Our Lady Of Peace Parish

8th November 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

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Holy Mass

Saturday
5:00 p.m.
Sunday
10:00 a.m. &
11:30 a.m. (Children's Liturgy)
Tuesday to Friday
9:00 a.m.
Rosary 8.30am

Confession

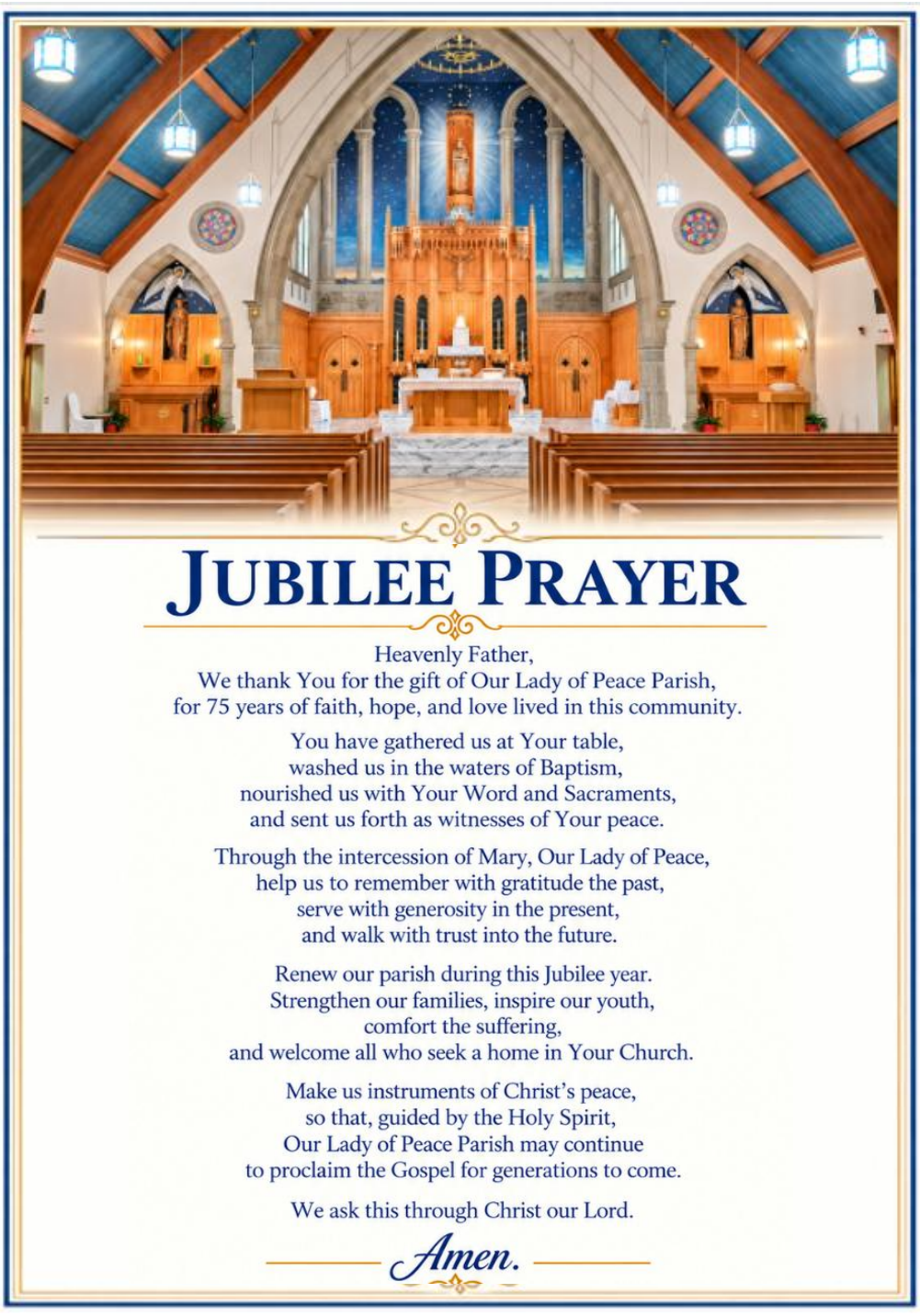
Saturday
4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
(Or by appointment)

Adoration & Benediction

First Friday
following 9:00 a.m. Mass

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

Please contact the Parish Office



Keep Your Lamps Burning: A Life of Hope and Readiness

There is a beautiful truth at the heart of our Christian faith: we are not made for darkness, but for light; we are not made for despair, but for hope; and we are not made for death, but for eternal life. This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on how we live today in the light of the promise of tomorrow.

The Book of Wisdom tells us that wisdom is radiant and never fades. She is found by those who seek her and reveals herself to those who desire her. In a world filled with distractions, competing voices, and countless demands, we are reminded that true wisdom begins when we seek God sincerely. Wisdom is not simply knowing what is right; it is having the courage to live what is right. It is choosing faith over fear, kindness over indifference, forgiveness over resentment, and love over selfishness.

The Responsorial Psalm gives voice to the deepest longing of the human heart: "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." We all experience this thirst. We may try to satisfy it through success, possessions, recognition, or pleasure, but our hearts will never be completely at rest until they find their home in God. Prayer, the Eucharist, the Scriptures, and moments of silence are not burdens placed upon us; they are the ways God nourishes our souls and draws us closer to Himself.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul offers a message of extraordinary comfort. Writing to the Thessalonians, he reminds them not to grieve like those who have no hope. He does not tell them that Christians should never experience sorrow. Rather, he reminds them that our sorrow is transformed by the promise of the resurrection. Because Jesus died and rose again, death does not have the final word. For those who belong to Christ, death is not the end of the story; it is the doorway to eternal life. This promise gives us courage to face our losses, comfort to those who mourn, and hope as we journey through life.

The Gospel takes us into the familiar parable of the ten virgins. All ten are waiting for the bridegroom. All ten have lamps. All ten desire to be part of the celebration. Yet only five are prepared when the bridegroom arrives. The wise ones have brought extra oil; the foolish ones have not. The difference between them is not their desire to meet the bridegroom, but their readiness. Jesus concludes the parable with a simple but powerful instruction: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

What does it mean to be ready for the Lord? It does not mean living in fear of death or constantly worrying about the end of our lives. It means living each day with faith, purpose, and love. It means keeping the lamp of our faith burning through prayer and the sacraments. It means filling the vessel of our hearts with the oil of compassion, generosity, forgiveness, and service.

And perhaps the most practical question we can ask ourselves is this: **What is the oil that keeps my lamp burning?** Is it the time I spend with God in prayer? Is it the kindness I show to someone who is struggling? Is it the forgiveness I offer to someone who has hurt me? Is it the love I share with my family? Is it the way I care for the poor, the lonely, and those who feel forgotten?

We cannot borrow another person's faith. We cannot wait until tomorrow to begin loving God and our neighbour. Readiness is not something we suddenly acquire at the end of our lives; it is formed through the small, faithful choices we make every day.

As we gather around the Eucharistic table this Sunday, let us ask the Lord to renew the oil in our lamps. May His Word give us wisdom, His presence satisfy our deepest thirst, and His promise of resurrection fill us with hope.

The bridegroom will come. Until that day, may we live as people of faith, keep our lamps burning brightly, and make our lives a beautiful witness to the love of Christ.

Lord, help us to live each day ready to meet You—not with fear, but with hearts full of faith, hope, and love.





MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – 5:00 p.m.

- **Emma Pileggi (2nd Anniversary)** – *Requested by the Pileggi Family*
- **Angelina Angeles Silverio** – *Requested by the Angeles Family*
- **Patrick Graham** – *Requested by the Hunwicks Family*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – 10:00 a.m.

- **Ante Bavcevic** – *Requested by the Bavcevic Family*
- **Birthday Intentions of Cheryl MacKay** – *Requested by Pat MacKay*
- **Helen Ciosk** – *Requested by the Doplaga Family*

11:30 a.m.

- **Celestine Marian Lee**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – 9:00 a.m.

- **John Laforestier** – *Requested by Mary Snidero*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – 9:00 a.m.

- **Emmanuel Attard & Frances Spiteri** – *Requested by the Micallef Family*
- **Special Intentions of Kevin Madigan & Lorena Duran**
- **All Holy Souls in Purgatory** – *Requested by Kevin Madigan*
- **Rosaria Yuna Im**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – 9:00 a.m.

- **Kazimierz Marczewski** – *Requested by the Podbielski Family*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 – 9:00 a.m.

- **Eileen McDonald** – *Requested by Jane Wallbridge*

OLP Church Christmas Bazaar

Come to Our Parish Christmas Bazaar!

Browse, shop and find the *perfect Christmas gifts* for family and friends!

Saturday, November 28th
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Vendors Wanted

We are looking for vendors with homemade crafts, holiday items, jewelry, home décor, accessories and unique gifts. Tables are $25.00 each. For more information or to reserve a table, call the parish office.

FAITH IN FOCUS

Deepening Our Spiritual Journey

Parish renewal begins with prayer. *Faith in Focus* will offer a journey into prayer, meeting Monday evenings from **7:00–9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

Using the FORMED series on the ***Lord's Prayer***, we will reflect more deeply on the words Jesus taught us:

"Our Father…"

We say these words so often. But do we truly live them?

This series will help us discover how the Lord's Prayer can transform our relationship with God and shape the way we live each day.

Come as you are. Bring a friend.
Let us learn to pray—not simply with our lips, but with our lives.

Fit & Fun THURSDAYS

Join us every Thursday!

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

FIT HOUR

Enjoy an hour of gentle fitness and movement with expert guidance. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels!

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

FUN & FRIENDSHIP

Relax and enjoy a friendly afternoon of cards, board games, tea, coffee, refreshments and great conversation!

CARDS
BOARD GAMES

Everyone is Welcome!

Come for the fitness, stay for the friendship!
Bring a friend, meet new people and enjoy some fun together.

TUESDAY TREASURES

Sharing the Treasures of Our Faith

Our faith is filled with treasures waiting to be discovered. ***Tuesday Treasures*** runs **every Tuesday** with fellowship, faith, and inspiration, beginning with **Holy Mass at 9:00 a.m.**

Together, we will reflect on ***faith, hope, love, and charity,*** drawing inspiration from the ministry of Jesus portrayed in *The Chosen* and from the lives and witness of the Saints.

This is a relaxed and welcoming opportunity to meet fellow parishioners, share stories, deepen friendships, and discover the beauty of our Catholic faith.

We also invite parishioners to bring a breakfast snack to share, and we have delicious food, coffee, and more!

Whether you have participated before or this is your first time,
you are most welcome.

BIBLE STUDY — *LECTIO: MARY*

Understanding the Word. Discovering Mary. Deepening Our Faith.

As part of our Jubilee Year of renewal, we are also inviting parishioners to encounter Scripture more deeply through ***Lectio: Mary***, a Bible study featuring theologian Dr. Brant Pitre.

Mary is at the heart of the story of Christ, yet there is so much more to discover about her in Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the early Church.

Thursday Evening Program
begins at 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Together, we will explore Mary as ***Mother of the Messiah, Mother of the Church,*** and ***Queen Mother,*** while discovering how Scripture can deepen our own relationship with Christ.

Week at a Glance

Sat, Nov 7		**First Holy Communion Class** 3:45 p.m.
Mon, Nov 9		***Faith in Focus***
Tue, Nov 10		***Tuesday Treasures*** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ***Confirmation Class*** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wed, Nov 11		**Choir Practice** 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Thu, Nov 12		***Lectio: Mary*** 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Fri, Nov 13		**Youth Club** (Gr. 3 – 8) 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Sat, Nov 14	25th	**5:00 p.m. Mass – Fr. Biju's 25th Anniversary Celebration**

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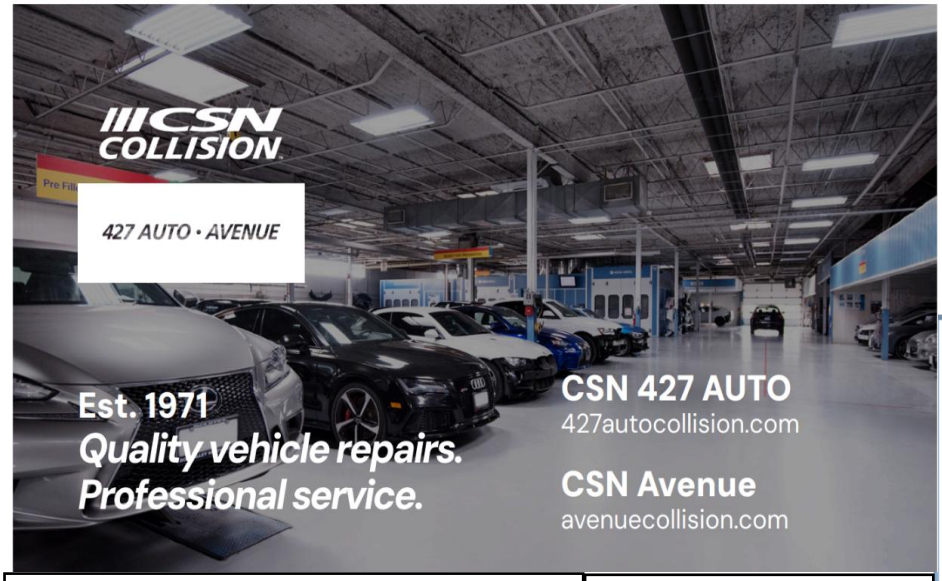
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