

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

June 7, 2026



HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m.,

10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS 4:00 - 4:45PM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...

Dear OLP Family,

You must have heard about ‘Magnifica Humanitas’ (Magnificent Humanity) - the first Encyclical of Pope Leo XIV. This teaching document on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and human dignity has deeply polarized, sparking intense debate across both secular and religious spheres. Sad to say, some media headlines have been very misleading: "Pope Calls to Ban AI", "Pope's Condemnation of AI", "The Church's Panic Over a Digital Competitor", etc. The truth is far from what these absurd headlines say. As Catholics, we need to know what is true and false about this landmark document.

Did the Pope say that we should not use AI? No. Rather, he called for it to be regulated so that it serves the common good and protects human dignity. Affirming the positive aspects of AI as a wonderful technology, Pope Leo called for AI to be "disarmed", meaning, freed from monopolistic corporate control and logics that reduce people to mere data or instruments of exclusion. He urged policy-makers to protect employment rights and ensure that tech companies do not prioritize profits over human well-being and dignity.

Why is it called *Magnifica Humanitas*?

The title is Latin for “magnificent humanity.” It points to the document’s teaching that no machine can replace the God-given magnificence of the human person. Pope Leo XIV writes: “We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us and revealed in its fullness in Christ, the splendor of which no machine can ever replace” (MH 15).

What are some practical takeaways from this encyclical?

Pope Leo XIV warns that “when efficiency becomes the ultimate measure of value, human beings are tempted to see themselves as a project to be optimized rather than as persons called to relationship and communion” (MH 112).

This means asking practical questions about AI-assisted technology in ordinary daily life:

- A. Does it help me remain faithful to the truth, despite the most appealing content? (MH 237)
- B. Does it help educate me and allow me to educate others? (MH 238)
- C. Does it help me cultivate genuine closeness in relationships and cherish places and times where physical presence remains crucial? (MH 239)
- D. Does it help me participate in the promotion of justice and peace? (MH 240)

The encyclical is not a call to reject AI. It is a call to guide our development and use of AI toward the magnificence of humanity. (MH 4).

In short, one can say that “Magnifica Humanitas” offers us not only a summary of the church’s social teaching, but a challenge to deepen the church’s call to understand, explore and live that teaching. Instead of blindly believing certain media, I invite us all to read ‘Magnifica Humanitas’ or at least read its summary easily available from many reputed Catholic media online.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

June 7, Sunday 8:00am

+ To the Gloria of God from Virginia

10:00am

+Vickie Valentin from The Spinogatti Family

12:00 noon

+Neal Fackina from The Fackina Family

June 8, Monday 8:00am

+Jimmy & Mary Laspino from The Dekonski Family

June 9, Tuesday 8:00am

+Deceased Members of the Gabriel Family from Mercy Gabriel

June 10, Wednesday 8:00am

+For Our Parishioners

June 11, Thursday 8:00am

+Henry Niemann from Roseanne Brady

June 12, Friday 8:00am

+Marie Gironda from The Wendt Family

June 13, Saturday 8:00am

+MaryJane Soyka from John Soyka & Family
5:15pm

+ John & Claire Raychel from Deacon John & Family

June 14, Sunday 8:00am

+ Lena Ferlicchi from Emil

10:00am

+Holy Name Altar Rosary Society

12:00 noon

+Dr. Edcardo Fernandez from Luz Fernandez

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday June 7 - No Activities

Monday - June 8 - 8:30am Novena - Church

Tuesday - June 9

5:30 - 9:30pm Scouts - Parish Center

7:00pm Blue Army Devotions- Church

8:00pm NJ State Columbiettes Mtg. - Regina Caeli Room

Wednesday - June 10 - No Activities

Thursday - June 11

7:00pm Columbiettes Business Mtg - Regina Caeli Rm

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

Friday - June 12 - No Activities

Saturday June 13

4:00pm Confessions - Church

Sunday June 14

9:00am - 12noon Holy Name Altar Rosary Mtg - Regina Caeli Rm

9:30am Holy Name Altar Rosary to pray the Rosary - Church

PRIEST ORDINATION

On June 20, 2026 James Prumos will be ordained a priest. Father James Prumos will be celebrating his first Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church on Sunday June 21, 2026 at the 12:00 noon Mass. A reception will follow. Please come and celebrate Father James Prumos.



OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Lady of Peace's (CCD) Religious Education for students in grades 1 thru 8 enrollment is open. You can sign up on our website (www.olpfords.org) or stop in the parish office.

Registration fees:

Before July 31, 2026

\$100 per child for the 1st and 2nd child

\$50 per child for the 3rd and 4th child

Starting August 1, 2026

\$120 per child for the 1st and 2nd child

\$70 per child for the 3rd and 4th child

Ministry Schedule for

June 13/14 2026

5:15pm Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Deyak, Barbara Balog

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: Delgado Family

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Bednar,
Arlene Verendia, Margarita Cebulski

Reader: James Carroll

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Prumos,
Marie Frey

Reader: Corinne Ambrosi

Altar Server: Brienne Szylar

12:00 Noon

Eucharistic Ministers: Benjamin Praval,
Angela Chundak

Reader: Frank Heelan

Altar Server: Alexis Nwinyi

Please pray for the Sick

Eunice McLaughlin, Raymond Miller,
Danielle Maglies, 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, Raul Ramos,
Veronica Roush, Suzanne Pontes Sarisky, Kelly
Lease, Maria Turek, Alex Deliso, John Herring,
Marie Burke, Bill Herring, Mercedes de Leon, Eve
Morawski, Andrew Southern, Shelly Greene, Danuta,
Debra Ambrosi, Michael L., Wendy Snee, Catherine
Miller, Tano Camarillo, Elizabeth Savner,
Joan Quinn

Please pray for the Dearly Departed

Anne Trepono, Debbie Hernandez, Donald Jantas,
Darlene Holowka, Debbie Mullen, Madeline Strong,
Octavio Ruiz, John Harvie, Anthony Alexander,
Thomas J. Felcetto, Evelyn Mrozek, Mildred
Manresa, Marie Gironda, Evelyn Codd, Gary Dzama,
Michael Sena, Marie Pugliese, Stefan Wysocki,
Julia Dischler, Angelo VanNostrand,
Eleanor Kavejon, Ronald G. Cunningham

STEWARDSHIP

May 24, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$ 4,219.00
Mail-in	\$ 510.00
Online giving	\$ 1,951.50
Total	\$ 6,680.50

May 31, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$ 4,757.00
Mail-In	\$ 800.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,640.50
Assessment to Diocese	\$ 873.00
Total	\$ 9,070.50

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(Week of June 6 - 13, 2026)

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CAN YOU TEACH OUR KIDS?

Our Lady of Peace Religious Education is looking for
Teachers and Teacher's Aides. Classes are on
Wednesdays. There are two sessions, the afternoon
session is at 4:30 to 5:45pm, the evening session is at
7:00 to 8:15pm. Classes run from Sept. thru May and
meet every Wednesday. If you feel God is calling you
to this ministry please contact the parish office.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



They have Dial-a-Prayer for atheists now. You call up and it rings and rings but nobody answers.

Therapist: We need to deal with this constant need of yours to please others. Client: Sure, if it makes you happy!

“You’re a high-priced lawyer! If I give you \$500, will you answer two questions for me? “Absolutely! What’s the second question?”

What a similarity between an actor and politician: Everyone knows them for who they pretend to be.

Flight Instructor: Umm...seems a bit windy today. Student: “Yeah sorry, I had beans last night.”

A dentist opened an office on a boat. What was the boat’s name? The Tooth Ferry.



I asked a pilot once, how often do these things crash? He replied "just once usually"

A man is talking with his therapist. The therapist says, “It seems you have a severe phobia of marriage. Do you understand the symptoms?” The man replies, “Can’t say I do.” The therapist says, “Yeah, that’s the main one.”

PADRE PIO’S PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

“Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company.

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late, the day is coming to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approach. It is necessary to renew my strength.

THE REAL PRESENCE: BIBLICAL BASIS:

Our belief in this Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist derives from the literal interpretation of the promise of Christ to give us his Body and Blood for our spiritual food and drink, as found in St. John's Gospel, Chapter 6, and also in the four independent accounts of the fulfillment of this promise at the Last Supper (Mt 26; Mk 14; Lk 22; 1 Cor 11). Eucharistic theologians explain the *Real Presence* by a process called

transubstantiation: the entire *substance* of bread and wine is changed into the entire *substance* of the risen and glorified Body and Blood of Christ, retaining only the “*accidents*” (taste, color, shape) of bread and wine. Can there be a religion in which God is closer to man than our Catholic

Christianity? Jesus does not believe that he is humiliating himself in coming to us and giving himself to us in his Flesh and Blood; rather, he is expressing his everlasting love for us

DO WE PREPARE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

We are not perfect. We have our weaknesses and sinfulness. Hence, there is always need for repentance, and a need for the Sacramental confession of grave sins, before we receive Holy Communion. We should remember the warning given by St. Paul: "*Whoever, therefore, eats the Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the Body and Blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the Bread and drink of the Cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the Body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.*" (1 Cor. 11:27-9). Hence, let us receive Holy Communion with fervent love and respect not merely as a matter of routine. St. Paul is speaking also of the Mystical Body of Christ, i.e., the people of God gathered at the altar. Such a union, plainly, means that our outward piety towards the consecrated Bread and Wine cannot coexist with rudeness, unkindness, slander, cruelty, gossiping or any other breach of charity toward our brothers and sisters.

THE GREATEST WORK OF ART IN ST. PETER'S BASILICA

One of the seminarians who gives tours of St. Peter's shared an interesting incident. He was leading a group of Japanese tourists who knew absolutely nothing of our Faith. With particular care he explained the great masterpieces of art, sculpture and architecture. He finally concluded at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel trying his best to explain quickly what it was. As the group dispersed, an elderly man, who had been particularly attentive stayed behind, and said, "Pardon me. Would you explain again this 'Blessed Sacrament?'" The seminarian did, after which the man exclaimed, "Ah, if this is so, what is in this chapel is a greater work of art than anything else in this basilica."

Today's feast of *Corpus Christi* gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the "Real Presence" so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better and receive maximum benefit from the Eucharist. We believe in the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist because 1) Jesus promised it after miraculously feeding the 5000. 2) Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during his Last Supper. 3) Jesus commanded his disciples to repeat it in his memory. 4) "Nothing is impossible for God."

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"Couples who are finding it hard to stay married deserve our prayers and assistance." (Follow the Way of Love, USCCB). Pray for a couple you know who is struggling in their marriage. Perhaps your prayer is for yourself. Consider trying 'Retrouvaille' or 'The Third Option.'

PARENTING TUNE-UP!

"The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" (1 Corinthians 10:6) Hopefully your family says a blessing before meals. Good. What we eat becomes part of our body. As your family eats together this weekend be mindful that God is in each of you. Together, we are the body of Christ.

REAL PRESENCE IS TRANSUBSTANTIATION

The doctrine of Transubstantiation means that the *substance* of the bread and wine offered during Mass is changed by Consecration to the *substance* of the risen Jesus' glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, and its *accidents* (like color, shape, taste etc.), remain the same.

Holy Name Altar Rosary Society welcomes all to join them on Sunday June 14, at 9:30am to pray the Rosary to Jesus through Mary, before the 10:00am Mass.



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