A priority mail box arrived on Thursday morning, containing a new green chasuble and a new green dalmatic and the attached message:

July 5, 2017
To: the staff of Our Lady of Peace
Msgr. John Johnson
Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Fortkamp
Sr. Barbara Kolesar

Please accept the enclosed vestments as a gift of thanksgiving to Our Lady of Peace Parish for prayers answered.

Green, the color of hope, is used often during the liturgical year.

I have noticed that the parish has only one set (chasuble and dalmatic) in this color. By providing a second option, perhaps this will create a longer life for the first set. And should we be blessed with a visit by one of the deacons from the Josephinum, both deacons could wear dalmatics instead of stoles only.

Deo Gratias!
– A grateful parishioner

To the anonymous, grateful parishioner, the parish extends its heartfelt thanks. Whenever the priest and deacon wear them, they will be most thankful for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Father John
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Thursday, August 24, 2017

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Check out what our Scouts have been up to at Summer Camp!

Greetings in Christ!

For those of you who have not read Fr. Johnsons’ previous announcement, I have taken a new job and will be leaving Our Lady of Peace. I have been feeling an itch to pursue teaching religion for some time now. I was offered a position at Saint Mary’s School in German Village and accepted as another step closer to that goal. I have poured my heart into trying to serve the youth at this parish for the last two years, and did not want to leave until I found someone that I thought would be a wonderful fit. I am so happy to share that Peter Richards will be taking over as the new Director of Youth Ministry. He is spending his summer working at Catholic Youth Summer Camp, but will be present shortly after camp. Peter is from Michigan, a full-time student at Ohio Dominican University, recently engaged, and best of all, truly loves the Lord! He has worked and volunteered in many different forms of Youth Ministry and is very eager to bring Christ into the hearts of all OLP’s youth! Even though he is not present in the office yet, he is already praying about the mission and goal for OLP, brainstorming and planning with St. Michael’s Youth Minister. He will continue working on growing our Middle School and High School Youth Ministries, working with meeting the needs of our young adults, and overseeing our Parish School of Religion. Please welcome him with warm smiles and be patient with him during this transitional time! Starting at a new parish where everyone is new and everything is new is a lot to take in.

I will be continuing to pray for all of you and wishing you a growing and thriving Youth Ministry! Please keep me in your prayers as I try to follow the Lord’s will.

Cheers,
Maggie Dieringer

Want to learn more about your faith?
Do you like volunteering with kids?
Feeling a call towards teaching?

You could be a great fit as one of our PSR volunteers!

This is a big transition year for us, but we are very excited to watch our program grow in faith, unity, music, and joy! PSR is looking for lead teachers in Preschool, First Grade, Third Grade, Fourth Grade, and Fifth Grade and Co-Teachers in Seventh Grade. We could also use assistant teachers for Third Grade and Fifth Grade.

Please email OLPCyouth@gmail.com or call the parish office to inquire more. We provide the weekly curriculum, teacher’s look over prior to class and execute the lesson. We have substitute teachers in place to try and make the commitment easier on your family.

Lead teachers should be at least juniors in high school, while assistant teachers can be in 8th grade or higher.

This is a very rewarding ministry filled with joy and community!
DIOCESAN NEWS

Tea with the Animals

The Martin de Porres Center (2330 Airport Drive, Columbus) will host “Tea with the Animals: Afternoon Tea with a Side of Conservation” on Sunday, August 6, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. After enjoying fair trade tea, chocolate, and other sweets, the Columbus Zoo will feature several animals, along with information about their habitat, status in the wild, and conservation issues. We’ll also learn more about local ecology programs and view our latest art exhibit, “Conservation in the Classroom.” As a special feature this year, come dressed to impress with your favorite hat! And, of course, don’t forget about our great raffle prizes! $35.00 preregistration required by July 31 at https://community.oppeace.org/mdphightea or by calling (614) 416-1910.

Please Mark Your Calendar for the Next Citywide Prayer Gathering!

When: Saturday, August 5, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
9:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Dean Mathewson and Fr. James Coleman, concelebrant.

Breakfast, Praise, Adoration, Prayer Ministry, Confession, Fellowship, and a Teaching on “Surrendering” to be given by Deacon Ed Shikina.

Where: OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
(Next to Independence H. S.)
5225 Refugee Road, Columbus 43232

Please bring a dish to share. Please come and bring a friend.

Sponsored by the Columbus Catholic Renewal.
Information Contact: Cheryl at Church of Our Lady, 614-861-1242

Bethesda Healing Ministry

“How long does it take to be healed? I have been to Confession. I have prayed. I have tried to forget.” One can only grieve what one deeply loves. The residual effect of abortion lingers. There is hope; there is life after abortion. Bethesda Healing Ministry offers an open invitation to you to join us that you might experience the peace and hope that can be yours. There is a light in the window and welcome in the hearts of those who look forward to meeting you. We have been there and understand. Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines: 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at bethesdahealing.org.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017
4:00 p.m. Bob Benkowski (Festival Committee)

SUNDAY, July 23, 2017
8:30 a.m. Deceased Members Mosey/Polis Families (Wayne and Mary King)
10:00 a.m. Our Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Glen Milam (Tom & Veronica Garrity)

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017
8:30 a.m. Richard Bigham

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017
8:30 a.m. Alex Lorms (Molly Flanagan)

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017
8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Cosimati/DuBrul Families (Bunni Cosimati)

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017
8:30 a.m. Fran Davis (Joan Zuber)

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017
4:00 p.m. Gertrude Zeyen (Theresa Kucsma)

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017
8:30 a.m. Max and Effie Richey (Pesci Family)
10:00 a.m. Tom Wangler (Tom & Sue Hagman)
11:30 a.m. Our Parishioners

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. Prayer requests are kept confidential.

PLEASE SHARE

Is now the time to explore joining the Church?

If you’re curious about the Catholic faith or you have even thought about becoming a Catholic, our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program is just for you. Adults from all faith traditions, or no religious background at all, are welcome to participate in our program of instruction designed especially for the needs and lifestyles of busy adults. There are no obligations, pressures or commitments in your participation – just come and learn.

Our Lady of Peace’s program is unique for a number of reasons. It is structured, instructional, and paced for adult learners; an interactive program that meets weekly beginning in early September and culminates with Initiation into the Church on Easter Vigil in the spring. Our RCIA team is dedicated to meeting the needs of the individual participant. They are backed up by a clergy that is involved and caring.

It is worth at least one phone call or e-mail to find out more. Please contact Deacon Jeffrey Fortkamp at 614-578-5420 or jdfortkamp@gmail.com.