviting him in to visit a while before continuing on his rounds.

They soon discovered that his eyes looked marbled, not because of drugs or alcohol, but because of cataracts.

They learned that he lived just down the street in an old shack. They also found out that he could play the harmonica, and that he loved to play hymns to Our Lady, and that he really loved God.

So every Saturday they would invite him in, and he would play his harmonica and they would sing together. They became good friends, and the boys began trying to figure out ways to help him.

One Saturday morning, the story says, right in the middle of all their singing, he suddenly said to them, "God is so good!" And they all agreed, "Yes, God is so good." He went on, "You know why he is so good?" They said, "Why?" He said, "Because yesterday, when I got up and opened my door, there were boxes full of clothes and shoes and coats and gloves. Yes, God is so good!"

And the boys smiled at each other and chimed in, "Yes, God is so good."

He went on, "You know why He is so good?" They answered, "You already told us why. What more?" He said, "Because I found a family who could use those things, and I gave them all away."

It is good to always pray together and not only never lose heart but gain a generous heart.

Father Matthew



Bible Study

Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals the amazing inheritance we have been given. We invite you to uncover the amazing gifts God has given you by joining us for *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance, an eight-week Bible study beginning on February 19, 2024.*

You will not only discover your unique gifts and calling as a member of Christ's Church; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

Participants of *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance* will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

We will begin our *Ephesians Bible study* on February 19, 2024 at 7:00pm. For more information or to register for the study:

Pick up a flyer/Registration Form at the doors of the Church To register on-line, go to <https://biblestudy.frjimtucker.com>

St. Francis Cathedral School

PreK3 thru 8th Grade OPEN HOUSE

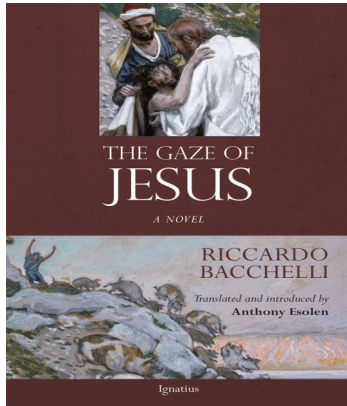
Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 1pm - 3pm

528 Main Street, Metuchen ~ *Come and See*

the Catholic Difference!

Call our school office for more information at

732-548-3107



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.