

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

May 22, 2022 6th Sunday of Easter



Fords, New Jersey

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MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Evenings by appointment only.

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday afternoon: 5:15 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

Holy Days of Obligation:

See Bulletin prior to Holy Day

Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Last Tuesday of the month: 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; 4:00-4:45 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

May 23~ Monday~ Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. * For our Parishioners from our Pastor

May 24~ Tuesday~ Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Paul Grogan from The Grogan Family

May 25~ Wednesday~ Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Coriell from Mary Ann Sheridan

May 26~ Thursday~ St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:00 a.m. † Helen Rose Bakos from Family

May 27~ Friday~ Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Jerry Anderson from Joe Strucich

May 28~ Saturday~ Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Charles Schreck from Elaine & Tim Murray

5:15 p.m. † Lou & Anne Cerreta from The Cerreta Family

May 29~ The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. † Jim Sinko from Family

10:00 a.m. † Steve Szajko from Holy Name Society

12:00 noon † Altigracia Santos– Henriquez from Candi Gonzalez & Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 28 & MAY 29

5:15 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Julia Dischler, Karen Senatore,
Barbara Balog

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: Anna Delgado

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Alan Nygard, Arlene & Martin
Verendia

Reader: Tom Bednar

Altar Server: Edwin Onyschak

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Jedlyn Tordecilla, Mary Prumos,
Maria Frey

Reader: James Padden

Altar Server: Joshua Batista

12:00 noon Mass

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

Reader: Frank Heelan

Altar Server: Christian Lansang

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ May 22

1:00 p.m. Baptism ~ Church

MONDAY ~ May 23

8:30 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena ~ Church

TUESDAY ~ May 24

7:00 p.m. Blue Army Devotions~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ May 25

8:00 p.m. K.O.C. Officer Meeting~ Chambers

THURSDAY ~ May 26

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice~ Church

FRIDAY ~ May 27

No Activities

SATURDAY ~ May 28

11:00 a.m. Confessions ~ Church

4:00 p.m. Confessions~ Church

SUNDAY ~ May 29

No Activities

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PARISH ORGANIZATION & MINISTRIES

ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY: 1st Sunday of the Month

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: 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30pm (excluding June, July, August) Reservation Required. Contact the 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. Catholic adults who have not been confirmed in the Catholic Faith are invited to call about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.R.E.P.): Grades 1-8. Register at the Parish Office or online at www.olpfords.org.

ROSARY: 1st Saturday of the Month following 8am Mass

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY: meets as scheduled

SACRAMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at Our Lady of Peace on the 4th Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. We ask couples who are contemplating having their child baptized in the Catholic faith to contact the parish office to register for the Sacrament prior to attending the required Baptism Preparation Class, which is held the 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July and October.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: The bride or groom must be an active-registered member of Our Lady of Peace in Fords NJ, with weekly Mass attendance and involvement in the life of the Parish for one year before the marriage preparation process. Please call the Parish Office for more information. According to the Common Policy of the five Latin-rite (Roman Catholic) dioceses of New Jersey, there must be twelve months of marriage preparation for each couple who desires to be married in the Church. Please do not make any wedding arrangements (including reception hall) until you have met with a parish priest and he has approved the wedding date with you.

LOS SACRAMENTOS

EL SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO: El Sacramento del Bautismo se celebra en Nuestra Señora de la Paz el cuarto domingo de cada mes a la 1:00 p.m. Pedimos a las parejas que están pensando bautizar a su hijo/a en la fe católica que se comuniquen con la oficina parroquial para inscribirse en el Sacramento antes de asistir a la Clase de Preparación para el Bautismo, que se lleva a cabo el 2nd Martes de Enero, Abril, Julio y Octubre.

EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO: La novia o el novio deben ser un miembro activo registrado de Nuestra Señora de la Paz, con asistencia semanal a misa y participación en la vida de la parroquia durante un año antes del proceso de preparación para el matrimonio. Llame a la oficina parroquial para obtener más información. De acuerdo a la Política Común de los cinco de rito latino (católico romano) diócesis de Nueva Jersey, debe haber doce meses de preparación matrimonial para cada pareja que desee casarse en la iglesia. Por favor no haga ningún arreglo de boda. (incluida la sala de recepción) hasta que se haya reunido con un sacerdote y ha aprobado la fecha de la boda contigo.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION May 15, 2022

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,057.00
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Total: \$ 9,588.00

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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 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 (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation)
- ◆ 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. (Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación)
- ◆ 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.

Joyful Mysteries:

- *The Annunciation of the Lord to Mary
- *The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
- *The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
- *The Presentation of our Lord
- *Finding Jesus in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries:

- *The Agony of Jesus in the Garden
- *The Scourging at the Pillar
- *Jesus is Crowned with Thorns
- *Jesus Carried the Cross
- *The Crucifixion of our Lord

Glorious Mysteries:

- *The Resurrection of Jesus Christ
- *The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven
- *The Descent of the Holy Ghost
- *The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
- *Mary is Crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Luminous Mysteries:

- *The Baptism in the Jordan
- *The Wedding at Cana
- *The Proclamation of the Kingdom
- *The Transfiguration
- *The Institution of the Eucharist

Let's pray for the unborn

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR EMPLOYMENT

Dear Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family.

Please help me to find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care.

Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God.



Amen.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

*Effective this upcoming Easter season, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be permanently transferred from Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the following Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, in all Catholic dioceses in New Jersey. This year, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be observed on **Sunday, May 29**. This liturgical observance is an integral dimension of the completion of Our Lord's paschal mystery and, after much discussion, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey collectively discerned that transferring the observance to the following Sunday would allow for greater participation among the faithful.*

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

NEEDED

Come and offer your service to the Lord!

The Parish is in need of Readers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir singers, PREP Teachers. For more information and to apply, please contact the Parish Office at 732-738-7940, Monday— Friday, 9:00 AM— 4:00 PM.

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

If you are a **registered parishioner** of Our Lady of Peace Church and are planning to have your child baptized, please register for the Sacrament of Baptism by calling the Rectory Office at (732) 738-7940.

Attendance at the Baptism Seminar, which is held quarterly, is a REQUIREMENT for Baptism. Next seminar July 12, 2022 at 7 P.M. in the Parish Center, 25 Franklin Ave., Edison. Parents are encouraged to make arrangements early, even prior to their child's birth.

GODPARENTS— Canon Law requires at least one Godparent. A Godparent must be a practicing Catholic, i.e. one who is baptized and has received First Holy Communion AND Confirmation and, if married, must be in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church, if the Godparent is not a member of this parish, a Certificate of Eligibility is needed from his/her proper parish. The other Sponsor may be a baptized non-Catholic. He/she will be noted in the baptismal register as a Christian Witness to the ceremony. A non-practicing Catholic may not be a Godparent or a Christian Witness.

Please visit our website: www.olpfords.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Jessica Barretta,
Christine Mary Brown,
Diane Cowhey, Donna Ferrara,
Julia Forsythe, Maria Fortin,
Maria Lavid, Margaret Muzikar,
Mildred Schmatz
Anthony Sclafani,
Camille Wasilewski.**

Prayer For Strength & Confidence

Heavenly Father, Giver of life and health: comfort and relieve Your sick servants and give Your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in Your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sanctuary Candle

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Margaret R. Sheridan
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(Week of 5/21/22 - 5/28/22)

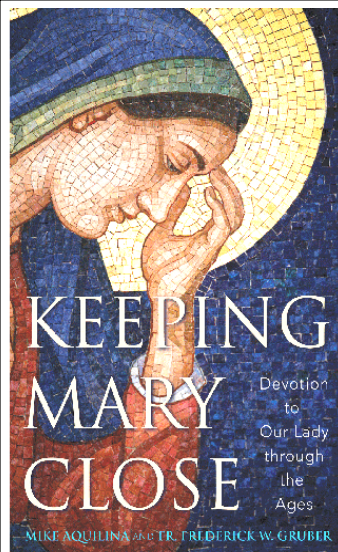


An Act of Spiritual Communion

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



Keeping Mary Close Devotion To Our Lady Through Ages by Aquilina & Gruber

If you've ever wondered what devotion to Mary is all about, you'll treasure this one-of-a-kind, popular glimpse into the early Church's life, doctrine, and devotion to Our Lady. Through lively stories, teachings of the Church fathers, and evidence from ancient archaeology, the authors invite you to enter the fascinating world of the early Christians, giving you an imaginative glimpse into how they demonstrated their love for Mary through their prayers, art, and daily life. Along the way, you'll gain a deeper understanding of Mary's role in your own life and that of the Church today.

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friend,

I hope this week's "pastor's Pen" will give you a laugh. A man has been lost and walking in the desert for about five days. One hot day--actually, they're all hot--he comes to the home of a community of Irish missionary priests. Tired and weak, he crawls up to the house and collapses on the doorstep. One of the priests takes him in and the community nurses him back to health. Feeling better, the man asks for directions to the nearest town. The Superior of the house tells him the directions, and offers to lend him his horse to make it.

The priest says, "However, there is a special thing about this horse. You have to say 'Thank God' to make it go and 'Amen' to make it stop."

Anxious to get to town, the man says, "Sure, okay" and gets on the horse. He says, "Thank God" and sure, the horse starts walking. A bit later he says louder, "Thank God, thank God," and the horse starts trotting.

Feeling really brave, the man says, "Thank God! Thank God! THANK GOD!" and the horse is soon up to a full run!

About then he realizes he's heading for a huge cliff and yells "Whoa!"

But the horse doesn't even slow a bit!

It's coming up REAL QUICK and he's doing everything he can to make the horse stop. "Whoa, stop, hold on!"

Finally he remembers "AMEN!!!"

The horse stops a mere two inches from the cliff's edge, almost throwing him over its head. The man, panting and heart racing, wipes the sweat from his face and leans back in the saddle.

"Oh!" he says, gasping for air, "Thank God."

Anyway, dear friend, remember to pray always and never lose heart.



Father Matthew



PREP Registration is now open for new and returning PREP Students. To register please visit our website at www.olpfords.org or you may come into the Parish Office from Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

Stewardship Scripture Reflection

May 22nd 2022

6th Sunday of Easter

"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a Stewardship plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

Parochial Ministry

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

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