

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

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OUR MISSION

*"Guided by the love of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ, we the parish community of **Our Lady of Peace** come together embracing diversity and unity, to celebrate the Sacraments, to study the Word of God, and to provide unwavering support for one another. Through dynamic liturgical celebrations, meaningful fellowship, and continuous education, we strive to nurture each person's unique relationship with God and empower them to live out their faith in the world."*

Our Pastor:

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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Baptisms,

Weddings & Funerals:

Please contact the Parish Office.



Holy Mass

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday to Friday

9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturday

4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

First Friday

following 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Our catholic faith has been passed down from generation to generation. Please ensure our faith lives on for generations to come by remembering your parish in your Will.

Empowering Lives: Embracing Divine Authority and Teaching with Conviction

Today's readings resonate with a powerful theme – the Divine authority exemplified by the prophets of the Old Testament, the apostles (including St. Paul) in the New Testament, and, notably, Jesus in his profound teaching and healing ministry. The first reading emphasizes that a true prophet speaks with authority because it is God who speaks through them. Post-Babylonian exile, the interpretation of Moses' words in the reading pointed to the anticipated Messiah, a prophecy validated in Jesus Christ according to Acts 3:22; 7:37. This passage is selected for today because it refers to Jesus, the "preacher with authority," as highlighted in the Gospel.

St. Paul, in the second reading, exercises his God-given authority to teach that marriage is a sacred union ordained by God, a lifelong partnership reflecting the teachings of the Lord. In the Gospel, Mark portrays a day in Jesus' public life, illustrating his participation in worship, healing, casting out evil spirits, and engaging in private prayer.

Approaching Jesus for liberation is an invitation to experience freedom. Unlike using authority for control, Jesus came to set people free. Let us trustingly approach Jesus, seeking liberation from inhibiting spirits that hinder prayer, love, and sharing blessings. Jesus is the source of abundant life, capable of freeing us from fear, selfishness, anger, and resentment. Through Word and Sacrament, Jesus empowers us, saying, "Be gone!" until we are entirely free from the demons that bind us.

Empowered by God-given authority, our role is to build up lives. Reflecting on impactful figures in our past, positive or negative, underscores the lasting influence individuals can have. Parents, teachers, and all of us play a pivotal role in shaping the lives

of the younger generation. We aspire not only for them to grow into capable adults but to witness and embrace Jesus' love through our actions. Teaching with authority and conviction allows God's love to shine through, leaving a profound impact on those around us.

Teachers, equipped with transformative authority, possess the ability to shape lives positively or negatively. Acknowledging Jesus as a teacher, we are reminded of the influential role teachers play in our lives. Let us strive to be good teachers, using our authority to guide and nurture young lives in the right direction. Just as Jesus was recognized as "Rabbi," let us embrace our roles as educators, leaving a lasting impact on those entrusted to our care.

Ash Wednesday, February 14th



Embarking on the season of Lent, we commence with Ash Wednesday on February 14th, a day that involves the symbolic marking of the baptized with ashes as a communal declaration of penance. This solemn occasion signals the beginning of a period dedicated to introspection, self-examination, and spiritual realignment.

Ash Wednesday prompts us to engage in a thoughtful review of our past actions, fostering a commitment to eliminate undesirable habits through the disciplines of fasting and prayer. It is a day of fasting and refraining from meat, underscoring a collective effort towards spiritual growth.

The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place during Masses at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., marking a significant and communal moment within the Lenten journey.



Participate in the Stations of the Cross devotion every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. throughout the Lenten season. Following the meaningful journey through the stations, everyone is warmly invited to gather in the parish hall for a shared meal of soup and bread.



Mass Intentions

Saturday Jan 27th **5pm**

†Patrick Gilleece Requested by Mae Gilleece

Sunday Jan 28th **9am**

†Deceased members of the Domanski Family Requested by Irene Domanski

†Jeffery Natividad Requested by Lopez Family

†Cecilia Plut Requested by Plut Family

†Anna Angelucci Requested by Frank Angelucci **11am**

Monday No Mass

Tuesday Jan 30th **9am**

†Deceased members of the Scull Family Requested by Donna Scull

† Mary Diakiw Requested by Elizabeth

Wednesday Jan 31st **9am**

†Manny & Pat Poulo Requested by Poulo Family

†Pamilla Nardini Requested by Susan Gagliardi

Thursday Feb 1st **9am**

†Cipriano Natividad Requested by Melanie De Castro

First Friday Feb 2nd **9am**

† Rufina & Persuclo Antonio Requested by Mary Joy

Bingo & Pizza Night!

Friday February 9th, at 6:30 p.m.
in the Church Hall

Get ready for an evening of fun, fellowship, and food! We're excited to invite you to our Bingo and Pizza Night at Our Lady of Peace

For just \$10.00, you'll enjoy a delicious slice of pizza, a fresh salad, a beverage of your choice, and dessert.

And if you're still hungry for more, extra pizza slices are available for only \$2.00 each.

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Don't miss this chance to connect with your fellow parishioners and have a great time together.

We're also seeking donations of bingo prizes (gift cards or unused items) and desserts to make this night even more special.

For tickets and more information, please contact Joan Grima at 647-278-9362 or the parish office.

We look forward to seeing you there!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – February 2nd

First Fridays have traditionally been associated with the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To appropriately observe First Fridays there will be Eucharistic adoration following the 9:00 am Mass until 10:15 a.m. closing with Benediction.

The next meeting of the Catholic Moms Group is on Wednesday, January 31st 10am-12pm in the Blue Room at Our Lady of Peace. For more information visit www.catholicmomsgroup.com or email info@catholicmomsgroup.com.



Please pray for those who are sick: Maura Toothill, Geraldine Frost, Leon Bowser and Frank Gimondo.

And those who have died recently: Tereasa & Michael Cross, Margaret Gaglione, Rosa Ranieri, and Carole Lilly.

May they Rest in Peace!!!

St. Joseph Candles

In honor of Ester Lopez & the deceased members of Lopez Family (Imelda Lopez & Family)



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