

# OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

*January 2, 2022 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord*



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## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

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

### ***Contact us:***

**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**

## **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

### January 3~ Monday~ Christmas Weekday

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

### January 4~ Tuesday ~ St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 a.m. † Irene Free from Jeanne Delaney

### January 5~ Wednesday ~ St. John Newmann, bishop

8:00 a.m. † Anna Klepczyk from Barbara Sinko

### January 6~ Thursday ~ Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Anna Klepczyk from Roseann Brady

### January 7~ Friday ~ Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Anna Klepczka from Barbara Balog

### January 8~ Saturday ~ Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Abraham Joseph from Jitty & Family

5:15 p.m. † William Fabian from Carol & Ron

### January 9~ Sunday ~ Baptism of The Lord

8:00 a.m. † Margaret McCarthy from Mary Martin

10:00 a.m. † Holy Name

12:00 noon † Leroy & Elizabeth Handerhan from Daughter  
Betty Lee Roman

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 8/9, 2022

### 5:15 p.m. Mass

Altar Server: Ava Pridady

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Senatore, Barbara Balog,  
John Dischler

Reader: Bill Herring

### 8:00 a.m. Mass

Altar Server: Edwin Onyschak

Eucharistic Ministers: Kenneth Egan, Arlene and  
Martin Verendia

Reader: Tom Bednar

### 10:00 a.m. Mass

Altar Server: Christian Lansang

Eucharistic Ministers: Angela Chundak, Marie Girona,  
Mary Prumos

Reader: James Padden

### 12:00 noon Mass

Altar Servers: Colin Pridady

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathleen Kazary, Kevin Broesler,  
Irma Adan

Reader: Judy Ferrazzano

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY ~ January 2

12:00 noon PREP Family Mass ~ Church

### MONDAY ~ January 3

6:00 p.m. RCIA~ Parish Hall

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

### TUESDAY ~ January 4

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

### WEDNESDAY ~ January 5

4:30-5:45 p.m. PREP~ Parish Center

7:00-8:15 p.m. PREP~ Parish Center

### THURSDAY ~ January 6

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

### FRIDAY ~ January 7

No Activities

### SATURDAY ~ January 8

11:00 a.m. Confessions~ Church

4:00 p.m. Confessions ~ Church

### SUNDAY ~ January 9

No Activities

## AMAZONSMILE

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## 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](http://www.olpfords.org).

**ROSARY:** 1st Saturday of the Month following 8am Mass

**SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY:** meets as scheduled

# STEWARDSHIP

## WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ December 19, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$ 5, 109.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 2, 256.00
Mail In Collection	\$ 1, 203.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 1, 973.00

**Total:** **\$10, 541.00**



### 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.

### ONLINE GIVING

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](http://www.olpfords.org) and click the online giving link and register with our church. Your support during the year helps sustain our church.



### 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.***



### MEMORIALS FOR LOVED ONES



**Sanctuary Candle -**

Burns 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Used at Masses for one week.

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

**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.**



# PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Christine Mary Brown, Diane Cowhey,  
Lucy Dalton, Donna Ferrara, Julia Forsythe  
Maria Fortin, Regina Kocsik,  
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 orphan***



## 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

### The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2nd, 2022

***"...They prostrated themselves and did  
him homage. Then they opened their  
treasures and offered him gifts of gold,  
frankincense and myrrh."  
(Matthew 2:11)***

What gifts do Stewards give to the Lord?  
Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts  
represent what we should give God every  
day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's  
wisdom in all our relationships.  
Frankincense – represents our daily prayer  
and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol  
of our daily sacrifices that we unite with  
Jesus for the sake of others.

**\*\*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.



**Sanctuary Candle**  
*In memory of*  
**Robert M Pincus**  
*From*  
**MaryAnn Sheridan**



**Flowers on the Altar**  
*In memory of*  
**Deceased Members of The Bodnar & Hollenback Families**  
*from*  
**MaryAnn & Bill**  
**(Week of 1/1/22 - 1/8/22)**

*January*

**Food Assistance**



For a complete listing of food banks in Middlesex County please call 732-729-0880 or for more information please visit [www.middlesexcountynj.gov](http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov).

**A Friendly Reminder**

Please be mindful to speak in a low voice within the church when greeting a neighbor. Our church is blessed with extraordinarily good acoustics, which means that sounds carry. Extended conversations should be held in the narthex in the rear of the church or in the vestibule at the parking lot entrance. Please be considerate of those who are in prayer. Many thanks.

## The Pastor's Pen

**Dear Friend,**

As we begin a new calendar year let me offer some thoughts about making Christian Service a joy.

An amusing story was told to me by the retired manager of a New York hotel which hosted many large Catholic functions. The great Paderewski occupied a suite there a number of years ago during one of his seasons at Carnegie Hall. It was his custom to practice for a couple of hours every morning on the magnificent instrument that he had brought with him. On the third morning of his stay an angry lady stormed into the manager's office and said, "Someone is hammering on an old tin can piano every morning across the corridor from me. This is the third day. It is driving me mad, and unless you stop it I shall leave immediately."

The astonished manager remonstrated, "But madam, that is Paderewski himself!"

The lady nearly fainted with surprise and said, "Paderewski! Oh, that's different. Of course I had not the slightest idea. I adore good music. I am an excellent musician myself. Please say nothing at all about it." The hotel man was much amused to note that thereafter, for the remainder of Paderewski's stay, the good woman kept the door of her apartment wide open and entertained a party of friends there every morning while he practiced.

What was the difference? The room? The hotel? The music? No! The only thing that changed was the woman's attitude. Before, she was irritated and annoyed; now, she was thrilled.

Often our own attitude needs some serious readjustment. The next time you are tempted to complain about your service to the Lord, stop and think about whom you are serving. What a privilege it is to know Jesus and to be His coworker. A love for the Lord takes the dead weight out of service and puts wings to it. Love makes serving Christ much easier. Psalms 16:11 "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." This is about our great Redeemer! What a privilege to be close to Him!

*To experience real Christian Joy we must always pray and, as a result, never lose heart.*



*Happy New Year!*

*Father Matthew*



### 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

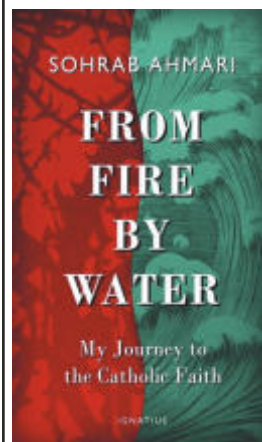
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Candida Gonzalez, Coordinator of Religious Ed.  
Lourdes Hnath, Organist

### Parish Staff

Walter Springer, Business Administrator  
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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