

# OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

*January 23, 2022 3rd 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.**

# STEWARDSHIP

**WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ January 16, 2022**

Offertory Collection	\$ 4, 351.00
Foundation for Catholic Ed.	\$ 884.00
Mail In Collection	\$ 2, 998.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 1, 898.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 10, 131.00</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.

## 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 8:30am

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

**FOCUS:** 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

## ONLINE GIVING

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## MEMORIALS FOR LOVED ONES



### Sanctuary Candle -

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



## 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.**

## Bread & Wine

*In memory of*

**Lisa Pinelli**

*From*

**Louise**



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

**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 visit our website:

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

## MASS SCHEDULE

January 24~ Monday~ St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. † Annette Toomey from The Kennedy Family

January 25~ Tuesday ~ Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:00 a.m. † Donald E. Arnold from Jenny Gurrieri  
7:00 p.m. † Julie & Joseph Petrick from Blue Army Member

January 26~ Wednesday ~ Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops

8:00 a.m. † Patricia Krahnnett from Kathy & Steve Whooley

January 27~ Thursday ~ Weekday

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

January 28~ Friday ~ St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious & Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. † Jim Worthington from Regina & George Lesch

January 29~ Saturday ~ Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Margaret Sheridan from Virginia  
5:15 p.m. † Stanley Sobon from Barbara

January 30~ Sunday ~ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Bob Fortin from Blue Army Members  
10:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus  
12:00 noon † Conrado Sotelo from Family

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 29 & 30, 2022

### 5:15 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: John Dischler, Marita Hansen,  
Karen Senatore

Reader: Bill Herring

### 8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Bednar, Roseanne Brady,  
Kenneth Egan

Reader: James Carroll

### 10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Agnes Gorzka, Marie Girona,  
Mary Prumos

Reader: Angela Chundak

Altar Server: Christian Lansang

### 12:00 noon Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Broesler, Arlene &  
Augustus Cezar

Reader: Judith Ferrazzano

Altar Server: Sebastian Pridady

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY ~ January 23

1:00 p.m. Baptism~ Church

### MONDAY ~ January 24

6:00 p.m. RCIA~ Parish Hall  
8:30 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena

### TUESDAY ~ January 25

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

### WEDNESDAY ~ January 26

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 Officer's Meeting ~ Chambers

### THURSDAY ~ January 27

No Activities

### FRIDAY ~ January 28

No Activities

### SATURDAY ~ January 29

11:00 a.m. Confessions~ Church  
4:00 p.m. Confessions ~ Church

### SUNDAY ~ January 30

No activity

## AMAZONSMILE

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**\*\*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.



***St. Timothy and St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards***

All are invited to come to the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, on Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. to celebrate the youth of the Diocese of Metuchen. Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate a Mass and present the St. Timothy and St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards to the young disciples in our diocese. The Mass will also be available via livestream: [stfranciscathedral.org](http://stfranciscathedral.org).

Congratulations to all the nominees!

**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.

# PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jessica Barreta, 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 all the Families from  
around the world**



## 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

**3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**January 23, 2022**

**“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet  
drinks, and allot portions to those who  
had nothing prepared...”**

**(NEHEMIAH 8:10)**

*Ezra's instructions to the people show us  
that God does not forbid us from enjoying  
the good things in life. He wants us to be  
happy! However, God expects us to be  
grateful for all that He has given us and  
through our Stewardship to generously  
share our blessings with those who are in  
need. Now here's the hard part – to share  
all we have without expecting anything in  
return.*

## The Pastor's Pen

*Dear Friend,*

I heard a story of a little girl who walked to and from school daily. The weather one morning was questionable and clouds were forming, yet she made her daily trek to the elementary school.

As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with thunder and lightning.

The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school and she feared that the electrical storm might harm her child. Following the roar of thunder, lightning, like a flaming sword, would cut through the sky.

Full of concern, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school.

As she did so, she saw her little girl walking along, but at each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile.

Another and another were to follow quickly and with each the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile. When the mother's car drew up beside the child she lowered the window and called to her, "What are you doing? Why do you keep stopping?"

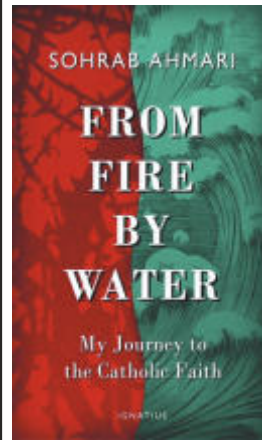
The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty. God keeps taking my picture."

It's all about our heart...A hearts fixed on God can be the salvation of a difficult situation.

*We can walk through our storms of life by praying always and not losing heart.*



*Father Matthew*



## ***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.

## **Parochial Ministry**

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Rev. James G. Tucker, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Sebastian Kaithackal C.M.I., (In Res.)  
Deacon John A. Raychel

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

## **Parish Staff**

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