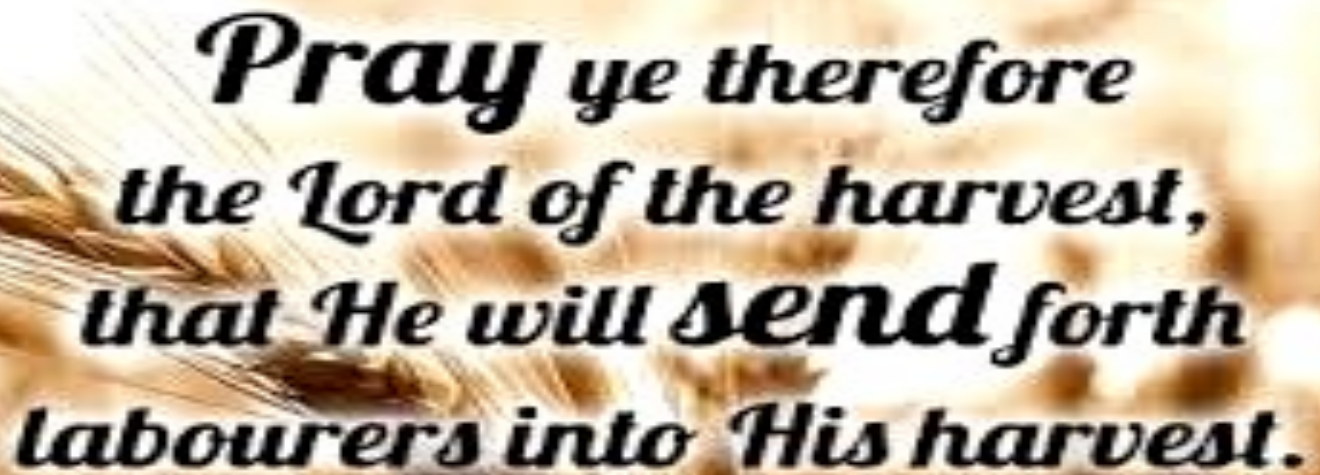


OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

June 14, 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



***Pray ye therefore
the Lord of the harvest,
that He will send forth
labourers into His harvest.***

Matthew 9:38

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

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

10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...

Dear OLP Family,

Next Sunday is a very important day in the annals of the history of our parish Community of Our Lady of Peace. You have been reading about the good news of Deacon James Prumos, a son of our parish, being raised to the Order of Priests this coming Saturday June 20, 2026, in our Cathedral Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. **The very next day, Sunday June 21st at 12 noon, the newly ordained Fr. Prumos will offer his First Mass here in our Church.** Following the Mass, there will be a reception in our parish hall downstairs to greet Fr. Prumos and take his blessing. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to enjoy fellowship with others while enjoying some food. All are welcome.

Responding to the decision of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), we prayed a Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus that concluded with the Consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on 11th of June. The Bishops' decision was in the context of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 that we are celebrating as a nation on July 4, 2026. Such a consecration, during this semi quincennial anniversary, is meant to publicly entrust our country to Christ's mercy, encourage societal healing, and call the nation back to the foundation of faith, charity, and justice.

There is another anniversary this week, Juneteenth, that is considered as our country's second independence day by many. Although it has long been celebrated in the African American community, it is now declared a Federal holiday. So what is Juneteenth and why is it important? The Emancipation Proclamation, which granted freedom to all enslaved persons, took effect on January 1, 1863. However, some Confederate states refused to abide by this Executive Order; in fact, over two years passed before Union troops were able to reach all the Confederate states and enforce the new law. As a result, the last quarter of a million enslaved people were finally set free by Union troops in Galveston Bay, Texas on June 19, 1865. This day became known as "Juneteenth" by the freed people of Texas, now celebrated as a Federal holiday. The historical legacy of Juneteenth shows the value of never giving up hope in uncertain times. Just as we praise and thank God for the emancipation of the enslaved Israelites during the Exodus, we raise our hands in prayers of gratitude for the freedom of our formerly enslaved Black Brothers and Sisters!

All these are opportunities for us to come together as "one nation under God." Having two flags inside our church, placed in very visible areas, is a poignant reminder of our belonging to two kingdoms: we are citizens of the earthly Kingdom (the United States of America) and we are citizens of the heavenly Kingdom, (acknowledging the royalty of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe). Let us honor both by living the values of both the Kingdoms, but keeping in mind that what endures into eternity is the Kingdom of God.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal
fatherabraham@olpfords.org



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

June 14, Sunday 8:00am

+ Lena Ferlicchi from Emil

10:00am

+Holy Name Altar Rosary Society

12:00 noon

+Dr. Edcardo Fernandez from
Luz Fernandez

June 15, Monday 8:00am

+For Our Parishioners

June 16, Tuesday 8:00am

+Leoncio Tan Sr. from Hiroshi & Elizabeth

June 17, Wednesday 8:00am

+Pete & Carmella Neff from Family

June 18, Thursday 8:00am

+John Woods from Frank & Ann Heelan

June 19, Friday 8:00am

+Paricia A. Gaydos from Jonh Paul
Stachera & Family

June 20, Saturday 8:00am

+Frank Romatowski from Family
5:15pm

+ John Gonyo from Family

June 21, Sunday 8:00am

+ Barbara & Michael Gnapp from The
Borg Family

10:00am

+Paul Coleman from Family

12:00 noon

+Eugene Zmigrodski from Family

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday June 14

9:00am - 12noon Holy Name Altar Rosary Mtg -
Regina Caeli Rm

9:30am Holy Name Altar Rosary to pray the Rosary -
Church

Monday - June 15 8:30am Novena - Church

Tuesday - June 16

5:30 - 9:30pm Scouts - Parish Center

7:00pm Blue Army Devotions- Church

Wednesday - June 17

6:00pm Knights Social Mtg - Parish Hall

6:00pm Bible Study - Parish Center

Thursday - June 18

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

Friday - June 19 No Activities

Saturday June 20

10:30am Priest Ordination - St. Francis Cathedral

2:30pm Wedding Abreu/Marte

4:00pm Confessions - Church

Sunday June 21

12:00 Noon First Mass Father James Prumos

1:00pm Reception for Father James - Parish Hall

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Registration fee:

Before July 31, 2026

\$100 per child for the 1st and 2nd child

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Starting August 1, 2026

\$120 per child for the 1st and 2nd child

\$70 per child for the 3rd and 4th child

**Ministry Schedule for
June 27/28 2026**

5:15pm Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Deyak,
Karen Senatore
Reader: Bill Herring
Altar Server: Ava Pridady

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Alan Nygard,
Arlene Verendia, Margarita Cebulski
Reader: James Carroll

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Prumos,
Maria Frey, Maryann Shingola
Reader: Annalise Dantes
Altar Server: Alex Gironda

12:00 Noon

Eucharistic Ministers: Angela Chundak,
Kathy Kazary, Benjamin Praval
Reader: Angela Chundak
Altar Server: Ashley Alfaro

STEWARDSHIP

June 7, 2026	
Weekly Offering	\$ 5,360.00
Mail-in	\$ 1,086.00
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Total	\$ 10,034.50

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Please pray for the Dearly Departed

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, Julia Dischler, Angelo VanNostrand, Eleanor Kavejon, Ronald G. Cunningham, Margaret Hagan, Marie O'Mullan, Arlene Stec



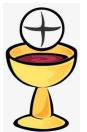
Flowers on the Altar

*In memory of
Guadalupe Aguas
from
Agnes Romulo
(Week of 6/13 - 6/20, 2026)*

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Bread & Wine 6/7/2026

*In memory of
Michael Pinelli
from
Love Louise & Family*



**Why a special instruction
to exclude the Gentiles?**

One could be confused by a strange instruction from Jesus to the Twelve: *“Do not go out on the road to the Gentiles, and do not enter into any city of the Samaritans.”* This meant that they could not go north into Syria, east into the largely gentile Decapolis, or to south into Samaria. God wanted His Chosen people to hear the gospel first. Besides, the apostles were not well trained for preaching to the Gentiles. Thirdly, as a wise commander Jesus limited his objectives and refused to diffuse and dissipate his forces.

“Association of Lincoln Presenters.”

Sewell was given the “Lincoln of the Year” award in April of 1999. His full name is Homer Sewell, but total strangers tend to call him “Abe” because he bears a spooky resemblance to Abraham Lincoln in his appearance, dress, beard and speech. This all started about 30 years ago in Orlando, Florida, when Sewell grew a beard and schoolchildren suddenly began to call him “Abe.” He completed the effect by adding a black suit and stovepipe, and hat, and developed a show called *Abe Lincoln’s America*. Sewell has already made over 2,500 appearances as the 16th president, performing live before more than two million people. “As soon as I get my suit on and my hat,” he explains, “I become Abraham Lincoln.” Even without makeup you’ve got to admire his attention to details. The car he drives is a Lincoln, of course. Sewell is part of a group called the “Association of Lincoln Presenters,” a union of men and women dedicated to bringing Abraham and Mary Lincoln to life. There are currently 117 Abes and 32 Mary’s across the U.S. Together they form a group of passionate Lincoln-lovers committed to presenting the former president and his wife to the world in costume and in words. In today’s lesson from the gospel of Matthew, it certainly seems that Jesus is laying the foundation for an “Association of Jesus Presenters” by choosing his apostles and training them in their preaching and healing mission.

Like Homer Sewell who presents Abraham Lincoln, we also have an “association,” an association of Jesus Presenters which we call the Church. From this body we get guidance, encouragement, discipline and inspiration, to project the same person- Christ Jesus and his “Good News.” Jesus continues to be active in our lives through the Bible and the sacraments. He has promised that he will do whatever we ask in his name, meaning that he will answer us when we ask for help in revealing the power and character of God. In addition, the Lord God gives us the Holy Spirit, the one who teaches us, and reminds us of all that Jesus has said to us. We are invited to become one with God and Jesus, and to let the Holy Spirit work through us. We are asked to perform the works of Jesus, and through these works to reveal the power and character of God to the world. If we accept this invitation, people will look at us and say, “Jesus”

Assignment to smile at three people!

A young mother was taking a course in sociology. The class was assigned to go out and smile at three people and document their reaction. The next day she and her family were in a McDonald's on a cold, clear morning. She writes, "We were standing in line, waiting to be served, when all of a sudden everyone around us began to back away, and then even my husband did. I did not move an inch. As I turned around I smelled a horrible 'dirty body' smell, and there standing behind me were two poor, homeless men. One of them smiled up at me, looking for acceptance. The second man fumbled with his hands, obviously mentally deficient and totally dependent on his friend. They had a handful of coins and bought only coffee because that was all they could afford. They had to buy something in order to sit down where it was warm. Acting on impulse, I bought two extra breakfasts and took them to the table where the men sat. I put the tray on the table and laid my hand on the blue-eyed gentleman's cold hand. He looked up at me with tears in his eyes and said, 'Thank you.' I leaned over, began to pat his hand and said, 'I did not do this for you; God is here working through me to give you hope.'" (Coy Wylie, "Stewardship ... Laborers or Loafers?").

Here is a Christian lady commissioned by Christ to reach out “the sheep without shepherds” as Jesus sent his apostles to the shepherdless sheep with teaching and healing authority as described in today’s gospel. Jesus told the Apostles: “You received without payment; give without payment.” Every thing we have is a gift of God. God's gifts to us are literally priceless. They are meant to be used freely and liberally for the benefit of all. We are not in the business of sharing our faith for the money or the admiration it brings. To paraphrase President John Kennedy: “Ask not what others can do for you; but what you can do for others.” But God's freely given gifts must be used with care, with responsibility. Exercised wisely, they can bring great joy and peace in life. They can be a means to care for others. We must always remember that our good works, the things in which we take pride, ultimately find their source in Christ, not in us. What gifts, both material and spiritual, have we received from God? How have we passed those gifts onto others? How have we thanked God and given him the credit for those gifts? The passages from Matthew's gospel present us with a challenge, to pass along grace. Jesus gave his followers this key to evangelization. (For details confer CCC 2006-2011)

SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY

Good news/bad news jokes aimed at pastors

GOOD NEWS: Pastor, you baptized seven people today in the river.

BAD NEWS: You lost two of them in the swift current.

GOOD NEWS: Pastor, church attendance rose dramatically the last three weeks.

BAD NEWS: You were on vacation then.

GOOD NEWS: Pastor, your biggest critic just left your church.

BAD NEWS: He has been appointed the Head Bishop of your denomination.

GOOD NEWS: The Women's Guild heard you are hospitalized. They voted to send you a get well card.

BAD NEWS: The vote passed by 31-30.

Pastor announced to the congregation:

Good News: We finally have all the money we need to pay for the new church roof.

Bad News: It is still out there in your pockets.

"Friend of the bride or the groom?"

At a formal wedding, an usher usually asks, "Friend of the bride or the groom?" Then he seats the party on the appropriate side of the church. An usher once asked a lady, "Friend of the bride or the groom?" She replied, "Both." He explained, "I am sorry, lady. They did not tell me where to seat neutrals!" That is the way it is with Christ. There are no neutrals. If you make an affirmative decision, your life is radically changed. "He rose and followed him."

Being healers in the modern world

People are sick in body as well as mind. As Christian's sharing Jesus' mission, we can bring healing and wholeness to people with whom we come into contact. Although we cannot raise the dead, we can help people to recover interest and a zest for living. People can be physically alive but dead in many other respects. Cleansing the lepers means rehabilitating and bringing back fully into our communities all those who, for one reason or another, are marginalized, rejected, despised, ostracized on the basis of race, nationality, marital status, religion, gender or sexual orientation. In our day, demons are all those suffocating and enslaving forces which dominate, manipulate and restrict our freedom to live in truth and love. They include many elements of our contemporary society, the pressures to conform to what is in fashion, whether it be in clothes, food or drugs of all kinds prescribed and non-prescribed, the tendencies to hedonism, extreme individualism and violence of all kinds. Our abortion culture is simply one of the symptoms and effects of all this. We have to start by casting out these demons from our own hearts first before helping others to true liberation.

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