

OUR LADY OF PEACE
April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday Of Easter



**SACRAMENT OF
PENANCE**

Saturday:
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
4:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.

**HOLY SACRIFICE OF
THE MASS**

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – Saturday
8:00 A.M.
Last Tuesday of the month
7:00 P.M.

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**Ministry Schedule for
April 28/29**

5:15 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Deyak,
Karen Senatore

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: Ava Pridady

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Arlene Verendia,
Tom Bednar, Roseann Brady

Reader: Corinne Ambrosi

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Jedlyn Tordecilla,
Mary Prumos, Marie Frey

Reader: Alyssa Dantes

Altar Server: Tristian Szylar

12:00 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine O'Prandy,
Frank Heelan, Angela Chundak

Reader: Thomas Deignan

Altar Server: Ashley Alfaro

April 21, 2024 - 4th Sunday of Easter

*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life
for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."*

John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

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 Religious Ed

Lourdes Hnath, Organist

Parish Staff

Walter Springer, Business Administrator

Norma Izzo, Bookkeeping Assistant

Dawn Aube, Secretary

Trustees

Joan C. Deyak

Paul B. Coleman

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday April 21 Fourth Sunday Of Easter

8:00am

+ Maria Fortin from Narda

10:00

+Giovanni Monaco from Family

12:00

+ Rick Ponzo from Bobby & Amy Claffy

Monday April 22 ,Easter Weekday

8:00 am

+ For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

Tuesday April 23, Easter Weekday

8:00 am

+ Fred & Lina Ferlicchi from son Emil

Wednesday April 24, Easter Weekday

8:00 am

+ Nick Parlotti from Joe Strucich

Thursday April 25,Easter Weekday

8:00 am

+ Helen Bertekap from Marcella, Bob & Family

Friday April 26, Easter Weekday

8:00 am

+ Grace & George Gibson from Daughter Marita

Saturday April 27, Easter Weekday

8:00 am

+ Robert Letso from Carol & Kevin Mitro

5:15pm

+ Theodore & Mary Rodzinka from The Raychel Family

Sunday April 28, Fifth Sunday Of Easter

8:00am

+ Thresa Dileo from Nick & Maryann Marino

10:00

+ Robert Sutherland from The Smith Family

12:00

+ Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas D' Antico from Daughter Margie & Family



Candle

*In memory of
Maria Fortin
From
Narda*

April 21, 2024



Hymns

Breaking Bread #178 Christ, the
Lord, is Risen Today

Breaking Bread #344 Gift of Finest
Wheat

Breaking Bread #614 Like a
Shepherd

Break Bread #175 Alleluia! Alleluia!

MEMORIALS FOR LOVED ONES

Sanctuary Candle

Burns 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Donation: \$20.00

Bread & Wine

Used at Masses for one week.

Donation: \$25.00

Flowers on the Altar

Used at Masses for one week.

Donation: \$ 60.00

Arrangements for these Memorials may
be made in the parish office.

Kind Reminder

Please do not park in front of rectory
garages.

Bread & Wine

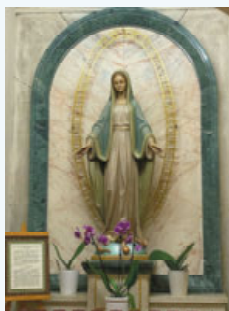
*In memory of
Kenneth T. Bruschi
From
Maria & Family*



Monthly Parish Mass

Our Lady of Peace celebrates Mass at
7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of every
month. All are welcome to join in this
Eucharistic Celebration.

AN HOUR WITH MARY



The Our Lady of Peace Altar Rosary
Society would like to extend an invita-
tion to YOU to our Hour with Mary
event being held on Monday, May
13, 2024 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in
the Our Lady of Peace Church, Fords,
New Jersey. All are welcome to
attend. Please call Angela Chundak at 732- 221-0977 for
further information.

We received such wonderful compliments last year when
the Rosary was done in 8 languages, that the Rosary will
again be recited in different languages this year. We are
looking to expand on this venture. If you or someone you
know can recite the Hail Mary in a language other than
English, please also call Angela Chundak and give your
name and language spoken.

We would love to make tribute to our Blessed Mother
while highlighting our very diverse Parish. Please help us
to make this event a success! Prayer is Power! We all
need Prayer! Queen of the Rosary - Pray for us!

**Religious Education
Classes for 2024-2025
is now open for
registered parishioners.
Please sign up at the
parish office or online.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ April 21

6:00pm Youth Group ~ Parish Center

MONDAY ~ April 22

8:30 am Novena ~ Church

7:00-8:30 pm Bible Study ~ Parish Hall

TUESDAY ~ April 23

7:00 pm Blue Army Devotions ~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ April 24

4:30-5:45pm Rel. Ed 1,3,4,5 ~ Parish Center

7:00-8:15pm Rel. Ed 6,7,8 ~ Parish Center

4:30-5:45pm First Holy Communion Practice

Grade 2 and Individual Instruction ~ Church

8:00 pm KOC Officer Mtg. ~ Parish Hall

THURSDAY ~ April 25

7:00 pm Choir Practice ~ Church

FRIDAY ~ April 26

NO ACTIVITES

SATURDAY ~ April 27

11:00 am Confession ~ Church

4:00 pm Confession ~ Church

SUNDAY ~ April 28

1:00pm Baptism ~ Church

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, Jessica Barretta,
Joanne M., Maria Lavid, Teddy Sabo,
Lisa Sabo, Norma Nebus, Nancy Gaid,
Joan Trainor, Harriet Gockel



Please pray for the Dearly Departed

Lisa Aliberti, Dolores Pinelli, Barbara Gadek,
Anthony Romano, Johanna Misura, MaryAnn Nagy,
Carole Fackina, Camille Wasilewski, Diane Cowhey,
Kathleen McCann, Thomas Gockel, Josefa Zimon,
Douglas Odolecki, Gregory Danese Sr.,
John G. Tucker III, Ernest Rios, William Harth, Lissa Shields,
Victoria Connaughton, Elaine Quattrone, Patrica Novak

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ April 2024

Offertory Collection.....\$ 5,005.00

Mail In.....\$ 1,520.00

Online Giving.....\$ 2,364.50

Repair and Maintenance.....\$ 1,233.00

Total.....\$ 10,122.50

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.

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.

FOCCUS: Contact Parish Office.

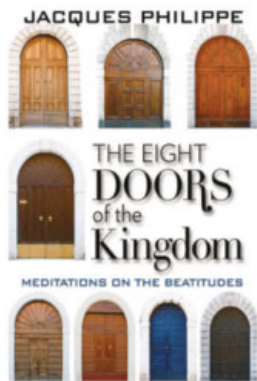
R.C.I.A.: All persons seeking instruction or more information about membership in the Roman Catholic Church are invited to call the parish office.

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

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Anyone who wishes to present the gifts at the Offertory of the Mass (especially if the Mass is being offered for a member of your family or at your request) should speak with one of the ushers at the main entrance to the Church before Mass.



8 Doors Of Kingdom Meditations On Beatitudes by Philippe Jacques

The Gospel of St. Matthew shares with us astonishing words of Jesus: a promise of everlasting happiness, far removed from the usual recipes for gratification.

***Blessed are the poor in spirit! Blessed are those who mourn!
Happy are the meek!...***

Fr. Jacques shares with us a profound clarity to the full scope of meaning behind Christ's eight beatitudes, and in turn, outlines for us a way in which we can live them in our daily lives. We learn how each beatitude gives insight into how we can situate ourselves in an honest and fulfilling relationship with God, with oneself, and with others, and how to confront head-on the difficult realities of life

For God did not give us
a spirit of timidity, but
a spirit of power, of love
and of self-discipline.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

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****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.

****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

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friend,

Among the many books written by Henri Nouwen (1932-1996), one stands out as an enduring little classic, *The Wounded Healer*. For those who knew him, this book is especially powerful because, without expressly intending to do so, it describes very well the man himself. It was because of his own wounds that he was able to touch the lives of so many people. "By his wounds we have been healed," St Peter wrote of Jesus (1 Peter 2:24).

However, there was a different reaction to Nouwen's book from a group who reviewed it and announced that a Christian minister should not come before people as a wounded healer but as "a prophet of God and as a helper in their afflictions." These different reactions show a gulf between Christians that is probably deeper than most of the issues that divide Christians Churches.

Are you helped by someone who defines himself as a helper? Can you feel cared for by someone who defines himself as a prophet? If the Christian life were only a matter of external prescriptions, then probably yes - in the way that you can get help from an accountant or a lawyer. But since it touches the innermost places in us, the very springs of our thoughts and actions, this approach can sometimes be less than helpful.

From Nouwen, a contrasting approach (in *Out of Solitude*): "When we honestly ask ourselves which persons in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving much advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a gentle and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not-knowing, not-curing, not-healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is the friend who cares deeply for us.

By the honest recognition and confession of our human sameness we can participate in the care of God who came, not to the powerful but powerless, not to be different but the same, not to take our pain away but to share it. Through this participation we can open our hearts to each other and form a new community."

God's call made Isaiah aware of his own weakness and unworthiness, exactly as Jesus' call to Peter made Peter blurt out, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" If Christians do not carry the precious knowledge of their own weakness and sinfulness, then all their attempts to help you are nothing but an ego-trip: by 'helping' you they are feeding on your strength and making you weak; by 'loving' you they are seeking ways to snare you and make you dependent on them; by 'caring' for you they are preening their own image.

Henri Nouwen writes these words to us with humility: "We tend to look at caring as an attitude of the strong toward the weak, of the powerful toward the powerless, of the have's toward the have-not's, however, the word 'care' finds its roots in the Gothic 'Kara' which means lament. The basic meaning of care is: to grieve, to experience sorrow, to cry out with."

In order to "care" we must pray always and never lose heart.

Father Matthew



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