OUR LADY OF PEACE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time





Feast of Christ The King

GIVING TUESDAY – PLEASE REMEMBER OLP! Your support helps us continue our mission and serve our parish community. Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity!

THANKSGIVING PIE PICKUP: A reminder to everyone who ordered pies that pickup will be on Wednesday, November 25, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil | 5:15pm

Sunday | 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday | 8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday | 4:00pm

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear OLP Family,
Today's Feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (formerly known as Feast of Christ the King) is the signal that the Church's calendar year is coming to an end and that we are about to start the new year! Thus, the First Sunday of the New Year in the Liturgical Calendar is next Sunday as we begin the season of Advent! It is good for us to know that today's feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of our thinking and living and organizes human life as if God did not exist. This feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations. May we all recognize this truth and continue our efforts to honor Jesus by living his values in our lives.

Happy Thanksgiving! Yes, we are already in the week of Thanksgiving! We are entering a festive season that brings lots of joy and fun with good family fellowship. The spirit of giving and sharing is around us, reminding us of the need to be grateful.

Did you know that "Giving Tuesday" is becoming popular? In the rush for consumerism soon after Thanksgiving Day, (with Black Friday, Cyber Monday, etc.), it is heartening to see how "Giving Tuesday" - a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration – is becoming more popular. Giving Tuesday celebrates the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. **Please consider including our OLP Parish in your Giving Tuesday plans.**

When we recognize that God is the one who has been blessing us and preserving us in this life, our thanksgiving should be directed primarily to this loving **God. So why not begin the Thanksgiving Day with the Holy Mass in our church at 9AM this Thursday?** We will feel the touch of God as we get busy into the hectic pace of Thanksgiving activities. Hence I invite us all to begin this day with the Eucharist, which literally means thanksgiving.

Last year we had the blessing of food at the Thanksgiving Day Mass. We shall continue that wonderful tradition. I invite interested families to bring food to be blessed for their Thanksgiving dinner to the church this Thursday morning for our 9 AM Thanksgiving Mass. Labeling your name on the food basket is recommended so you can leave with the same items you came with. Starting the day with Mass and blessing a portion of the food sets the tone for Thanksgiving and helps us get in the true spirit of the day which is giving thanks to God as a family.
Let us keep in mind: *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Have a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving time with your family and friends. May Christ the King bless us all and help us to be His better subjects.



Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal
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Mass Intentions

November 22, Sunday 9:00am
+Arlene Czapor from Friend
+Donna Morgan from Her Sister Cheryl
11:00am
+Edward Ecobichon from Ecobichon Family
+Robert & Grace Kovacs Family
from Mr. & Mrs. W. Dworak
November 23, Monday 8:00am
+Binaski Family from Julia & Albert
+Clyde Borg from Sheridan Family
November 24, Tuesday 8:00am
+James Spagnola from Rita & Marjorie
November 25, Wednesday 8:00am
+Teresita Lazaro from Lazaro Family
November 26, Thursday 9:00am
+Deceased Members Gamba & Shott Families
from Barbara Laregina
November 27, Friday 8:00am
+For Our Parishioners
November 28, Saturday 5:15pm
+Julia & Thomas Dischler from Dischler Family
+Anna Gironda & Angela Somma
from Dolores Quattrone
November 29, Sunday 9:00am
+Stanislaw "Stanley Turek from Family
+Clarita Berame from Elizabeth & Hiroshi
11:00am
+Remy Oason from Sotelo Family
+Michelle Majkut
from Krystina, Andrew & Christopher

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday - November 22, 2026
12:00pm Baptism - Church
Monday - November 23, 2026
8:30am Novena - Church
9:00am Fall Into Faith - Parish Hall
8:00pm KOC 4th Degree Mtg - Parish Hall
Tuesday - November 24, 2026
9:00am Fall Into Faith - Parish Hall
5:30-9:30pm Boy Scouts - Parish Center
7:00pm Blue Army Devotion - Church
7:00pm Fall Into Faith - Parish Center
7:00pm KOC Officers Mtg - Parish Hall
Wednesday - November 25, 2026
9:00am - 4:00pm Thanksgiving Pie Pick-Up - Parish Office
Thursday - November 26, 2026
THANKSGIVING - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Friday - November 20, 2026
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
7:00pm Fall Into Faith - Parish Hall
Saturday - November 21, 2026
Social Concerns Christ Child Bassinet - Church
3:30pm Fall Into Faith - Parish Hall
4:00pm Confessions - Church
7:00pm Fall Into Faith - Rich Fetzer's Home



MASS BOOK FOR ALL YOUR MASSES
When our 2027 Mass Book was opened, we had put a limit to the number of Masses a person could reserve, so that everyone will be given a fair chance. Now we are inviting everyone to come to the parish office and reserve the Masses you need without any limit.



The Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Candle are being offered in loving memory of Clyde Borg, with prayers and remembrance from the Sheridan Family.

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. November 29 to December 13th
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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 26th thru the 29th 2026

Thursday THANKSGIVING 9:00am Mass
Eucharistic Ministers; Alan Nygard, Thomas Bednar, Margarita Cebulski
Reader: Bill Herring

Saturday, 5:15pm Mass
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Sinko, Barbara Balog, Joan Deyak
Reader: Andrew Roy
Altar Server: Ava Pridady

Sunday, 9:00am Mass
Eucharistic Ministers: Kenneth Egan, Alan Nygard, Roseanne Brady
Reader: James Carroll
Altar Server: Brienne Szylar

Sunday, 11:00am Mass
Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Broesler, Lorraine O'Prandy, Frank Heelan
Reader: Angela Chundak
Altar Server: Ashley Alfaro

Retrouvaille Weekend
For Couples in Troubled Marriages
Feb. 19-21, 2027

This program assists couples who are presently experiencing serious problems in their marriage. It consists of a weekend experience from Friday night to Sunday afternoon and is followed by six post-weekend sessions. Both partners must express a desire to attend the weekend and a willingness to work at their marriage.
https://diometuchen.org/retrouvaille



Week of November 15th 2026

Due to the Holiday Bulletin Printing Schedule our offerings will be listed in the next Bulletin. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish and its ministries. For your convenience, Online Giving is available by visiting www.olpfords.org and clicking on the Online Giving link to register.



WE PRAY:

For those who are sick, or in nursing homes and hospitals

Nancy Gaid, Joan Trainor, Peter Ruttowski, Renata Wisnik, Raul Ramos, Veronica Roush, Suzanne Pontes Sariska, Kelly Lease, Maria Turek, Alex Deliso, John Herring, Marie Burke, Mercedes de Leon, Eve Morawski, Andrew Southern, Shelly Greene, Deba Ambrosi, Michael L., Wendy Sneec, Catherine Miller, Tano Camarillo, Elizabeth Saver, Joan Quinn, Marien Zondlo, Wilson Aguirre, William Riggio, Zairis D. Peña, Augie Elio, Bill Herring, Elaine Cerreta

For those who have passed to Eternity

Thomas Katchisin, Patrick Kennedy, Anna Verrico, Jonathan Lopez, Rosario Arvisu, William Mahoney, Mario Rosario, Michael Wytanis, Norma Nebus, John Sarisky, Janice Cucchiera, Byju Thomas, Ruth Manieri, Christine M. Mellas, Walter Dworak, Margaret Eleanor Levins, Betty Lou Rabold, Monica Netta, Clyde L. Borg

For all those who are serving in the Military

SIMPLE THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR

"I am thankful for the mess to clean up after a party because it means I am blessed with friends.
I am thankful for the taxes I pay because it means that I am employed.
I am thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snugly because it means I have had enough to eat.
I am thankful for my shadow that watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.
I am thankful for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
I am thankful for all the complaining I do about the government because it means we have freedom of speech.
I am thankful for the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
I am thankful for my big heating bill because it means I am warm.
I am thankful for the lady behind me in Church who sings off-key because it means I can hear.
I am thankful for the piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby.
I am thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.
I am thankful for the alarm that goes off early in the morning because it means I am alive."

Nine Lepers or one Leper?

There are basically two types of people in our world: the grateful and the ungrateful. The Gospel for Thanksgiving tells the story of the ten lepers whom Jesus healed (Luke 17: 11-19). Only one of them, a Samaritan - a Jew despised and held unclean for being in schism – returned to give Him thanks. The other nine (who were "real" Jews), apparently considered their healing as something they had a right to, whereas the Samaritan took it as an undeserved gift from God. This Gospel reminds us that even God desires our gratitude. *"Where are the other nine?"* Jesus asked with pain. (Confer also Is 1:3-5.) That is why St. Paul admonishes us, *"Always be thankful"* (Col 3:17). It is a Christian's duty as well as a privilege to be grateful for the blessings of God (Deuteronomy 8:10; Psalm 107:19, 21; Colossians 1:12-14; Philippians 1:3). *"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever"* (1 Chronicles 16:34). (Refer to Psalm 107:1, John 11:41, Eph. 5:20, and Col. 3:17 for Biblical prayers and expressions of thanksgiving.)

Gathered around the altar celebrating the Eucharist, we find that our expression of thanks becomes part of the great Thanksgiving Prayer of Christ which joins the mighty chorus of all God's people. We should give thanks for this parish community in which we gather together. It is in this community that we meet Christ in the Breaking of the Bread and receive the Sacraments that nourish and strengthen us along the way. Hence, *"let us give thanks to the Lord our God. For it is right to give God thanks and praise!"*

Let us be thankful and let us learn to express our thanks daily. a) To God for His innumerable blessings, providential care and protection and for the unconditional pardon given to us for our daily sins and failures. b) To our parents – living and dead – for the gift of life and Christian training and the good examples they gave us. c) To our relatives and friends for their loving support and timely help and encouragement. d) To our pastors, teachers, doctors, soldiers, police and government officers for the sincere service they render us

CHRIST THE KING WHO CONQUERED DEATH!

Worldly kings do not have this power. Their last enemy is death, which ends their power, wealth, and prestige. In Vienna there is a crypt under a Capuchin church. In this crypt are buried 140 Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses. Each sarcophagus is sculptured in steel. The largest is a double tomb for Maria Theresa and her husband. On each sarcophagus was carved a cross and the Royal crown. On each corner of one sarcophagus was a skull wearing a crown. ***The message was clear: Death was king! Even kings are conquered by death. But the King of God's realm lives in spite of death. And so we, as Christians belonging to Him, have no fear of death, for by the power of His cross, death was defeated for us all.***

GANDHI'S STRENGTH , THOUGH NOT A KING!

In the published diaries of Joseph Goebbels, the infamous Nazi Propagandist, there are two or three references to Mahatma Gandhi. Goebbels believed that Gandhi was a fool and a fanatic. If Gandhi had the sense to organize militarily, Goebbels thought, he might hope to win the freedom of India. He was certain that Gandhi couldn't succeed by following a path of non-resistance and peaceful revolution. ***Yet as history played itself out, India peacefully won her independence while the Nazi military machine was destroyed. What Goebbels regarded as weakness actually turned out to be strength. What he thought of as strength turned out to be weakness. Jesus the King won freedom for mankind and won the hearts of mankind by his death on the cross.***

🙂 SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY 🙂

Butterball help line operators share their experience:

A gentleman called Butterball's Thanksgiving Turkey Talk-Line to tell the operator he cut his turkey in half with a chain saw and wanted to know if the oil from the chain would adversely affect the turkey. 🙂

A disappointed woman called wondering why her turkey had no breast meat. After a conversation with a Talk-Line operator, it became apparent that the woman's turkey was lying on the table upside down. 🙂

When a Talk-Line staffer asked a caller what state her turkey was in (meaning how thawed was it) the caller responded with, "Florida." 🙂

A Kentucky mother had followed Butterball's instructions for roasting a turkey, and everything seemed to be going smoothly. The bird came out of the oven golden-brown, but there was a strange, bright red color when she started to carve it. Turns out her son had helped her "season" the turkey with Legos, and she wanted to know if it was still safe to eat. 🙂

One caller had always cut the legs off the turkey before putting it in the oven thinking that was how you had to cook a turkey. She later learned that the only reason her mom had been doing that was because their oven had been so small that that was the only way to get the bird into the oven! 🙂

"Vegetables are a must for Thanksgiving. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie." 🙂

Tree Lighting Ceremony



You are cordially invited to join Flynn & Son's 26th Annual Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, December 2, 2026 at 7:00pm. Located at 319 Amboy Avenue in Metuchen. There will be a guest speaker, the local choir, personalized holiday ornaments, refreshments and more. All are welcome!

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