

# OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter



## **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.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...



Dear OLP Family,

We salute all our Mothers today! Isn't it great that we have this annual day to highlight the great vocation to motherhood and what we, as their sons and daughters, owe them? Yes, motherhood is a vocation, a divine call, and not a hobby. You parents do not collect children like stamps or art works, but it is the divine call by which you become co-creators and sustainers of life with God. Children are a gift from God (Psalm 127:3-5) and the Bible is very clear about the responsibility of both father and mother in bringing up children with right values. Bible demands several things from Christian parents in their duty of parenting. Some of these are:

*Availability – morning, noon, and night (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).*

*Involvement – interacting, discussing, thinking, and processing life together (Ephesians 6:4)*

*Teaching – the Scriptures and a biblical worldview (Psalm 78:5-6; Deuteronomy 4:10; Ephesians 6:4)*

*Training – helping a child to develop skills and discover his/her strengths (Proverbs 22:6) and spiritual gifts (Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Corinthians 12)*

*Discipline – teaching the fear of the Lord, drawing the line consistently, lovingly, firmly (Ephesians 6:4; Hebrews 12:5-11; Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15-17)*

*Nurture – providing an environment of constant verbal support, freedom to fail, acceptance, affection, unconditional love (Titus 2:4; 2 Timothy 1:7; Ephesians 4:29-32; 5:1-2; Galatians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:8-9)*

*Modeling with Integrity – living what you say, being a model from which a child can learn by “catching” the essence of godly living (Deut 4:9, 15, 23; Proverbs 10:9; 11:3; Psalm 37:18, 37).*

That is a tall order! What makes it all the more difficult is the hostile cultural environment in which Christian mothers find themselves fighting to protect their children. Many of the cultural values clash with the values that a mother wants to instill in her children. Hence we need to support, help, appreciate and encourage all our mothers.

Last Sunday our children did the May Crowning of Mary, the mother of Jesus, at the beginning of the 12 noon Mass. She is a mother to all of us. Through Mary, the work of Motherhood is glorified and sanctified. On this Mother's Day, presenting all mothers on the altar, let us sing the beautiful song we sing on the Feast of the Presentation, “*Gentle woman, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love.*”

It is said that every mother is like Moses. She may not enter the Promised Land. She prepares others to enter a world she may not see. Today we thank our mothers, pray for them and honor them by celebrating Mother's Day and by offering our mothers on the altar of God. Please read the reflections, anecdotes and stories in this bulletin that is dedicated to all Mothers.

Happy Mother's Day!

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Orapankal  
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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

May 10, Sunday 8:00am

+In Gratitude to the Holy Mother from  
Virginia  
10:00am

+Holy Name Altar Rosary Society  
12:00 noon

+ Joan & Anthony Romano from The Borg  
Family

May 11 Monday 8:00am

+Deceased members of the DeMassari &  
Ferlicchi Families from The Ferlicchi Family

May 12, Tuesday 8:00am

+Rita Podola from Family

May 13, Wednesday 8:00am

+ Wayne Borg from Mary DeSapio

May 14, Thursday 8:00am

+For Our Parishioners

May 15, Friday 8:00am

+Mo Qureshi from Norma

May 16, Saturday 8:00am

+Agnès Gorzka from Friends from 8:00am  
Morning Mass  
5:15pm

\*Special Intentions for Deacon John &  
Nancy Raychel from Children &  
Grandchildren

May 17, Sunday 8:00am

+Joseph Bakos from Family  
10:00am

+Michael Forsythe from Family  
12:00 noon

+ George Bandics from Wife & Children

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday May 10

9am Holy Name Altar Rosary Society Mtg. - Regina Caeli Room  
9:30am Holy Name Altar Rosary to pray the Rosary - Church

Monday - May 11

8:30am Novena - Church

Tuesday - May 12

7:00pm Blue Army - Church  
7:30pm NJ State Columbiettes - Regina Caeli Room  
5:30 - 9:30pm Scouts - Parish Center

Wednesday - May 13

No Activities

Thursday - May 14

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - Church  
7:00pm Columbiettes Business Mtg. - Regina Caeli Room  
7pm Retirement Planning - Parish Hall

Friday - May 15

No Activities

Saturday May 16

4:00pm Confessions - Church

Sunday May 17

3:00pm An Hour with Mary - Church



The Our Lady of Peace Holy Name Altar Rosary Society would like to extend an invitation to **YOU** to attend our Hour with Mary event being held on Sunday, May 17, 2026 beginning at 3:00 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 will be reciting the Rosary again 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.



**Ministry Schedule for  
May 16/17 2026**

**5:15pm Mass**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barbara Balog,  
Joan Deyak, Maria Frey  
**Reader:** Bill Herring  
**Altar Server:** Ava Pridady

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tom Bednar  
Martin Verendia, Roseanne Brady  
**Reader:** James Carroll

**10:00 a.m. Mass**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Arlene & Augustus Cezar,  
Mary Prumos  
**Reader:** Corinne Ambrosi  
**Altar Server:** Alexis Nwinyi

**12:00 Noon**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gary Coghlan,  
Kevin Broesler, Lorraine O'Prandy  
**Reader:** Thomas Deignan  
**Altar Server:** Ashley Alfaro

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**STEWARDSHIP**

May 3, 2026

Mother's Day	\$ 1,929.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 5,782.00
Mail-in	\$ 848.00
Online giving	\$ 4,345.50
Total	\$ 12,904.50

**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, 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**

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 Girona, Evelyn Codd, Gary Dzama, Michael  
Sena, Marie Pugliese,  
Stefan Wysocki, Julia Dischler



***Flowers on the Altar***

*In memory of  
Thomas and Julia Dischler  
from Family*

**Retirement Planning - Information Seminar**  
**Thursday May 14, 2026 at 7pm in the Parish Hall**  
**By Stephen Wizeman, MBA, All are welcome**  
General Discussion about: Life Insurance options including Term Life, Whole Life, Term Life, Universal Life, Variable Life and Long-Term Care Reasons to Consider rolling over assets from a former employer's retirement plan to an IRA. Investment options including Mutual Funds, Variable Annuities and 529 College Savings Plans.

***Holy Name Altar Rosary Society***



*welcomes all to join  
them on Sunday May  
10, at 9:30am to pray  
the Rosary to our  
blessed Mother before  
the 10:00am Mass.*

## THANK YOU GOD FOR OUR MOTHERS

Thank you, dear Lord, for our mothers: who were brave enough to give us birth, who loved us through many growing-up years, who taught us about God and love and being good, who often got no thanks, whose ears could hear the slightest cry, whose eyes didn't miss much either, whose hands held and bathed and picked up, whose hearts were often broken, who always forgave and forgot, who encouraged us when things went badly, who always had time to listen to us, who worked so hard to make things go, who make the world so much better, who deserve our love on Mother's Day and every day even for eternity. Amen.

### **"I can't believe what you just did."**

There is a story about a woman, Dorothy Pryse, who was listening to a Christian radio station as she drove to the grocery store one morning. The radio preacher was talking about kindness. He said, "I wonder how many of you are listening to me on your car radio and thinking of how you can be kind while driving?" Dorothy began thinking about what he was saying. A few blocks away, she saw a woman waiting in her car to come out of her driveway. Traffic was heavy, and Dorothy knew this woman would have a hard time getting out, so she slowed down and let her back out. The woman smiled and waved. When she got to the grocery store, Dorothy saw a parking space. As she started pulling in, another car on the opposite side began to pull in to the same spot. Once again, Dorothy backed out and found another parking spot. As they both got out of their cars, the driver of the other car said, "I can't believe what you just did. Anyone else would have made me back out." Dorothy explained what she had heard on the radio about showing love. The two women began talking. Dorothy discovered the woman had just moved into the area, didn't know anyone, and was looking for a Church. "I invited her to come to our Church," Dorothy says, "and a strong friendship has blossomed from our chance meeting and a small act of kindness."

***This story illustrates that one can experience the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit and act according to His promptings -- just as Dorothy and the apostle Philip did. We need to be open to the Holy Spirit, our Paraclete. The purpose of the indwelling Holy Spirit is to help us grow towards maturity and wholeness. We all have faults that prevent our growth: blocks of sin and imperfection, blocks due to childhood conflicts, blocks due to deeply ingrained personality traits and habits, blocks caused by addictions, and blocks resulting from bad choices we have made. We all have these blocks within us and they keep us from becoming what God wants us to be. They prevent us from growing into maturity and wholeness. God, the Holy Spirit, helps us to see the truth about ourselves, to discern the blocks that inhibit our growth and to allow Him to transform us. Like the good counselor He is, the Spirit enables us to become stronger. The Holy Spirit comes to our aid and gives us the strength to make difficult and painful decisions. God's Spirit actually lives in us, and we hear the voice of the Spirit, counseling and guiding us in the way of truth. Let us open our minds to hear Him and to obey His promptings.***

## MOM IS SELFLESS

A teacher asked a boy this question: "Suppose your mother baked a pie and there were seven of you, your parents and five children. What part of the pie would you get?" "A sixth," replied the boy. "I'm afraid you don't know your fractions," said the teacher. "Remember, there are seven of you." "Yes, teacher," said the boy, "but you don't know, my mother. Mother would say she didn't want any pie."



## SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY




Cute answers from kids:

**If you could change one thing about your Mom, what would it be?** She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that. And I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

**Why did your Mom marry your dad?** She got too old to do anything else with him. But my grandma says that Mom didn't have her thinking cap on.


**When a frazzled mother sent her little boy to bed,** she heard him grumbling to himself, "Every time she gets tired, I'm the one who ends up having to take a nap."

**A mother's confidence:** "I can handle any crisis .... I have children." 

**I called my mother up** when they announced the Nobel Prize. She said, "That's nice and when are you coming to see me next?" - *Steven Chu, Nobel Prize Winner*

**Sometimes, when I look at my children,** I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.'  
*Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)*

**Everybody wants to save the earth;** nobody wants to help Mom do the dishes. *P. J. O'Rourke*

**A police recruit was asked during the exam,** 'What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?' He answered, 'I'll call for backup.' 



### IN HER FOOTSTEPS

It was a busy day in Costa Mesa, a California home. But then, with ten children and one on the way, every day was a bit hectic for Davida Dalton. On this particular day, however, she was having trouble doing even the routine chores-all because of one little boy. Len, who was three at that time, was on her heels no matter where she went. Whenever she stopped to do something and turned back around, she would trip over him. Several times, she patiently suggested fun activities to keep him occupied "Wouldn't you like to play on the swing set?" she asked him. But he simply smiled an innocent smile and said, "Oh, that's all right, Mommy. I'd rather be in here with you." Then he continued to bounce happily along behind her. After stepping on his toes for the fifth time, she began to lose her patience and insisted that he go outside and play with the other children. When she angrily asked him why he was acting this way, he looked up at her with sweet green eyes and said, "**Well, Mummy, in Sunday school my teacher told me to walk in Jesus' footsteps. But I can't see him, so I'm walking in yours.**" She gathered him in her arms and held him close. Tears of love and humility spilled over from the prayer that grew in her heart, a prayer of thanks for the simple, yet beautiful perspective of a three-year-old boy.

### MOM, THE GOOD SHEPHERD

My mom is my shepherd; I shall not want. She makes me lie down under cool, downy comforters. She watches me play beside still waters. She restores my soul. She leads me in paths of respect, responsibility, and goodness, for I am her namesake!  
Yea, even though I walk past monsters in the dark, I will not be scared, because my mom is always near me. Her hands and her voice, they comfort me. Mama sets the table and cheerfully calls me to dinner even in front of big, mean bullies. She anoints my skinned knees and broken heart with kisses. She smiles and throws me a towel when my cup runneth over. Surely God's peace, power, and mercy shall uphold me all the days of my life, for my Mother taught me to dwell in the house of God forever. *Source: Christian Education 101: A Child Learns to Trust: by Laurie Hays Coffman.*

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