

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH
June 21, 2026
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Congratulations
Father James Prumos



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,

Today we have two wonderful celebrations – a parish feast and a national feast. As a parish of Our Lady of Peace, we have the joy of celebrating the First Mass of the newly ordained priest, Reverend James Prumos. Yesterday he was raised to the Order of Priests, by Most Reverend Paul Bootkoski, the Bishop Emeritus of our Diocese at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi. My understanding of the history of our parish tells me that another son of our parish, Msgr. Michael Alliegro, was raised to the priesthood on May 19, 1973. Hence it is a special joy and honor for us to have this priestly vocation from our parish after a gap of 53 years.

Our new priest, Fr. James Francis Prumos, was born in Edison as the fourth child of James and Mary Prumos. He and his family worshipped here at our parish and he attended OLP elementary school before graduating from St. Joseph High School, Metuchen. He attended Seton Hall University where he received a BS degree in Computer Science. While there, Fr. Prumos was encouraged by the Brothers and Sisters of the Community of St. John to become involved in ministry, recommending a two-week retreat in Colorado. As a result of that experience, he was inspired to join ‘Christ in the City’ – a Catholic non-profit organization that forms young adults (ages 18–28) into lifelong missionaries. Missionaries commit to 1–2 years of service, living in an intentional household, focused on prayer, community and simplicity, while walking city streets daily to build authentic friendships with the homeless. He spent two years involved in outreach, counseling and walking with the poor.

Father Prumos was accepted by Immaculate Conception Seminary in 2020 at the height of the Covid crisis. He was ordained a transitional deacon last May and did his diaconate ministry at St. Joseph Parish in Carteret. In the name of OLP parish community, I offer hearty congratulations to Rev. James Prumos as well as to the Prumos family.

Isn't it wonderful that today is the national celebration of Father's Day? Happy Feast to all Fathers! Having a good father is a gift of God's grace. A good father is not afraid to show love, is patient, forgiving, funny and believes in his children. A good father leads by example and is present to help rear his offspring. In Scripture and in church, God is often called Father. Why? Is it to bring God down to our level of understanding, or is it to encourage our earthly fathers to live up to a higher standard? If it is the latter, men have some really big shoes to fill! Of course, the Catechism teaches that God is neither male nor female (CCC no.239). God's grace and mercy go way beyond the goodness that any of our fathers can exhibit. Yet, let us be aware of and practice our need to thank God daily for our fathers, uncles, brothers, sons, and men friends. (see more Father's Day stories, jokes and reflections in this bulletin)

Happy Feast to all men who are fathers to children, or father figures to their mentees or spiritual fathers like Fr. Prumos and all priests.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

June 22, Monday 8:00am

+ Jessica Strucich from Joe Strucich

June 23, Tuesday 8:00am

* Special Intentions for Paul Medvedz from Family

June 24, Wednesday 8:00am

+Marie Gironda from Barbara DeRollo

June 25, Thursday 8:00am

+Julie Ravaioli from Joan Flanagan

June 26, Friday 8:00am

+For Our Parishioners

June 27, Saturday 8:00am

+John Leone from John & Josephine Hall
5:15pm

+ Maria & Bob Fortin from Lourdes

June 22, Sunday 8:00am

+ Jean Salgado from The Borg Family

10:00am

+Linda Miles from Nancy Potts & Family

12:00 noon

+James Spagnola from Rita & Marjorie

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday June 21

12:00 noon First Mass Fr. James Prumos
1:00pm Reception for Father James Prumos
Parish Hall

Monday - June 22

8:30am Novena - Church
8:00pm KOC 4th degree Mtg - Parish hall

Tuesday - June 23

5:30 - 9:30pm Scouts - Parish Center
7:00pm Blue Army Devotions- Church

Wednesday - June 24

7:00pm KOC Officers Mtg. - Parish Hall

Thursday - June 25 No Activities

Friday - June 26 No Activities

Saturday June 27

4:00pm Confessions - Church

Sunday June 28

11:00am KOC Fellowship - Parish Hall

Bread & Wine & Candle



*In memory of
Paul Coleman
from
Family*



CELEBRATE
Father's Day

ON BEHALF OF FR. ABRAHAM, FR. SEBASTIAN
AND THE PARISH STAFF. WE WOULD LIKE TO
WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY FATHER'S DAY.

Flowers on the Altar



*In memory of
Margaret Hagan
from
The Boland Family
(Week of June 20 - June 27)*

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

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, 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

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

“I NEVER HUGGED MY DAD!”

In his book *My Father, My Son*, Dr. Lee Salk describes a moving interview with Mark Chapman, the convicted murderer of Beatle John Lennon. At one point in the interview, Chapman says: "I don't think I ever hugged my father [David Curtis Chapman, who was a staff sergeant in the U. S. Air Force]. He never told me he loved me...I needed emotional love and support. I never got that." Chapman's description of how he would treat a son if he had one is especially tragic, because he will probably never get out of prison and have a family of his own. He says: "I would hug my son and kiss him...and just let him know...he could trust me and come to me...and (I would) tell him that I loved him." Dr. Salk ends his book with this advice to fathers and sons (which applies equally well to mothers and daughters): "Don't be afraid of your emotions, of telling your father or your son that you love him and that you care. Don't be afraid to hug and kiss him. Don't wait until the death bed to realize what you've missed."

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

(Father's Day) Think of how your life honors your father. Also acknowledge the fathers who come by their role indirectly (foster and adoptive fathers, fathers-in-law, stepfathers, and those who have been like a father to you.) Honor an honorary father this week.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

It's a great gift to our children to teach them to respect and have affection for their father. Show signs of affection that will increase the bond with dad and children. Our children, when grown, will model the behavior they see in us parents.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Manny: How do you like the drum set you got for your birthday? **Theo:** I love it!

Manny: Why? **Theo:** Whenever I don't play it, my dad gives me 10 bucks!

While having their evening dinner together, a little girl looked up at her father and asked, "Daddy, you're the boss in our family, right?" The father was very pleased to hear it and confidently replied, "Yes my little princess." The girl then continued, "That's because mommy put you in charge, right?"

Dad: Son, if you keep pulling my hair, you will have to get off my shoulders. Son: But, Dad, I'm just trying to get my gum back!



A Father's Day card read: "Being a father can be expensive, time-consuming, frustrating, confusing and emotionally draining. Actually, it's a lot like playing golf!"



Our Gen-X daughter, Cristie, made my husband a Father's Day card entitled "Things My Dad Would Never Say." Such as: "Can you turn up that music?" "Go ahead and take my truck. Here's 50 bucks for gas." "I LOVE your tattoo. We should both get new ones." "Here, you take the remote."

"The Funniest Man in the World" was afraid of audience!

Did you ever hear the name Joe Ancis? The reason you haven't is due to fear. In the late forties, Buddy Hackett, Rodney Dangerfield, Lenny Bruce and other young hopeful comics in New York all hung out at Hansons, a luncheonette on Broadway. Joe Ancis, the original sick comic, cracked everybody up at the time. Some people claim that Lenny Bruce learned what he knew from Ancis. He was dubbed "The Funniest Man in the World" by the other comedians. But Ancis was terrified of audiences. He could rap with the pros at Hansons, but he performed publicly only once when he was still a teenager. That appearance confirmed his fears. He never got up in front of an audience again. He went into selling aluminum siding. Some say he's "The Best Salesman in the World." But he couldn't handle the fear of getting up in front of groups, only the people he knew. (Bernard Weinraub in NEW YORK TIMES. "Personal Glimpses," READER'S DIGEST, November 1995, p. 7.). Can anyone relate to that? One survey indicates that some people fear speaking in front of a group more than they fear death. It seems absurd, of course, but it's true.

In today's gospel Jesus urges his disciples not to be afraid of any opposition: "Do not fear!" "Do not be afraid!" What a release from fear it is to know that God is on our side; that our life is in the hands of a loving God. The next time fear grips our life we need to remember that being faithful to Christ wherever we meet him in this life is much more important than our fear of rejection and loss. Also let us take a moment to recall some of the great promises of God. Let us remind ourselves that God cares – we are each a dear child of His and He cares for each of us. "Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." The last verse of Psalm 27 sums it up nicely, "Trust in the Lord. Have Faith; do not despair. Trust in the Lord."

THE FATHER'S BLESSING

Gary Smalley, popular author and psychologist, asked 100 people, "What is one specific way you knew that you had received your parents' blessing?" Here are some of those answers:

1. "My father would put his arm around me at church and let me lay my head on his shoulder."
2. "When my father was facing being transferred at work, he purposely took another job so that I could finish my senior year in high school at the same school."
3. "When I wrecked my parent's car, my father's first reaction was to hug me and let me cry instead of yelling at me."
4. "When I was thirteen, my dad trusted me to use his favorite hunting rifle when I was invited to go hunting with a friend and his father."
5. "My father went with me when I had to take back an ugly dress a saleswoman had talked me into buying."
6. "My father would let me practice pitching to him for a long time when he got home from work."
7. "Even though I had never seen him cry before, my father cried during my wedding because he was going to miss me no longer being at home."

TRIBUTE TO A BIG HEARTED DAD

You have a big heart And you're quick to forgive Always thinking of others and always willing to give. How lucky I am to have a dad like you - Someone who takes an interest in all that I do, you're always there to lend an ear; Really dad you're such a dear.

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THE MASS SCHEDULE
BEGINNING JULY 4TH
WEEKEND. SUNDAY MASSES
WILL BE 9AM & 11AM.
5:15PM SATURDAY VIGIL
MASS WILL REMAIN
THE SAME.
SEE FATHER ABRAHAM LETTER
ON THE WEBSITE.

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