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September 5th, 2021~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



An Act of Spiritual Communion

***My Jesus, I believe that you are
present
in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You
above all things, And I desire to
receive you into my soul. Since I
cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already
there and unite myself wholly to You.
Continually give me the grace to make
a worthy Confession.***

Amen

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Evenings by appointment only.
Closed weekends & Federal holidays.**

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday afternoon: 5:15 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

Holy Days of Obligation:

See Bulletin prior to Holy Day

Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Last Tuesday of the month: 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon;

4:00-4:45 p.m.

See Bulletin for Christmas and Easter Schedule

PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 732-738-7940

Parish Office Fax: 732-738-3848

Religious Education: 732-738-7940 ex. 12

Knights of Columbus #9199: 732-277-9673

MASS SCHEDULE

September 6~ Monday~ Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Robert Esposito from Wife and Family

September 7 ~ Tuesday ~ Weekday

8:00 a.m. † For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

September 8~ Wednesday ~ The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. † Bill Frasche from Emil

September 9~ Thursday ~ St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00 a.m. † Julia Petrick from Julie and Family

September 10 ~ Friday ~ Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Donald Maguire from Noreen Rafalko

September 11 ~ Saturday ~ Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Ana Camemo from Jerome

5:15 p.m. † Tom Dischler from Loving Family

September 12 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Dolores Mehok from Milan Plavac

10:00 a.m. † Holy Name

12:00 noon † John Malczynski from Patti and Marty Joyce

Sanctuary Candle

*In memory of
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The Gurrieri Family*



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Arrangements for these Memorials may be made in the parish office.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ September 5

No Activities

MONDAY ~ September 6

Rectory Office Closed (Labor Day) ~ No Novena

TUESDAY ~ September 7

7:00 p.m. Blue Army Devotions ~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ September 8

No Activities

THURSDAY ~ September 9

7:00 p.m. Columbiettes Business Meeting ~ Chambers

FRIDAY ~ September 10

No Activities

SATURDAY ~ September 11

11:00am Confessions ~ Heritage Room

4:00 pm Confessions ~ Heritage Room

SUNDAY ~ September 12

8:00Am– 12:00PM Holy Name ~ Chambers

2021-2022

Religious Education Registration

Re-registration and new registrations (please bring original Baptism Certificate for new registration) for the upcoming year is now open. Payment is expected at the time of registration. **(Starting Sept. 1st there will be a late fee).** Also, **All Registrations will close on September 10th.** Registration will take place at the parish office Monday - Friday 10:00 am to 3:30 pm or by appointment. Any questions, please call 732-738-7940 x12

Did you know... OLP Bulletins are available online by visiting our website www.olpfords.org and clicking on ***Weekly Bulletin.***



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 11- SEPTEMBER 12

5:15 p.m. Mass

Altar Servers: Ava Pridady
Eucharistic Ministers: Julia Dischler, Marita Hansen,
Reader: Gloria Demarzo

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Sinko, Arlene & Martin
Verenda
Reader: Anthony Ferrazzano

10:00 a.m. Mass

Altar Server: Sebastian Pridady
Eucharistic Ministers: Marie Gironda, Nora Devane,
Mary Prumos
Reader: Tom Bednar

12:00 noon Mass

Altar Servers: Christian Lansang
Eucharistic Ministers: Irma Adan, Arlen & Augustus
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Reader: Judy Ferrazzano

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2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal Pledge Update

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 52,220.77 and payments totaling \$ 50,720.77 from 245 parishioners. This represents 81.6% of your \$ 64,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts!



STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ August 29, 2021

Offertory Collection.....\$ 5, 394.00
Parish Assessment.....\$ 973.00

Total:.....\$ 6, 367.00



Stewardship of Treasure



Thank you for remembering your parish with your Stewardship of Treasure when you are away on vacation or when weather prohibits your attendance at Mass. Your continued financial support is essential and much appreciated by our parish community.



The diocesan church cordially invites couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2021 to attend the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service with Bishop F. Checchio on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main Street, Metuchen, New Jersey.

Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend.

Registration is required to attend the Prayer Service.

Registration will close by October 7, 2021.

Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.



If you have any questions, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org

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PARISH ORGANIZATION & MINISTRIES

ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY: 1st Sunday of the Month

BAPTISM PREPARATION: 2nd Thursday of January, April, July, & October. Contact the Parish Office. (Must Register, no Walk-Ins)

BLUE ARMY DEVOTIONS: Tuesday at 7:00pm

COLUMBIETTES #9199: 2nd Thursday at 7:00pm

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: 2nd Sunday of the month. Contact Alan Nygard 732-986-3199.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #9199: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday at 7:30pm

PRE-CANA MINISTRY: 2nd Saturday of March & 3rd Saturday Of October. Contact the Parish Office.

FOCCUS: 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30pm (excluding June, July, August) Reservation Required. Contact the Parish Office.

R.C.I.A.: All persons seeking instruction or more information about membership in the Roman Catholic Church are invited to call the parish office. Catholic adults who have not been confirmed in the Catholic Faith are invited to call about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.R.E.P.): Grades K-8. Register at the Parish Office or online at www.olpfords.org.

ROSARY: 1st Sunday of the Month following 8am Mass

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY: meets as scheduled

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR EMPLOYMENT

Dear Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family.

Please help me to find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care.

Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen.

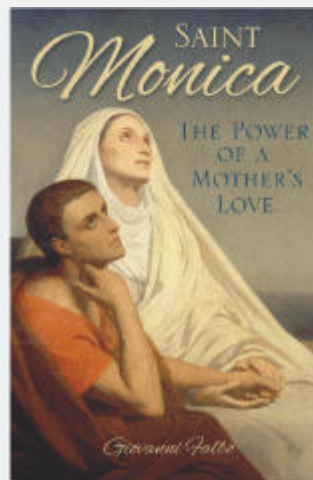


PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Diane Cowhey, Donna Ferrara,
Maria Fortin, Maria Lavid, Margaret Muzikar,
Mildred Schmatz, Camille Wasilewski
Christine Mary Brown**

Prayer For Strength & Confidence

Heavenly Father, Giver of life and health: comfort and relieve Your sick servants and give Your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in Your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



St Monica The Power Of A Mother's Love

By Falbo Giovanni

The story of Monica's life is more relevant today than ever, because it is close to the problems we face in our own time.

Using extensive excerpts from the writings of St. Augustine, notable for his Confessions, Giovanni Falbo sheds new light on St. Monica's patience,

sweetness, and unwavering determination. This mother never yielded in her efforts to see her beloved son find comfort and peace in God, and she endured countless sacrifices and health risks in her quest to help Augustine embrace the faith. Monica's quiet wisdom and courage, coupled with her earnest tears and prayers to God, bore fruit she could only have dreamed of.

St. Augustine's words bring St. Monica to life and show her to be a mother who wanted the very best for her son. Falbo has created a biography filled with captivating story-telling elements that pull the reader into Monica's life, offering a rare look into the heart of a deeply caring, profound woman of God.

"Monica is a shining example for families today, bringing them courage and hope by guaranteeing that with the grace of God, good will, perseverance, any difficulty can be overcome in building a true Christian family founded upon the values of the Gospel." Giovanni Falbo

Stewardship Scripture Reflection

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5th, 2021

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?." James 2:5

What is more important— being rich in faith or rich in possession? Society tells us that possessions are more important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive .

NEEDED

Come and offer your service to the Lord!

The Parish is in need of Readers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir singers, PREP Teachers.

For more information and to apply, please contact the Parish Office at 732-738-7940,

Monday– Friday, 9:00 AM– 4:00 PM.



HOTLINE NUMBERS:

- * Alanon/Alateen: 1-888-425-2666
- * Narcotics Anonymous: 1-800-992-0401
- * Alcoholics Anonymous: 1-888-568-1112
- * Domestic Violence: 1-800-572-7233
- * NJ Gamblers Anonymous: 1-855-222-5542
- * Suicide/Crisis: 1-800-999-9999
- * Life Choices/Pregnancy Center: 1-888-678-4437
- * Courage: 1-732-562-2476
- * EnCourage: 1-732-248-9460

PARISH REGISTRATION

To enable us to better serve you, all parishioners should register at the Parish Office.

If you are a new parishioner, or a current parishioner who has moved or changed phone numbers, please contact the Parish Office.

Family members 23 years or older should register separately as individuals even if continuing to live with their parents. You must be a registered parishioner to be a Confirmation Sponsor or a Godparent.

GODPARENT/CONFIRMATION SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Must be an ACTIVE, REGISTERED parishioner for a minimum of six months, who attends Mass weekly, and contributes to the support of the Church, in accordance with one's means.
- ◆ Must have received all the Sacraments of Initiation. (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation)
- ◆ If married, must be in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.
- ◆ Must live a Christian life consistent with the role of godparent or sponsor.

REGISTRO PARROQUIAL

Para permitirnos servirle mejor, todos los feligreses deben registrarse en la oficina parroquial.

Si usted es un nuevo feligrés, o un feligrés actual que se mudó o cambió de número de teléfono,

por favor contacte a la Oficina Parroquial.

Los miembros de la familia de 23 años o más deben registrarse por separado como individuos, incluso si continúan viviendo con sus padres.

Debe ser un feligrés registrado para ser un Patrocinador de Confirmación o un Padrino.

* REQUISITOS PARA SER PADRINO/PATROCINADOR DE CONFIRMACIÓN*

- ◆ Debe ser un feligrés ACTIVO, REGISTRADO por un mínimo de seis meses que asista a misa semanalmente y contribuya al apoyo de la Iglesia, de acuerdo con los medios de uno.
- ◆ Debe haber recibido todos los sacramentos de iniciación. (Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación)
- ◆ Si está casado, debe estar en un matrimonio reconocido como válido por la Iglesia Católica.
- ◆ Debe vivir una vida cristiana consistente con el papel de padrino o patrocinador de confirmación.

How to Report Sexual Abuse

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to local law enforcement, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency at 1-877-NJ ABUSE (652-2873) or 1-800-835-5510 (TTY/TDD for the deaf), and also the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website: diometuchen.org/healing.



The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friend,

Francois Fenelon, a seventeenth century Roman Catholic writer said this about prayer:

"Tell God all that is on your heart, as one unloads one's heart, its pleasures and its pains, to a dear friend.

Tell Him your troubles, that He may comfort you; tell Him your joys, that He may sober them; tell Him your longings, that He may purify them; tell Him your dislikes, that He may help you conquer them; talk to Him of your temptations, that He may shield you from them; show Him the wounds of your heart, that He may heal them; lay bare your indifference to good, your depraved tastes for evil, your instability.

Tell Him how self-love makes you unjust to others, how vanity tempts you to be insincere, how pride disguises you to yourself and others.

If you thus pour out all your weaknesses, needs, troubles, there will be no lack of what to say.

You will never exhaust the subject. It is continually being renewed.

People who have no secrets from each other never want for subject of conversation.

They do not weigh their words, for there is nothing to be held back; neither do they seek for something to say.

They talk out of the abundance of their heart, without consideration they say just what they think.

Blessed are they who attain to such familiar, unreserved intimacy with God."

By the way, intimacy with God is impossible unless we pray always and never lose heart.



Father Matthew



As an appreciative Catholic Community of Faith, Our Lady of Peace parishioners pray for our military, police, fire-fighters, first-responders, medical services and all who serve in local, state and national security services.

SACRAMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at Our Lady of Peace on the 4th Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. We ask couples who are contemplating having their child baptized in the Catholic faith to contact the parish office to register for the Sacrament prior to attending the required Baptism Preparation Class, which is held the 2nd Thursday of January, April, July and October.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: The bride or groom must be an active-registered member of Our Lady of Peace in Fords NJ, with weekly Mass attendance and involvement in the life of the Parish for one year before the marriage preparation process. Please call the Parish Office for more information. According to the Common Policy of the five Latin-rite (Roman Catholic) dioceses of New Jersey, there must be twelve months of marriage preparation for each couple who desires to be married in the Church. Please do not make any wedding arrangements (including reception hall) until you have met with a parish priest and he has approved the wedding date with you.

LOS SACRAMENTOS

EL SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO: El Sacramento del Bautismo se celebra en Nuestra Señora de la Paz el cuarto domingo de cada mes a la 1:00 p.m. Pedimos a las parejas que están pensando bautizar a su hijo/a en la fe católica que se comuniquen con la oficina parroquial para inscribirse en el Sacramento antes de asistir a la Clase de Preparación para el Bautismo, que se lleva a cabo el 2nd Jueves de enero, abril, julio y octubre.

EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO: La novia o el novio deben ser un miembro activo registrado de Nuestra Señora de la paz, con asistencia semanal a misa y participación en la vida de la parroquia durante un año antes del proceso de preparación para el matrimonio. Llame a la oficina parroquial para obtener más información. De acuerdo a la Política Común de los cinco de rito latino (católico romano) diócesis de Nueva Jersey, debe haber doce meses de preparación matrimonial para cada pareja que desee casarse en la iglesia. Por favor no haga ningún arreglo de boda. (incluida la sala de recepción) hasta que se haya reunido con un sacerdote y ha aprobado la fecha de la boda contigo.

Parochial Ministry

Rev. Matthew R. Paratore, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor
Rev. James G. Tucker, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Sebastian Kaithackal C.M.I., (In Res.)
Deacon John A. Raychel

Parish Services

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Candida Gonzalez, Coordinator of Religious Ed.
Lourdes Hnath, Organist

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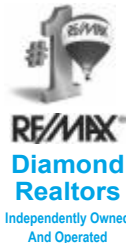
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