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WEEKLY READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
Monday

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56 **Tuesdav**

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday

1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Please Pray for:

The Sick:

Jamir Rocha; Keith McLaren; Al Pach; Terri Zimmerman; Joanne McFadden; Thomas Cocuzzo; Ray Kilroy; Giuseppina Carone; Jim Williams; Ken Johanson; Antonio Bonavita Jr; Henry Tinoy; John McSorley; June Carver; Michael Coyne; William Bird; Dottie Harmes; Maria McDonald; John McSorley; Leslie Carrasquillo; Ron McGetrick; Bill Fennell; Paige Ubertaccio; Kathleen Campbell; Nick Golden; Carol DaSilva; Sue Nozza; Susan Gruen; Stan Polakowski; John Laudise; Rosalie Castillano; Mary Ellen Berberich; Carol Ann; Mike Sadia; SM Hegarty; Suzanne Bernat; Joyce & Ron McLaren & John Ritter.

prayer requests will be posted for 3 months as space allows

Those serving in our military,

Edward Prufer, Caleb Wark, Liam Collins, Andrew Fennell & Benjamin Ritter.

Our recently deceased, Matthew Ritter.

May they rest in Peace.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, February 3 8:30 a.m. Memorial Mass 5:00 p.m. Michael Maddaluna Sunday, February 4 7:30 a.m. Joseph Dasti 10:00 a.m. Robert Donfield 12:00 p.m. Ned Gaudette Monday, February 5 7:00 a.m. People of the Parish 12:10 p.m. Ronald Cortes Tuesday, February 6 7:00 a.m. Laura Puorro 12:10 p.m. Frances Sarcona Wednesday, February 7 7:00 a.m. Mary Klech 12:10 p.m. Catherine Keating Thursday, February 8 7:00 a.m. Paul Brenner 12:10 p.m. Patricia Yaciuk Friday, February 9 7:00 a.m. Hugh F Toner 12:10 p.m. William H Huling Saturday, February 10 8:30 a.m. Memorial Mass 5:00 p.m. Anthony Andrade Sunday, February 11 7:30 a.m. Mary Medina 10:00 a.m. Robert F Demair 12:00 p.m. Michael O'Connor

Altar Memorials for February

In Loving Memory:

Altar Candles - Vincent Sorrentino



Ministries

The Pantry volunteers would like to thank you for your monetary and/or food donations throughout the year. We could not make it without your help. The following items are in most need: pasta, pasta sauce, stuffing, sardines, coffee, tea, toothpaste & deodorant.

The Rosary Altar Society will have a General Meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please bring brown bag lunch. There will be Bingo afterwards for those interested.

Please have your Ministry Sign Up to sponsor a Soup & Station this Lenten Season Soup served at 6:30 p.m. Stations begin 7:30 p.m.

February 16	Worship Committee
February 23	AOLP
March 1	Religious Ed
March 8	OPEN
March 15	OPEN
*March 22	Rosary Altar Society – Mary's Way of the
	Cross
**March 24	Youth Ministry –
	Live Stations

MISSION STATEMENT
We, the family of Our Lady of Peace are:
 God in the faithful
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 To bring the heavens to the earth,
To elevate the earth to the Heavens.

The AOLP is looking for an additional Aftercare person. This is a perfect job for a young or older person! Please reach out to Kim, kjohnston@the academyolp.org

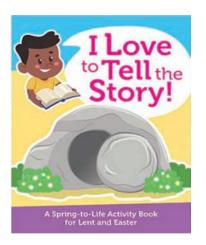
The Rosary Makers of Our lady of Peace will meet on February 20 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. They meet every third Tuesday of the month. Their handmade mission rosaries are distributed to Overlook Hospital, Morristown Medical Center, Veteran Hospitals in NJ and more. If anyone is visiting a county that could use mission beads, they would be happy to provide them for you. New members are welcome. Our members are happy to teach you how to make the rosaries and supplies are provided. Contact Grace Wamsteker for more info at 908-464-2389.

Our Lady of Peace prayer shawl ministry has a lovely selection of hand crafted prayer shawls available. Please contact the rectory or me if you or a loved one is in need of a gentle hug of prayer. Delivery or pick up is available.

We also have some hand knit and crocheted walker bags that button right onto a walker, a very handy accessory to hold phone, tissues, etc. Our ministry shares prayer shawls with parishioners and their loved ones, two local nursing homes, and the Sharing Network right here in New Providence. If you knit or crochet and would like to help, please contact Gail at 908 464 4109. I can provide simple knit and crochet directions.

Thank you to our little band of prayerful ladies who work at home, at their own pace. With God's influence, your time, talent, and treasure of prayer has reached across countries and oceans to help cheer and heal so many. God bless you!

Lent is Coming Soon...



I Love to Tell the Story!

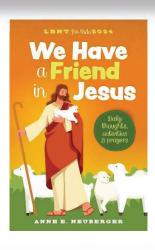
This activity book, filled with games, crafts and story-telling starters, offers weekly reminders of Jesus' words from Matthew 25:40 "...whatever you did for one of these...you did for me" and the fact his example as our servant Lord informs our lives. Try to gather as a family often during the days of Lent to share these devotions and activities with your children. Give your children the example of the joy you find in serving as our Savior taught us and in telling the story of Jesus and his love.

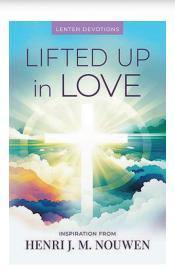
Suggested for Families

WE HAVE a FRIEND in JESUS

"During this holy time of Lent, we will learn about Jesus," explains Anne Neuberger. Children learn and grow closer to Jesus through Scripture stories engagingly told, plus fun puzzles and activities on every page.

Suggested for Children





LIFTED UP in LOVE

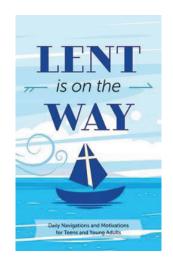
Henri J. Nouwen, one of the most beloved spiritual thinkers of the 20th century, wrote from the heart about the great love of Christ lifted to the cross for us. Excerpts from Nouwen's inspiring insights are paired with original reflections and prayers in this booklet for each day of Lent, as we come to experience more fully the everlasting compassion of God shown in our Savior.

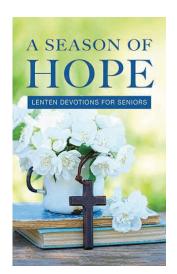
Suggested for Those That Like the Traditional Lent Book

LENT is on the WAY

Navigating Lent is like navigating LIFE – Something best done with Jesus at the helm. Rich with maritime imagery, this booklet of 47 daily devotions covers some of the great aquatic stories of the Bible (from the waters of Creation to Jesus stilling the storm) by anchoring them to the Lenten messages of repentance, forgiveness and salvation.

Suggested for Teens and Young Adults





A SEASON OF HOPE

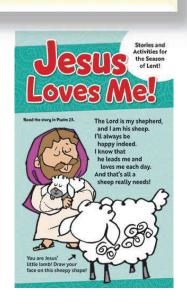
We live in hope every season of our lives. The daily devotions in this large-print special edition for Lent highlights the message and theme of hope. These reflections help us ponder Christ's journey to the cross and empty tomb for our salvation and encourage is to share with younger generations the hope we have within us through Jesus.

Suggested for Seniors and Those that Prefer Larger Print

JESUS LOVES ME!

Learn about the great love of Jesus this Lent through rhyming stories and simple activities designed to engage the youngest children in church. The loving Passion story is told in a way that is certain to connect each child to the words "Jesus loves me!" What a wonderful message to share in a Lenten season that starts on Valentine's Day!

Suggested for Children



Lenten Calendars



This calendar builds on the traditional practices of worship and meditation with short daily Scripture reflections on one of the daily readings from Mass. With citations to lead you deeper into the readings, it provides a spiritual pathway to the dawn of Easter.

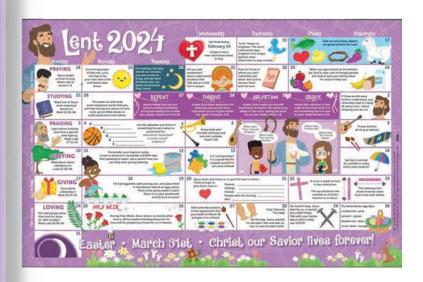
Suggested for:

Teens and Adults to Place on the Refrigerator

This colorfully illustrated and spiritually enriching single page calendar is filled with prayers, thought starters, activities and many suggestions for Bible reading. A celebration of God's great love for us that's shown through Jesus is featured prominently among these mini medications.

Suggested for:

Children and Families to Place on the Refrigerator





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To the parishioners of OLP

I start this letter by giving thanks and praise to God, and invite you to join me in doing the same. We are truly blessed, not only for the graces and blessings that we receive on a daily basis, but for where we live and what we are able to do.

As you can see in the adjacent financial statement for the fiscal year of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, through God's blessings and your generosity, we were able to not only run the parish but also take care of so many renovation and improvement projects. To name a few:

We updated the entire internet system of the rectory and made it more secure; we invested in the redesign of our parish's website (to go live very, very soon); upgraded the property's entire ground electrical grid, changing it completely to an LED system, and at the same time made provisions that it could sustain the Christmas tree memorial garden; bought all the supplies needed to create the Christmas tree memorial garden; continue with the beautification of our grounds and put into place a drip watering system to keep the gardens flourishing; updated our music ministry's sound system; and bought a new freezer for the Parish Hall. We also invested in our school by painting all the hallways and staircases; bought new furniture for different classrooms and the principal's office, as well as creating a teacher's lounge; the dirty and stained carpets were removed from every single classroom and replaced with new flooring, as well as new flooring in the hallways and entryways; the school's electrical grid was also adjusted, air conditioners were purchased for each classroom, a white picket fence was put around the existing playground, and two other fenced-in areas were created for outdoor classroom opportunities as well as more play areas. WOW!!!

All of this achieved, 100 percent, through our Sunday offertory, as well as other restricted and non-restricted donations, and without one single cent coming out of our saving accounts.

Again, thank you for your generosity, your contributions and your assistance, and at the same time praise be to God for giving us the ability to have done all of the above, plus so much more that is not even mentioned in this letter. Without God we can do nothing; *praise be to God*.

Our Lady of Peace, pray for us!

Rev. Francisco Mendonça,

Pastor

2022/2023 FINANCIAL COMPARISON REPORT OUR LADY OF PEACE

FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

	FISCAL		FISCAL		FISCAL		FISCAL
	YEAR		YEAR		YEAR		YEAR
	2023		2022		<u>2023</u>		2022
Revenue				Expenditures			
Sundays & Holy Days	\$ 541,022	❖	552,506	Salaries-Clergy	\$ 46,403	❖	45,764
Christmas	73,090		69,514	Salaries-Lay	307,827		251,424
Easter	55,115		53,059	Employee Benefits	98,190		98,549
Fund Raising Income	275,211		155,922				
(Gross)				Contracted Services	83,930		60,233
Rental Income	18,000		18,000	Repairs & Insurance	127,398		138,834
Rel Ed Program, CYO	61,134		54,081	Utilites	56,520		50,250
& Youth Ministry				Supplies & Equipment	69,735		95,037
Interest Income	25,926		30,903	Rel Ed Program, CYO	107,790		86,299
Restricted Gifts	148,439		288,518	& Youth Ministry			
Unrestricted Gifts	069'9		49,128	Fund Raising Exp	163,912		61,186
Misc & All Other	64,828		77,516	Arch of Newark	97,918		107,846
Income				Assessments			
				All other Church Exp	106,763		95,420
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 1,269,455	w	1,349,147	Total Church Expenditures	\$ 1,266,386	w	1,090,842
Capital Project Inc.	φ.	∽	125	Capital Project Exp.	\$ 179,061	₩	144,341
Total Church Revenue	\$ 1,269,455	ν .	1,349,272	Total Church Expense	\$ 1,445,447	••	1,235,183

that were reflected in the prior year's financial report, but tagged for these projects. Therefore, our parish finished the fiscal year with a surplus of \$3,069. The amount of \$179,061 that this statement shows as expenses under this year's capital expenses were paid by special restricted donations Special Note:

You are invited to our

Anointing Mass

February 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the church.

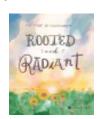
Reception to follow.

No matter if you are elderly, sick, struggling or just need the extra grace, come join us.

We ask that you R.S.V.P. by February 8 so we can plan refreshments, but not necessary to attend.

The Walking With Purpose Bible Study: "Rooted and Radiant!"

6 Selected Thursdays
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THSTUDY IS FREE; HOWEVER, REGISTRATION REQUESTED TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Treventi@comcast.net or 201.978.4439

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Confessions heard Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Church or by appointment.

HERE AND THERE

February 3 – World Cancer Day ~ We pray for all those battling cancer, survivors & grievers.

February 11 – World Marriage Day & World Day of the Sick. We will have a special blessing at the end of Masses.

Save the Dates!

Theology on Tap sponsored by K of C at Untied Brewery in New Providence

2/22/2024 7-9:30. Details to come!

Peanut Brittle Sales! The Knights will be making their famous PB and selling as a fund raiser for the Hammeke Scholarship at Union Catholic. The Council will be making this golden confection February 24th and 25th and the PACA Club and are looking for able bodied volunteers to help make this happen. For more information, contact Chris Reece (careece.cr@gmail.com or 646.302.6028)

Dress Express is seeking new/gently worn prom, bridesmaid, formal and semi-formal dress donations. Clean dresses can be donated at Tiboni & Tiboni, 166 South Street, New Providence, from now through February 23, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The curated collection will be offered on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at Embassy Suites by Hilton, 250 Connell Drive, Berkeley Heights from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with proceeds being donated to the Mercy Girl Effect. This sustainable, pop-up boutique will provide shoppers with beautiful dresses, while also supporting a good cause. For questions, please call Sophia Tiboni at 908-963-4943 or email dressExpress@Tiboni.com.

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Information and Registration for all **Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer** offerings can be found on our website: www.msmhope.org. Call us at 908-753-2091 or email us at msmhope.org.

Wednesday, February 14, 1:30-3pm, Drumming Ecstasy Circle Music is one of the most glorious gifts of God. God uses drumming to enhance His powers to improve our health, lives—the essence of our being. Learn how to connect deeply with God through Rhythm. 2nd Wednesday of each month (\$20-\$30 as you are able) Presenter: Barbara Woodzell

April 12, 2024 Pocketbook Bingo here at OLP!



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