

Serve One Another In Prayer and Action
Our Lady of Peace Church and School

December 4, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY

of
Advent



John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matthew 3:1

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Writings from Fr. Walter...
Being Spiritual in Contemporary Society-Possible?

A question such as this can be fascinating to explore. Exploring it alone can deepen our awareness of what obstacles society can conceivably throw in our way. The lack of awareness can make spiritual growth difficult. We can easily live our lives in routine fashion, falling into various spiritual pit holes, realizing afterward that we did wrong, and then decide to go to confession - if we are even that aware! A better approach is to see the pit hole in front of us and then walk around it, rather than fall into it.

Now that we are more firmly into the Advent Season, continuing to prepare for Christ's birth in our midst, let's find an example from the Bible that can highlight this question. How about the story of the Three Kings? Now here is an example of three people aware of their society! The Three Kings HAD to be aware of their society if they were planning to see the newborn King AND keep Him alive! Why? King Herod wanted Christ dead, but he did not know where to find Him. So, his plan of action was to manipulate the Three Kings to find Christ for him. Then he would kill Him! Ugly situation!

My sense is that because these Three Kings are also called the three "Wise Men," they just had to be well aware of the good and bad points of society. Now, how does this story go? First, they met with the King Herod who asked them to find the Christ child and then let him know where He was so that he, Herod, would be able to worship Him, or so he says. Second, they are warned in a dream not to comply with the King's wishes. Third, they obviously find the Christ child and worship Him themselves; afterward, they return home by a different route. Above all else, they tell the King nothing. When the King hears of this, he becomes enraged and kills all of the first born baby boys at a similar age. In short, the society during the time of Christ was a perfect example of one that possibly can offer bad example, at least here for sure.

Herod was a complex figure. He was a king who built many structures to edify his people, not the least being the Temple in which the Jewish people could worship. The Bible, along with many historians, tells us that this was a magnificent structure!! But on the other hand, he was a first ranked egotist who got jealous quite too easily and was willing to kill children to insure that he would have no rivals. His situation was not black or white exactly. It was more a sense of grey. Another reason why his situation was more grey was because his society offered countless examples of similar leadership. His role models were not all the exemplars of spiritual leadership. That is why John the Baptist was important. He was telling everyone to repent, including King Herod, an action which got him imprisoned and eventually executed. And why? Probably because the whole society needed to think differently, including the King who was a product of the same society as everyone else.

And that brings us to our society today. Do you see any parallels with us to the society of Herod's time? We, too, have good and bad elements. We have heroes and people less than that. Our society is competitive and money driven. But there is again a good and bad side to it. The Pope asks why the poor have become invisible to so many people. Perhaps the Pope is the John the Baptist of our time? Behind all that is said about him is the simple message of conversion. In order to navigate through the complexity of our society successfully, we need and will always need to hear, this challenge to convert. And not only hear it, but to heed it, too. We will be glad we did. After all, this is how we prepare for Christ's birth in our midst. And won't we be glad when He is!

Peace, Fr. Walter!

LITURGICAL ROLES

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 10

5:00 P.M. - J. Schultz

December 11

7:00 A.M. - D. Nietzel

8:30 A.M. - H.N.S.

10:15 A.M. - T. Schiappa

12:00 Noon - S. Sobotka

6:30 P.M. - Welgos

OFFERING COUNTERS

December 12

Joe Phillips
Judy Hendricks

Hanne Bnidgen
Julaine Koziol
Jerry Barton
Vicky Socha

PARISH REGISTRATION

For Further Information,
please contact the
Parish Office on
630-323-4333
Ext. 17

MASS INTENTIONS December 5-December 10

DAILY MASS: **MONDAY-SATURDAY 7:30 A.M.**

MON: 12/5 (D) Richard Ray

TUES: 12/6 (D) Richard Herrick

WED: 12/7 (D) Walter Koziol
I.C. Vigil: 7:00PM (D) Diane McFadden

THURS: 12/8 7:30A (L) Ron McBride—Ann. of Ordination
I. Conception 9:00A (D) Nicholas Ulman
7:00P (D) Lily/Pedro Vasquez

FRI: 12/9 (D) Milton Steinke

SAT: 12/10 (L) Kimberly Sheedy
5:00 PM (D) Velma Gartland/Myra Johnson
Fr. Barry

SUNDAY: 12/11
7:00 AM (D) Larry Labus
Fr. Walter
8:30 AM (D) H.N.S.
Fr. Ron

10:15 AM (D) William Serritella
Fr. Michael

12:00 Noon (D) Cipriano/Lucia Raguini
Msgr. Jim
6:30 PM (D) Richard Gorski
Msgr. Jim

2nd Sunday of ADVENT READINGS

Readings:

Isa 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9, Matt 3:1-12

Scripture:

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matt 3:1-2)

ALTAR SERVERS

December 5—December 9

M. Bicek, S. Abbott

Saturday, December 10

7:30 AM: M. Bicek, S. Abbott

5:00 PM: L. Duffy, P. Fleming

Sunday, December 11

7:00 AM: M/B Rudolph

8:30 AM: H.N.S.

10:15 AM: N/A

12:00 Noon: S. Wasler, A. Falzarano, N. Jason

6:30 PM: N/A



MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY: Please help the less fortunate with a charitable gift. Your donation allows us to supply the needy with food from week to week. The recipients graciously thank you and God continues to bless you.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Budget: \$21,000

In Gratitude, We Announce!

November 20: \$17,485 Short: \$(3,515)

Campaign for Human Development: \$5,108

November 27: \$20,444 Short: \$(556)

Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God's love for the departed.

For the Deceased of our parish



Dorothy Locke
Salvatore Ribando
Mario Luperini

Death is not something to be feared. It has no bitter end... but rather holds for us a light to better see our Friend.

BAPTISMS

Through the *Saving Waters of Baptism*, we
WELCOME the following:



(To Be Announced)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Congratulations and God's Blessings

"Arnold & Virginia Arquines"

On the occasion of your
45th Wedding Anniversary



WEDDING BANNS



*It is with Joy that we announce the
Upcoming wedding(s) of:*

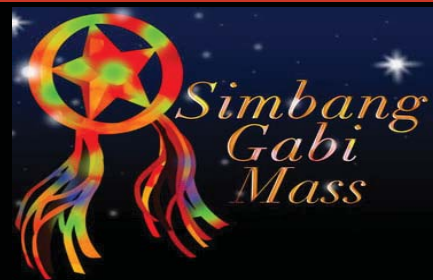
(To Be Announced)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Your prayers have been a tremendous source of healing, empowerment, enrichment, and prophecies for all of the sick of Our Lady of Peace, especially those listed below. Join us daily by sharing your spirituality and prayer devotions for the sick.

Frank Annicks, Alan Amann, Patricia Aylward, Nick Bensfield, Celedonia Biala, Joseph Bielaga, Dcn. Frank Bina, Bill/James Bleacher, Scott Bocek, Donna Bogda, Sam N. Bologna, Chris Burgner, Fran Brindac, Linda Bronsteader, Lisa Calabrese, Celeste Bucci, O.F.C., Bill Cass, Mrs. Clark, Kim Coreylie, Leona Covert, Barb Cowell, Nancy Cheske, Ann Cristofaro, Jacob D., Teresita Dela Cruz, William/Margaret Detloff, Marilyn DiFoggio, Carol Domabyl, Brooklynn Drab, Steven Duffin, Anne/Ellie Deutsch, Charles Frankenberger, Fran Goodell, Valerie Grawle, Laura Hearn, JoAnne Hug, Scott Ingram, Helen Jurasek, Sylvia/John Krones, Lorraine Kolton, Bro. Leonard Konopka, MIC, Ann Lewenski, Rev. David Lord, Matthew Maggiore, Camille Manz, Jaime Marquiez, Joan McShane, Ronald Molfese, Joan Novak, OFC, Matt Osinski, Nelva Pannaralla, Lucas Paoletti, Rose Marie Pedryc, Helen Peschel, June Pincuspy, J. Pisarczyk, Geri Ploskonka, Stanley H. Ploskonka, Anne Raymond, Joan Ritzert, Roger Rodriques, George/Laura Rossano, Charles Sanders, Archbishop Peter Sartain, Karlton Smith, Bertha Sobotka, Marylyn Sobun, Patricia Soukup, Donna Soukup, Andrew/Marilyn Stanley, Cindy Thompson, Elaine Vassallo, Joey Ventimiglia, Martin Viau, Brian Williams, Patricia Wolf, Patricia Wrenn, Carol Zaleski, Ernest Zegadlo



A Philippine Advent Tradition
Our Lady of Peace Church
Tuesday, December 20, 2016
7:30PM

Rev. Walter Dziordz, MIC, Pastor
Rev. Ron McBride, MIC
Deacon Larry Fudacz

Reception to follow in the school gym.

Save The Date!



Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) weekends are coming in 2017.

- ♦ Men's: March 4 and 5, 2017.
- ♦ Women's: March 11 and 12, 2017.

Prayerfully consider attending this valuable experience.

Attention Holiday Shoppers: To assist you in your holiday shopping needs (including the Giving Tree), Our Lady of Peace School will be offering gift cards for sale through its T.R.I.P. program (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program). T.R.I.P. purchases the cards in bulk at a discount and sells them at face value. The discount becomes profit that will benefit the school and help keep tuition at reasonable levels. Order forms were included in the November 20th bulletin, and extra copies are in the church vestibule. Please follow the attached ordering instructions. Orders are being accepted each Monday through December 12th.



We have an extensive list of gift cards, including no-fee Visa and American Express gift cards. If you are going to purchase gift cards this Christmas, consider supporting your parish school at the same time. If you have questions, contact Michele O'Connor at 630-963-6462 or Melissa Schafer at 630-241-4323.

OLP is Looking for Collection Counters!

The Counting Ministry of Our Lady of Peace is in need of three new volunteers. This ministry requires a half day of volunteer work every six weeks on Monday morning to count Sunday's offering. No skills are required and it is a great way to help out the Parish.

Please contact Joe Phillips at 708-525-5919 if you are interested.

The Holy Name Society is Hosting a "CHRISTMAS PARTY" on December 11, 2016 at Alpine Banquet



(8230 Cass Ave, Darien 60561)

from 5:30PM to 10:00PM

(family Style with open-bar)

Music by Edizon Dayao.

All HNS members and parishioners over age of 21 are invited to attend.

Tickets (\$40.00)

are now available each Sunday.

For reservations, please contact the following:

Chairman: Frank Modelski: 630- 464-3660

Luis Ferrer: 630-244-1173 Dave Mueller: 630-663-4479



DONUT SUNDAY 12/4 & 12/18 7:00AM TO 12 NOON

Donuts and refreshments will be served in the Church Hall on Sunday, December 4 & 18. The program seeks two adult volunteers who will share duties from 7 to 10AM and from 10AM to 12:30PM. Three teen-age volunteers are needed for each of these shifts. Call 630-852-1797, or email to blockwalter@hotmail.com



"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called 'Emmanuel,' which means, God is with us.
Matthew, 1:25

The Feast of The Immaculate Conception

♦December 7 Vigil: 7:00 PM

♦December 8: 7:30, 9:00 AM, 7PM

Christmas Wafers, traditionally known as "OPLATKY," will be available soon in the vestibule of the Church. You may place your donation in the white envelopes and drop them into the weekend collection basket, or give them to the ushers or bring to the sacristy during the weekday Masses. We are asking for a \$3 stipend, or a donation of your choice, to help defray the cost; however, if your means do not allow for that, please remember Our Lady of Peace in your prayers, and accept the wafers as our gift.

Advent – A Time to joyfully prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Come join your fellow parishioners and Deacon Pat for an hour of bible study, prayer and discussion, as we prepare for our Savior's birth. Our study began on 12/1 in the Church Hall from 7-8 PM. 12/15 location to be determined. All are welcome from teenagers on up. Bring a friend and make it the best Christmas ever.



The Feast of St. Nicholas December 6th

It is fitting that the Feast of St. Nicholas comes at the beginning of Advent and the beginning of the shopping season. As the patron saint said of shoppers he proclaims, "keep it simple!"

Keep it simple enough to fit in
a shoe or a stocking.



Once upon a time there lived far away in the East a pious man, Bishop Nicholas. One day he heard that far in the West was a big town of whom all the people had to suffer hunger. Bishop Nicholas called his servants who loved him & said to them, "Bring me the fruits of your gardens & your fields. They brought apples/nuts and on top lay honey cakes. The men brought sacks of wheat. Bishop Nicholas set sail westward. Upon arriving in the big town, it was evening. The roads were empty. Bishop knocked at the doors and when the children ran to open the door, no one was there. But instead, there stood baskets filled with fruits and nuts, honey cakes and wheat grains. All the people became healthy and happy. Today St. Nicholas is in heaven. Every year on his birthday he starts on his journey down to the earth. He journeys on his white horse from star to star. There he meets Mother Mary, who gathers silver and golden threads for the shift of the Christ Child. Mother Mary says to him:" Dear St. Nicholas, please go again to the children and bring them your gifts. Tell them, Christmas is nigh and soon the Christ Child will come."

The earth is wide and great. There, where St. Nicholas cannot go himself, he asks a good and pious person to go to the children and take them apples and nuts and tell the children of the coming of the Christ Child.



The Parish Office of the Rectory
will be modified for the week of
Christmas and New Year's.

Rectory Parish Office Holiday Hours

December 23, 24, 25, 26—Closed

December 30 & January 2, 2017— Closed

January 3, 2017 — Rectory Open 8 AM

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, Christmas time is quite hectic in our parish. Because of the large number of church services and our large congregation, we ask you to please note the following schedule of Masses. Please share this schedule with your family and friends.

PARISH ADVENT CONFESSIONS - DECEMBER 9 -7:00 PM

DECEMBER 24TH—CHRISTMAS EVE

NO MORNING CONFESSIONS

4:00 PM Children's Mass (Children 10 & under & their families)

6:00 PM Vigil Mass; 5:45 PM Musical Prelude

10:30 PM Midnight Mass—Choir begins at 10:00 PM

DECEMBER 25TH—CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00 AM Mass	6:45 Musical Prelude
8:30 AM Mass	8:15 Musical Prelude
10:15 AM Mass	10:00 Musical Prelude
12:00 Noon Mass	11:45 Musical Prelude
6:30 PM Mass	<u>None</u>



NEW YEAR'S EVE & DAY MASS SCHEDULES

Holy Day of Obligation

December 31: Solemnity of Mary Vigil: 5:00PM

January 1: Solemnity of Mary: 7:00, 8:30, 10:15AM & 12:00 Noon, NO 6:30 PM



Crusader Chronicles

December 4, 2016

STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Senick

For those of you that do not know, this is my first year of full-time teaching. I graduated from Loyola University Chicago in the Spring with two degrees in Secondary Education and English, as well as a minor in English as a Second Language. I can honestly say that I love my job! I feel very fortunate and blessed to have become a part of such a wonderful community filled with dedicated and respectful students, parents, faculty, and staff.

The aspect of teaching I enjoy most is getting to know my students. I feel that it is not enough to simply speak at students; I must speak with them in order to do my job effectively. I love that every day is different and dynamic. It makes the job interesting! I also really enjoy taking care of people, so my students have become a very monumental part of my life.

In my free time, I like to socialize with friends, watch movies or a favorite TV show (*Gilmore Girls*, *This is Us*, *Nashville*), read, and catch up on sleep! This year, I'd really like to become a more crafty person. We'll see what happens. 😊

JOEY'S TEAM

Thank you to everyone that has prayed for Joey and his family. The power of prayer is awesome and we ask that you continue to pray for him and his family even though he is back at school on a regular basis.

If you haven't picked up a Joey's Team bracelet, there are a few still available in the school office. Donations are also accepted in the school office or you can visit the families Go Fund Me account. Thank you for all the support that our parish has shown to the Ventimiglia family.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Our Student Council is in the process of raising money to purchase gifts for a local family for Christmas. They held two fundraising events this past Friday. The first was a pajama day that the students and staff took part in. Everyone was asked to donate at least \$1 to wear their favorite pajamas and slippers. The other fundraiser that they held was a special dance for the kindergarten through fifth graders after school on Friday.

O CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you to everyone that participated in our tree decorating this year. The trees help beautify our school and parish campus. Plus, the decorating allows the school and parish families to spend more time together and they put everyone in the Christmas spirit.

HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students for earning High Honors (4.00 GPA and above) and Honors (3.33 – 3.99 GPA) for the first marking period.

8th grade:

High Honors: Robert A., Ronald G., and Brigid R.

Honors: Madison A., Michael B., Mary C., Philip C., Abigail D., James F., Andrew G., Dominic G., Julian H., Carnig H., Cieona K., Lillian M., Alyssa O., Hanna P., Matthew Q., and Maya T.

7th Grade:

High Honors: Deirdre C., Lucas D., Van G., Matthew G., Diana K., Amanda L., Nicholas M., Isabella S., John S.

Honors: Caitlin B., Grace D., Emma F., Erin H., Hannah J., Courtney K., Robert M., Isabella N., Joseph P., Ian S., Erin S., Caitlin V., and Elizabeth V.

6th Grade:

High Honors: Evelyn B., Pierce F., Hope O., Matthew R., and Leah T.

Honors: Noelle A., Thomas A., Mia C., Kylie C., Jorie C., Vincenzo D., Amber F., Isabella G., Emily V., Thomas L., Shane L., Joseph M., Samantha M., Ryan M., Anthony P., Keely S., Justin T., Ryan V., and Samuel Z.

BENET ACADEMY

Benet Academy honored some of our alumni for their academic accomplishments recently.

A.P. Scholar with Distinction: Shawn K.

A.P. Scholars with Honor: Carissa E., Daniel M., and Andrew M.

A.P. Scholars: Erin M. and Christopher B.

MONTINI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Montini will host an open house for prospective families on December 7th (6:30-8:30PM).

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Kim Richmond (krichmond@montini.org or 630-627-6930 Ext 182).

Upcoming Dates

December 5th – School Board Meeting (7:00 PM)

December 7th – OLP Choir singing at local nursing homes

December 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass (9:00AM)



"Speak Up For Those Who Cannot
Speak For Themselves"
-Proverbs 31:8

"Because you were there, I changed my mind. I was looking for a sign from God"... and Baby David was born!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

The Fall Campaign for 40 Days for Life ended on Sunday, November 6. Thank you to the 53 parishioners from OLOP that participated and filled over 148 hours of the 480 hour prayer vigil. (triple the Spring participation!)

Two parishioners were directly involved in the saving of a baby and spent several hours with the family over three days. Also during the vigil one of the staff at the clinic quit because of the efforts of the prayer vigil. God is working through us!

872 babies were saved due to the national fall campaign!!

Pregnant? Need Help?

Pregnancy Hotline 800-848-5683

Waterleaf Women's Center 888-989-3435

Woman's Choice Services 630-261-9564

Bethany Christian Services 800-238-4269

Several Sources Foundation 800-662-2678

Aid for Women 708-795-6000

Birthright 800-550-4900

Good Counsel 800-723-8331

Care-Net Pregnancy Service 630-455-0300

Catholic Charities 800-227-3002

(24 hour hotline)



FOOD PANTRY NEWS!!

Once again, we thank you for your kind cash donations, food, clothing items that you have provided for the needy! On November 16th, Our Lady of Peace volunteers passed out over 50 turkeys to needy families. It was a pleasure and joy for our volunteers to see smiles and gratitude from our patrons. **VOLUNTEERS JOHN WEISINGER and RICH VENA** passing out turkeys to a patron receiving her turkey.

In addition, at this time, we would also like to thank Great American Bagel Company, located on Ogden Avenue, and to Panera Bread on 75th St., for their bakery bread products which they donated.

Younger Than Ever Seniors

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday December 12th ALPINE BANQUETS

Luncheon at 12 Noon. Tickets \$26.00

Call Charlotte at 630-964-4422

**BOARD MEETING: Monday, December 5th
11:30A at Darien Park District Fairview Ave.
Board/Committee Members, please attend.**

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS!!


On Wednesday, December 7, the Our Lady of Peace Holy Name Society Board Meeting will be held from 6:30-7:00PM, and the General Meeting will be held from 7:00-9:00PM in the Church Hall.

- The HNS Mass will be on Sunday, December 11 at 8:30AM. Coffee/rolls will be served after Mass.
- All men over the age of 21 are invited to attend.

~ Religious Education ~

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Last weekend was the first week of the Catholic Church's new (we call it liturgical) year! **LET'S HAVE THE BEST ADVENT EVER! SIGN UP TODAY** for a daily email that will keep the *Reason for the Season* on our radar!

To sign up, visit BestAdventEver.com

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Angels, Shepherds and Volunteers Needed! for 2016 Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Inviting **SCHOOL** and **REO** students **grades K thru 4** to play a part in the **Nativity Story** at the **4:00pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass**.

Third and fourth graders will be selected to play roles. The younger children will be acting as angels and shepherds. Attendance is required at two rehearsals in church:

Rehearsal: Thu., 12/22 - 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal: Fri., 12/23 - 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

We ask that each family provide their own costume.* Girls are angels: white gown or dress, a halo and wings. Boys are shepherds: tunic-length robe (or solid color bathrobe) and headpiece - can be a towel with a rope tied around it. Costumes can be home-made (search the internet for How to make a shepherd or angel costume) or store-bought. Check Party City, or online Oriental Trading (watch shipping time).

*If you are unable to provide a costume, we may have one for you. Please contact Debbie...

Questions? Contact Debbie Amolsch (630) 330-4190

Email: damolsch@comcast.net

If your child would like to participate, please complete form below and return (or email) to the Religious Ed. office by December 12th.

Students will be notified of their roles by December 16th.

My son/daughter _____, Grade _____ will participate in the Christmas Eve Mass. I will provide a costume for them and they will be at rehearsals. Photos and videos may be taken. Signing below constitutes permission for publication of photos and videos.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

My child is a student in (circle one): OLP Religious Education Our Lady of Peace Catholic School

Be a volunteer? _____ Volunteer Duties: Under Debbie's direction, help direct children at rehearsals and Mass.

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Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man." 21Dec2013



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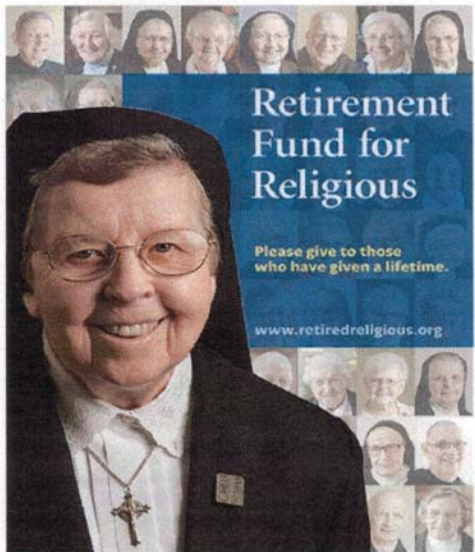


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Retirement Fund for Religious – December 10-11, 2016

In our faith lives, nearly all of us have been deeply touched by the example of thousands of now elderly women and men religious who, for so many, were a living sign of God's mercy. These women and men—Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—were indeed the hands of Christ as they educated the young, cared for the sick, and ministered to the neediest among us. Through their service and witness, they modeled the compassionate love of Jesus and showed us that we, too, could be instruments of peace and mercy.

Today, many senior religious continue to be vessels of mercy, serving in a wide range of volunteer and prayer ministries. Others are frail and need assistance. Most older religious

ministered for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members.

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits nearly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious communities implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

Giving Tree Ornaments Still Available



There are still some G.T. ornaments available on the trees here in Church. In this season of giving, please remember those less fortunate. Giving Tree gifts will be collected next weekend, December 10 & 11—before and after all Masses. Please follow the instructions on the ornament you have taken. Thank you and God Bless you for your generosity!

Christ in the Home



Laying a Sure Foundation (Fr. Martin J. Scott, S.J.)

"If little ones are brought up from the very beginning to love God and obey Him, they will also love and obey their parents."

The time to safeguard the homes begins on the very first day of the marriage. Even before God blesses the union with a child, the home has been formed, and if its first development is not right, it cannot, as it enlarges grow into the right kind of home.

How is the right start to be made? By living as God directs. Man and wife may soon be father and mother. Let them begin to lay the foundation for the family which God may enable them to rear.

Parish Community and the Power of Prayer

November 15, 2016

Hello Our Lady of Peace Family,

Today, I write to you to provide an update on our two children, as well as try to begin to say thank you to everyone.

By now many of you are aware of our story. Here is a brief recap for your reference. Sunday, September 18th, Joey was playing his heart out on the soccer field. That day he gave an effort and performance that would make any parent proud. On Thursday, September 22nd Joey's mobility was changing drastically. Joey was sent to Lurie Children's Hospital and by that evening we learned of the devastating news that will change our lives forever, "Your son has an aggressive inoperable brain stem tumor." A plan was set by the doctors that Joey was going to begin 30 treatments of radiation. The following Saturday, October 1st, our 10 year old daughter, Madelyn, was admitted to Lurie Children's Hospital with a rare blood disorder, Hemolytic Anemia. Her body started to destroy her red blood cells. To this day the doctors do not know why this was happening, but after 18 long days in the hospital they were able to get it under control. Maddy will fully recover in the next two months. Over the last 2 months, we've learned how incredibly brave and strong our children really are. When we left for Joey's treatment every morning, he would generally pop out of bed at 5:45am to leave at 6:15am for the hour and fifteen minute drive. The nurses and doctors really enjoyed getting to know Joey, especially because he would always tell them a joke. He would then argue with the doctor that he wanted another round of radiation that same day. He never once complained. At this same time Maddy, who has been poked more than I can count, has been taking various medications, and has had several treatments to help her body to stop destroying her red blood cells has also never complained. She has been taking everything in great stride and shown such maturity for just being 10 years old. It's hard to put into words how proud I am of both of my children!

The support Carolyn and I have received from our families, friends outside the parish, neighbors, and my work is beautiful. We are blessed.

How blessed we are to live in this country, this great city, and to have these hospitals at our fingertips. The teams at Lurie Children's Hospital has been exceptional.

I also learned, and of course I knew this, but what a special wife and mother of our children I have. Carolyn has done an amazing job and I am so proud of her. I love you Carolyn.

Lastly what we've also learned is how quickly a community can come together. The support and love this Parish, School, and Community has shown my family is nothing short of just truly awesome. Led by our new Principal Tony Wilkinson and Father Walter, my family has felt the support immediately. The families of this Parish, children, the teachers, and neighboring Parishes have really helped us, emotionally and spiritually. From food, support, #joeysteam, gifts for the children, donations, meeting his hero Anthony Rizzo, but most importantly everyone's prayers and strong sense of faith. We are so grateful!

There are few things, if any, more precious or deserving of everything good, healthy, beautiful and holy is our children. We are left with a deep and abiding sense that "it shouldn't be this way". And yet our Faith brings to us the certainty that God is with us in this; that there is nothing that happens to us that - with him - we can't handle; that our Father knows, from experience, the pain of accompanying an innocent son who suffers. Everything that happens, happens for a reason - that reason is love, and that someday we will actually thank him for our trials, because without the Cross, there is no Resurrection. None of this removes the million questions that we have, but a million questions do not a doubt make. Joey has been given to Carolyn, Maddy, myself, his family, friends, and to this Parish community, because we are all best able to love him, care for him, and help heal him.

With that said, we felt everyone should share in the great news. Today Joey completed his 30th radiation treatment. Joey has virtually regained all mobility. He is anxious to get back to school and see his friends! This Thursday will be Joey's first day back. We will start slow with him and only go half days. As he regains his stamina, he will be back to full days shortly. Joey still has a hard fight ahead, but knowing the love, support, and prayers of this Parish community gives us comfort and strength.

We truly do not know how to begin to thank everyone. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you! We are forever grateful for all of you and may God bless you and your families as we head into Thanksgiving weekend and the Christmas season ahead.

Love and Prayers,

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Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 PM

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Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 7:30 AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass (Evening before Holy Day) 7:00 PM

Holy Day: 7:30 & 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Immediately Following Saturday Morning Mass

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MARRIAGE:

Our Parish is a wonderful setting to celebrate your Sacrament of Marriage. Couples must make arrangements at least 9 months to 1 year before your proposed wedding date to allow for ample time for Marriage Prep.

Please contact **Deacon Larry Fudacz** at **630-323-4333 Ext. 20**.

BAPTISM:

We ask that the parents be registered members of the parish. First time parents must attend one hour (plus) of Pre-Baptismal instruction held on 2nd or 3rd Tuesdays of February, April, June, August, October and December at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. The Pre-Baptismal class may be taken before the birth of the child.

Call **Fr. Ron McBride** for more information and to schedule, at **630-323-4333 Ext. 29**.

EUCCHARISTIC HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITATION MINISTRY:

Our PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS are available to bring Communion to Shut-Ins at home, in hospitals and nursing homes. Request CARDS for PASTORAL CARE VISITS can be found in the Church Lobby and may be placed in the weekend collection basket OR, please contact **Pat Kenny** at **630-323-4333 Ext. 19**.