OUR LADY OF PEACE

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CATHOLIC CHURCH



🇺🇸**Honoring Our Veterans – Veterans Day**

This Veterans Day, we pause to honor and thank all the brave men and women who have served our country. We are deeply grateful for their courage, sacrifice, dedication, and the freedoms they have helped protect. May God bless our veterans, those currently serving, and their families. We remember you, we appreciate you, and we thank you for your service! Happy Veterans Day!

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,

This Wednesday is Veterans Day. For over 100 years, we have remembered those who served our country in uniform on 11 November – first as Armistice Day, and then, since 1954 as Veterans Day. Few years ago, the Department of Veterans Affairs broadened that tradition of observance and appreciation to include both Veterans and Military Families for the entire month of November. Besides the annual rituals of remembering them with wreaths and visits to their tombs, many organizations celebrate this day, honoring the veterans in various ways. Many popular restaurants and other retailers across the nation are giving them free meals, discounts, and other freebies on Veterans Day. Some parishes pray the Patriotic Rosary this day.

I used to be a missionary in Nagaland (northeast India). There is a War Cemetery in Kohima, its capital city, where the allied soldiers who died during the World War II are buried. On the door of the Cemetery it is written, *"When you go home, tell them of us and say that we gave our today for your tomorrow."* Like the soldiers of World War II, the memory of our near and dear ones is a reminder that we need to be grateful to them because what we are today is mainly due to their efforts and sacrifices.

The whole of November, for us Catholics, is a month of remembrance of our departed dear ones. During our special annual Memorial Mass last Sunday evening, we had a good number of families in attendance. I was told that the number exceeded unlike any other year in recent memory. Glory and praise to God for that. The lit candles in the name of those departed family members of our parishioners and friends in the past 12 months reminded us that they are alive after their earthly life. The honor of their names being announced was a reminder of their continued presence in our hearts. At the end of that Mass, I thanked the Social Concerns Ministry and others who made that celebration a very meaningful one.

Such celebrations are very significant as they bring out the truth that we are the family of God. When we call ourselves as the OLP Family, we need to acknowledge everyone in our parish as part of this family. Our newly installed Bishop Michael Saporito exhorted us, when he visited our parish on October 25, to get to know other parishioners, to hear their stories and understand them. Ask the nearly 100 parishioners who are part of our Fall Into Faith Bible sharing groups and they will tell you that they came to know the small group participants. They will also add that this would not have happened if not for the small groups.

This is the reason Pastor Rick Warren (whose non-denominational megachurch based in Lake Forest, CA, with over 21,000 people in attendance for Sunday worship) insists that the numerous small groups meeting on Wednesdays are the back bone of his huge church community. If OLP family has to be a real family, we have to make an intentional effort to get to know others through a greater participation in the parish programs.

We can renew and re-energize our parish if we are intentional about it. We are already seeing some good signs of that. Praise God!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Orapankal
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Mass Intentions

November 8, Sunday 9:00am
+Margaret Medvetz from Family
+Holy Name, Altar Rosary
11:00am
+Nicholas & Jean Micale from The Grogan Family
+George Pappa from Joe Strucich
November 9, Monday 8:00am
+Margaret Resko from Family
November 10, Tuesday 8:00am
+Grace Kubick from Valerie Strucich
November 11, Wednesday 8:00am
+For Our Parishioners
+Eleanor Levins from Brian Delaney
November 12, Thursday 8:00am
+Frances Yaros from Emil
November 13, Friday 8:00am
+Henry G. Hansen Jr. from Loving Wife Marita
November 14, Saturday 5:15pm
+Pollio & Quilla Families from Borg Family
+Kathryn Rodzinka Deacon John & Family
November 15, Sunday 9:00am
+Mary & Joseph Kennedy from Kennedy Family
+Jean Ann Zmigrodski from Family
11:00am
+John Potts from Nancy Potts & Family

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

CHURCH

Sunday - November 8, 2026
8:30am Holy Name Altar Rosary
pray the Rosary - Church
9:00am-12:00pm Holy Name Altar Rosary Mtg - Regina Caeli Rm
Monday - November 9, 2026
8:30am Novena - Church
9:00am Fall Into Faith - Parish Hall
Tuesday - November 10, 2026
9:00am Fall Into Faith - Parish Hall
5:30pm-9:30pm Scouts - Parish Center
7:00pm-9:00pm NJ State Council Columbiettes Mtg
7:00pm Blue Army Devotion - Church
7:00pm Fall Into Faith - Parish Center
Wednesday - November 11, 2026
4:30pm-5:15pm Religious Ed. Gr 1-4 - Parish Center
6:30pm Fall Into Faith - Parish Center
7:00pm-8:15pm Religious Ed Gr 5-8, II - Parish Center
Thursday - November 12, 2026
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - Church
7:00pm Columbiettes Business Mtg - Regina Caeli Rm
Friday - November 13, 2026
7:00pm Fall Into Faith - Parish Hall
Saturday - November 14, 2026
3:30pm Fall Into Faith - Parish Hall
4:00pm Confessions - Church
7:00pm Fall Into Faith - Rich Fetzer's Home



We apologize for the oversight in last week's bulletin and appreciate your understanding. To clarify, last week's altar flowers were offered in memory of Will Cooper, and this week's altar flowers are offered in memory of George Quattrone. Thank you for your understanding!

HERE AT Our Lady of Peace GIVE A BIRTHDAY GIFT TO THE INFANT JESUS
(Help clothe a baby)
Gifts of UNUSED baby clothing, bedding, diapers (infant-12mo.) and toiletries (baby wipes, soap, oil, shampoo, lotions, etc.) may be placed in or adjacent to the bassinet in the middle of the church from the First Sunday of Advent, November 29 to December 13th
If preferred, financial donations by check, payable to OLP SOCIAL CONCERNS CHILD SHOWER may be placed in the collection basket at the weekend Masses. Your gifts will be given to various organizations.
Please do not wrap gifts.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 14th and 15th 2026

Saturday, 5:15pm Mass
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Senatore, Barbara Sinko, Deacon John
Reader: Bill Herring
Altar Server: Ava Pridady

Sunday, 9:00am Mass
Eucharistic Ministers: Alan Nygard, Mary Prumos, Thomas Bednar
Reader: Thomas Diegnan
Altar Server: Brienne Szylar

Sunday, 11:00am Mass
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathleen Kazary, Ronak Bantleman, Maria Frey
Reader: Frank Heelan
Altar Server: Sienna Santos



Week of November 1, 2026

Weekly Offering.....$5,273.00
All Souls.....$1,272.00
All Saints.....$1,283.00
Mail-In.....$1,130.00
Online giving.....$4,020.50
Total.....$12,978.60

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

☺ SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY ☺

Ten best things to say if you get caught sleeping at your desk:
#10. "They told me at the blood bank this might happen."
#9. "This is just a 15-minute power-nap like they raved about in that time management course you sent me to."
#8. "Whew! Guess I left the top off the White-Out. You probably got here just in time!"
#7. "I wasn't sleeping! I was meditating on the mission statement and envisioning a new paradigm."
#6. "I was testing my keyboard for drool resistance."
#5. "I was doing a highly specific Yoga exercise to relieve work-related stress. Are you discriminating against people who practice Yoga?"
#4. "Darn! Why did you interrupt me? I had almost figured out a solution to our biggest problem."
#3. "The coffee machine is broken . . . "
#2. "Someone must've put decaf in the wrong pot . . . "
And the #1 thing to say if you get caught sleeping at your desk is: " . . . in His name. Amen."

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

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, Betty Lou Rabold, Monica Netta

For all those who are serving in the Military

"WHAT'S YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE, BOB?"

Josh McDowell tells about an executive "head-hunter" who goes out and hires corporation executives for large firms. This headhunter once told McDowell that when he gets an executive that he's trying to hire for someone else, he likes to disarm him. "I offer him a drink," said the headhunter, "take my coat off, then my vest, undo my tie, throw up my feet and talk about baseball, football, family, whatever, until he's all relaxed. Then, when I think I've got him relaxed, I lean over, look him square in the eye and say, "What's your purpose in life?' It's amazing," said the headhunter, "how top executives fall apart at that question." Then he told about interviewing one fellow recently. He had him all disarmed, had his feet up on his desk, talking about football. Then the headhunter leaned over and said, "What's your purpose in life, Bob?" And the executive who was being recruited said, without blinking an eye, "To go to heaven and take as many people with me as I can." "For the first time in my career," said the headhunter, "I was speechless." (*Stories For the Heart*, compiled by Alice Gray (Sisters, Oregon: Multnomah Books, 1996), p. 112.) No wonder. He had encountered someone who was prepared.

In today's gospel parable of the ten virgins Jesus warns us to be ever prepared to meet God our creator at the end of our lives to give an account of how we lived. Wise Christians live each day in the light of Jesus' vision. Such people find Him in the most ordinary experiences of daily living – in the people they meet, the events that take place, and the situations in which they find themselves. They carefully make their daily choices for God. They are ready to put the commandment of love into practice by kindness and forgiveness. There is absolutely no better way to prepare for the final call than to learn to spend each day in the company of Jesus, remembering his assurance, "I am with you always." The following short prayer should be always on their lips: "Lord, grant that all my thoughts, intentions, actions and responses may be directed solely to your love and service this day." "Help me, Lord, to seek, to find, and to respond to you in every single experience this day." When we eventually hear the final call, "Get up! the Master is coming!" we will not be worried, but happy and more than ready to meet old friends and family in heaven. God has made this promise to us: "Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever" (Daniel 12:3).

EIGHT STEPS TOWARDS A MORE SATISFYING LIFE

In a TIME magazine sidebar, there were "Eight Steps Toward a More Satisfying Life." Here are the Eight Steps: 1. Count your blessings. 2. Practice acts of kindness. 3. Savor life's joys. 4. Thank a mentor. 5. Learn to forgive. 6. Invest time and energy in friends and family. 7. Take care of your body. 8. Develop strategies for coping with stress and hardship. (TIME, 17 (January 2005) **Today when we reflect on the parable of the ten virgins, we add one more step, a 9th Step to the strategy: Be prepared. Be prepared to step off life's planned paths, and trust the Spirit. After all, the Spirit can appear in many guises, disguises, and surprises.**

MASS BOOK FOR ALL YOUR MASSES

When our 2027 Mass Book was open, we had put a limit to the number of Masses a person could reserve, so that everyone will be given a fair chance. Now we are inviting everyone to come to the parish office and reserve the Masses you need without any limit.

"CAN YOU SLEEP WHEN THE WIND BLOWS?"

A young man applied for a job as a farm hand. When asked for his qualifications, he said, "I can sleep when the wind blows." This puzzled the farmer, but he liked the young man and hired him. A few days later, the farmer and his wife were awakened in the night by a violent storm. They quickly began to check things out to see if all were secure. They found that the shutters of the farmhouse had been securely fastened. A good supply of logs had been set next to the fireplace. The farm implements had been placed in the storage shed, safe from the elements. The tractor had been moved into the garage. The barn had been properly locked. Everything was fine. Even the animals were calm. It was then that the farmer grasped the meaning of the young man's words, "I can sleep when the wind blows." Because the farm hand had performed his work loyally and faithfully when the skies were clear, he was prepared for the storm when it broke. Consequently, when the wind blew, he had no fear. He was able to sleep in peace.

In the parable that is our gospel lesson today, Jesus is talking about exactly the same thing, being able to sleep when the wind blows, in other words, being prepared. Let us be sure that our Lamps are ready for the end of our lives: Spiritual readiness, preparation and growth do not just happen. It comes as a result of intentional habits built into one's life. You cannot depend on a Sunday morning service to provide all your spiritual needs. You cannot depend on Christian fellowship to provide you with spiritual development. It comes through routine, mundane attention to ordinary spiritual disciplines — making sure you have enough oil: spiritual fuel. It comes by taking time for prayer and being alone with God; reading God's Word; sacramental life; acts of service to others; moral faithfulness and loving obedience. It comes through spending time with other Christians for mutual prayer, study and encouragement. These are the things which enable a person to grow in Christ and be prepared for Christ's coming, as well as the normal difficulties of life. Without these things you will not be prepared. It cannot be hit and miss. It cannot be postponed. You cannot procrastinate or it may be too late. You need to develop some holy habits in your life which take precedence over other interests and claims on your life. As these habits become developed, they cease to be a struggle and begin to be a source of strength and blessing. They make your life powerful against the onslaught of the world.



💍 MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"Whoever seeks Wisdom shall quickly be free from care."(Wisdom 6:15)
Besides marrying you, what is one wise thing your beloved has recently said or done?
Celebrate the gift of wisdom and love in your marriage! ❤️

❤️ PARENTING TUNE-UP



November is National Adoption Month. 30% of the nation's homeless adults have a history of foster care. Consider whether your family is in a position to provide a permanent home for a foster child. A loving family can break this sad cycle.

Host your Next Event at Our Lady of Peace

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