

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

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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:

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha

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Office Administrators:

Teresa McNamara &

Rosanne Colavecchia

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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.

Transformative Lenten Journey to Spiritual Growth & Christian Maturity

Embrace the transformative journey of Lent with open hearts and minds, as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Jesus' triumphant death and Resurrection. Let this season be a profound opportunity to renew our Baptismal promises, rejecting the influence of darkness and welcoming Jesus as our guiding light, allowing His love to reign supreme in our lives.

In our quest for spiritual purification, the Church beckons us toward metanoia, a true repentance, fostering renewal through the powerful tools of fasting, prayer, almsgiving, self-control, and the practice of corporal and spiritual works of mercy. This Lenten season, let our conversations with God, whether personal, familial, or liturgical, echo with sincerity, and may our hearts resonate with the profound wisdom found in meditative Bible reading.

As we embark on this sacred journey, let us generously serve the Lord through acts of kindness and self-control, acknowledging the profound connection we share with Jesus through Baptism. The readings guide us to reflect on the merciful renewal of God's covenant, symbolized by Noah's rescue from the flood waters, akin to our cleansing through the waters of Baptism, uniting us with Christ.

In our penitential prayers, like the soul-stirring Psalm 25, let us humbly recognize our human limitations, embracing our dependence on God's mercy and forgiveness. The second reading, narrated by St. Peter, beautifully elucidates how Noah's story foreshadowed the sacrament of Baptism, making us heirs of Heaven, adopted children of God, and sacred vessels of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel, we witness Jesus overcoming temptation through prayer, self-denial, and the timely use of God's Word. Let us emulate His victorious methods during this Lent, conquering our own temptations through dialogue with God, attentive listening to His voice in the Holy Bible, and the practice of self-control to overcome our inherent weaknesses.

This Lent, let us elevate the season beyond mere observance, transforming it into a period of profound spiritual growth and Christian maturity. Attend Mass regularly, engage in personal prayer, delve into Scripture individually or with others, and redirect resources meant for personal indulgence toward those in need. Abstain from personal vices, seek reconciliation, participate in the Stations of the Cross, and extend acts of charity, kindness, and mercy daily.

Let Lent be a daily battle against the darkness within and around us, fought with the weapons of self-control, the strength of prayer, and the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit. May this season be a radiant journey toward the light of Easter, where our souls emerge victorious and renewed in the grace of God's love.

Lenten Retreat

Are you seeking a more meaningful and enriching Lenten Season? Delve into a deeper understanding of the Bible and connect with new friends over tea, coffee, and cake in a warm and inviting atmosphere. Join us for a 5-week Lenten Bible Study Retreat, commencing on February 20th, every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Together, we will bring the WORD to life and explore practical wisdom from the Bible for everyday living. The retreat, led by our passionate parishioner Sarah, aims to inspire, and share valuable insights.

For more information, please contact the office or simply join us!



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 delicious homemade soup and Cordi Italian Bakery bread. *Kindly consider a donation of \$5.00, Thank you.*



Mass Intentions

Saturday Feb 17th 5pm

- †Deceased Members of Gilleece Family Requested by Mae Gilleece
- †Marjorie Melnik Requested by Helena Bartosik
- †Mike Ruta Requested by Maria Carreira

Sunday Feb 18th

9am

- †Jorges Cortes Requested by Lopez Family
- †Marjorie Melnik Requested by Maryanne Walker
- †Leon Bowser Requested by Jane Wallbridge

11am

- †Mario & Pasqualina Iannotta Requested by Franca Iannotta
- †Alberto Galicinao Requested by Mavi Maceda

Monday No Mass

Tuesday Feb 20th 9am

- †Barb Meathrel Requested by Jane Wallbridge
- Special Intentions of Kerry Castrucci

Wednesday Feb 21st 9am

- †Deceased Members of Gilleece Family Requested by Mae Gilleece

Thursday Feb 22nd 9am

- †Carlos Reis Requested by the Colasanti Family

Friday Feb 23rd 9am

- †Cecilia Plut Requested by The Plut Family



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Special Intention of Kerry Castrucci
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Requested by Zboch Family
Special Intentions of Currie Family

Please pray for those who are sick:

Mary (Maura) Tootill, Geraldine Frost, and Frank Gimondo

And those who have died recently:

† Leon Bowser, † Barb Meathrel,
† John (Janko) Skripac
† Canon Patrick McEneaney

May they Rest in Peace



The loving community of Our Lady of Peace Parish is thrilled to welcome with open hearts and arms
Edward Elliott & Claire Elliott
May your baptism be the start of a life filled with faith, love, and God's presence.

New Sunday Mass Times Starting *March 10th, 2024*

Beginning March 10th, 2024, our Sunday Mass schedule will be updated to better serve our community.

New Mass Times: 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.



These new timings aim to accommodate your schedules and enhance the attendance. Please mark your calendars, spread the word, and join us in welcoming this positive change. We look forward to your continued presence and participation in our Sunday Mass celebrations

Thank you

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all parishioners who generously contributed desserts and bingo prizes for the Pizza/Bingo night held last Friday. Your generosity played a significant role in making the event a great success. Special appreciation goes to the following businesses that kindly donated bingo prizes. As you go out for dining or shopping, please consider supporting these businesses:

Canadiana Restaurant & Bar, 5230 Dundas Street W.
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