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

Director of Youth Ministry
Maggie Dieringer

Parish Secretary
Debbie Mahler

Business Manager
Tom Kasberg

Parish Office
614-263-8824
Email: olp@rrohio.com

Our Lady of Peace School
Interim Principal, Susan Gruber
40 E Dominion Blvd.
614-267-4535
www.olp-columbus.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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, 3:15–3:45 p.m.
and by Private Appointment
Contact Msgr. Johnson to schedule.
MASS SERVERS
SATURDAY, December 17
4:00 p.m. J. & R. Fortkamp, Abigail Swint

SUNDAY, December 18
8:30 a.m. Abigail Hagman, Charles Kuypers, Samuel Oliver
10:00 a.m. Adam Benadum, Cole Hankinson, Thomas Zerkle
11:30 a.m. Samantha & Elizabeth
& Jessica Douglass

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
SATURDAY, December 17
4:00 p.m. Katherine Flynn, J. & R. Fortkamp, E. & K. Guilfoyle, J. Prendeville

SUNDAY, December 18
8:30 a.m. M. & W. King, A. & K. Lordo, C. & J. Lower
10:00 a.m. A. & A. Bott, W. Bumbico, Marlene Fields, G. Scarpitti, G. Ulibarri
11:30 a.m. T. & V. Garrity, P. Griffith, J. & J. Marmion, L. Talmadge

LECTORS
SATURDAY, December 17
4:00 p.m. K. Leite, D. Zeyen

SUNDAY, December 18
8:30 a.m. P. Casper, P. Zeyen
10:00 a.m. D. Fast, G. Moebius
11:30 a.m. G. & L. Griffith

READINGS December 18, 2016
First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Offertory Totals for December 4, 2016
Regular .................................................. $ 9,966.66
Electronic ............................................. $ 9,313.40
Total .................................................. $ 19,280.06
Diocesan Tax ...................................... $ 1,156.80
Net ..................................................... $ 18,123.26

May God continue to richly bless you for your generosity and faithfulness!

FUNERAL BAKE SALE
There will be a Funeral Ministry Bake Sale on December 17th and 18th after all Masses. We are asking parishioners to bake and drop off their baked goods on Saturday, December 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please come through the double garage doors on the “bank side” of the building. You will find us in the kitchen. Any questions, please call Ellen Voltolini at 614-262-2459. Thank you for all your help.

Advent Schedule 2016

Monday, December 12, 2016
7:00 p.m. Parish Penance Service

Tuesday, December 20, 2016
7:00 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Choir Concert

Saturday December 24, 2016
Christmas Eve Mass Schedule
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25, 2016
Christmas Day, 10:00 a.m. ONLY

Saturday, December 31, 2016
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1, 2017
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The parish office will be closed December 23 and 26 and again on December 30 and January 2.

NO ADORATION IN JANUARY.

LEISURE CLUB: DON’T FORGET
Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 15, for our Christmas breakfast get together. This will be our last until we resume in March, 2017. Bring your breakfast treats and meet at 9:15 in the Old Rectory. Hope to see you there.
This program aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ by offering personal study and small group discussions. This is an exciting six-week program that will begin with the book, *Living in the Father’s Love*. It is a powerful study meant to refresh us as we discover how much God loves us! What a great way to start off the new year. Evening sessions begin Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. or our daytime sessions start Thursday, January 12th at 9:00 a.m. You may register anytime at olp-parish.org or the weekend of December 18th after each of the Masses. COME JOIN US!

Announcing the release of OLP Chorister Christmas CD called “*A Child Is Born*.” Throughout Advent, Choristers will be selling their Christmas Disc before and after Mass. Support our music program, and hear the angelic children of the parish! A limited number are available so purchase a CD for yourself and as gifts for friends and family now. Don’t miss out! Get them before they are gone! To expedite an order, please send an email to Nathan.Medley@gmail.com.

Six years ago, Rachel Muha, the director of the Run the Race Club, reached out to local youth groups to see if we would serve her students at Christmas time. Rachel discovered that many of her young people did not have a bed to call their own. Some shared a full mattress on the floor with mom, dad and two siblings. Some stuffed trash bags with old clothes to make a mattress, others just slept on the floor in the living room.

The primary goal of the winter mission is to get every child a comfortable and warm bed. We get deeply discounted, but quality, pillow top mattresses and sturdy box springs. But thanks to the generosity of our student volunteers and donors, each year we are able to do much more. We patch holes, deep clean, paint walls, hang blinds & curtains, purchase bedding and room decorations, and often are able to give each student a dresser and desk in addition to their new bed. It is an incredible mission to be a part of, and so important for us to confront the reality of poverty in our own city!

**Sign up by TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13!!**

**OLPCyouth@gmail.com**
614-263-8824, ext. 204
Details on the Community Bulletin Board in the Gathering Space!

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**ALPHA is coming!**

Yes, we’re doing it again! Our next Alpha course will begin on Sunday, February 12, 2017. Session times for this upcoming series will be from 1:00-3:00 p.m. You can sign up now at the parish website. Just look for the red question mark and follow the link to online registration. Space is limited, so don't delay. What's Alpha? Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. It is an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life’s big questions together.

**HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE**

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE IN THE DECEMBER 25TH AND THE JANUARY 1ST BULLETIN BY DECEMBER 15TH. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
OUR LADY OF PEACE OPEN SHELTER COMMITTEE

The Our Lady of Peace Open Shelter Committee is helping at the CHRISTMAS PARTY for 450+ HOMELESS and MARGINALLY-HOUSED CHILDREN and THEIR PARENTS on December 20, 2016 in Downtown Columbus.

We are in need of the following items: Can you help us?

- Bags of miniature marshmallows
- Candy canes
- Individually wrapped candy
- 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)
- Children's coloring books and crayons

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

OUR COLLECTION DATES ARE THE WEEKENDS:
December 10 and 11, 2016 AND December 17 and 18, 2016
We will deliver all items on Monday, December 19, 2016

Thank you so much in advance.

THE OLP OPEN SHELTER COMMITTEE

Questions:
Veronica Garrity at 614-268-6626 or vgarrity@columbus.rr.com

PSR News & Updates

First, my wife Tracey, the long-time director of the Parish School Religion (PSR) program has been struggling with some health issues for many years now; and she was not able to return as the director of the program this year and give the energy and focus that this program requires and deserves. I am most grateful for all of the great work she has done over the past several years. She has been a great leader and advocate for this program, and her legacy will include moving the program from the basement of the Church to the school building, recruiting dynamic and faith-filled teachers and teacher’s aides – including many students and young adults, ensuring that the instruction and materials align with the guidelines of the Diocese, and creating a solid administrative structure for the program. She was always committed to ensuring the program ran well, the teachers felt supported, and the students and their families were welcomed and engaged. Certainly I am a lot biased since she is my wife, but can objectively say that we have a strong PSR program today because of her. So, a big thank you to Tracey!

Second, I am pleased to share that Jennifer Pawley has graciously agreed to serve as the interim director of the program. She brings a wealth of experience and passion to the program as a teacher (a former PSR teacher and currently a preschool teacher). Jennifer also has many wonderful ideas for continuing to grow our program – so more to come on that, and how you can help!

Third, Maggie Dieringer, our parish Youth Minister, will increase her involvement with PSR. She has been a regular visitor and is helping to teach our 7th and 8th graders. I know that she is also eager to share her faith with our PSR students and engage them in the many parish Youth Ministry programs.

Finally, I want to thank our parents for their commitment to the parish’s PSR program, especially as we transition leadership. I admire and respect that they have upheld the promise to raise their child(ren) in the faith of our Church. There are so many competing influences, even on Sunday mornings, so thank them for making PSR a priority in their family and for their children.

Peace,
Deacon Jeffrey Fortkamp
WHAT’S COMING UP AT OLP SCHOOL
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Christmas Program: “Opening Act” – Grades K & 1 –
10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Christmas Play – Grades 2-4 –
10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 14, 2016
All-School Mass – 8:30 a.m.
Monday, December 19, 2016 through January 2, 2017
NO SCHOOL

The Faculty and Staff of Our Lady of Peace wishes all parishioners a blessed and safe holiday season.

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KINDERGARTEN AT OUR LADY OF PEACE
Our Lady of Peace School offers full-day Kindergarten.
Registration for children of OLP parishioners will take place in the school office Monday through Friday during the month of January from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Please bring with you:
* Birth certificate
* Copy of Baptismal certificate (if not baptized at OLP)
* Immunization record
A child must be 5 years old by September 30 in order to be considered for Kindergarten. Please call the school office at 614-267-4535 if you would like to schedule a tour or have any questions.

HOMBROL
These are OUR LADY OF PEACE parishioners who achieved a 3.7 or higher grade point average in the First Quarter at Bishop Watterson.
Lydia Brickley, Emma Coleman, Marie Dock, Elizabeth Douglass, Maddie Egelhoff, Adrienne Ferguson, Erin Flanagan, Jonah Fortkamp, Riley Fortkamp, Anna France, Caroline Gulla, Frank Jobko, Alison Lang, Talia Livecchi, Kristina Mercurio, Samantha Mikula, Kiera Mulcahy, Lily Rosati Yoos, Emma Schuler, Josh Weithman, Rachel Weithman, Jacob Zerkle, Thomas Zerkle.

Bishop Watterson and Our Lady of Peace congratulate them for their outstanding academic achievement!!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
ON DECEMBER 10TH AND 11TH, SVDP WILL BE COLLECTING AT ALL DOORS. PLEASE BE GENEROUS TO THOSE IN NEED OF THE NECESSITIES IN LIFE. CHECKS MAY BE MADE OUT TO: OLP..SVDP....CASH IS ALWAYS WELCOME!
DECEMBER 18TH...SANDWICH MAKING AFTER 8:30 MASS.
SVDP THANKS YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT OVER 2016. WE ARE HERE TO SERVE OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF SOMEONE OR A FAMILY IS IN NEED OF OUR SERVICES.

SVDP has clients in need of a bed, kitchen table and a client in need of washing machine repair. If you can help with any of these items, call Hank Rutland at 614-267-4213.

Save the Date – OLP Knights of Columbus are planning a ’60s Era Valentine’s Dinner Dance. More news to come, but mark your calendar for Saturday, February 11, 2017.