PARISH MEMBERSHIP
Welcome to new members. Parishioners entering, leaving or moving within the parish should contact the Church Office.

MARRIAGES
Arrangements should be made at the Church Office at least six months prior to the marriage. Latest time on Saturdays, 2:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS
Prior to the Baptism of your first child, a 90-minute Parent Preparation Course is required. The course is offered on the second Wednesday in: January, March, May, September and November, at 7:00 p.m. Baptisms are scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month at 12:15 p.m. To register for the parent class, or to schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
First Thursday of the month, September through May, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending with Benediction at 6:45 p.m.

SICK CALLS
Notify the Church Office for visits and/or Communion calls to the sick or shut-ins.

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Please e-mail notice to olpbulletin@rrohio.com Deadline Monday at noon.

PASTOR
Msgr. John G. Johnson

DEACON
Dcn. Jeffrey Fortkamp

PASTORAL MINISTERS
Sister Barbara Kolesar,
614-263-4271
Sister Martha Langstaff,
614-268-3426

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Nathan Medley

PARISH SECRETARY
Debbie Mahler

BUSINESS MANAGER
Tom Kasberg

PARISH OFFICE
614-263-8824
Email: olp@rrohio.com

OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL
Principal, Ryan Schwieterman
40 E Dominion Blvd.
614-267-4535
www.olpcolumbus.org

Masses
Saturday – 4:00 p.m.;
Sunday – 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.
Holy Days:
Holy Day Eve – 5:30 p.m.;
Holy Day – 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Weekdays:
Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.;
Wednesday-Friday – 8:30 a.m.
MASS SERVERS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
4:00 p.m. G. Carter, C. & M. Tillman
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
8:30 a.m. C. Gulla, D. Savelly, S. Oliver
10:00 a.m. S. Mikula, J. & R. Ulibarri
11:30 a.m. L. & O. Iceman, M.K. Bertsch-Jones

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
4:00 p.m. R. Fortkamp, M. Flynn, J. & R. Fortkamp,
E. & K. Guilfoyle
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
8:30 a.m. M. & W. King, A. & K. Lordo, C. Pickard,
K. Savelly
10:00 a.m. B. Chelwick, T. Dusseau, P. Mikula, G. Scarpitti,
A. Thomas, G. Ulibarri
11:30 a.m. C. & D. Canlas, K. & T. Lannan, E. & K. Slavik

LECTORS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
4:00 p.m. P. Casper, K. Flynn
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
8:30 a.m. S. Hutchison, C. Pickard
10:00 a.m. M. Allen, E. Mikula
11:30 a.m. G. Griffith, L. Griffith

READINGS DECEMBER 6, 2015
First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

OFFERTORY TOTALS for November 22, 2015
Collection totals for November 22nd will be included in next week’s bulletin, due to an early holiday deadline.

Offertory Enhancement Update – 216 responses have been received with 143 families making a commitment to increase their Offertory contribution.
This will result in a total increase of over $3,400.00 each month to the parish. Thank you for your generosity and support.
A number of families have joined the Electronic Contribution Program, which offers a convenient way for you to support your parish.
Please be sure to return your commitment card and to provide any updates to your phone numbers and email addresses.
We appreciate every response and understand that not everyone is in a position to increase their financial support of the parish.
If you have misplaced your packet or if you did not receive one, Offertory Commitment packets are available in the Gathering Space. If you need to register with the parish, the Offertory Commitment packets include a Parish Registration form.

RCIA: What is the Rite of Acceptance? When a person interested in joining the Catholic Church and the Church community believes that the person is starting to show some signs of a Christian faith and is ready to commit to becoming Catholic, the person is invited to celebrate a ritual called a “Rite of Acceptance.” This Rite will be celebrated at Our Lady of Peace on Sunday, November 29 – the First Sunday of Advent – during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
By celebrating this rite, the person is officially and publicly declaring his or her intention to enter into a formal relationship with the Church, learning its ways and participating in its lifestyle. The Church, in turn, accepts their commitment and pledges its support throughout the person’s journey of faith. Please welcome these individuals and keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey towards full initiation in the Church.

Prayer Line – If you have a petition you would like the Prayer Line to join in praying for, please call Bunni Cosimati at 614-847-1826. Prayers are kept confidential.
WHAT'S COMING UP AT OLP SCHOOL
Wednesday, December 2
Class Mass – Grades 4 & 5 – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 3-Sunday, December 6
Tiger Tourney 4th & 5th Grade
Basketball Tournament
Saturday, December 5
Santa Breakfast – 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 6
Scrip Store Open – 9:30-11:30 a.m.

ATTENTION, OLP PARISHIONERS
An effort is underway to publish a parish directory in the next few months. Remember, November 28th and 29th, after all Masses, members of the Hospitality Ministry will be in the Gathering Space to assist you in updating your address, phone and email. Please take a moment and stop by to review your current information on file with the Parish Office and make any changes (if needed). Then, work your way over to the Rectory Hall to enjoy coffee and donuts, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Bethesda Healing Ministry – For 22 years, Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry has and continues to minister to countless men and women who have come to know God’s mercy, which is not withdrawn and is everlasting. Please contact us on BHM confidential phone lines (614-309-0157 and 614-309-2651) for more information about our ministry of support and of love, or contact us at www.bethesdahealing.org.

Eucharistic Exposition will take place Thursday, December 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Come and join us for an hour of quiet prayer and reflection. It will be an hour that you will find to be well spent!

Jewelry Sale
Fund Raiser at the Josephinum
'Tis the season for the Annual Jewelry Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Josephinum! Elegant fine and costume jewelry priced below wholesale offers holiday savings for you and a gift for our future priests – all proceeds benefit Josephinum seminarians. Join us Friday, December 4, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Jessing Center at the Josephinum, 7625 North High Street.

Mass Intentions
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
4:00 p.m. Tom Ridenour (Chuck & Norma Egelhoff)
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
8:30 a.m. Dcn. Jeffrey Fortkamp (OLP St. Vincent De Paul)
10:00 a.m. Kathleen Schaible (Garth & Julie Garlock)
11:30 a.m. Our Parishioners
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
5:30 p.m. Daniel J. Kramer (Irene Sova)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
8:30 a.m. Dick Brusadin (Norma Nye & Jack Ferris)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
8:30 a.m. Eddie Susi (Les Susi)
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
8:30 a.m. Florence Douridas (Bob & Debbie Mahler)
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
4:00 p.m. Joe & Ellen Voltolini’s 45th Wedding Anniversary
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
8:30 a.m. Dick Brusadin (Family)
10:00 a.m. Alfred J. Girlando (Ruth Girlando)
11:30 a.m. Our Parishioners

Bake Sale, sponsored by the OLP Funeral Ministry, will be held December 19th-20th, after all the Masses in the Old Rectory. If you would like to bake and donate your item(s), please bring them to the old Rectory between 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., December 19th. Please use the north door, by the garage, to deliver your goodies. Please call Ellen Voltolini at 262-2459 if you have any questions.
6th-8th Grade Lock-in! December 19-20

Cost: $25.00

Parents, The most requested event is a Lock-in. The Columbus Diocese requires a 1:6 ratio for overnight events. We need 2 more mom and 3 dad chaperones. You just need to be present, we take care of the planning! To sign up, email OLPCyouth@gmail.com or call 263-8824.

2015 Advent/Christmas Schedule

December 7th
Monday  Feast of the Immaculate Conception
         Vigil Mass at 7:00 p.m.

December 8th
Tuesday Feast of the Immaculate Conception
         Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

December 14th
Monday   Parish Penance Service
         7:00 p.m.

December 20th
Sunday  Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
         Choir Concert at 4:00 p.m.

December 24th
Thursday Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 p.m.
         Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 p.m.
         “Midnight” Mass 10:00 p.m.

December 25th
Friday   Christmas Mass 10:00 a.m.

December 31st
Thursday Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
         Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.

January 1st
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
         Mass at 10:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will close for Christmas at noon on Wednesday, December 23rd, and remain closed on December 24th and December 25th and reopen on Monday, December 28th.

The Parish Office will close at noon on Thursday, December 31st, and remain closed on January 1st.
The Our Lady of Peace Open Shelter Committee is sponsoring the HOT DRINKS STATION at the “HO HO HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS” CHRISTMAS PARTY for 450+ HOMELESS and MARGINALLY HOUSED CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS December 21, 2015 in Downtown Columbus

We are in need of the following items: Can you help us?
Boxes of individual packets of hot chocolate mix (like Swiss Miss)
Bags of Marshmallows
Individually wrapped candies
Candy canes
Ground coffee (any flavor or size, NOT individual size)
Boxes of tea bags (any flavor, individual size bags)
Large bags/containers of sugar (NOT individual packets)
Large containers of NON refrigerated creamer (NOT individual packets)

There is a collection box in the back of the church in the GATHERING SPACE.

OUR COLLECTION DATES ARE THE WEEKENDS:
December 5 & 6, 2015, AND December 12 & 13, 2015
We will deliver all items on Monday, December 14, 2015, at 10am.

Thank you so much in advance.
THE OLP OPEN SHELTER COMMITTEE
Questions:
Veronica Garrity 614.268.6626
vgarrity@columbus.rr.com

Sharing Our Blessings
As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, many people consider how they can share with the less fortunate the blessings God has given to us. One marvelous program which we have employed at Our Lady of Peace for years is the Giving Tree. St. Francis Outreach Center in McArthur, Ohio, establishes a store for needy families and allows invited guests to select donated gifts for their families. At OLP, we put up trees in the gathering space and deck them with tags, on each of which is printed the name of a specific gift or the gender and age of the recipient. Parishioners pluck tags from the trees, purchase the appropriate gifts, and bring the gifts back to the gathering space so that Santa’s helpers can take them to the Outreach Center. If you have not participated in this program before, you might consider doing so this year.

Another program with which we will experiment this year is the “Holiday Ask Campaign,” sponsored by the Family Mentor Foundation. The foundation provides meals for children who qualify for free or reduced lunches during the school year. Of course, the children don’t get the lunches when school is not in session; and not even Scrooge wants a child to go hungry. After the Giving Tree tags have disappeared and the gifts for McArthur have gone south on Santa’s sleigh, we shall deck the trees with other tags giving information about the program and asking for donations. More information about the program is available on the website at http://www.familymentorfoundation.org.

Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center offers lots of other options for sharing our blessings, from feeding the hungry to sponsoring a family’s holiday to donating to their Children’s Gift Shop. For additional information, one need only call 268-3539 or email the Center at crcvolunteers@ClintonvilleCRC.org.

I don’t offer these remarks in an attempt to tell anyone what to do. The more information people have, the better able we are to make intelligent choices. All of us feel the Spirit’s nudging to reach out to the poor, but each of us responds differently. If none of the options I’ve mentioned seem appealing, there are many others. The God who blesses us will give us the wisdom to discern how best each one of us can respond.

Fr. John