

# OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

*January 9, 2022 The Baptism 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 10~ Monday~ Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Angel Pozo from Children & Family

### January 11~ Tuesday ~ Weekday

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

### January 12~ Wednesday ~ Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Patricia McManus from Jeanne Delaney

### January 13~ Thursday ~ Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Todd Dubay from The Rafalko Family

### January 14~ Friday ~ Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Josephine Perri from Nephew, Robert

### January 15~ Saturday ~ Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Margaret McCarthy from Tom & Trish Boland

5:15 p.m. † Elaine Deyak from Joan Deyak

### January 16~ Sunday ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Annie Redding from Dan Whooley

10:00 a.m. † Eleanor McCarthy from Marie Bogdan

12:00 noon † Jeffrey Priebe from Stanley F. & Debbie  
Znamierowski & Family

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 15 & 16, 2022

#### 5:15 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Deyak, Marita Hansen,  
Agnes Gorzka

Reader: Morgan Ryan

#### 8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Alan Nygard, Barbara Sinko,  
Tom Bednar

Reader: Jim Carroll

#### 10:00 a.m. Mass

Altar Server: Sebastian Pridady

Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Frey, James Padden,  
Marie Gironda

Reader: Angela Chundak

#### 12:00 noon Mass

Altar Servers: Chirstian Lansang

Eucharistic Ministers: Arlene & Augustus Cezar,  
Lorraine O'Prandy

Reader: Frank Heelan

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY ~ January 9

No Activity

### MONDAY ~ January 10

6:00 p.m. RCIA~ Parish Hall

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

### TUESDAY ~ January 11

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

### WEDNESDAY ~ January 12

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

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

### THURSDAY ~ January 13

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

### FRIDAY ~ January 14

No Activities

### SATURDAY ~ January 15

11:00 a.m. Confessions ~ Church

4:00 p.m. Confessions ~ Church

### SUNDAY ~ January 16

No Activities

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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 25, 2021

Christmas	\$ 13, 830.00
Mail In Collection	\$ 3, 576.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 3, 568.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 20, 974.00</b>

### December 26, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,219.50
Parish Assessment	\$ 561.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 3, 568.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 7, 348. 00</b>

### January 2, 2022

Offertory Collection	\$ 3, 708.00
Together in Charity	\$ 659.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 931.00
Mail In Collection	\$ 2, 768.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 3, 023.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 11, 089.00</b>



### 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.

## 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.***



**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.**

## 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.



## MEMORIALS FOR LOVED ONES



### **Sanctuary Candle -**

Burns 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Donation: \$20.00

### **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.

***Thank all those who helped decorate the church and K of C members who erected the Nativity station in the front of the Church.***



# 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 Unborn***



## 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 Baptism of Our Lord**

**January 9, 2022**

***“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you  
with water; but he who is mightier than I is  
coming...he will baptize you with the Holy  
Spirit...’ ” (Luke 3:16)***

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics living in Stewardship, there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

**\*\*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.



**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.



**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).

**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



**Free Pocket Rosaries for Law Enforcement**

Pocket rosaries made by The Blue Rosary Guild are available for law enforcement officers and their families who desire them. Rosaries have been sent to individuals and to departments.

Please contact [cdaveso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaveso@diometuchen.org) to make a request.

***Beginning Monday, 24 January 2022, the Miraculous Medal Novena, going forward, will be prayed immediately after the 8 AM Daily Mass.***

## THE PASTOR'S PEN

*Dear Friends,*

Healing takes time, patience and determination to persevere through the long process of healing. It's not easy, but it is the reality of the healing process. A good friend recently told me his own experience with the healing process of his right knee. About two years ago he had a total right knee replacement. When his knee started acting up and hindering his walking he wanted his knee to be better right now -not tomorrow. He wanted a microwave healing. He wanted immediate results from his first surgery. He wanted it fixed now, because he had things to do and he was tired of waiting for it to heal! He did not want to have to walk with crutches for six weeks. He wanted to be able to drive and transport himself around without relying on his family. He did not want to be dependent on others. He did not want to have to ask people to get things for him. He did not want to have to wait for others to do things for him.

He did not want people to have to get his food and his coffee because he could not carry it. He had come to believe he was always in control of everything, and even, everyone around him. But it did not work that way. God had a plan to teach him some spiritual life lessons through this process. You see, he was very independent and he felt that he should always be able to take care of himself.

He prided myself on being independent and not in need of anyone else's help. But he learned through this experience that God wanted him to become interdependent on others and not independent. In the midst of all of his frustration and "hard-headedness" he also learned he could not buy good health, the Church or God. Being independent does not make God proud of us! What God wants is the willingness for us to care for one another and to be dependent on one another. God is not pleased with independent self-centered spirits! God wants us to be united.

*An interdependent person depends first on God, and then prays always and does not lose heart.*



*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.)  
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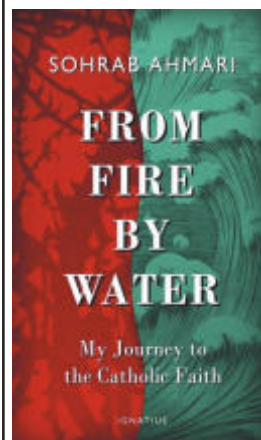
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Lourdes Hnath, Organist

### Parish Staff

Walter Springer, Business Administrator  
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Dawn Aube, PREP Secretary  
Emely Gerez, Parish Secretary

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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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