

# OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

*January 16, 2022 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**Fords, New Jersey**

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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 17~ Monday~ St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00 a.m. † Helen Wolfe from Tony & Joan Baskakow Family

### January 18~ Tuesday ~ Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Robert Resetar from Family

### January 19~ Wednesday ~ Weekday

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

### January 20~ Thursday ~ Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Julia Malinowski from Peter & Debbie Kozub

### January 21~ Friday ~ St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 a.m. † Gilbert Wood, Jr from Wife & Daughter

### January 22~ Saturday ~ Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Rudolph Adametz, Sr. from Friends

5:15 p.m. † Walter Gorzka from Wife

### January 23~ Sunday ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Todd Dubay from Steve & Kathy Whooley

10:00 a.m. † Marin Solakov from Agnieszka

12:00 noon † Remo Ambrosi from Corinne Ambrosi

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 22 & 23, 2022

### 5:15 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Senatore, Barbara Balog,  
Joan Deyak

Reader: Gloria Demarzo

Altar Server: Ava Pridady

### 8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Roseanne Brady, Kenneth Egan,  
Alan Nygard

Reader: Tony Ferrazzano

Altar Server: Edwin Onyschak

### 10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Sinko, Mary Prumos,  
Angela Chundak,

Reader: Tom Bednar

Altar Server: Colin Pridady

### 12:00 noon Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Gurrieri, Frank Heelan,  
Kathleen Kazary

Reader: Corinne Ambrosi

Altar Server: Christian Lansang

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY ~ January 16

No Activity

### MONDAY ~ January 17

6:00 p.m. RCIA~ Parish Hall

No Novena

Parish Office Closed– Martin Luther King, Jr.

### TUESDAY ~ January 18

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

### WEDNESDAY ~ January 19

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

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

8:00 p.m. K.O.C Social Meeting ~ Chambers

### THURSDAY ~ January 20

No Activities

### FRIDAY ~ January 21

No Activities

### SATURDAY ~ January 22

11:00 a.m. Confessions~ Church

4:00 p.m. Confessions ~ Church

### SUNDAY ~ January 23

1:00 p.m. Baptism~ Church

## 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

### Flowers on the Altar

*In memory of*

**Julia Malinowski**

*from*

**Friends**

**(Week of 1/15/22 - 1/22/22)**



### 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.

# STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ January 9, 2022

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,965.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,098.00
Mail In Collection	\$ 2,863.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 2,933.00

**Total:** \$ 10,859.00



### 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

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### Sanctuary Candle

*In memory of*

**Gilbert Wood, Jr.**

*From*

**Wife and Daughter**



### Bread & Wine

*In memory of*

**Julia Malinowski**

*From*

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

Please visit our website:  
[www.olpfords.org](http://www.olpfords.org)



# 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 Depressed and  
Anxious***



## 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

**2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**January 16, 2022**

**“To each individual the manifestation of  
the Spirit is given for some benefit.”**

**(1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)**

*St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each  
of us for a reason. How has God blessed  
you? Are you using your gifts according to  
God's plan? How are you helping to build  
God's kingdom here on earth? Remember  
that if you don't do the work God planned  
for you, no one else can do it. Live the life  
God has intended for you. Take time to  
discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy  
Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace  
and Joy God desires for each of us His  
Stewards.*

**\*\*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.



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

***Do you have a birthday?***

*Of course you do! This month, Catholic Daughters Court Mercedes is celebrating everyone's birthdays, and you're invited! We'll be serving cake, coffee, and friendship after the meeting. We meet at the K of C Hall in Woodbridge at 7 PM. This month's meeting is on Jan. 19, but Catholic women age 18+ are invited to come to any meeting and see what we're all about. Our members belong to several parishes, including OLP, St. James, St. Cecelia, and St. Matthew, so chances are you already know someone who's a member! For more info, call Eileen 732-287-6525.*

**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,*

Of all the classical Spiritual Disciplines, Christian Stewardship of Time Talent and Treasure is the most conducive to the growth of humility.

When we set out on a consciously chosen course of action that accents the good of others and is for the most part a hidden work, a deep change occurs in our interior spirit.

Nothing disciplines the inordinate desires of the flesh like Christian Stewardship, and nothing transforms the desires of the flesh like serving in "hiddenness."

The flesh whines against Christian Stewardship but screams against "hidden" Christian Stewardship.

It strains and pulls for honor and recognition. It will devise subtle, acceptable means to call attention to the service rendered.

If we stoutly refuse to give in to this "lust of the flesh" we will crucify it.

Every time we crucify the flesh we crucify our pride and arrogance.

***To do this it is necessary to 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  
Rev. Sebastian Kaithackal C.M.I., (In Res.)  
Deacon John A. Raychel

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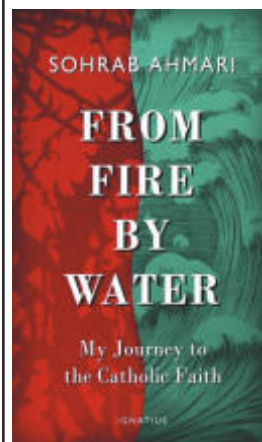
Rev. John J. Zec, Ph.D., Music Director  
Candida Gonzalez, Coordinator of Religious Ed.  
Lourdes Hnath, Organist

### Parish Staff

Walter Springer, Business Administrator  
Norma Izzo, Bookkeeping Assistant  
Dawn Aube, PREP Secretary  
Emely Gerez, Parish Secretary

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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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