

# OUR LADY OF PEACE

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday Of Easter



## HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday 5:15 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday:

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M. to 4:45 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 13/14

5:15 pm Mass

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joan Deyak,  
Julia Dischler, Karen Senatore

**Reader:** Gloria DeMarzo

**Altar Server:** Anna & Veronica Delgado

8:00 am Mass

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Arlene Verendia,  
Barbara Sinko, Roseanne Brady

**Reader:** James Carroll

10:00am Mass

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marie Gironda,  
Marie Frey, Jennifer Sardo

**Reader:** Holy Name

**Altar Server:** Alex Gironda

12:00 Noon

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lorraine  
O'Prandy, Frank Heelan,  
Kathleen Kazary

**Readers:** Angela Chundak

**Altar Server:** Alexis Nwinyi

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday April 7, Second Sunday Of Easter

8:00am

+ John Lynch from Steve & Kathy Whooley

10:00

+ Altar Rosary

12:00

+ Mary & Joseph Lyons from Family

3:00pm

+ Divine Mercy

Monday April 8, The Annunciation Of  
The Lord

8:00 am

+ Steven & Lauren Berardi from The Hansen  
Family

Tuesday April 9, Easter Weekday

8:00 am

+ Rusty Becker from John & Vera Hall

Wednesday April 10, Easter Weekday

8:00 am

+ Helen Radar from The Deman Family

Thursday April 11, Saint Stanislaus,  
Bishop & Martyr

8:00 am

+ Brian Thomas Cirri from The Lesch Family

Friday April 12, Easter Weekday

8:00 am

+ Andrzej Matusiak from Mary Martin

Saturday April 13, Easter Weekday

8:00 am

+ Angela Storm from Michelle Branciforte

5:15pm

+ Gail Lease from

Husband Robert & Family

Sunday April 14, Third Sunday Of Easter

8:00am

+ Maria Fortin from Joan Deyak

10:00

+ Holy Name

12:00

+ Hannah & Patrick Conlon from Family

DIVINE MERCY  
SUNDAY WILL BE HELD  
ON APRIL 7, 2024 AT 3:00PM  
IN THE CHURCH

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*

Holy Name Society welcomes all to join them on Sunday April 14, 2024, at 9:30am to recite the recitation of the Rosary to our blessed Mother before the 10:00am Mass.

**Kind Reminder**  
Please do not park in front of the rectory garages.

**STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

**April 7, 2024 - Divine Mercy Sunday**

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32*

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

**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 x12.

Attendance at the Baptism Seminar, which is held quarterly, is a **REQUIREMENT** for Baptism. **Next seminar April 9, 2024 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.

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Breaking Bread Book: #191 **Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise**

Breaking Bread Book: #515 **We Walk by Faith**

Breaking Bread Book: # 176 **Ye Sons and Daughters**

Breaking Bread Book: #577 **The Strife Is O'er**

**MEMORIALS FOR LOVED ONES**

If you would like to memorialize the Altar Bread and Wine, Altar Flowers or Sanctuary candle in honor/memory of a loved one for one week, please contact the parish office.

**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.

**Bread & Wine**

*In memory of*  
**Nancy Leary**  
*From*  
**Leary Family**



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY ~ April 7**

12:00 Noon Religious Ed. Mass ~ Church  
3:00 pm Divine Mercy ~ Church

### **MONDAY ~ April 8**

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

### **TUESDAY ~ April 9**

7:00 pm Baptism Seminar

### **WEDNESDAY ~ April 10**

4:30-5:45pm Rel. Ed 1,3,4,5 ~ Parish Center  
4:30-5:45pm Grade 2 Reconciliation  
Practice ~ Church  
7:00-8:15pm Rel. Ed 6,7,8 ~ Parish Center  
7:00-8:15pm II Reconciliation Practice ~ Church

### **THURSDAY ~ April 11**

7:00 pm Columbiettes Off. Mtg ~ Regina  
Caeli Room  
7:00 pm Choir Practice ~ Church

### **FRIDAY ~ April 12**

NO ACTIVITIES

### **SATURDAY ~ April 13**

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

### **SUNDAY ~ April 14**

9:00am-12:00 Noon Holy Name Mtg  
~ Regina Caeli Room  
9:30 am Holy Name Recite Rosary ~ 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 Odolicki, Gregory Danese Sr.,  
John G. Tucker III, Ernest Rios, William Harth,  
Lissa Shields

# STEWARDSHIP

## WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ March 24, 2024

Offertory Collection.....\$ 5,856.00  
Mail In.....\$ 927.00  
Online Giving.....\$ 1,925.00  
Retired Clergy.....\$ 1,417.00

**Total.....\$ 10,125.00**

### Stewardship of Treasure

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## 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.

## The Pastor's Pen



Dear Friend,

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis recently gave an important pastoral instruction.

Gossip, he explained, is one of the most dangerous sins because it is so subtle and ambiguous -- many are unable to recognize it. Be on alert against gossip whenever you hear of "secret information" being circulated, or if you hear anyone else's name is used in a conversation. Gossip exists whenever persons "talk about others" in less than a favorable way. The root of gossip is negativity, judgementalism, slander. Avoid associating with people who gossip "A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much" (Prov. 20:19). You probably remember the old saying: "If you can't say something good about others, don't say anything at all." Wise advice if you wish to avoid sin.

Gossip often masquerades as "concern" for others. Rumors or gossip will seem more palatable if they first hide behind a pretentious expression of concern. "I hate to say anything about this to you, but I'm 'concerned' about so and so." At other times the gossip will seek you out as their "confidante" to unload their "heavy heart" about their concerns. "I'm very troubled about so and so and I don't know who else to talk to about it." In reality, the gossip is not sincerely concerned about solving the problem, only in talking about it -- stirring it up. "A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends" (Prov. 16:28). A gossip thrives on the negative, the controversial, and the sensational.

The gossip is like a spider looking for a prey to lure into their trap of gossiping. They may confide to you secrets or their private concerns about other people. Perhaps in consolation, you may express your half-hearted agreement with their concerns, or you may even be enticed to confide your secret concerns to them. Consequently, the gossip will eventually repeat the process with someone else -- but next time, they will add your name as an endorsement of their private "issue," and will eventually even disclose the secrets you shared to them. And on and on it goes.

There are times, says the Pope, when people need to confide their own problems with a friend in the Lord. But avoid revealing anything to a person who gossips -- they can't be trusted. "A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret" (Prov. 11:13).

### **Pope Francis says there are things to remember about gossip:**

- Gossip is as sinful as murder and will suffer the same consequences unless there is repentance (Rom. 1:32).
  - God holds you accountable to your words (Matt. 12:36-37).
    - The person who gossips to you about others, also gossips to others about you.
  - Gossip & slander disqualifies persons for spiritual leadership (1 Tim. 3:11, Jas. 3:2).
    - Gossip often masks as pretentious concerns for others.
  - Gossip often thrives upon secrecy. Where secrecy is removed, gossip is hampered.
    - Gossip always contributes to a problem and never to a solution.
  - Gossip always distorts and exaggerates, and is never a reliable source of truth.
  - Those who gossip & slander are not in right fellowship with God (Rom. 1:28-32).
- Those who gossip, said the pope, often face persistent problems (Psalms 66:18, Prov. 21:23, Prov. 6:12-15).

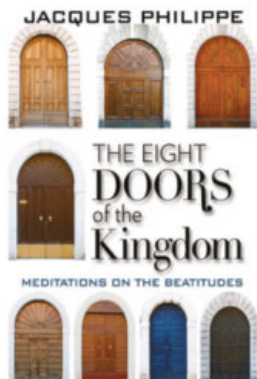
### **Pope Francis went on to say what we should do about gossip:**

- If you have been a gossip, confess this as sin and ask God to forgive you. "Repent" by turning in a new direction and surrendering your tongue to Jesus, not to gossip or disparage again (1 John 1:9, 1 Cor. 7:10).
  - Keep yourself out of other people's business.
- If you can't say something good or encouraging about others, then keep silent (Eph. 4:29).
- Never criticize another person, except to their own face with an intent to help. Criticism can never be "constructive" if expressed to anyone else.
  - If your "friends" start maligning others to you, stop them in their tracks -- refuse to be a partaker of their sins (1 Tim 5:22).
    - Avoid association with persons who gossip (Prov. 20:19).
    - Expose works of darkness by reporting gossip..

"I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence" (Psalms 39:1).

One of the best ways to avoid gossip, and embrace charity, is to pray always and never lose heart.

Father Matthew



## 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

*Please keep our Religious Education students in your prayers as they make their First Penance on April 17, 2024*

### **\*\*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

### **\*\*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.

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