

OUR LADY OF PEACE

February 18, 2024

First Sunday Of Lent



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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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
FEBRUARY 24/25**

5:15 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Julia Dischler,
Marita Hansen, Barbara Balog

Reader: Gloria DeMarzo

Altar Server: Emma Rose Felcetto

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Kenneth Egan,
Alan Nygard, Barbara Sinko

Reader: Tom Bednar

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: MaryAnn Shingola
Jennifer Sardo, Jedlyn Tordecilla

Reader: Alyssa Dantes

Altar Server: Joshua Baptista

12:00 noon Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Arlene Cezar.
Augustus Cezar, Lorraine O'Prandy

Reader: James Padden

Altar Server: Colin Pridady



***Our Social Concerns Ministry is
asking for help for the***

OZANAM SHELTER

***Items can be placed in the bins
provided at the church doors by
Social Concerns.***

The following items are needed:

Toiletry Items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap,
hand cream, powder, mouthwash, deodorant, etc.
Nursing Supplies: antibiotic ointment (Bacitracin),
cough drops (sugar free & regular), throat lozenges,
Imodium, rubbing alcohol, first aid cream, gauze
(square & rolls), peroxide, vitamins
(Multi or Vitamin C), nasal aspiration for babies,
medicine spoons, droppers, thermometers with
covers, baby wipes, Pedialyte,
Vaseline, antacids, laxatives, Visine, laundry
detergent, paper cups (3-5 oz.), zip lock bags
(1 qt. size), Kleenex, hand sanitizer.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday February 18, First Sunday Of Lent

8:00 am

+ Roselia Paradela from The Resetar Family

10:00 am

+ Janet Wisniowski from Lois & Paul

12:00 pm

+ Maria Fortin from Arlene Stec

Monday February 19, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

+ For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

Tuesday February 20, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

+ Dorothy Louise Merrifield from Sue

Wednesday February 21, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

+ Anerico Laspino from The Dekonski Family

Thursday February 22, Chair of St. Peter

The Apostle

8:00 am

+ Georgiganna Paone from Joann, Ben &
Family

Friday February 23, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

+ Leonarda Mendoza from Maria Luisa Cruz

Saturday February 24, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

+ Helen Mascolo from Anthony Branciforte

5:15 pm

+ John Podola from Family

Sunday February 25, Second Sunday

Of Lent

8:00 am

+For All Members Of Sinko & Neff Families
from Family

10:00 am

+ Carole Fackina from Roseanne Brady

12:00 pm

+ James Clemens from Candi



Bread & Wine

In memory of
Sang-hee
From
Virginia



Candle
In memory of
Katherine Jones
From
Dan O’Gorman

STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

February 18, 2024 - 1st Sunday of Lent

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....” - Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

2024 Bishop’s Annual Appeal
STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts
and Send Us on Mission

“Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32)

Just as the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus “set out at once” to share their experience of the Risen Lord with others, we too are inspired to go out into the world and tell everyone we meet of His love and grace. Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports the work of the ***Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication***. Responsible for our website, social media platforms, videos, podcasts and written content about our Catholic faith, the Evangelization & Communication ministry is essential to how we expand our effort to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all. More and more, we have come to understand that these tools are necessary for reaching people where they live and work. A gift of any amount is important and greatly appreciated.

February 18, 2024 Hymns

Breaking Bread Book #130
Forty Days and Forty Nights

Breaking Bread Book #133
Save Your People



Breaking Bread Book #137
Gracious God

Breaking Bread Book #139 Lord, Who
Throughout These Forty Days

Blood Drive **Our Lady Of Peace Social** **Concerns Ministry**

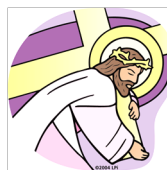


Sunday, March 3, 2024
8:30 am—1:30pm

Parish Center Gymnasium
25 Franklin Ave Edison

Monthly Parish Mass

Our Lady of Peace celebrates Mass at
7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of every
month. All are welcome to join in this
Eucharistic Celebration.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

COME AND
JOIN US
EVERY FRIDAY
DURING LENT AT 7:00 P.M.

REMEMBER - ALL FRIDAYS
DURING LENT ARE DAYS OF
ABSTINENCE (NO MEAT.)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ February 18

No Activities

MONDAY ~ February 19

Parish Office Closed - President Day

8:30 am Novena ~ Church

7:00pm-8:00pm Bible Study ~ Parish Hall

TUESDAY ~ February 20

7:00 pm Blue Army Devotions ~ Church

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ February 21

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

7:00-8:15pm Rel. Ed 6-8, II ~ Parish Center

7:00pm Individual Instructions/2nd Grade Parent Mtg ~ Parish Center

8:00 pm KOC Social Mtg. ~ Parish Hall

THURSDAY ~ February 22

7:00 pm Choir Practice ~ Church

7:00pm Columbiettes Open House ~ Regina Caeli Room

FRIDAY ~ February 23

Stations Of The Cross

SATURDAY ~ February 24

11:00 am Confessions ~ Church

4:00 pm Confessions ~ Church

8:00am - Midnight One on One ~ Parish Center

SUNDAY ~ February 25

1:00pm Baptism ~ Church

6:00-7:00pm Youth Group ~ Parish Center

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,
Jessica Barretta, Joanne M.,
Maria Lavid, Teddy Sabo,

Lisa Sabo, Diane Cowhey,

Norma Nebus, Nancy Gaid, Joan Trainor, Harriet Gockel



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.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ February 11, 2024

Offertory Collection.....\$4,820.00

Mail In.....\$535.00

Online Giving.....\$2,297.50

Repair & Maintenance.....\$ 1,129.00

Total.....\$8,781.50

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,

The Bible defines worldliness by centering morality where we intuitively know it should be. Worldliness is the lust of the flesh (a passion for sensual satisfaction), the lust of the eyes (an inordinate desire for the finer things of life), and the pride of life (self-satisfaction in who we are, what we have, and what we have done). Worldliness, then, is a preoccupation with ease and affluence. It elevates creature comfort to the point of idolatry; large salaries and comfortable life-styles become necessities of life.

Worldliness is reading magazines about people who live hedonistic lives and spend too much money on themselves and wanting to be like them. But more importantly, worldliness is simply pride and selfishness in disguises. It's being resentful when someone snubs us or patronizes us or shows off. It means smarting under every slight, challenging every word spoken against us, cringing when another is preferred before us. Worldliness is harboring grudges, nursing grievance, and wallowing in self-pity. These are the ways in which we are most like the world.

NOT to be "like the world" we must pray always and never lose 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.frijimtucker.com>

Parochial Ministry

Rev. Matthew R. Paratore, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor

Rev. James G. Tucker, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Sebastian Kaithackal C.M.I., (In Res.)

Deacon John A. Raychel

Parish Services

Rev. John J. Zec, Ph.D., Music Director

Candida Gonzalez, Coordinator of Religious Ed

Lourdes Hnath, Organist

Parish Staff

Walter Springer, Business Administrator

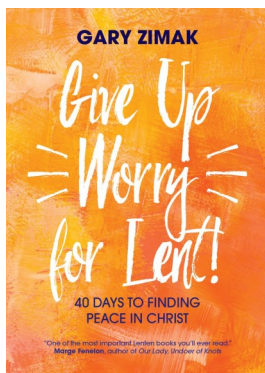
Norma Izzo, Bookkeeping Assistant

Dawn Aube, PREP Secretary

Trustees

Joan C. Deyak

Paul B. Coleman



**GIVE UP WORRY FOR LENT 40 DAYS TO
FINDING PEACE IN CHRIST
BY: ZIMAK GARY**

Winner of a third-place award in the backlist beauty category from the Catholic Media Association.

Catholic author and self-described “recovering worrier” Gary Zimak combines practical spirituality, daily scripture readings, and simple action steps to help you kick the worry habit as part of your Lenten renewal. He shows you how to let go of the anxiety-producing areas of life in order to find the lasting peace that comes from trusting God.

During the season of Lent, Catholics and other Christians frequently give up something they enjoy as a measure of penance or self-discipline—and often fall back into old habits at the first “Alleluia!” In *Give Up Worry for Lent!*, Zimak offers fellow worriers practical, scripture-centered advice on how to relinquish the need to control the uncontrollable—not just for Lent but for good—and how to find peace in Christ. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, Zimak guides you to ponder a scripture passage and to apply it to your own life by following four simple steps:

- Read
- Reflect
- Respond
- Pray

As you continue to meditate on scripture and practice the simple action steps at the end of each reflection, you will find it easier to replace old worries with new messages of hope and to change your life forever.

****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.