

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

APRIL 19, 2026

“Were not our hearts burning within us as he spoke to us?” Luke 24:32



HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

Masses: Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

SATURDAYS 4:00 - 4:45PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

April 19 Sunday 8:00am

+Ramona Arocho from Elizabeth & Ken
Perlas

10:00am

+Domenica Pugliese from Family

12:00 noon

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

April 20, Monday 8:00am

+For Our Parishioners

April 21, Tuesday 8:00am

+Helen Revill from Maureen Gouveia

April 22, Wednesday 8:00am

+Jane Komick from Friends

April 23, Thursday 8:00am

+Fedrick & Leana Ferlicchi from Family

April 24, Friday 8:00am

+Nick Parlotti from Joe Strucich

April 25, Saturday 8:00am

+Helen Litwornia from JoAnn Grandal
5:15pm

+Helen Bertekap from Marcella & Family

April 26 Sunday 8:00am

+Wayne Borg from Mary DeSapio

10:00am

+Charles Ouedraogo from Family

12:00 noon

+Rick Ponzio from The Ponzio Family

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday April 19

1:00pm Live Lent! Groups Gathering -

Monday - April 20

8:30am Novena - Church

Tuesday - April 21

7:00pm Blue Army - Church

Wednesday - April 22

4:30 - 5:45pm Religious Ed. Grade 1,3,4 - Parish
Center

**4:30-5:45pm Communion Practice for grade 2, &
Individual Instructions - Church**

7:00-8:15pm Religious Ed. Grade 5-7, Parish Center

6:00pm KOC Social Mtg - Parish Hall

Thursday - April 23

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

Friday - April 24

No Activities

Saturday April 25

4:00pm Confessions - Church

3:00 - 6:30pm Social Concerns Clothing Drive - Parish Center

Sunday April 26

9:30am - 2:00pm Social Concerns Clothing Drive - Parish Center

ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to formally announce the merger of the Our Lady of Peace Holy Name and the Our Lady of Peace Altar Rosary Societies. As of January 1, 2026, we will now be known as the:

Our Lady of Peace Holy Name Altar Rosary Society

Yes, that's right...we are now a unisex organization accepting membership of both catholic men and women! Now is your chance to extend your Lenten journey by joining our society with your grandparent, parent, spouse, sibling, child, etc. Help us to grow in our dedication to the Sacred Name of Jesus and devotion to the Blessed Mother through the recitation of the Rosary on the second Sunday of every month before the 10:00 morning Mass at 9:30 a.m. and through works of mercy and spiritual devotion. We need each and every one of you to grow in our Mission!

Please pray on it!

For more information, kindly call the Co-Presidents, Alan Nygard at 732-986-3199 OR Angela Chundak at 732-221-0977. Thank you.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...



Dear OLP Family,

I believe that all of us are aware of and horrified at the senseless criticism President Trump levelled against Pope Leo XIV. Trump posted on Truth Social April 12 that Pope Leo was "terrible for foreign policy," and that "Leo should get his act together as Pope." Trump also wrote that the pope should be "thankful," for him: *"He wasn't on any list to be pope If I wasn't in the White House, Leo wouldn't be in the Vatican."* Trump then posted an AI-generated image that was generally seen as depicting Trump as Jesus Christ himself!

The reaction was swift from all over the world – not only from Catholics but also from non-Catholics as well as world leaders. Representing the sentiments of all the US Catholics, Archbishop Paul Coakley, the President of USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) put out this statement: *"I am disheartened that the President chose to write such disparaging words about the Holy Father. Pope Leo is not his rival; nor is the Pope a politician. He is the Vicar of Christ who speaks from the truth of the Gospel and for the care of souls."*

A Protestant Pastor remarked that the Pope is "speaking truth to power" by denouncing violence and calling for peace, and Trump's reaction "says a lot about the character of a person" when appeals for truth, justice, and peace provoke outrage.

Many political leaders across the spectrum reacted disapprovingly of the President's unprecedented criticism. Even Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, who is a close ally of Trump, and very reluctant to condemn the US president's harsh criticism of Pope Leo, did say that Donald Trump's remarks about Pope Leo XIV were "unacceptable." After Trump's social media attack, Pope Leo XIV responded with unusual candor aboard the papal flight, brushing aside political conflict and pressing ahead with his call for peace.

What are we to learn from this unfortunate and unreasonable attack on our Holy Father? I was edified by the remarks of Cardinal Fernando Chomali of Santiago, Chile: *"Pope Leo XIV is a good man, forged by years of prayer, study, and closeness to the poor. [Leo] prefers to obey God rather than men. His courage comes from his deepest convictions, from God, and not from passions. We have a coherent leader who charts a path of no return for us: to promote peace always and under all circumstances."*

I was edified because that was the response of Peter and the apostles when they were faced with opposition. They were arrested and then produced before the Sanhedrin (the Jewish religious court) who tried to silence them and warned of dire consequences if they spoke in the name of Jesus. See the response of Peter and the other apostles: *"We must obey God rather than men! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."* (Acts of the Apostles 5:29-32).

May we all follow that example.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

Ministry Schedule for

April 25/26

5:15pm Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Balog,
Barbara Sinko,

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: Ava Pridady

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Margarita Cebulski,
Kenneth Eagan, Alan Nygard

Reader: Thomas Bednar

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Prumos,
Arlene & Augustus Cezar

Reader: Alyssa Dantes

Altar Server: Alex Gironda

12:00 Noon

Eucharistic Ministers: Benjamin Praval,
Angela Chundak, Gary Coghlan

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: Ashley Alfaro

Please pray for the Sick

Eunice McLaughlin, Raymond Miller,
Danielle Maglies, 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, Raul Ramos,
Veronica Roush, Suzanne Pontes Sarisky, Kelly Lease,
Maria Turek, Evelyn Prince, Alex Deliso, John
Herring, Marie Burke, Bill Herring, Mercedes de Leon,
Eve Morawski, Andrew Southern, Shelly Greene,
Danuta, Debra Ambrosi, Michael L., Wendy Snee,
Catherine Miller, Tano Camarillo, Elizabeth Savner,
Joan Quinn

Please pray for the Dearly Departed

Irene Newman, Fr. Daniel Sloan, Barbara Felcetto,
Arlene Herman, Joyce Trasky, Viola Davitt, Agnes
Smith, Anne Trepono, Debbie Hernandez, Donald
Jantas, Darlene Holowka, Debbie Mullen, Madeline
Strong, Octavio Ruiz, John Harvie, Anthony
Alexander, Thomas J. Felcetto, Evelyn Mrozek,
Mildred Manresa, Marie Gironda, Evelyn Codd, Gary
Dzama, Michael Sena, Marie Pugliese,
Stefan Wysocki

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| Mail-in | \$ 1,331.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 4,255.50 |
| Holy Thursday | \$ 1,440.00 |
| Good Friday | \$ 1,701.00 |
| Easter | \$ 13,032.00 |
| Total | \$ 23,041.50 |

April 12, 2026

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| Weekly Offering | \$ 4,568.00 |
| Mail-In | \$ 616.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 2,784.50 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | \$ 975.00 |

Total \$ 8,943.50

Stewardship of Treasure

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our parish community.

“The Church of Second Chance”

In the book titled *“Saint Maybe”* the main character has done something horrible. As he is aimlessly walking around he happens to see a church by name, “The Church of Second Chance.” He wanders in and sits down. During the service his mind is opened to the possibility of making amends for his sin, a do-over.“

Today’s gospel is a good example of the truth that God does not expect us to be perfect. But he wants us to recognize His presence with us and seek His help. St. John, the gospel writer seems almost to get a kick out of the clueless and sad couple Cleopas and his wife, finally recognizing the Risen Lord ,” the God of second chance, at the “breaking of the bread. Here as they were running away from the Lord of The Second Chance, He welcomes them and they run back seven miles to Jerusalem to convey the good news of the Lord’s resurrection to the fellow apostles.

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SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY

Risen Lord in the train. On her first train trip, a little girl was put into an upper berth by her mother. The mother then assured her that Jesus would watch over her during the night. As the lights were switched off the girl became alarmed and called out softly: "Mom, are you there?" "Yes dear," her mother replied. A little later the child called in a louder voice: "Daddy, are you also there?" "Yes", was the reply. After this had been repeated several times, one of the passengers lost patience and shouted: "We're all here. Your father, your mother, your brothers and sisters and cousins, your uncles and aunts – all are here. Now go to sleep!" There was silence for a while. Then, in a hushed voice the child asked: "Mom, was that risen Jesus traveling with us?"

The Risen Lord is watching: Up at the head table in the cafeteria, one of the nuns had placed a big bowl of bright red, fresh, juicy apples. Beside the bowl, she placed a note which read, "Take only one. Remember, Jesus is watching." At the other end of the table was a bowl full of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies, still warm from the oven. Beside the bowl was a little note scrawled in a child's handwriting which read, "Take all you want. Jesus is watching the apples!"

SUPERMAN:

“ Don’t worry, Miss, I’ve got you.”

Our tendency is to look for Christ in the extraordinary, the spectacular, the breathtaking. Remember in *Superman: The Movie* when Superman first reveals his superpowers to the world? Lois Lane is dangling from a cable, high atop the *Daily Planet* building, screaming at the top of her lungs. Just as she begins her long fall to earth, Superman changes into his flashy red, yellow, and blue outfit and swoops up to catch her in midair. "Don't worry, Miss," he assures her, "I've got you." "You've got me," she exclaims. "Who's got you?" Just then the helicopter that has been perched on the edge of the building begins to fall straight toward them and the crowd below. But Superman merely grabs it with his one free arm and gently sets both it and Lois safely back on the landing pad. When he turns to leave, an astonished Lois stammers out the words, "Who ARE you?" "A friend," Superman replies warmly, and as he flies straight up into the air with a sort of half twist, Lois faints in a heap. [Jack Kuhatschek, *The Superman Syndrome* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1995), p. 133.]

That's the way we would like to have Christ to come to us. And that is why we miss Him. Christ reveals Himself as He has always revealed Himself – "through the Word and through the Sacraments," that is, through the study of Scripture and the Breaking of the Bread. That is why, when we need encouragement, we go to our Bibles or we go to our Church because there Christ is revealed in all his glory.

So many broken dreams!

Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, in his book *Horns and Halos in Human Nature*, tells of one of the weirdest auctions in history. It was held in the city of Washington, D.C. It was an auction of designs, actually patent models of old inventions that did not make it in the marketplace. There were 150,000 designs up for auction. There was an illuminated cat to scare away mice. There was a device to prevent snoring which consisted of a trumpet reaching from the mouth to the ear. One person designed a tube to reach from his mouth to his feet so that his breath would keep his feet warm as he slept. There was an adjustable pulpit which could be raised or lowered. You could hit a button and make the pulpit descend or ascend to dramatically illustrate a point. Obviously, at one time somebody had high hopes for each of those designs which did not make it. Some died in poverty, having spent all of their money trying to sell their dream. One hundred fifty thousand broken dreams! Is there anything sadder?

Today's Gospel describes the shattered dreams of two of Jesus' disciples at the tragic and unexpected death of their Master whom they trusted as their promised Messiah.

CLOTHING DRIVE APRIL 25th & 26th

Our Lady of Peace Holy Name Altar Rosary Society will be conducting a Clothing Drive on the Weekend of April 25th & April 26th.

Please bring all **wearable**:

men's, women's and children's clothing
shoes, belts, handbags, stuffed animals,
pillows, blankets, towels and bed linens to
the Parish Center GYM

Saturday, April 25th from 2:00pm to 6:30pm
and Sunday, April 26th from 9:30am to 2:00pm.

All clothing must be in plastic bags,

NO coat hangers.

**To better serve our Parish Family and Community,
The Holy Name Society will do home pick up:**

Please call Alan Nygard (732)-986-3199 to schedule a pick up. Please tell your friends and neighbors.



Our Lady of Peace Columbiettes Open House

If you are a practicing Catholic woman age 18 and over, we would like to invite you to join the OLP Columbiettes. We are a faith base woman's charity organization dedicated to helping our Church and community while having fun and making new friends.

You are invited to our open house on Thursday April 30, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Regina Calie Room in the Parish Center.

Please contact Marianne Harris at 732-261-2190 for information or to arrange another time to meet.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"Two of Jesus' disciples were walking to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus and they were talking about all the things that had occurred." (Luke 24:13) Take a walk today just the two of you. Talk. Be conscious of Jesus presence.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

After the resurrection two disciples were walking to Emmaus and talking about what had happened. Take a long walk with your child this weekend. Observe; pay attention if someone crosses your path. Be open to conversation or let nature speak to you of the God of creation.

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"WE ARE WINNING!"

A young boy was playing left field in a Little League game when a man yelled over the fence, "Hey son, who's winning?" The little boy replied, "We are!" "What's the score?" "They have 23 -- We have 0." "They have you 23 to 0?" The man was confused. "I thought you said you were winning." "Oh, we are," explained the little boy. "You see, we ain't come to bat yet!"

It was easy for the disciples to quit. The One in Whom they had placed their hopes was dead. It was 23 to nothing in their life that Easter morning. Our Scripture lessons for today have one common, encouraging theme: No matter what happens in our lives, the Risen Jesus is always with us. God is near to those who seek Him and who want to live in His presence doing His will. The Emmaus incident is the story of a God who will not leave us alone when we are hurt and disappointed. As Francis Thompson put it, He is the Hound of Heaven who relentlessly follows us when we try to escape from His love. The message of today's Scripture readings is that the followers of Jesus are to maintain contact with their Risen Lord through the Eucharist and the Bible.

The readings also remind us that our belief in Jesus' presence in the consecrated Bread and Wine should help us to understand better his presence in the Bible and in the believing and worshipping community. Putting the two appearances (to the Emmaus disciples and to Peter), together, it is clear that the Risen Jesus wants Peter to act as spokesman for him and that the faithful who seek to follow him should seek his company in the Eucharist and the Bible under the direction of Peter and his successors.

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