

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

November 24, 2024



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.

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9:00am - 4:00pm

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday:

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.

**2024 Advent Series
(OLP and SJV Parishes)**

Have you noticed the advertisements and store displays telling us it is time to get ready for Christmas? It does take time to shop and bake and prepare for gatherings for family and friends, so maybe it really is time to start even before Halloween.

But there is so much more to getting ready for Christmas. The Church gives us four weeks to prepare for Christmas and the Christmas season. The time is called Advent, which means *coming*. We prepare for the *coming* of Jesus at Christmas. But wait – He already came at Bethlehem. And, as we pray in the Creed, He *will come* again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. And He *is* with us each and every day.

The **Advent Series** will give you an opportunity to prepare a sacred space in your mind and heart for His *coming* (in Bethlehem, at the end of time and now) as we prayerfully read the scriptures for the four Sundays of Advent. We will use Bishop Baron's Advent Gospel Reflections as well as commentaries from scripture scholars.

The Advent Gospel Reflections as well as commentary texts will be provided. If you have a Bible, bring it! If no, not to worry, we will have extra Bibles.

When?

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm until around 8:00 pm
November 26, December 3, December 10, December 17
(These are the Tuesdays *before* each of the four Sundays in Advent)

Where?

Upstairs Church Meeting Room of St John
Vianney Church in Colonia, NJ .

If you plan to come as we prepare for His *coming*, please contact me by email or by phone so we can prepare for *your* coming!

Ellen DeRosa, MRE
Director of Adult Education at SJV
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Thanksgiving
Day Family
Mass on
Thursday
November 28, 2024
at 9:00am



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**November 24, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King
of the Universe**

8:00 am

+ James Spagnola from Rita & Margorie

10:00 am

* Special Intentions for OLP Choir from
Cheryl Montross

12:00 Noon

+ Barbara Gadek from The Menze Family

November 25 Monday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Teresita Lazaro from Jessie Lazaro & Family

November 26 Tuesday Weekday

8:00 am

+ For Our Parishioners from The Pastor
+ 7:00 pm John Potts from Nancy & John
Joseph

November 27, Wednesday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Allen Zmigrodski from Family

November 28, Thursday Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am

+ Jeanne Zmigrodski from Family

November 29, Friday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Evangeline & Vicente Torres Sr. from The
Cosare Family

November 30, Saturday St. Andrew

8:00 am

* Special Intentions for Margaret Wierzbicki from
JoAnn Grandal

5:15 pm

+ Stanislaw Turek from Wife

December 1, First Sunday in Advent

8:00 am

+ Victoria & Harry Wendt from The
Wendt Family

10:00 am

+ Altar Rosary

12:00 Noon

+ Remy Oasan from The Sotelo Family

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ November 24

1:00pm Baptism ~ Church

MONDAY ~ November 25

8:30 am Novena ~ Church

7:00pm Choir Practice ~ Church

TUESDAY ~ November 26

7:00pm Parish Mass ~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ November 27

No Religious Ed. Classes

8:00 pm KOC Officers Mtg ~ Parish Hall

THURSDAY ~ November 28

9:00 am Thanksgiving Day Family Mass

Parish Office Closed

FRIDAY ~ November 29

Parish Office Closed

7:00pm Knights Line Dancing ~ Parish Hall

SATURDAY ~ November 30

11:00 am Confession ~ Church

4:00 pm Confession ~ Church

SUNDAY ~ December 1

12:00 Noon Religious Ed. Family Mass ~ Church



November 24, 2024

Breaking Bread # 733
Crown Him with Many Crowns

Breaking Bread # 734 Hail,
Redeemer, King Divine

Breaking Bread #416 Christ
before Us

Breaking Bread #731 The King of
Kings, Christ Jesus Reigns

Parochial Ministry

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

Rev. Justin Akkara C.M.I. (Part-Time)

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, Religious Education Secretary

Trustees

Joan C. Deyak

Paul B. Coleman

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) Baptism are held on the 4th Sunday of every other month.

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

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,

Bishop Bootkoski, Raul Ramos, Veronica Roush,

Suzanne Pontes Sarisky



Please pray for the Dearly Departed

Joseph Schweikert, John Russo,

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,

Richard Duffy, Bernadette Lukas

Josephine Stempinski, Benjamin Aquino



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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

****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



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING
FROM OUR PARISH
FAMILY TO YOURS!!!
GOD BLESS AND GIVE
THANKS!**

HERE AT Our Lady of Peace GIVE A BIRTHDAY GIFT TO THE INFANT JESUS (Help clothe a baby)

*Gifts of **UNUSED** baby clothing, bedding, diapers (infant-12mo.) and toiletries (baby wipes, soap, oil, shampoo, lotions, etc.) may be placed in or adjacent to the bassinet in the middle of the church from the First Sunday of Advent, December 1st to December 15th.*

*If preferred, financial donations by check, payable to **OLP SOCIAL CONCERNS CHILD SHOWER** may be placed in the collection basket at the weekend Masses. Your gifts will be given to various organizations.
Please do not wrap gifts.*

****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.

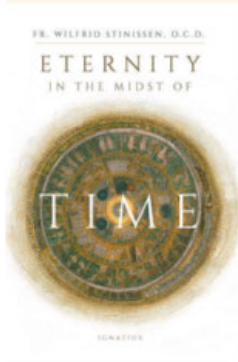
GODPARENT/CONFIRMATION SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

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.



Eternity In Midst Of Time

By Stinissen Wilfrid

Can time be our friend? At first glance the question seems ridiculous, because the apparent scarcity of time is a constant

source of stress in our busy lives. There are not enough hours in the day, we say as we collapse late at night. Deep down we know that we cannot go on like this.

Father Stinissen's book dares us to see time with new eyes. The insight that eternity is written in the depths of our hearts helps us to live in time in a way that leads us deeper into God's joy. We are like children in a land of fairy tales where everything is exciting and exploration never ends. We therefore should rejoice that everything around us is great and mysterious and that we can live in eternal wonder.

His intention is not to explain what time is and thus take away its mystery. Instead, his aim is to show us how to see a time from different perspectives and to discover how rich and multifaceted it is. Above all, he demonstrates how we can make use of the tremendous possibilities that time offers to us.

The choir is in need of new member. If interested they meet on Thursday, at 7pm in the Church.



The Immaculate Conception will be celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation on Monday December 9, 2024. Mass schedule is 8:00am and 7:00pm

STEWARDSHIP

Due to early publication, collection will be posted for next week's bulletin.

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.

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

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friend,

A pastor friend wrote to me about an article in a campus publication where a young nurse writes of her pilgrimage of learning to see in a patient the image of God beneath a very "distressing disguise."

Eileen was one of her first patients, a person who was totally helpless. "A cerebral aneurysm (broken blood vessels in the brain) had left her with no conscious control over her body," the nurse writes. As near as the doctors could tell Eileen was totally unconscious, unable to feel pain and unaware of anything going on around her.

It was the job of the hospital staff to turn her every hour to prevent bedsores and to feed her twice a day, "what looked like a thin mush through a stomach tube." Caring for her was a thankless task. "When it's this bad," an older student nurse told her, "you have to detach yourself emotionally from the whole situation..." As a result, more and more Eileen came to be treated as a thing, a vegetable. But the young student nurse decided that she could not treat Eileen like the others had treated her. She talked to her, sang to her, encouraged her and even brought her little gifts.

One day when things were especially difficult and it would have been easy for the young nurse to take out her frustrations on the patient, she was especially kind.

It was Thanksgiving Day and the nurse said to the patient, "I was in a cruddy mood this morning, Eileen, because it was supposed to be my day off. But now that I'm here, I'm glad. I wouldn't have wanted to miss seeing you on Thanksgiving. Do you know this is Thanksgiving?"

Just then the telephone rang, and as the nurse turned to answer it, she looked quickly back at the patient. Suddenly, she writes, Eileen was "looking at me ... crying. Big damp circles stained her pillow, and she was shaking all over."

That was the only human emotion that Eileen ever showed any of them, but it was enough to change the whole attitude of the hospital staff toward her.

Not long afterward, Eileen died.

The young nurse closes her story, saying, "I keep thinking about her. It occurred to me that I owe her an awful lot. Except for Eileen, I might never have known what it's like to give myself to someone who can't give back."

Even in the most confusing and uncertain moments,
pray always and never lose heart.

Father Matthew



STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

November 24, 2024

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" (JOHN 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

Ministry Schedule for November 28, 2024

9:00 am Mass THANKSGIVING DAY

Eucharistic Minister: Kenneth Egan, Tom Bednar,
Alan Nygard

Reader: Bill Herring

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 1, 2024

5:15 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Senatore, Barbara Balog,
Joan Deyak

Reader: Gloria DeMarzo

Altar Server: Anna & Veronica Delgado

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Martin Verendia, Roseanne Brady,
Kenneth Egan

Reader: Jim Carroll

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Benjamin Praval, MaryAnn Fazioli,
Mary Prumos

Reader: Alyssa Dantes

Altar Server: Joshua Baptista

12:00 Noon

Eucharistic Ministers: Arlene & Augusts Cezar,
Lorraine O'Prandy

Reader: Corinne Ambrosi

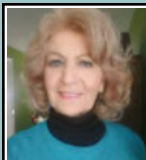
Altar Server: Samantha Alfaro

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