

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

10:00 a.m. & 11:30 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.



Divine Mercy in action

A Time magazine issue in 1984 presented a startling cover. It pictured a prison cell where two men sat on metal folding chairs. The young man wore a blue turtleneck sweater, blue jeans and white running shoes. The older man was dressed in a white robe and had a white skullcap on his head. They sat facing one another, up-close and personal. They spoke quietly so as to keep others from hearing the conversation. The young man was Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope’s would-be assassin (he shot and wounded the Pope on May 13, 1981); the other man was Pope St. John Paul II, the intended victim. The Pope held the hand that had held the gun whose bullet had torn into the Pope’s body. This was a living icon of mercy. John Paul’s forgiveness was deeply Christian. His deed with Ali Agca spoke a thousand words. He embraced his enemy and pardoned him. At the end of their 20-minute meeting, Ali Agca raised the Pope’s hand to his forehead as a sign of respect. John Paul shook Ali Agca’s hand tenderly. When the Pope left the cell he said, “What we talked about must remain a secret between us. I spoke to him as a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust.” This is an example of God’s Divine Mercy.

The readings for this Sunday are about God’s mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith and our need for God’s forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as “God of Mercy.” In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat several times, “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!”

The first reading stresses the corporal acts of mercy practiced by the early Christian community before the Jews and the Romans started their persecutions. Practicing the sharing love, compassion and mercy of God as Jesus taught, this witnessing community derived its strength from community prayer, “the Breaking of the Bread” and the apostles’ teaching, read at the worship service. The second reading: After focusing on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, John reminds us that we practice spiritual works of mercy by obeying God’s commandments given in the Old Testament and especially Jesus’ commandment of loving others as He loves us – with selfless, sacrificial, agape love. Loving others as Jesus loves us also demands that we treat others with God’s mercy and compassion.

Today’s Gospel also emphasizes the importance of Faith in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord of Mercy. To believe without having seen is every later Christian’s experience. We are invited to receive liberation from doubts and hesitation by surrendering our lives to the Risen Lord of Mercy. Let us ask God our Father to open our hearts so that we may receive His Mercy in the form of the Holy Spirit.

One way the Church celebrates God’s mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Gospel command, “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful,” demands that we show mercy to our fellow human beings always and everywhere. We radiate God’s mercy to others by our actions, our words, and our prayers. It is mainly through the corporal and spiritual

works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God’s merciful judgment. The corporal works of mercy are feeding the hungry, giving water to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, or ransoming the captive and burying the dead. The spiritual works of mercy include instructing, advising, consoling, forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently.

TUESDAY TREASURES!



We are delightful to announce our “Tuesday Treasures Program” starting Tuesday April 9th 2024, then every Tuesday in the Parish Hall from 10am-2pm.

Please come along, drop in or stay awhile, to connect, create memories, and elevate your week. It promises to be filled with laughter, love, and life stories!

Whether you enjoy playing your favorite card or board games, watching an inspirational video, or sharing a laugh over a funny movie, gentle exercise classes, crafting, there’s something for everyone.

Join us for a delicious potluck lunch – it’s a fantastic opportunity to share not just food but also the warmth of community.

Spread the joy, invite your friends and neighbors, and let’s make this midweek oasis even more special together

10am – Welcome Prayer with coffee, tea, refreshments.

10.30am-11.30am – Movie Time “The Chosen”, with discussion afterward

12 noon – Lunch served

12.45pm-2pm – Fun activities, which differ every week

Everyone is Welcome

We can't wait to see you there!



Save the Date
Bingo & Pizza Night
Friday May 3rd 2024
More details to come



Our Lady of Peace, Pray for Us



Mass Intentions

Saturday April 6th

5pm

Special Intention of SVP Volunteers;

Joan, Albert & Maurice Requested St. Vincent De Paul Society

Sunday April 7th

10am

†**Julian Molina**

†**Sheila Samson** Requested by Samson Family

11:30am

†**Marjorie Melnik** Requested by Fr Yaw Acheampong

Monday April 8th

No Mass

Tuesday April 9th

9am

†**Maura Tootill** Requested by McNamara Family

10am

St. Elizabeth School Mass

Wednesday April 10th

9am

†**Deceased members of Strachan Family** Requested by Strachan Family

Thursday April 11th

9am

†**Cecilia Plut** Requested by Plut Family

11.30am

Funeral Mass

For the Repose of the Soul of Maura (Mary) Tootill

Reception in Parish Hall after the Mass

Friday April 12th

9am

†**Melanio Lopez** Requested by Imelda Lopez

Sanctuary Candle Intentions

Sacred Heart:

†**Gualberto & Maria Lopez**

Requested by the Lopez Family

Sanctuary Candle:

†**Ester & Melanio Lopez**

Requested by the Lopez Family

St. Joseph:

†**Juanito Lopez**

Requested by the Lopez Family

The loving community of Our Lady of Peace parish is thrilled to welcome with open hearts and arms



**Otto Walter Bruder
Joseph Louis Goguen**

May your baptism be the start of a life filled with faith, love, and God's presence.

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As we reflect on the profound journey of Lent and Holy Week, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for each and every one of you who dedicated your time, talents, and treasures to make our ceremonies and worship experiences so meaningful and enriching.

To our dedicated altar servers, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, and Master of Ceremonies, your commitment to serving the Church and facilitating the smooth flow of our ceremonies is truly commendable. Your unwavering devotion helps to create an atmosphere of reverence and sanctity in our parish.

A special thank you to those who orchestrated and led our Lenten retreat on Tuesdays. Your dedication to guiding us through a period of spiritual reflection and growth is deeply appreciated, and the impact of your leadership will continue to resonate within our hearts.

To the members of our social committee who organized the nourishing soup on Fridays, your thoughtful efforts provided nourishment for both body and soul, fostering fellowship and community spirit among us.

We express our profound appreciation to the members of our choir. Your voices lifted our spirits and transported us closer to the divine throughout Holy Week. Your dedication to enhancing our worship with beautiful music is a true gift to our parish community.

Together, you have embodied the spirit of selflessness and service, enriching our Lent and Holy Week journey and fostering a deeper connection to our faith. May God bless each of you abundantly for your generosity and devotion.

With deepest gratitude and blessings,

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha.



Please pray those who are sick:

Edward Staudinger

lgo Mazzucco



Congratulations to our Newly Married Parishioners

Solange Almzida & Michael Sangiuliano

May your lives together be showered with God's Love and Blessings.



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