**OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**MASSES**

**Weekends**  
Saturday – 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday – 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.

**Holy Days**  
See Bulletin for Mass Times

**Weekdays**  
Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday-Friday – 8:30 a.m.

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday – 3:00-3:45 p.m. and by private appointment. Contact Fr. Dooley to schedule.

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**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Thursday of the Month  
Begins 9:00 a.m.  
Ends with Benediction 6:45 p.m.

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**COMMUNITY ADORATION**

Second Sunday of the Month  
7:00-8:15 p.m.

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**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

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

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**MARRIAGES**

Arrangements should be made at the Parish Office at least six months prior to the marriage.

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**BAPTISMS**

Prior to the Baptism of your first child, a 90-minute Parent Preparation Course is required. The course is offered every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Baptisms are scheduled for the 2nd weekend and the last Sunday of each month (with some exceptions). The Baptism can be scheduled after the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday 11:30 a.m. Mass. To register for the parent class, or to schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

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**SICK CALLS**

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

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**BULLETIN DEADLINE – MONDAY BY NOON**

Please e-mail notice to olpbulletin@rrohio.com.
PARISH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The Parish Office will be closed December 23 at noon and also all day December 24-26 and January 1.
• Due to early deadlines, announcements for the December 22 and December 29 are due by December 17.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Father Jerry Stluka’s 50TH Anniversary of Ordination: All parishioners are invited to join in the celebration of Fr. Stluka’s 50th anniversary of ordination. There will be a special Mass on Sunday, December 15, at St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Avenue, Columbus, at 2:00 p.m., followed by a reception afterwards in Kulp Hall from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Fr. Jerry Stluka is a son of Our Lady of Peace Parish. Congratulations and prayers for Fr. Jerry Stluka!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 14, 2019
4:00 p.m. Tom Ridenour (Fran Ridenour)

Sunday, December 15, 2019
8:30 a.m. Our Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Eddie Susi (Les Susi)
11:30 a.m. Steven O’Neill (Slavik Family)

Tuesday, December 17, 2019
5:30 p.m. Louise Weisend (Theresa Kucsma)

Wednesday, December 18, 2019
8:30 a.m. Jack Brennen (Sister Barbara Kolesar)

Thursday, December 19, 2019
8:30 a.m. Tom Close (Antoinette Elovitz)

Friday, December 20, 2019
8:30 a.m. Lola Harrington (Barbara Martin and Marian Berry)

Saturday, December 21, 2019
4:00 p.m. Jack Brennen (St. Vincent de Paul Society)

Sunday, December 22, 2019
8:30 a.m. Marie Same (Son and Daughter)
10:00 a.m. George French (Mahler Family)
11:30 a.m. Our Parishioners

RETIREMENT FAREWELL FOR SISTER MARTHA
IS THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH.
JOIN US AFTER THE 11:30 MASS!
OLP PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 15
SVDP sandwich making, 9:00 a.m. Old Rectory
Funeral Ministry Bake Sale, 9:30 a.m. Old Rectory, large
Sister Martha’s Retirement Farewell, 12:30 Gathering Space
High School Youth Ministry, 7:00 p.m. Other

Monday, December 16
Cub Scout Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Old Rectory, large
Parish Penance Service, 7:00 p.m. Church

Tuesday, December 17
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Old Rectory, large

Wednesday, December 18
Choir, 7:00 p.m. Church

Thursday, December 19
Senior Alpha, 9:30 a.m. Old Rectory, large
RCIA, 7:00 p.m. Old Rectory, large

To access the OLP Calendar on the Webpage, go to http://olp-parish.org. Then choose CALENDAR (TEAMUP)

FREE BOOKS FOR ADVENT
Stop by the gathering space and pick up a free copy of Rediscover the Saints by Matthew Kelly. Discover 25 questions that will change your life answered by the great examples of the lives of saints!

OLP OPEN SHELTER SUPPORT GROUP
The OLP OPEN SHELTER SUPPORT GROUP is sponsoring the HOT DRINKS STATION at the Annual OPEN SHELTER Christmas party for 450 Homeless and Marginally-housed children on December 17, 2019 at the downtown Broad Street United Methodist Church.

We are collecting:
- Boxes of individual packets of hot chocolate mix
- Large bags, 4 lbs., granulated sugar, not individual packets
- Large containers of non-refrigerated powdered creamer, not individual packets
- Ground coffee, any variety
- Candy canes
- Wrapped candy
- Coloring books and crayons

There is a box in the Gathering Space and we will be collecting the weekends of December 7/8 and December 14/15. We go downtown on December 16 to set up and help decorate.

Thank you ALL for your kind support!!
OLP OPEN SHELTER SUPPORT GROUP

Questions: Contact Veronica Garrity at 614-657-6482

WHAT’S COMING UP?
OLP SCHOOL

Tuesday, December 17
Christmas program

Wednesday, December 18
All-School Mass – 8:30 a.m.
Special Stations of the Cross – Grade 2 – 1:45 p.m.

Friday, December 20, 2019 to Friday, January 3, 2020
No School – Christmas break

JOIN US IN THE OLD RECTORY TO PICK UP SOME DELICIOUS GOODIES!

FUNERAL MINISTRY BAKE SALE IS THIS WEEKEND!

COME TO ALPHA
What’s Alpha?
Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Run over eleven weeks, each session looks at a different question that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation. It’s just an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life’s big questions together.

Series begins
Sunday, January 12, 2020
Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Sign up at olp-parish.org/alpha.
Got Questions? Try Alpha!
ST. VINCENT de PAUL (SVDP) SOCIETY
Help for those who are suffering
Thank you for your generous response to the St. Vincent de Paul collection last weekend. Our total was $3,281.01 (every penny counts!)
Join us today for the last Sandwich Making of 2019 after 8:30 a.m. Mass.

COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
Give Yourself the Gift of Time with Jesus and Your Sisters in Christ! Give yourself the gift of the Columbus Catholic Women’s Conference on Saturday, February 15, 2020, from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Ohio Expo Center. Come to pray, learn and rest with your sisters in Christ from around the diocese. Register now for early bird pricing at www.columbuscatholicwomens.com. Don’t miss this day of amazing grace.

DID YOU KNOW
Important Information for Parents Considering Our Lady of Peace Elementary School:
If your assigned public school is one of the following:
Colerain  Cranbrook
Gables    Indian Springs
Salem     Winterset
(other schools in Worthington and Dublin are included as well)
Then you are eligible for the EdChoice Scholarship which will pay for most of your tuition at Our Lady of Peace. If you are a registered parish member, then your tuition is free. (Current students, unfortunately, are not eligible unless they are already receiving an EdChoice scholarship.)
Call the school office at 614-267-4535 or email principal Jim Silcott at jsilcott@cdeducation.org for details.

PRIEST OF THE WEEK
Be sure to tune in to the Friday Morning Show with Katy and Father Adam at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, December 27 on AM820. The Priest of the Week that morning is our very own, Fr. Sean Dooley!

OUR LADY OF PEACE, PRAY FOR US!
COATS FOR KIDS
The Knights of Columbus are once again conducting their annual Coats for Kids drive after all Masses on December 14 and December 15. We are accepting all sizes of new or lightly used coats in the Gathering Space. If it is easier for you to make a donation, the check should be made out to “Knights of Columbus Council 14828” and dropped off after Mass on December 14 or December 15 or mail to Knights of Columbus C/O Our Lady of Peace Parish, 20E Dominion Boulevard, Columbus, 43214. Thank you for your generosity. Questions, contact Terry Martin at 614 264 4595.

THE AGORA: A CATHOLIC MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS
The second installment of the new Our Lady of Peace speaker series, The Agora: A Catholic Marketplace of Ideas, will take place on Sunday, January 12, 2020. Adoration will be from 6:00-6:40 p.m., followed by Dr. Perry Cahall’s presentation, “Sanctity of Human Life,” from 6:50-7:30 p.m. This presentation explores why the basis of society is the unconditional respect for human life from the moment of natural conception to the moment of natural death, and how we arrived at our current cultural moment. A Question and Answer session will be held from 7:30-8:00 p.m., followed by a light reception. Hope to see you there!

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION
2020-21 enrollment for Kindergarten & open spots in grades 1-8 is now open for Our Lady of Peace parish members. Please stop by the school office to pick up an enrollment folder. The following is needed along with the completed application.
• Birth certificate (copy only)
• Baptismal certificate (copy only) if not baptized at Our Lady of Peace
• Most recent report card for students entering grades 1-8
• Custody papers if parents are separated or divorced
• 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.
Many families with new students enrolling will be eligible for the EdChoice scholarship. Contact the school office for more information.

ORGANIC, HEALTHY AND ENPOWERING
Organic, Healthy, and Empowering – Do you buy organic and hormone-free foods? Why not apply this healthy approach to your family planning method? Natural Family Planning (NFP) empowers married couples to effectively achieve or postpone pregnancy without risking the health of the woman, her nursing child, or her future fertility. Attend a NFP Class Series at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, starting January 26, 2020, from 6:15-8:00 pm, and continuing on February 16 and March 15. Register online at www.columbuscatholic.org/nfp-program, or contact NFP Coordinator Jennifer Fullin at 614-241-2560 or jfullin@columbuscatholic.org. Please register by January 22, so we can have your materials ready for you!

ST. VINCENT FAMILY CENTER
Board games needed at St. Vincent Center. While young children at St. Vincent Family Center are receiving the quality behavioral health treatment they so desperately need, they also need to be reminded that they are just that – young children. And all young children, despite their challenging circumstances, deserve to play and have fun like all little ones do. St. Vincent Family Center is in need of new board games to fill their classrooms and play areas, to allow children the opportunity to learn and play with their peers and their families. Board games of all sorts are used during social skill lessons, family counseling sessions and play time to encourage relationship building, teamwork, life skills and FUN! New board games can be donated to St. Vincent Family Center at any time – contact Deb Huff, Development Manager, at (614) 252-2477 or dhuff@svfc.org to learn more.
LOVE HISTORY? JOIN THE CATHOLIC RECORD SOCIETY.
The Catholic Record Society preserves the history of the Diocese of Columbus. Quarterly meetings and monthly Bulletin. The Society responds to genealogical and historical inquiries. Membership is $12.00. Please send check to the Catholic Record Society, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. If questions, contact Chairman Mike Finn at fcoolavin@aol.com. In celebration of the sesquicentennial of the Diocese, the Catholic Record Society, Diocese of Columbus has sponsored publication of: Devotion to Truth - The Life of Rt. Rev. Sylvester H. Rosecrans, D.D., First Bishop of Columbus. Great Christmas gift. Available from Amazon.

MUSICAL REFLECTION OF THE SEASON THIS SUNDAY
The Martin de Porres Center (2330 Airport Drive, Columbus) invites you to enjoy a musical reflection of the Season on Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. with an ensemble from the Urban Strings Youth Orchestra. This orchestra, who will present a “Joy to the World” themed concert, empowers Central Ohio youth through music and fellowship. Free and open to the public, although donations will be accepted. Contact (614) 416-1910 or martindeporres@oppeace.org with questions.

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2020 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR
The Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2020 Catholic Man of the Year. Bishop Robert Brennan will present this annual award on Friday, February 7, 2020 at the Men’s Luncheon. The Catholic Man of the Year is awarded to one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the “good and faithful servant.” The recipient will have the opportunity to share his personal testimony during the ceremony. Nominations will be accepted through December 31, 2019. For details, nomination instructions and the required online nomination form, go to catholicmensministry.com/cmoy. Submit your nomination and let us know why your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!

ADVENT SCHEDULE 2019
December 14, 2019: Christmas Caroling Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
December 16, 2019: Parish Penance Service Monday, 7:00 p.m.
December 24, 2019: Christmas Eve Mass Schedule Tuesday, 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m.
December 25, 2019: Christmas Day Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. ONLY
During Advent on Tuesday evenings from 4:45 till 5:15 p.m., Father Dooley will hear Confessions before the Tuesday Mass at 5:30 p.m.
January 1, 2020:
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.
Mass on Tuesday, December 31st will be at 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, January 1st at 9:00 a.m.
The Parish Office will be closed December 23 at noon, December 24, 25, and 26 and January 1, 2020.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS HELP
Catholic Charities Christmas Help is a resource listing of our diocesan sponsored Catholic charities and items needed to help their clients. The people who they serve need the basics: food, clothing, personal hygiene products, and household items. They also need volunteers. To access the list online, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/social-concerns-office.

PILGRIMAGE IN JUNE
Join Father Matt Hoover from Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus, Ohio, for a once-in-a lifetime opportunity to explore Rome, Naples & Sicily. The Pilgrimage is from June 5-18, 2020. For itinerary, cost, travel tips, registration forms and more, visit the IC web site at www.iccols.org and click on “News & Events” on the homepage. Specific questions may be directed to the IC Parish Office at (614) 267-9241.
A Brief Examination of Conscience
Based on the Ten Commandments

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.
Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord’s Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother.
Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill.
Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery.
Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal.
Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor’s spouse.
Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.
Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

Christ’s Two Commandments
How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: “He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments’” (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? “[Love] is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails” (1 Cor 13:4-8).

The Light is 
ON for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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