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OF THE MASS**

Monday-Friday

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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SATURDAYS

4:00 - 4:45PM



**OUR LADY OF  
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June 28, 2026  
Thirteenth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...

Dear OLP Family,

Last Sunday was a day of joyful celebration for our parish as we hosted the First Mass of the newly ordained priest Fr. James Prumos, our own parishioner. There was only one ordination to priesthood for our Diocese this year, and we are grateful to God that our parish is the recipient of that honor and grace. There were ten priests at the altar last Sunday for the First Mass of Fr. Prumos, including some who served our parish in the past.

Fr. Marius Koch, the Franciscan friar who was the spiritual director of Fr. Prumos at Seton Hall, said this in his homily: *“The world greatly needs pastors who offer more than simple words or programs; it needs the living witness of a reconciled heart that exudes the sweet fragrance of Christ holiness.”* In his thanksgiving speech, the new priest asked us all to pray for him, because *“many think that I made it, but I am just beginning the journey as a priest.”*

There was a reception downstairs which was well attended. Lot of people were involved to make it all a smooth event. I am very grateful to our Knights of Columbus, our Columbiettes, our parish staff, our Sacristan and other volunteers for attending to every detail of this big day of celebration. Our music ministers willingly changed their regular schedule to sing joyfully for this First Mass. It was truly a wonderful celebration in all sense of the word – thanks be to God.

Only one new priest joining the ranks of the shrinking pool of active priests is a matter of concern for us all. Our church, being a single priest parish, needs consolidation of the Sunday Masses. I am grateful to all of you for understanding why we are going to replace the 8AM, 10AM and 12PM Masses with 9AM and 11AM Masses from July 4<sup>th</sup> onwards. I heard nothing but support to this change from individuals and ministries of our parish. Thank you.

A couple of weeks ago, I had announced in the Church that Dawn Aube, our wonderful member of the parish staff would be retiring by the end of this month. I have no words to express my gratitude to who she has been to this parish community. Her commitment to what she did for the overall well-being of this parish has been exceptional. She excelled in human relationship, welcoming people with a smile, and attending to all their needs with sensitivity, care and professionalism. She did her ministry as a vocation, a call from God.

I like to say that Dawn is truly a “Lay Ecclesial Minister” – a title whose meaning was explained by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in their 2005 document, “Co-workers in the Vineyard of the Lord.” It is “lay” because it is a ministry done by lay people, “ecclesial” because it takes place within the Church community and “ministry” because it shares in Christ’s threefold ministry as priest, prophet and king. Dawn was exactly that. In the name of the parish community of Our Lady of Peace, I place on record our sincerest gratitude to Dawn. I have requested her to share her reflections in the bulletin next week. May God’s blessings be with her as she continues to be part of our parish that she loves so dearly.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Orapankal  
[fatherabraham@olpfords.org](mailto:fatherabraham@olpfords.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

June 28, 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

June 29, Monday 8:00am

+Paul Ravaoli from Joan Flanagan

June 30, Tuesday 8:00am

+Juan Alicea from Your Daughter, Norma

July 1, Wednesday 8:00am

+Marie Gironda from Brian and Megan

Taxeras

July 2, Thursday 8:00am

+For Our Parishioners

July 3, Friday 8:00am

+Gabriel Jayanthakumar from Mercy

Gabriel

July 4, Saturday 5:15pm

+Chester Truskowski from Family

+ Louis Bertekap from Marcella & Family

July 5, Sunday 9:00am

+ Susan Gibson from Kathy & Steve

Whooley

+Frank DeMarzo Jr. from Nancy & John

Raychel

11:00 noon

+Jozefa Zimon from Stan

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday June 28

11:00AM KOC Fellowship - Parish hall

Monday - June 29

8:30am Novena - Church

Tuesday - June 30

5:30pm—9:30pm Scouts—Parish Center

7:00pm Blue Army Devotions- Church

Wednesday - July 1

7:00pm KOC Business Mtg. - Parish Hall

Thursday - July 2

No Activities

Friday - July 3

No Activities

Saturday July 4

4:00pm Confessions - Church

Sunday July 5

No Activities

### SAVE THE DATE

Fr. Sebastian's farewell Mass: July 12th at 11 AM.

Reception in the parish Hall/Cafeteria

### Bread & Wine

*In memory of Margaret Hagan*

*from The Devane Family*

*(WEEK JUNE 28, 2026)*



### Bread & Wine

*In memory of Bill Daugherty*

*from Louise & Family*

*(WEEK JUNE 7, 2026)*



### ☺ SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY ☺

A boy is writing a paper on childbirth and asks his parents, "How was I born?" His mother awkwardly answers, "The stork brought you." "Oh," says the boy. "Well, how were you and Daddy born?" "Oh, the stork brought us, too, and Grandpa and Grandma." The boy begins his paper, "This report has been very difficult to write due to the fact that there hasn't been a natural childbirth in my family for three generations." ☺

Mechanic: "When were your tires last rotated?" Me: "On the way here." ☺

A struggling graduate: I'm enrolling in seminary college, so I can learn about miracles, like how to pay off my student loans! ☺

"I never come to this Church for Sunday Mass," boasted a wandering parishioner to his pastor. "Perhaps you have noticed that Father?" "Yes, I have noticed that," said the pastor. "Well, the reason I don't come is that there are so many hypocrites here." "Oh, don't let that keep you away," replied the pastor with a smile.

"There's always room for one more." ☺

**Ministry Schedule for**  
**July 4/5, 2026**

**5:15pm Mass**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joan Deyak,  
Barbara Balog, Karen Senatore

**Reader:** Gloria DeMarzo

**Altar Server:** Delgado Family

**9:00 a.m. Mass**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Roseanne Brady,  
Kenneth Egan, Tom Bednar

**Reader:** Corinne Ambrosi

**11:00**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kevin Broesler,  
Frank Heelan, Lorraine O'Prandy

**Reader:** Frank Heelan

**Altar Server:** Sienna Santos

**STEWARDSHIP**

June 14, 2026

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| Weekly Offering ..... | \$ 3,996.00  |
| Mail-in.....          | \$ 805.00    |
| Online giving.....    | \$ 2,510.50  |
| Fathers Day .....     | \$ 2,050.00  |
| Repair & Maint.....   | \$ 2,006.00  |
| Total .....           | \$ 11,367.50 |

June 21, 2026

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Offering ..... | \$ 5,634.00 |
| Mail-in.....          | \$ 687.00   |
| Online giving.....    | \$ 2,001.50 |
| Summer Maint .....    | \$ 995.00   |
| Total .....           | \$ 8,630.50 |

**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, Alex Deliso, John Herring, Marie Burke, Bill Herring, Mercedes de Leon, Eve Morawski, Andrew Southern, Shelly Greene, Danuta, Debra Ambrosi, Michael L., Wendy Snee, Tano Camarillo, Elizabeth Savner, Joan Quinn

**Please pray for the Dearly Departed**

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, Angela Canales, Angela Sossa



**Candle**

*In memory of*

***Margaret Hagan***

*from*

***The Sheridan Family***



**As of June 30, 2026, I will be retiring as the Parish & Religious Ed. secretary. It has been such a joy serving and**

**helping you over the last 14 years at OLP. I am looking forward to my new adventures with my family and grandchildren. A big THANK YOU to all the parishioners and their families that I got to know and helped while working at Our Lady of Peace. It was my pleasure. See you in Church.**

**Dawn Aube**

## THE SEMINARIAN SPONSORED BY THE COBBLER.

There was a poor lad in a country village who, after a great struggle, became a priest. His benefactor in his days of study in the seminary was the village cobbler. In due time, the new priest became an associate pastor in his benefactor's parish. On that day his benefactor cobbler said to him, "It was always my desire to be a minister of the gospel, but the circumstances of my life made it impossible. But you are achieving what was closed to me. And I want you to promise me one thing--I want you to let me make and cobble your shoes--for nothing--and I want you to wear them in the pulpit when you preach. Then I will feel that you are preaching the gospel that I always wanted to preach standing in my shoes." Beyond a doubt the cobbler was serving God as the preacher was, and his reward would one day be the same. (Adapted from Barclay). Today's gospel challenges us to help those in the ministry by using our God given talents. The Church and Christ will also always need those in whose homes there is hospitality, and in whose hearts there is Christian love. All service ranks the same with God.

*Today's Gospel lesson implies that there might be differing rewards for prophets, righteous persons, and little ones -- and differing rewards for those who receive prophets, righteous persons, and little ones. The good news is that the modesty of our circumstances does not limit our potential rewards. We don't have to be a prophet to receive a prophet's reward--we have only to receive a prophet. We don't have to be a great saint to receive a great saint's reward--we have only to show hospitality to such a saint. The smallest gift to the littlest disciple brings a certain reward. Just as God knows and cares about every hair of our heads, so also He knows about our generous acts in behalf of the faithful. Such gifts are counted as gifts to Jesus -- and gifts to Jesus are counted as gifts to the Father. Another bit of good news is that, as we are engaged in the Lord's work, those who help us are also promised a reward. That is true whether we are clergy or lay people, preachers or janitors. We may not be comfortable being on the receiving end rather than the giving end, but the Lord has ordained that our receiving becomes a means of blessing to the giver.*

### Heroic suffering of the baseball player

#### Kirk Gibson

Suffering and pain are integral to life's experience but they need not humiliate, defeat, and destroy us! A Detroit News article some years ago carried the story of Kirk Gibson during his glory days with the Tigers. Few really knew the price of pain and agony paid by Gibson for that glory. According to the article, Kirk Gibson was a baseball player who knew how to live with pain. In 1980, he tore the cartilage in his wrist. Two years later, he had a sore left knee, a strained left calf muscle, and a severe left wrist sprain. In 1983, he was out for knee surgery, and in 1985 he required 17 stitches after getting hit in the mouth with a wild pitch. In addition, he bruised a hamstring muscle, injured his right heel, and suffered a sore left ankle. His worst injury involved severe ligament damage to his ankle in 1986, a year predicted to be his best. When asked about pain, Gibson was quoted as saying, "There are pluses and minuses in everything we do in life. But the pluses for my career, myself, and my family make it worth it. It's the path I chose." He accepted Jesus' challenge in today's gospel, whoever does not take up his cross\* and follow after me is not worthy of me."

***"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me...."***

These words may sound a bit extreme, since family comes first to most of us. What Jesus means is that all loyalties must give first place to loyalty to God. That means we are called to practice the gospel values, no matter what. The wants of any person or any group of people (e.g. a family) cannot be met by trampling on or denying the rights and needs of others. If members of your family act unjustly, you must, in conscience, separate yourself from them. In other words, you cannot condone immoral practices even by members of your family.

## **"I invested your coin and it is now 10000!"**

Baron De Rothschild was one of the richest men who ever lived. Legend has it that the Baron once posed before an artist as a beggar. While the artist, Ary Scheffer, was painting him, the financier sat before him in rags and tatters holding a tin cup. A friend of the artist entered, and the baron was so well disguised that he was not recognized. Thinking he was really a beggar, the visitor dropped a coin into the cup. Ten years later, the man who gave the coin to Rothschild received a letter containing a bank order for 10,000 francs and the following message: "You one day gave a coin to Baron de Rothschild in the studio of Ary Scheffer. He has invested it and today sends you the capital which you entrusted to him, together with the compounded interest. A good action always brings good fortune. Signed, Baron de Rothschild." (BITS & PIECES, February 4, 1993, p. 24.) *A simple act of kindness was bountifully rewarded. Now hear the words of our Lord: "And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward." Even a cup of cold, says the Master, water given to one of his little ones will be rewarded.*

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## **Be hospitable and generous**

Hospitality means encountering the presence of God in others, usually in those whom we least expect. The virtue of hospitality is the virtue of recognizing the presence of God in others and nourishing this presence. We as a community are to look for the opportunities to be hospitable-and, of course, there are plenty of occasions for hospitality. Maybe it is simply a kind word to a stranger - or even a smile. When we live in such a busy and hectic world, we tend to brush off people who need help. A kind smile or a "hello" to someone waiting with us in a grocery line may be the only kindness that person encounters all day.

We become fully alive as Christians through the generous giving of ourselves. What is more important than sending checks for charitable causes is giving of ourselves to people: in the way we speak to them and about them, in the way we forgive their failings, in the way we encourage them, console them and help them, and even in the way we think about them. These types of generosity reflect warmth radiating from the very love of God.

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