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December 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Evenings by appointment only.

Closed weekends & Federal holidays.

Contact us:

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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.

MASS SCHEDULE

December 27~ Monday~ St. John Apostle & Evangelist

8:00 a.m. † Rita Gurrieri from the Gurrieri Family

December 28~ Tuesday ~ The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. * For Our Parishioners from our Pastor

7:00 p.m. † Mary A. Genieczko from the Genieczko Family

December 29~ Wednesday ~ 5th day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. † Mr. Anthony Stanowski from Mr & Mrs Bob Pincus & Tony

December 30~ Thursday ~ 6th day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. † MaryAnn Kelly from OLP Class 2008

December 31~ Friday ~ 7th day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Tessa DeStagni from Family

January 1~ Saturday ~ The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 a.m. † Richard J. Kimmick from Mary Ann & Family

January 2~ Sunday ~ Epiphany of The Lord

8:00 a.m. † Dario Endiape Sr. from Virginia

10:00 a.m. † Altar Rosary

12:00 noon † Stephen J Roman from Wife Mrs. Betty Lee Roman

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ December 26

1:00 p.m. Baptism ~ Church

MONDAY ~ December 27

6:00 p.m. RCIA~ Parish Hall

7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena ~ Church

TUESDAY ~ December 28

7:00 p.m. Parish Mass ~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ December 29

NO PREP

THURSDAY ~ December 30

No activities

FRIDAY ~ December 31

Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY ~ January 1

NO CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY ~ January 2

12:00 p.m. PREP Family Mass

The Christmas and January 1st Masses are found on this page. Given that a Sunday follows both Holy Days The Mass Schedule is arranged to celebrate the Holy Day and our Sunday Obligation. The Bishops of the USA have confirmed that January 1st is Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2022.

Friday (Christmas Eve)

December 24, 2021

2:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M.

12:00 A.M. (Midnight Mass)

Saturday (Christmas Day)

December 25, 2021

9:00 A.M.

12:00 P.M.

(NO 5:15 P.M. Mass scheduled)

Sunday Mass Schedule

December 26, 2021

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

12:00 NOON

Friday (New Year's Eve)

December 31, 2021

8:00 A.M.

Saturday -Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2022

9:00 A.M.

Not a Holy Day of Obligation

(NO 5:15 P.M. Mass scheduled)

Sunday Mass Schedule

January 2, 2022

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

12:00 NOON

(Confessions will NOT be scheduled on Saturday December 25, 2021 and Saturday January 1, 2022)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1/2, 2022

(No 5:15 p.m. Mass scheduled)

8:00 a.m. Mass

Altar Server: Edwin Onyschak
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Sinko, Tom Bednar,
Roseanne Brady
Reader: James Carroll

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Prumos, MaryAnn
Shingola, Maria Frey
Reader: Angela Chundak

12:00 noon Mass

Altar Servers: Christian Lansang
Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine O'Prandy,
Jenny Gurrieri, Frank Heelan
Reader: Judy Ferrazzano

PARISH ORGANIZATION & MINISTRIES

- ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY:** 1st Sunday of the Month
- BAPTISM PREPARATION:** 2nd Tuesday 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 1-8. Register at the Parish Office or online at www.olpfords.org.
- ROSARY:** 1st Saturday of the Month following 8am Mass
- SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY:** meets as scheduled

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ December 12, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$ 4, 564.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1, 043.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1, 877.00
Mail In Collection	\$ 2, 251.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 2,085.00

Total: \$ 11, 820 .00



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Another easy way to manage your church giving is with Online Giving. You can manage your giving or give a one-time gift. Visit our church website www.olpfords.org and click the online giving link and register with our church. Your support during the year helps sustain our church.

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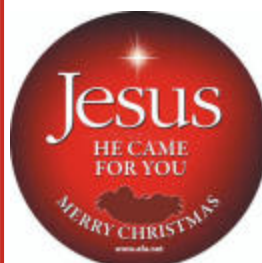


Bread & Wine -
Used at Masses for one week.
Donation: \$25.00



Flowers on the Altar -
Used at Masses for one week.
Donation: \$ 60.00

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



**A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A MOST BLESSED
NEW YEAR
FROM THE
PARISH CLERGY
AND STAFF.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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.*



Joyful Mysteries:

- *The Annunciation of the Lord to Mary
- *The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
- *The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
- *The Presentation of our Lord
- *Finding Jesus in the Temple

Glorious Mysteries:

- *The Resurrection of Jesus Christ
- *The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven
- *The Descent of the Holy Ghost
- *The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
- *Mary is Crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Sorrowful Mysteries:

- *The Agony of Jesus in the Garden
- *The Scourging at the Pillar
- *Jesus is Crowned with Thorns
- *Jesus Carried the Cross
- *The Crucifixion of our Lord

Luminous Mysteries:

- *The Baptism in the Jordan
- *The Wedding at Cana
- *The Proclamation of the Kingdom
- *The Transfiguration
- *The Institution of the Eucharist

Let's pray the Rosary for the lonely and homeless



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

Stewardship Scripture Reflection 26th. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 26th, 2021

***“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”
(1 John 3:1)***

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received— being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children other family members & friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

****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.

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



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.



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Isabell Murtha*

From

Sister in Law, MaryAnn & Family



Bread & Wine

*In memory of
Raffaella V. Pinelli*

From

Daughter Louise & Family



St. Cecelia Assembly 4th degree is back!!!

We will meet every 4th Monday on monthly basis at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center of Our Lady of Peace Church, Fords, NJ

Please Join us! For information, Contact Bill Herring At 732-512-8825



The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friend,

Christmas can still arrive when you least expect it, sometimes in the most unexpected manner. A priest friend of mine relates a story of an elderly woman named Stella Thornhope who was struggling with her first Christmas alone. Her husband had died just a few months prior through a slowly developing cancer. Now, several days before Christmas, she was almost snowed in by a brutal weather system.

She felt terribly alone—so much so she decided she was not going to decorate for Christmas. Late that afternoon the doorbell rang, and there was a delivery boy with a box. He said, "Mrs. Thornhope?" She nodded. He said, "Would you sign here?" She invited him to step inside and closed the door to get away from the cold. She signed the paper and said, "What's in the box?" The young man laughed and opened up the flap, and inside was a little puppy, a golden Labrador Retriever. The delivery boy picked up the squirming pup and explained, "This is for you, Ma'am. He's six weeks old, completely housebroken." The young puppy began to wiggle in happiness at being released from captivity.

"Who sent this?" Mrs. Thornhope asked.

The young man set the animal down and handed her an envelope and said, "It's all explained here in this envelope, Ma'am. The dog was bought last July while its mother was still pregnant. It was meant to be a Christmas gift to you." The young man then handed her a book, *How to Care for Your Labrador Retriever*.

In desperation she again asked, "Who sent me this puppy?"

As the young man turned to leave, he said, "Your husband, Ma'am. Merry Christmas."

She opened up the letter from her husband. He had written it three weeks before he died and left it with the kennel owners to be delivered with the puppy as his last Christmas gift to her. The letter was full of love and encouragement and admonishments to be strong. He vowed that he was waiting for the day when she would join him. He had sent her this young animal to keep her company until then. She wiped away the tears, put the letter down, and then remembering the puppy at her feet, she picked up that golden furry ball and held it to her neck. Then she looked out the window at the lights that outlined the neighbor's house, and she heard from the radio in the kitchen the strains of "Joy to the World, the Lord has Come." Suddenly Stella felt the most amazing sensation of peace washing over her. Her heart felt a joy and a wonder greater than the grief and loneliness. "Little fella," she said to the dog, "It's just you and me. But you know what? There's a box down in the basement I'll bet you'd like. It's got a little Christmas tree in it and some decorations and some lights that are going to impress you. And there's a manger scene down there. Let's go get it." God has a way of sending a signal of light to remind us life is stronger than death. Light is more powerful than darkness. God is more powerful than Satan. Good will overcome evil. May God, Who is all good, bless + the members of Our Lady of Peace this Christmas and throughout the New Year.



As a parish family let us pray always and never lose heart.

Father Matthew



Parochial Ministry

Rev. Matthew R. Paratore, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor
Rev. James G. Tucker, Parochial Vicar
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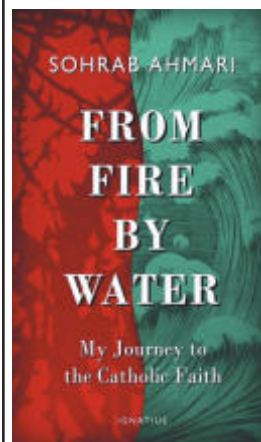
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Candida Gonzalez, Coordinator of Religious Ed.
Lourdes Hnath, Organist

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Norma Izzo, Bookkeeping Assistant
Dawn Aube, PREP Secretary
Emely Gerez, Parish Secretary

Trustees

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From Fire, by Water

My Journey to the Catholic Faith

by: *Sohrab Ahmari*

Sohrab Ahmari was a teenager living under the Iranian ayatollahs when he decided that there is no God. Nearly two decades later, he would be received into the Roman Catholic Church.

In *From Fire, by Water*, he recounts this unlikely passage, from the strident Marxism and atheism of a youth misspent on both sides of the Atlantic to a moral and spiritual awakening prompted by the Mass. At once a young intellectual's finely crafted self-portrait and a life story at the intersection of the great ideas and events of our time, the book marks the debut of a compelling new Catholic voice.

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