

**OUR LADY OF PEACE**  
**September 15, 2024**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

Saturday: 5:15 P.M. Sunday: 8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.

Weekday Mass Monday – Saturday  
8:00A.M.

Last Tuesday of the Month  
7:00 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  
SEPTEMBER 21/22 2024**

**5:15 p.m. Mass**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joan Deyak  
Julia Dischler, Barbara Balog

**Reader:** Gloria DeMaro

**Altar Server:** EmmaRose Felcetto

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Arlene Verendia,  
Kenneth Egan, Barbara Sinko

**Reader:** Tom Bednar

**10:00 a.m. Mass**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** MaryAnn Shingola,  
Jennifer Sardo, Marie Gironda

**Reader:** Alyssa Dantes

**Altar Server:** Alex Gironda

**12:00 Noon**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kevin Broesler,  
Arlene & Augustus Cezar

**Reader:** Frank Heelan

**Altar Server:** Sienna & Ava Pridady

**PARISH NEWS**

Bishop Checchio has reassigned the Reverend James Tucker, from Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Peace Parish, Fords, to Chaplain, Parker at Somerset and Back-up Chaplain, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, effective October 1, 2024.

OLP extends sincere appreciation and best wishes to Father Tucker as he assumes a new ministry in the Metuchen Diocese.

Reverend Justin Akkara, CMI will assist part-time at OLP Fords, effective October 1, 2024, while remaining Parochial Vicar at St. Francis Cathedral Metuchen.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**September 15 24th Sunday in**

**Ordinary Time**

**8:00am**

+ Thomas G. Lisnock from Kathy & Steve  
Whooley

**10:00 am**

+ Anna Medvedz from Helena & Paul  
Medvedz

**12:00 Noon**

+ Fructuoso Cielo Ho Jr. from Maricar Ho

**September 16th, Monday St. Cornelius and**

**Cyprian**

**8:00 am**

+ Thomas Gockel from Stephen Hatola

**September 17th, Tuesday Weekday**

+ For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

**September 18th ,Wednesday Weekday**

**8:00 am**

+ Paul & Anne Heelan from Frank & Ann  
Heelan

**September 19th, Thursday Weekday**

**8:00 am**

+ Anna Zmigrodski from Family

**September 20th, Friday St. Andrew Kim**

**Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang**

**8:00 am**

+ Emiliano V. Gonzales from The Gonzales  
Family

**September 21st, Saturday St. Matthew**

**8:00 am**

+ Thomas Redmond Jr. from The Chicuto  
Family

**5:15 pm**

+ John & Viola Katona from Bill & Joyce

**September 22nd, 25th Sunday in**

**Ordinary Time**

**8:00am**

+ Maria Juana Lugo from Daughter Maria

**10:00 am**

+ Robert Rapach from Joe & Alicia Rapach

**12:00 Noon**

+ Michael Brady from Family

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY ~ September 15**

12:00 Noon Religious Ed. Family Mass ~ Church

**MONDAY ~ September 16**

8:30 am Novena ~ Church

**TUESDAY ~ September 17**

7:00pm Blue Army Devotions ~ Church

**WEDNESDAY ~ September 18**

7:00pm Knights 4th Degree ~ Parish Hall

8:00 pm Knight Social Mtg. ~ Parish Hall

4:30pm Religious Ed. ~ Parish Center

7:00pm Religious Ed. ~ Parish Center

**THURSDAY ~ September 19**

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal ~ Church

**FRIDAY ~ September 20**

7:00pm Knights Line Dancing ~ Parish Hall

**SATURDAY ~ September 21**

11:00 am Confession ~ Church

4:00 pm Confession ~ Church

**SUNDAY ~ September 22**

1:00 pm Baptism ~ Church



September 15, 2024

Breaking Bread

**#717 Lift High the Cross**

Breaking Bread #487

**Christians, Let us Love one Another**

Blue Book#249 We

**Remember**

Breaking Bread #381 Tell  
**the Good News**

**Bread & Wine**

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*From*

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**2025 Mass Book**

**The Mass book is  
now open for 2025.**



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**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, Joanne M.,  
Maria Lavid, Teddy Sabo, Lisa Sabo,  
Norma Nebus, Nancy Gaid, Joan Trainor, Harriet Gockel,  
Peter Rutkowski, Renata Wisnik



**Please pray for the Dearly Departed**

Richard Bava, Anthony, DeBernardo,  
Donald Korneski, Marie Prego,  
Kyle Gerba, Andrew Benscko  
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AnnaMae Plavic, Peter E. Battoglia,  
Claire Dunn, Harriet Youngs, Peter Battoglia,  
Philip Gouveia, MaryLou Zec, Manuel Castillo,  
Dorothy Reo, Elaine Zoppi,  
Raymond Tibok, Frances Brown, John Matyi

## ***Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration***

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM. **This year the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage.** Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org). Registration will close on October 11, 2024. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.

Donations of Gratitude may be made online <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.

### **\*\*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

### **Surviving Divorce Fall 2024**

Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce.

Meetings will be held on Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM beginning October 2, 2024 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. For more information or to register contact Rachelle Hanna at [rachelle.hanna@gmail.com](mailto:rachelle.hanna@gmail.com).

# **STEWARDSHIP**

**September 1, 2024**

**Weekly Collection.....\$4,695.00**

**Online Collection.....\$2,543.50**

**Mail In Collection.....\$1,563.00**

**Parish Religious Ed.....\$ 791.00**

**Total.....\$9,592.50**

**September 8, 2024**

**Weekly Collection.....\$ 4,929.00**

**Online Collection.....\$ 3,116.50**

**Mail In Collection.....\$ 786.00**

**Total.....\$ 8,831.50**

### **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.**



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

### ***The calendar says it's Autumn!***

What better time to come and meet some new friends? This month, on **September**

**18**, at our "Welcome Back" meeting, we'll be installing our officers for the year. Catholic women age 18+ are invited to come to any meeting 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 already know someone who's a member! We meet at the **K of C Hall in Woodbridge at 7PM**. For more info, email [cdacourt769@gmail.com](mailto:cdacourt769@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there!

### **\*\*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.

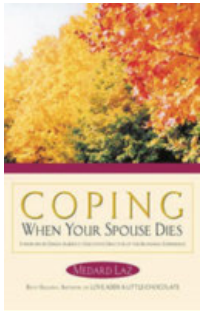
#### **\*GODPARENT/CONFIRMATION SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS\***

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.



## Coping When Your Spouse Dies

by Laz Medard

*Coping When Your Spouse Dies* helps readers realize that, while you can't bring back a spouse who died, you can face your grief in a series of stages which lead toward personal healing. The author advises those trying to cope with a loss not to bury their feelings, but rather to go through the pain of death and look toward the new life God has provided.

### Bus Trip NJ State Mass & March For Life in Trenton Thursday, September 26, 2024

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus trip to the NJ State Mass for Life and March for Life in Trenton on Thursday, September 26, 2024. Bus seats are \$20 per person. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 7:45 AM and then attend the 9:30 AM Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. After Mass it is a short walk to the 11:00 AM Rally at the State House Annex which will be followed by a 1 mile walk through Trenton beginning at 12:00 Noon.

The bus will depart Trenton at 1:15 PM to bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center. If you have any questions and/or would like to reserve a bus seat please visit [www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity](http://www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity) or email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.



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

Sunday, October 6, 2024  
8:30 am—1:30pm

Parish Center Gymnasium  
25 Franklin Ave  
Edison

### 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*

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### Parish Staff

*Walter Springer, Business Administrator*

*Norma Izzo, Bookkeeping Assistant*

*Dawn Aube, Secretary*

### Trustees

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### 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.

FOCUS: 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,

The Book of Genesis, through the occurrences of men and women of a far-off time, tells us stories that we can reflect on in our own lives. In the Patriarch Cycle, we also find that of a man who shrewdly developed his best talent: Jacob. The biblical account tells us about the difficult relationship Jacob had with his brother Esau. Ever since childhood, there was a rivalry between them, which was never overcome later on. Jacob is the second-born - they were twins - but through trickery he manages to obtain the blessing and birthright of their father Isaac (cf. *Gen 25:19-34*). It is only the first in a long series of ploys of which this unscrupulous man is capable. Even the name "Jacob" means someone who is cunning in his movements.

Forced to flee far from his brother, he seems to succeed in every undertaking in his life. He is adept at business: he greatly enriches himself, becoming the owner of an enormous flock. With tenacity and patience he manages to marry Laban's most beautiful daughter, with whom he is truly in love. Jacob - as we would say in modern terms - is a "self-made" man; with his ingenuity, his cunning, he manages to obtain everything he wants. But he lacks something. He lacks a living relationship with his own roots.

And one day he hears the call of home, of his ancient homeland, where his brother Esau, with whom he has always had a terrible relationship, still lives. Jacob sets out, undertaking a long journey with a caravan of many people and animals, until he reaches the final step, the Jabbok stream. Here the Book of Genesis offers us a memorable page (cf. 32: 23-33). It describes that the patriarch, after having all of his people and all the livestock - and they were many - cross the stream, remains alone on the bank of the river on the foreign side. And he ponders: what awaits him the following day? What attitude will his brother Esau, from whom he stole his birthright, assume? Jacob's mind is a whirlwind of thoughts.... And, as it is getting dark, suddenly a stranger grabs him and begins to wrestle with him. The Catechism explains: "the spiritual tradition of the Church has retained the symbol of prayer as a battle of faith and as the triumph of perseverance" (*CCC, 2573*).

Jacob wrestles the entire night, never letting go of his adversary. In the end he is beaten, his sciatic nerve is struck by his opponent, and thereafter he will walk with a limp for the rest of his life. That mysterious wrestler asks the patriarch for his name and tells him: "Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed" (*Gen 32:28*). As if to say: you will never be the man who walks this way, straight. He changes his name, he changes his life, he changes his attitude. You will be called Israel. Then Jacob also asks the other: "Tell me, I pray, your name". The other does not reveal it to him, but blesses him instead. Then Jacob understands he has encountered God "face to face" (vv. 29-30).

Wrestling with God: a metaphor for prayer. Other times Jacob has shown himself able to dialogue with God, to sense Him as a friendly and close presence. But that night, through a lengthy struggle that nearly makes him succumb, the patriarch emerges changed. A change of name, a change in his way of life and a personality change: he comes out of it a changed man. For once he is no longer master of the situation - his cunning is no use to him - he is no longer a strategic and calculating man. God returns him to his truth as a mortal man who trembles and fears, because in the struggle, Jacob was afraid. For once Jacob has only his frailty and powerlessness, and also his sins, to present to God. And it is *this* Jacob who receives God's blessing, with which he limps into the promised land: vulnerable and wounded, but with a new heart. Once I heard an elderly man - a good man, a good Christian, but a sinner who had great trust in God - who said: "God will help me; He will not leave me alone. I will enter Heaven; limping, but I will enter". First he was a self-assured man; he trusted in his own shrewdness. He was a man impervious to grace, immune to mercy; he did not know what mercy was. "Here I am, I am in command!". He did not think he was in need of mercy. But God saved what had been lost. He made him understand that he was limited, that he was a sinner who was in need of mercy, and He saved him.

We all have an appointment during the night with God, in the night of our life, in the many nights of our life: dark moments, moments of sin, moments of disorientation. And there we have an appointment with God, always. He will surprise us at the moment we least expect, when we find ourselves truly alone. That same night, struggling against the unknown, we will realize that we are only poor men and women - "poor things", I dare say - but right then, in that moment in which we feel we are "poor things", we need not fear: because God will give us a new name, which contains the meaning of our entire life; He will change our heart and He will offer us the blessing reserved to those who have allowed themselves to be changed by Him. This is a beautiful invitation to let ourselves be changed by God. He knows how to do it, because He knows each one of us. "Lord, You know me", every one of us might say. "Lord, You know me. Change me".

Father Matthew



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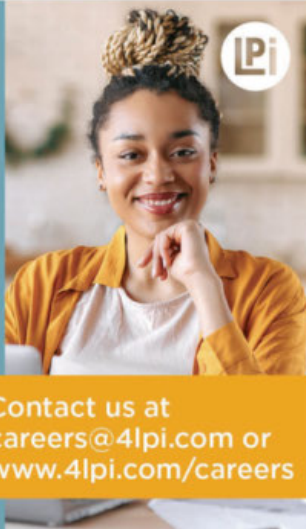
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