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*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with
all your heart, with all your soul, and
with all your mind."*

– MATTHEW 22:37

*Do you put other "gods" before God? Is
your love of money, power, status,
comfort or some personal possession
greater than your love for God? Do you
recognize that everything you have and
that everything you are is a gift from
God? Putting God first in everything
helps keep us from becoming a slave to
our possessions and to our pride.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil | 5:15pm

Sunday | 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday | 8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday | 4:00pm

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear OLP Family,

We are so very happy to welcome Most Reverend Michael Saporito, our new Bishop, to our parish community. As we know, he was installed as our bishop this Thursday and what an honor for us that he has chosen to visit us right away! Bishop Saporito has served in parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark throughout his years in ministry. He has been most devoted to the New Evangelization, offering programs of faith development and awakening people to a deeper faith in Jesus Christ, while working tirelessly to foster parish renewal and intentional discipleship. His presence with us is truly a boost for us to continue renewing our parish life as disciples of Jesus more intentionally. Hearty welcome, dear Bishop Saporito to OLP Family!

This coming Saturday is Halloween! The signs and decorations are all around us. Some parents have asked me if it is proper for Christians to celebrate Halloween. People are divided on this question. Some consider it a negative holiday, because it's been turned into a commercial-driven candy fest, which obviously isn't healthy for our children (or for us parents who raid the candy bag!). Some others oppose it for religious reasons, saying that it opens children to evil and is too frightening – although many church parking lots are used for “trunk or treat” for safety reasons! I think it is good to have some perspective that will help us look at it objectively. It was in the year 835, that Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints' Day, or All Hallows' Day (the term hallow means holy referring to saints). The night before was known as All Hallows' Eve from which the term *Halloween* came.

Many Christians view modern Halloween as a harmless, secular community event focused on children wearing costumes, gathering candy, and getting to know neighbors. They treat it similarly to how the Apostle Paul addressed eating meat sacrificed to idols in 1 Corinthians 8 and 10—arguing that the day is neutral, and participation is fine as long as it does not involve actual occult or sinful practices. Hence parents do not have to be afraid of allowing their children to enjoy trick-or-treating. It can simply be a fun neighborhood tradition, especially when families choose to keep the focus wholesome and consistent with their Catholic faith.

Many parishes have begun the practice of celebrating Halloween with children dressing up as saints, angels, biblical figures, or other good and joyful characters while still enjoying the excitement of visiting neighbors and receiving candy. Dressing as a saint can also be a beautiful way to teach children that holiness is something to celebrate. A child dressed as St. Francis, St. Thérèse, St. Michael, St. Joan of Arc, or another favorite saint can learn about that saint's life while sharing a small reminder of the faith with others.

The important distinction is **WHAT** we choose to celebrate. Catholics are not called to glorify Satan, demons, witchcraft, the occult, gore, or evil. But enjoying candy, costumes, friendship, and community is not the same thing as celebrating darkness. Parents can use the evening as an opportunity to bring the focus back to All Saints' Day and remind their children that the real victory belongs to Christ.

Your brother in Christ,

Father Abraham

Fr. Abraham Orapankal

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Mass Intentions

October 25, Sunday 9:00am

+Ronald & Judi Huether from DaCosta Family
+Cresente Berame Sr. from Hiroshi & Elizabeth

11:00am

+George Claffy from Family

October 26, Monday 8:00am

+Special Intentions for Helena Medvedz
from Family

October 27, Tuesday 8:00am

+Helen Bakos from Family

October 28, Wednesday 8:00am

+Msgr. Bob Zamorski from Joan Deyak

October 29, Thursday 8:00am

+Marie Gironda from Lourdes & Family

October 30, Friday 8:00am

+For Our Parishioners

+Owen Ravino from John & Janice Balasic

October 31, Saturday 5:15pm

+Lucio J. Cerreta, Jr. from Paul, Elaine & Family

+Mary Bozza from Dolores Quattrone

November 1, Sunday 9:00am

+Carmela Colantuono from Dekonski

+Paciecia Aviso from Family

11:00am

+Alec Ecobichon from Wife Margie & Children

5:00pm

+Special Memorial All Souls Mass



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES



Sunday - October 25, 2026

10:00am K of C Fellowship Breakfast - Cafeteria

Monday - October 26, 2026

8:30am Novena - Church

8:00pm K of C 4th Degree Mtg - Parish Hall

Tuesday - October 27, 2026

7:00pm Blue Army Devotion - Church

Wednesday - October 28, 2026

4:30pm-5:45pm Religious Ed Gr 1-4 Parish Ctr

7:00pm-8:15pm Religious Ed Gr 5-8 & II Parish Ctr

6:00pm K of C Officers Mtg - Parish Hall

Thursday - October 29, 2026

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

Saturday - October 31, 2026

4:00pm Confessions - Church



This Week's Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning our altar this week are offered in loving memory of Will Cooper from his mother and father. May his memory continue to be a blessing, and may he rest in the peace of Christ.

Our 2027 Mass Book is open and there are many spots available for your intentions. We also have openings for our Sanctuary Candles, Bread and Wine, and Altar Flowers for the upcoming year.

Please stop in the office we would be happy to help you





MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 31st & November 1st 2026

Saturday, 5:15pm Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Balog, Joan

Deyak, Karen Senatore

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: Delgado Family

Sunday, 9:00am Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Bednar,

Roseanne Brady, Alan Nygard

Reader: James Carroll

Altar Server: TBD

Sunday, 11:00am Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Broesler, Lorraine

O'Prandy, Frank Heelan

Reader: Angela Chundak

Altar Server: Ashley Alfaro

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

The love commandment is hard to practice all the time! Of course we're not perfect and we're going to fall short, but over all in your marriage would you say that your relationship is guided by love and not by competition? Research shows that we need at least five positive interactions to each negative interaction to maintain a healthy, happy relationship that can weather the normal conflicts and upsets of daily life.



Week of October 11, 2026

Weekly Offering.....\$4,748.00

Fuel Supplement.....\$996.00

Mail-In.....\$598.00

Online giving.....\$2,246.50

Total.....\$8,588.50

Week of October 18, 2026

Weekly Offering.....\$4,733.00

World Mission Sunday.....\$1,867.00

Mail-In.....\$758.00

Online giving.....\$2,140.50

Total.....\$9,498.50

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish and its ministries. For your convenience, Online Giving is available by visiting www.olfords.org and clicking on the Online Giving link to register.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

Children make demands of your time. How do you keep on loving them? During the day take five minutes breaks to simply close your eyes and get centered. Get all your official work organized during the day. Then in the evening, you will be able to give your family the best of you, and not what is leftover of your energy and patience!

WE PRAY:

For those who are sick, or in nursing homes and hospitals

Nancy Gaid, Joan Trainor, Peter Ruttowski, Renata Wisnik, Raul Ramos, Veronica Roush, Suzanne Pontes Sariska, Kelly Lease, Maria Turek, Alex Deliso, John Herring, Marie Burke, Mercedes de Leon, Eve Morawski, Andrew Southern, Shelly Greene, Deba Ambrosi, Michael L., Wendy Sneec, Catherine Miller, Tano Camarillo, Elizabeth Saver, Joan Quinn, Marien Zondlo, Wilson Aguirre, William Riggio, Zairis D. Peña, Augie Elio, Bill Herring, Elaine Cerreta

For those who have passed to Eternity

Jennifer DeSantis, Angela Sossa, Louise Sutch, Thomas Katchisin, Patrick Kennedy, Anna Verrico, Jonathan Lopez, Rosario Arvisu, William Mahoney, Mario Rosario, Michael Wytanis, Norma Nebus, John Sarisky, Janice Cucchiera, Byju Thomas, Ruth Manieri, Christine M. Mellas, Walter Dworak, Margaret Eleanor Levins

For all those who are serving in the Military

LOVE THEM ANYWAY!

In Calcutta, India, there is a children's home named Shishu Bhavan (Children's Home), founded by Mother Teresa. The home continues to be operated by her community, the Missionaries of Charity. On the wall of the home hangs a sign which reads:

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. LOVE THEM ANYWAY! If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives, DO GOOD ANYWAY! If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies, SUCCEED ANYWAY! The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow, DO GOOD ANYWAY! Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable, BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY! What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight, BUILD ANYWAY! People really need help but may attack you if you help them, HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY! Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth, GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY!

Mother Teresa counsels her young charges that the challenges offered by this sign can be met only if human beings are motivated by a love and a respect for one another which looks beyond faults, differences, ulterior motives, success and failure. Mother Teresa once said of herself, *"By blood and origin, I am all Albanian. My citizenship is Indian. I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the whole world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the heart of Jesus."* She knew what it means to love God and love neighbor.

"YOU ARE STILL YOU, AND I LOVE YOU!"

Remember actor Christopher Reeves? He had everything—wealth, fame, fabulous health. He was one of the most handsome, physically fit men in Hollywood. Then he fell from a horse. And suddenly he was a quadriplegic. When he awoke from his accident, his first thought was that maybe he should go ahead and die. But one thing stopped him and gave him the will to live. His wife, Dana, spoke to him firmly, yet gently. "I am only going to say this once," she said. "I will support whatever you want to do, because this is your life and your decision. But I want you to know that I'll be with you for the long haul, no matter what. You're still you, and I love you." Those words gave Christopher Reeves the strength to go on. [Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Mark & Chrissy Donnelly, and Barbara DeAngelis, Ph.D. *Chicken Soup for the Couples Soul* (Deerfield Beach, FL: Health Communications, Inc., 1999), pp. 104-105.] **There are times in life when all of us wonder where we will find the strength to go on. Maybe it will come from a spouse, or our offspring, or a friend. Other people are a great source of consolation and comfort. But there will come a time when all of us will have to lean on our ultimate Friend, God. There will be no one else who can help. And why shouldn't we turn to God? This is that for which He created us —relationships.**

"THAT'S HOW GOD WORKS!"

There is a story about a young woman who was in great distress because she had lost a sense of God in her life. She complained to her elderly grandmother, "Why doesn't God let me feel His presence? If only I could feel Him and know that He has touched me." Her grandmother said, "Pray to God, right now. Close your eyes and pray to him. Ask Him to put out his hand and touch you." The girl closed her eyes and prayed fervently. Then she felt a hand on her hand. "He touched me. He touched me," she cried out. **Then she said, "You know, God's hand felt just like your hand." "Of course it was my hand," her grandmother said. "That's how God works. He takes the hand that is nearest and uses that."**

☺ SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY ☺**One—liners to smile** ☺

I saw an ad for burial plots, and thought to myself this is the last thing I need. ☺

Smoking will kill you... Bacon will kill you... But, smoking bacon will cure it. ☺

The inventor of autocorrect in a mobile phone has died. Rest in Peas. ☺

You know you're getting old when you have more candles on your cake than friends at your birthday party. ☺

My doctor told me I was going deaf. The news was hard for me to hear. ☺

If you're feeling depressed, try drinking a gallon of water before you go to sleep. It'll give you a reason to get out of bed in the morning. ☺

At the job interview, they asked me, "Where do you see yourself in five years?" I told him, "I think we'll still be using mirrors in five years." ☺

HOSPITALITY CHECK!

A man attending a crowded Church service refused to take his hat off when asked to do so by the ushers. The preacher was perturbed too, and after the service told the man that the Church was quite happy to have him as guest, and invited him to join the Church, but he explained the traditional decorum regarding men's hats and said, "I hope you will confirm to that practice in the future." "Thank you," said the man. "And thank you for taking time to talk to me. It was good of you to ask me to join the congregation. In fact, I joined it three years ago and have been coming regularly ever since, but today is the first day anyone ever paid attention to me. After being an unknown for three years, today, by simply keeping on my hat, I had the pleasure of talking to the ushers. And now I have a conversation with you, who have always appeared too busy to talk to me before!" **What do we do to make strangers welcome? Are we too busy that you have no time to keep the greatest commandment of Jesus that we heard today at Mass?**

A PUMPKIN STORY

"What is it like to be a Christian saint?" "It is like being a Halloween pumpkin. God picks you from the field, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you. Then he cuts off the top and scoops out the yucky stuff. He removes the pulp of impurity and injustice and seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light of holiness inside you to shine for the entire world to see." This is the Christian idea behind the carved pumpkins during the Halloween season.

A Catholic Men's Conference is being held on November 7, 2026 from 8a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. ***Pro Football Hall of Fame Inductee Joe Klecko*** is one of several featured speakers at this year's conference.

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Dr. Seeman, Sr. has been a devoted parishioner of Our Lady of Peace for 60 years, has been part of OLP from Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation and Marriage, and has served the community for 35 years.



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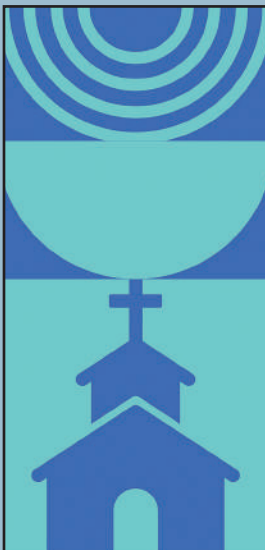
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