

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

October 26, 2025

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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



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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday: 5:15 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.
Weekday Mass
Monday – Saturday
8:00 A.M.
Last Tuesday of the
Month 7:00 P.M.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear OLP Family,

Next weekend is important for us for various reasons. Friday is **Halloween**. Saturday is the **Feast of All Saints**. Sunday is **All Souls Day**.

First in this list is Halloween which some consider as a negative holiday, because it's been turned into a commercial driven candy fest, which obviously isn't healthy for our children (or for us parents who raid the candy bag!) Some others oppose it for religious reasons, saying that it opens children to evil and is too frightening – although many church parking lots are used for “trunk or treat” for safety reasons! In any case, it is good to have some perspective that will help us look at it objectively.

It was in the year 835, that Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints' Day, or All Hallows' Day (the term *hallow* means holy referring to saints). The night before was known as All Hallows' Evening from which the term *Halloween came*.

"What is it like to be a Christian saint?" "It is like being a Halloween pumpkin. God picks you from the field, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you. Then he cuts off the top and scoops out the yucky stuff. He removes the pulp of impurity and injustice and seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light of holiness inside you to shine for the entire world to see." This is the Christian idea behind the carved pumpkins during the Halloween season.

All Saints Day is an opportunity for us to honor all those we know are good people gone ahead of us to heaven, even though they are not canonized as saints. Nevertheless we know that they lived a life of witnessing to the truth to the best of their ability and so we honor them as saintly men and women. We can include among them our grandparents or great parents and others who lived a life of faith and sacrifice, trying to pass on their faith to the next generation. And we try to follow their example in becoming holy people.

For us Catholics, Halloween, All Saints Day, All Souls Day and the whole of November are opportunities with two goals: first, to really think about, cherish and re-member our loved ones who are departed from earth; and second, to reflect on our own mortality and the meaning of death as a gateway to the next world.

Next Sunday is All Souls' Day to remember all our departed ones. There are many in our parish who are grieving a dear one who passed into eternity this year. During our 12 noon Mass, we will remember them and thank God for their lives with us in a special way. A Scottish poet has written, *"If I have done anything in life, it is because I was able to stand on the shoulders of my dad."* The memory of our near and dear ones is a reminder that we need to be grateful to them for their love and sacrifices because they have a big share in what we are today.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Orapankal



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

October 26, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

+ Shontay Walker from Friends

10:00 am

+ Cresente Berame from The Berame Family

12:00 Noon

+ Shirley Kimmick from The Sheridan Family

October 27, Monday Weekday

8:00 am

+ For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

October 28, Tuesday Sts. Simon & Jude

8:00 am

+ Msgr. Robert Zamorski from Nancy Gaid

7:00pm

+ Betty Donovan from The Gurrieri Family

October 29, Wednesday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Helen Bakos from Family

October 30, Thursday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Zenobio Aguirre from The Aguirre Family

October 31, Friday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Marie Prego from Barbara DeRollo

November 1, Saturday All Saints

8:00 am

+ In Gratitude from Virginia

5:15 pm

+ Gail Lease from Husband Bob & Family

November 2, All Soul's Day

8:00 am

+ To The Glory of God from Virginia

10:00 am

+ Altar Rosary

12:00 Noon

+ Alec Ecobichon from wife, Margie & Children

Ministry Schedule for November 1/2, 2025

5:15 p. m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Balog,

Joan Deyak, Julia Dischler

Reader: Gloria DeMarzo

Altar Server: The Delgado Family

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Arlene Verendia, Tom Bednar,

Roseanne Brady

Reader: James Carroll

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Prumos, Kenneth Egan,

MaryAnn Shingola

Reader: Thomas Deignan

Altar Server: Ava Pridady

12:00 Noon

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine O'Prandy

Arlene & Augustus Cezar

Reader: Corinne Ambrosi

Altar Server: Sienna Santos

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ October 26

11:00am Knights Fellowship with
Parishioners ~ Parish Hall

MONDAY ~ October 27

8:30 am Novena ~ Church

TUESDAY ~ October 28

7:00 pm Parish Mass ~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ Oct 29

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

7:00-8:15pm Rel. Ed Grades 5-7, II ~Parish Center

8:00pm KOC Officers Mtg. ~ Parish Hall

THURSDAY ~ Oct 30

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal ~ Church

FRIDAY Oct 31

No Activities

SATURDAY ~ Nov. 1

11:00 am Confession ~ Church

4:00 pm Confession ~ Church

SUNDAY ~ Nov. 2

12:00 Noon Special Parish Memorial Mass

12:00 Religious Ed. Family Mass

Celebrate Black Catholic History Month
November 8, 2025

Please join us to celebrate Black Catholic History Month on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway, NJ. The morning begins at 9:00 AM with a welcome followed by a 9:30 AM Mass celebrated by Reverend Patrick Winbush, O.S.B. which will then be followed by brunch and fellowship. There is no charge for this event, but registration is required. Deadline for registration is October 24th. Please register at: <https://diometuchen.org/multiculturalministry> If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sr. Miriam Perez at mperez@diometuchen.org or 732-529-7933.



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THE JOYFUL, LUMINOUS, SORROWFUL OR GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

Joyful Mysteries

1. The Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary
2. The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
3. The Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem of Judea
4. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

The Luminous Mysteries

1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
2. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
3. The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

The Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection of Jesus
2. The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
5. The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven

STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 12, 2025

Online Giving	\$ 3,063.59
Fuel Supplement	\$ 1,099.00
Mail In	\$ 490.00
Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,409.00

Total \$ 10,061.50

Oct. 19, 2025

Online Giving	\$ 2,308.50
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 951.00
Mail In	\$ 409.00
Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,557.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 1,197.00

Total \$ 9,422.50

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for remembering your parish with your continued financial support; it is essential and much appreciated by our parish community.

Please pray for the Sick

Eunice McLaughlin, Raymond Miller, Danielle Maglies, Francis Lee, Dotty Karnowski, 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, Bishop Bootkoski, Raul Ramos, Veronica Roush, Suzanne Pontes Sarisky, Kelly Lease, Maria Turek, Evelyn Prince, Alex Deliso, John Herring, Michael Miller, Marie Burke, Bill Herring, Mercedes de Leon, Eve Morawski, Andrew Southern, Norma Izzo, Shelly Greene, Debra Ambrosi, Michael L.

Please pray for the Dearly Departed

Paul Coleman, Gloria Rodriguez, Eleanor Both, Marian Zelesnik, David Mirabella, Theodore Urlton, Lucio J. Cerreta Jr., Cathleen Baptista, Wayne Borg, Lois Wiuff, Robert Bertekap, Barbara Coyle, Paciencia Aviso, Renee Soto, Maria Couto, Michael O'Hara, Anthony Sclafani, Bart Miller, Hans Hadman, Ralph Baez, Maria Lopes, Sandra Husko, John Gonyo, Kevin Mitro, Jacqueline Collie, John Warshany

Truly humble of heart

Dorothy Day died in November 1980 at the age of 84. Reporting on her death, the *New York Times* called her the most influential person in the history of American Catholicism. In her book, *From Union Square to Rome*, she describes her conversion to Christ. One of her first attractions came in childhood. One day she discovered the mother of one of her girlfriends kneeling in prayer. The sight of this kneeling woman moved her deeply. She never forgot it. In the same book she tells how, in the days before her conversion, she often spent the entire night in a tavern. Then she would go to an early morning Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Sixth Avenue. What attracted her to St. Joseph's were the people kneeling in prayer. She writes: "I longed for their Faith... So I used to go in and kneel in a back pew." Eventually Dorothy Day received the gift of Faith and entered the Church.

"Proud about what?"

A news reporter once asked Mother Teresa if she had ever been tempted to be proud. Mother Theresa retorted with a smile, "Proud about what?" The reporter replied, "Why, about the wonderful things you have been doing for the poorest of the poor!" Then came her answer, "I never knew I had done anything, because it was God who worked in and through my Sisters and volunteers." True humility differentiates a saint from a sinner. If we are proud of our talents, our family connections, our reputation, or our achievements in life, today's Gospel tells us that we need Jesus to rid us of our pride and make us truly humble.



SMILE WITH YOUR



FAMILY

Two little neighbor girls about the same age, one Christian and one Jewish, were constant companions. After one Easter holiday, the grandfather of the Christian girl asked her what her friend had received for Easter. The girl looked at her grandfather in surprise, and said, "But Grandpa, you should know that Becky is Jewish and she wouldn't get anything for Easter." Then she went on to explain patiently, "You see, I'm Easter and she's Passover. I'm Christmas and she's Hanukkah." Then with a big smile, she added, "but I'm really glad that both of us are Halloween." 

A pastor was asked by one of the presidential candidates: "Name something my government can do to help your church if I am elected president." The pastor replied, "Quit making one-dollar bills." 

Children's letters

"Dear Pastor, I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there."

Stephen. Age 8, Chicago, Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. *Loreen. Age 9. Tacoma,* Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money but I still want a raise in my allowance. Sincerely, Eleanor. *Age 12, Sarasota*

PARENTING TUNE-UP

Oct. 31 is Halloween in which our culture celebrates spirits - both scary and beautiful. Nov. 1 is All Saints Day on which we remember the godly humans who came before us. Discuss with your children: "Who inspires you to goodness?"

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Some grumbled when Jesus stayed at the house of Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector and sinner. (Luke 19:7) When have you thought of your partner as wrongheaded or bad? Accepting the innate (sometimes hidden) goodness of another can prompt them to become their better selves.

Installation of Father Abraham



OCIA/ADULT CONFIRMATION

**Do you know any adult who has not received Baptism,
Holy Communion or Confirmation?**



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is for such a person, please ask him/her to consider entering into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Hence, we invite all such adults to attend our inquiry sessions. You will be met by some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to guide you as you reflect on scripture and the teachings of the Catholic faith.

The sessions are also open to adults who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and are interested in receiving catechesis to deepen their baptismal commitment enabling them to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Please call the Parish Office at 732-738-7940.

All Saints' Day

November 1st, is not a
Holy Day of Obligation

A special Memorial Mass
for all of OLP's Deceased
Members on Sunday
November 2, at the
12:00 Noon Mass



Don't forget to change your clocks
next weekend, November 2, 2025.

*You're invited to a Mass of
FAREWELL FOR BISHOP
JAMES F. CHECCHIO*

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025 at 11 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ



**Knight of Columbus
Fellowship with
OLP Parishioners
October 26, 2025
At 11:00am in the
Parish Hall**



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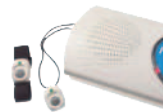
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