

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God January 1st

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31ST

NEW YEARS EVE

8:00 AM FATHER SYLVESTYER LIVOLSI
(ERIC & LINDA SPACE)

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY JANUARY 1ST

NEW YEARS DAY

8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

9:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY

8:00 AM ELLE LANG
(GINGER CZAPLA & FAMILY AND
THE POSKONKA FAMILY)

TUESDAY

8:00 AM GETULIO ESTEVES
(EVELYN TOLAND)

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM MICHAEL WENNING
(THE FAMILY)

THURSDAY

8:00 AM JEANNETTE PIERRO
(RITA WENNING)

FRIDAY

8:00 AM TAYLOR SHEA KENT
(ROGER & SUSAN COSS)

SATURDAY JANUARY 7TH

8:00 AM HELEN CENTORECELLI
(THE FAMILY)

5:00 PM NICHOLAS A. MARINO
(THE FAMILY)

SUNDAY JANUARY 8TH

8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

9:30 AM PEARL M. FISCHER
(LINDA & ERIC SPACE)

11:00 AM VIOLA MUELLER
(THE PEVARNIK FAMILY)

MEMORIALS



The week of January 1st
the Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Linda M. Grochowski

ALTAR FLOWERS MEMORIALS



The week of January 1st the Altar Flowers are
presented for:

Madeline Swiss

Weekly Collection

Christmas Collection \$15,580

Merry Christmas and Thank you for your generosity.

Happy New Year!



Office will be closed Monday January 2, 2017.
No Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction



Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st

5:00 PM Debbie Carter
8:00 AM Bob Mayer
9:30 AM Tom Hudak
11:00 AM Kate O'Connor

Jan. 7th & Jan. 8th

5:00 PM Bob Mayer
8:00 AM John McDermott
9:30 AM Debbie Carter
11:00 AM Lorri Opitz



Please remember in your prayers

Geraldine Czarkowski, Monica Carrico,
Hap Rowan, Sue Geimer, Patricia Poole,
Carmen Sanchez, Patricia Fiss, Clarence
Roberts, Joe Foster, Susanne Fernicola,
Lisa Dorans, William Pagano, Molly
Russo, Ellen Nowicki, Helene Ventrudo,
Joseph Mayers, Nancy Suglia,
John Crisman, Margaret Johnson, Jeff
Powers, Stacey Moore, Philip Baccari,
Marilyn Vesper, Sue Bartsch



Altar Server Schedule

Dec. 31st & Jan 1st

5:00 PM Nico Albanese
8:00 AM Carly Studt
9:30 AM Samantha Price
11:00 AM Brian O'Connor

Jan. 7th & Jan 8th

5:00 PM Samantha Price
8:00 AM Chris Pirrello
9:30 AM Matthew &
Paul Corazza
11:00 AM Andrew Opitz
& Jack Lesch

From the Desk of Father Ed:

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God; it is the eighth and final day in the Octave of Christmas. However, we continue to celebrate and remain in the Season of Christmas until January 8, the Epiphany of the Lord, which concludes the season and we return to Ordinary Time after the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 9th.

The Church celebrates and honors our Blessed Mother this weekend because she is The Holy Mother of God. She is also our Mother and she draws ever closer to us during this season of Christmas. In our Gospel this weekend from St. Luke, "The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger." The shepherds revealed to Mary and Joseph all that the angels had told them, "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Mary pondered in her heart the mysteries that were unfolding before her and through her saying "yes" to God's plan for our salvation.

Mary invites us as a Mother, our Mother, to draw close to her and allow her to open our hearts and minds so that we too can ponder the mysteries of Christmas. She desires that we spiritually take hold of her hand and hold onto the Christmas Season and continue to open ourselves to the graces that our Lord desires to give us. She summons us to meditate on the humble creche, which holds the Savior of the world. She wants us to encounter her Son, Jesus and to allow his presence to fill us so that we may experience his peace and joy.

In the Gospel this weekend, "Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen..." Our Blessed Mother desires that we too encounter her Son in a new way filled with Christmas grace so that like the shepherds we can return glorifying and praising God.

This weekend we honor our Blessed Mother in a solemn liturgy because she is the Mother of God. We turn to her and call upon her because she is also our Mother. As we welcome in the New Year we do so with our Blessed Mother at our side trusting that she will protect us, and help us with her maternal love. Let us ponder in our hearts the great love our God has for us and all that He has done and continues to do for us his children.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us,
Father Ed,
Administrator

Parish Life:

On behalf of our staff, Jenn our Office Manager, Diana our Coordinator for Religious Education, Margaret our Music Director and her husband John, Dulibber our seminarian, Father Brian and myself, we want to wish you a blessed and Happy New Year!

A special thanks to the many parishioners for being so generous in giving for our parish's Christmas collection. May God continue to bless you and Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring our annual bus trip to Washington DC for the March for Life. Please consider joining us for this one day pilgrimage to our Nation's Capital on Friday, January 27. We will be celebrating Mass in the church at 5:30 am and the bus will pick us up at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church at 6:00 am. We hope to arrive back at the parish around 10:00 pm. Come join us and give witness to the dignity of human life especially the most vulnerable, the unborn child. Every child in the womb needs to be protected and given equal rights, the most basic of all human rights, the right to life! Call the office to sign up. I hope to see you on the bus.

Calendar Events

1/1 Sunday Solemnity Of Mary

No Coffee And...

No Catholic Teens Meeting

1/2 Monday

Office Closed

8:00 am Mass

No Eucharistic Adoration /Benediction

1/3 Tuesday

Women's Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.

1/4 Wednesday

Mommy & Me 9:30-11:30 a.m.

1/5 Thursday

Mass at the Bentley 9:30 a.m.

Men's Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.

1/6 Friday

First Friday Mass at the Homestead 2:00 p.m.

1/7 Saturday

Religious Education 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

1/8 Sunday

Coffee and... after all Masses

Catholic Teens 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

1/9 Monday

Eucharistic Adoration /Benediction 7:30 p.m.

1/11 Wednesday

Mommy & Me 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Fundraising Committee 6:00 p.m.

1/12 Thursday

Mass at the Bentley 9:30 a.m.



Rose Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their Annual Right to Life Fundraiser after all the Masses the weekend of January 7 & 8, 2017



Parish Pilgrimage to Canada

Monday June 26th- Friday June 30th

We will leave Monday morning from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish by bus and arrive in Three Rivers, Canada. We will be staying at The Shrine of Our Lady of The Cape for 4 nights. The Pilgrimage will include a day trip to Montreal & St. Joseph's Oratory along with a stop in Quebec City and The Basilica of St. Ann de Beaupre.

\$575 per person (double occupancy)

\$690 per person (single occupancy)

All meals in Canada, hotel room, & transportation is included.

Brochures in the back of the Church

Pilgrimage Chaplains: Father Ed & Father Brian

Come & join us this summer for Our Parish Pilgrimage to Canada. (You will need a passport).



March For Life

Washington, D.C.

Friday, January 27, 2017

Come & Join us for our annual Bus Trip to give witness to the Beauty of Life.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring our trip. The cost is only \$25.00. Children 12 & Under are free. Call the office for more information & to sign up.



"Grave Matters –End of Life Decisions"

by Fr. Pawel Tomczyk from St. Paul Inside the Walls

Tuesday, January 10th at 7pm, ending at 9pm

St. Therese Church Sanctuary

Are you caring for your elderly parents or relatives? Do you have questions about the end of life and how our faith instructs us to proceed? Do you wonder if you made the right decision in accordance with the Catholic church?

The St. Therese Respect Life Committee, and St. Therese Knights of Columbus Council 6320 jointly present a talk on: **"Grave Matters –End of Life Decisions"**. Fr. Pawel's talk will expertly and delicately explore Catholic teaching on many end of life situations, including: palliative care, assisted suicide, euthanasia, hospice care, providing nutritional or extraneous life support, and more.



Rachel's Vineyard

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Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions and begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held from Friday evening, January 27 through Sunday afternoon, January 29, 2017 in the Stirling area.

To register or for more information, contact Marie at 973-377-1004, Ext. 425.

All calls will be held in strictest confidence.

Mommy & Me



Our Parish has formed a new Mommy & Me weekly program that meets in the Parish Hall:

Wednesday mornings 9:30 am –11:00 am

Mommy & Me is designed to bring together mothers and children, ranging in ages from newborn to school age. For more information please call Jenn at the office at (973)948-3185.

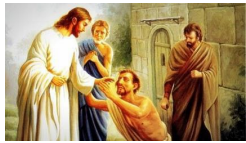
New Jersey's Adoption Law has changed

Beginning January 1, 2017, adoptees and certain relatives will be able to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate without a court order. The birth certificate will include the names of the birth parents who placed children for adoption unless a birth parent requests their name be omitted.

Birth parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a **Redaction Request Form** to the New Jersey Department of Health no later than **December 31, 2016**. The **Redaction Request Form** can be obtained by calling 866-649-8726, ext. 582 or downloading it at <http://nj.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf>.

The Catholic Church has always supported reunions between adoptees and birth parents, if such reunions were by mutual consent. The Church continues to do so through their Catholic Charities agencies.

If you know someone who could be affected by the changes to New Jersey's Adoption law, please let them know about the changes. Anyone needing assistance can call a free HELPLINE at 609-989-4809



Healing Mass

The Mass will be celebrated in the Church on:

**Thursday, January 19th
at 7:30 pm**

The healing service will take place immediately after Mass; Father Ed will be celebrating the Mass. Come with expectant faith and join us, and experience the Lord's healing power.



Parish Cruise

Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee

Bermuda Cruise on Royal Caribbean
Anthem of the Seas,

April 29---May 6, 2017,

departs from Cape Liberty, NJ.

For additional Information and reservations contact:

Debbie [Switulavich---](mailto:dsmit@uniglobetravelpartners.com)
dsmit@uniglobetravelpartners.com

973-810-8025/Toll Free 888-810-8029



Religious Education

Inclement Weather

Program closures will be posted on our website at www.olqpbbranchville.org by 7:00 am the day of class.



Fr. Angelus Croce's Retirement

After serving the community for many years and being the Chaplain for the Salesian Sisters for over twenty years Fr. Angelus Croce is retiring to Nazareth Village in Chester.

A simple reception will take place at Sacred Heart Center from 1:30-3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 8th. Please RSVP by email at croceretirement@gmail.com or leave a message at [201-396-1101](tel:201-396-1101). Please come and wish Fr. Angelus a happy retirement.

Five First Saturdays Devotion



Come and join us for daily Mass on Saturday morning at 8:00 am in the Church, and the Rosary after Mass. Mary, the

Mother of God, has asked us to keep this Five First Saturdays Devotion in honor of her and for reparation of the offenses committed against her. She asks us for five consecutive Saturdays to go to Mass, Reconciliation, pray the Rosary, & meditate on one of the mysteries for 15 minutes. She makes us the promise to help us at the hour of our death and to bring us home safely. Come and join us on Saturday morning; pray the Rosary with us & help bring peace in our world and in our families.



Women's Retreat

Sacred Heart Spirituality Center in Newton, NJ, is hosting our Women's Weekend Retreat.

January 6 – 8, 2017.

The theme for this retreat is "Listen to my Voice." Come and spend some get-away time with Our Lord, lis-ten-ing to Him speak of His great love for you! Register now by downloading a registration form at our website www.sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org For further information, please call 973-383-2620



Music Ministry

- Children's Choir rehearsals are on Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass.
- The Adult Choir rehearsals are on Sunday after the 11:00 AM Mass.

If anyone is interested in joining the Adult or Children's Choir please see Margaret, our Music Director, after Mass. Come & Share your talent in the house of God