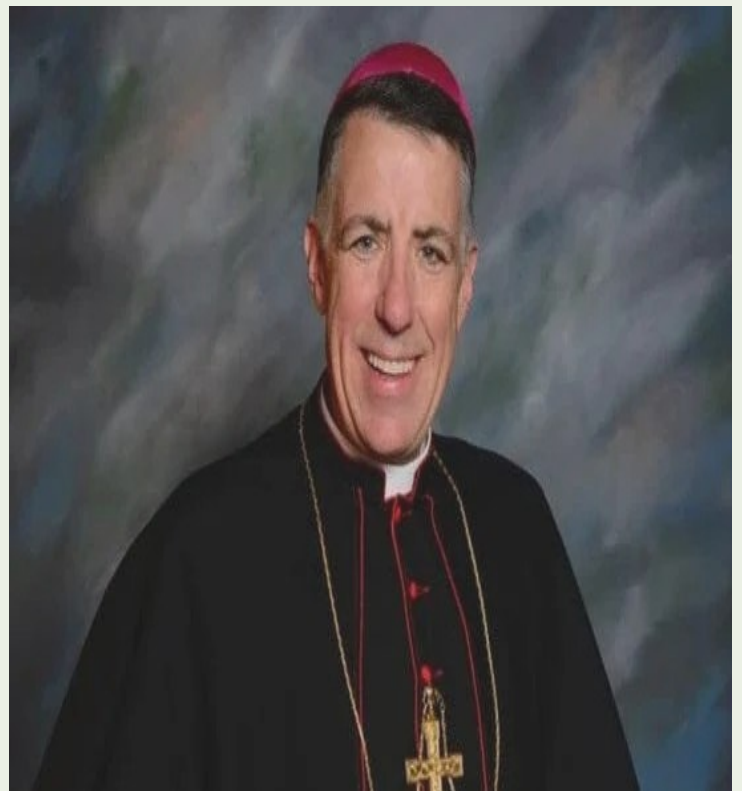


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October 12, 2025

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



Hearty Welcome to Bishop Checchio to our Parish

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
8:00 A.M.
Last Tuesday of the
Month 7:00 P.M.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ October 12

9am - Holy Name Mtg. ~ Regina Caeli Room
9:30am Holy Name to recite the Rosary ~ Church
10:00am Mass Installation of Fr. Abraham
11:00am Reception for Fr. Abraham ~ Parish Hall

MONDAY ~ October 13

8:30 am Novena ~ Church

TUESDAY ~ October 14

7:00 pm Blue Army Devotion ~ Church
7:00 pm NJ State Columbiettes ~ Regina Caeli Rm

WEDNESDAY ~ Oct 15

4:30 - 5:45pm Rel. Ed. Grades 1-4 ~ Parish Center
7:00-8:15pm Rel. Ed Grades 5-7, II ~Parish Center

THURSDAY ~ Oct 16

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal ~ Church

FRIDAY Oct 17

No Activities

SATURDAY ~ Oct 18

11:00 am Confession ~ Church
4:00 pm Confession ~ Church

SUNDAY ~ Oct 19

No Activities

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

October 12, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

+ Judith Wendt from The Wendt Family

10:00 am

+ Holy Name

12:00 Noon

+ Yvonne Frazer & Joseph Lyons from family

October 13, Monday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Robert L. Bertekap from Tracie & Barbara
& Roy

October 14, Tuesday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Kay Hogan from The Devane Family

October 15, Wednesday St. Teresa of Jesus

8:00 am

+ Mary & Lester White from Frank & Ann
Heelan

October 16, Thursday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Geraldine Hoboth from Paul Cerreta

October 17, Friday St. Ignatius

8:00 am

+ For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

October 18, Saturday St. Luke

8:00 am

+ Catherine Elizabeth Brown from Paul
Cerreta

5:15 pm

+ Maria Fortin from Carol

October 19, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

+ Tom Devane from The Devane Family

10:00 am

+ Adelma Tan from The Berame Family

12:00 Noon

+ Margaret Sheridan from Mom & Siblings



Holy Name Society
welcomes all to join
them on Sunday October
12, at 9:30am to recite the
recitation of the Rosary to
our blessed Mother before
the 10:00am Mass.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...

Dear OLP Family,

I am very happy to welcome Bishop James Checchio to our community today, as he comes to install me as the Pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish during the 10 AM Mass. Although I had already begun my new assignment here as your Pastor on August 1st, we celebrate this Rite of Installation liturgically today not only to ask God's blessings on me for my ministry as your shepherd, but also because it reminds all of us of an essential part of being a disciple: Disciples do not choose their own path, they follow Christ where He leads them.

Pope Saint John Paul II, in his Apostolic Letter, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, wrote that "all pastoral initiatives must be set in relation to holiness." (nos.30-31). My primary mission is to live in holiness and to lead you in the path of holiness. This is so basic and essential for all of us to realize that whatever we do in this parish must be in relation to holiness. If we forget that, it will not take long to stray off course from what we should be doing in parish ministry and why we are doing it. Holiness consists of following Jesus as His disciples, as people who listen and learn from Him, and who put Him first in our lives.

It was with this in mind, that I had called for a meeting of the heads of all our Ministries/Committees last week: Music Ministry, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors/Readers, Ushers, Pre-Cana, Altar Servers, Social Concerns, Knights of Columbus, Blue Army, Altar Rosary Society, Columbiettes, Holy Name and Religious Education.

We had a good sharing about the need to make OLP a more participatory and active parish. One unanimous idea was that each ministry is in need of new members. Hence you will hear a short 2-minute-pulpit invitation on different Sundays and I invite you to consider joining a ministry of your liking so that we can make our parish more alive and active than it is now. Let us make our parish truly a vibrant community of the People of God.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



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Ministry Schedule for October 18/19, 2025

5:15 p. m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Sinko,
Barbara Balog, Joan Deyak

Reader: Gloria DeMarzo

Altar Server: The Delgado Family

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Arlene Verendia, Tom Bednar,
Alan Nygard

Reader: Corinne Ambrose

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Benjamin Praval, Mary Prumos,
Marie Frey

Reader: Alyssa Dantes

Altar Server: Brienne Szylar

12:00 Noon

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

Reader: Thomas Deignan

Altar Server: Ashley Alfaro



Please pray for the Sick

Eunice McLaughlin, Raymond Miller,
Danielle Maglies, Francis Lee, Dotty
Karnowski, Anna Verrico, 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, Peter Rutkowski,
Renata Wisnik, Bishop Bootkoski, Raul Ramos,
Veronica Roush, Suzanne Pontes Sarisky,
Kelly Lease, Maria Turek, Evelyn Prince, Alex
Deliso, John Herring, Michael Miller, Marie
Burke, Bill Herring, Mercedes de Leon, Eve
Morawski, Andrew Southern, Norma Izzo,
Shelly Greene

Please pray for the Dearly Departed

Paul Coleman, Gloria Rodriguez, Eleanor Both,
Marian Zelesnik, David Mirabella, Theodore
Urlton, Lucio J. Cerreta Jr., Cathleen Baptista,
Wayne Borg, Lois Wiuff, Robert Bertekap,
Barbara Coyle, Paciencia Aviso, Renee Soto,
Maria Couto, Michael O'Hara, Anthony
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SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



The story is told of a farmer who went into town for a little breakfast. As his meal was set before him, he bowed his head and offered a silent prayer. The man at the next table derided him, "Hey, does everybody do that where you come from?" "No," said the farmer. "The pigs don't." 😊

A dog ran towards a couple. They both knew it will bite them. The husband lifted his wife to let the dog bite him rather than his sweetheart. The dog stopped before them, unsure what to do, barked a little and ran away. The husband put his wife down, expecting a hug and a few kind words of gratitude from her. But his wife shouted, I've seen people throwing stones & sticks at dogs, this is the first time I see someone trying to throw his wife at a dog. 😊

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"Only 1 leper returned to give thanks to God" (Luke 17:18) Gratitude is a popular poster virtue these days, but inspiration does not always translate into action. Today do 2 acts of gratitude. #1: Notice and thank your beloved for an act of kindness. #2: Note a problem in your life. Turn it around by imagining how it could have been worse. Thank God.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

October is Respect Life month. Are there people in our world that you find difficult to respect? (criminals, people who are lazy or mean, people of a different political persuasion...) Yes, even these are worthy of human respect. Talk to your children about giving respect - even to people they don't like.

GRATITUDE IS AN ATTITUDE

Perhaps the most grateful person I've ever heard of was an old woman in an extended care hospital. She had some kind of wasting disease, her different powers fading away over the march of months. A student of mine happened to meet her on a coincidental visit. The student kept going back, drawn by the strange force of the woman's joy. Though she could no longer move her arms and legs, she would say, "I'm just so happy and grateful to God that I can move my neck." When she could no longer move her neck, she would say, "I'm just so glad and thankful I can hear and see." When the young student finally asked the old woman what would happen if she lost her senses of hearing and sight, the gentle lady said, "I'll just be so grateful that you come to visit." (Rev. John Kavanaugh S. J.)

"Not one of them ever thanked me!"

Off the coast of Evanston Illinois there comes the story of a shipwreck. The students of Northwestern University came to the rescue. One student, Edward Spenser, personally saved the lives of 17 persons that day. Years later a reporter was writing a follow-up story on the event, and went to interview the now elderly Spenser. When asked what was the one thing that stood out about the incident in his mind; Spenser replied: "I remember that of the seventeen people I saved that day, not one of them ever thanked me."

"I can't tell you how much your letter meant to me!"

In the book *A Window on the Mountain*, Winston Pierce tells of his high school class reunion. A group of the old classmates were reminiscing about things and persons they were grateful for. One man mentioned that he was particularly thankful for Mrs. Wendt, for she, more than anyone, had introduced him to Tennyson and the beauty of poetry. Acting on a suggestion, the man wrote a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Wendt and addressed it to the high school. The note was forwarded and eventually found the old teacher. About a month later the man received a response. It was written in a feeble longhand and read as follows: "My dear Willie, I can't tell you how much your letter meant to me. I am now in my nineties, living alone in a small room, cooking my own meals, lonely, and like the last leaf of fall lingering behind. You will be interested to know that I taught school for forty years and yours is the first letter of appreciation I ever received. It came on a blue, cold morning and it cheered me as nothing has for years. Willie, you have made my day." Let us remember the words of the Apostle Paul: "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is the will of God in Christ concerning you" (Philemon 4: 4).

Empty bag of gratitude

There is an interesting story about two Angels who were sent to Earth. The cries and petitions of the people reach the door steps of heaven constantly. So once God decided that he should send the angels to the Earth to collect them directly from the people. Thus two angels were sent to the Earth with carry bags. One was commissioned to collect all the petitions, and the other was asked to collect gratitude. The angel that was collecting the petitions found her bag full in minutes and he flew up to heaven many times. But the angel that was collecting gratitude could not even fill a bag.

We need to learn to be thankful to God and to others. Often, we are ungrateful to God. Although we receive so much from Him, we often take it for granted, without appreciating His gifts. We allow the negatives of our lives to hide from ourselves the blessings we have received minor negatives like some health problems, financial worries, conflict with a neighbor or co-worker or spouse. Besides, we are often thankful only when we compare ourselves with less fortunate people. In times of need, we pray with desperate intensity; but as time passes, we forget God. Many of us fail to offer a grace before meals or allot a few minutes of the day for family prayer. God gave us his only Son, but we seldom give Him a word of thanks. Often, we are ungrateful to our parents and consider them a nuisance, although in the past we were dependent on them for literally everything.

Similarly, we owe a great debt of gratitude to our friends, teachers, doctors, pastors but we often fail to thank them. Hence, in the future, let us be filled with daily thanksgiving to God and to others for the countless gifts we have received. Let us show our gratitude to our forgiving God by forgiving others, and to a loving God by radiating His love, mercy and compassion to others.



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4. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

The Luminous Mysteries

1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
2. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
3. The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

The Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection of Jesus
2. The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
5. The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven

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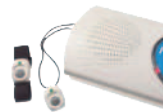
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