



# Our Lady of Peace Church

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS & SISTERS  
Established 1899

**The Epiphany of The Lord - Sunday, January 3, 2016**  
**La Epifanía del Señor, Domingo 3 de Enero de 2016**

#### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Patrick Boyle, O.F.M. - Pastor  
Rev. Orlando Ruiz, O.F.M. - Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Brian Jordan, O.F.M. - In residence  
Lilian M. Flores - Office & Parish Manager  
Sister Irix Mejia, H.F.I.C. - Parish Secretary - Superior  
Sister Luvia Martinez, H.F.I.C. - Parish Secretary  
Sister Adali Ulloa, H.F.I.C. - Parish Secretary

#### OUR LADY OF PEACE CONVENT

Hermanas Franciscanas de la Inmaculada Concepción  
209 First Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215  
Sr. Margarita Barrera, H.F.I.C.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:30 p.m. &  
7:15 p.m. - Neo-Catechumenal Way  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - English  
9:30 a.m. - Latin Tridentine Mass (also every 3rd  
Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m.)  
11:00 a.m. - Spanish  
Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m.

#### SACRAMENTS:

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
and by appointment at the Rectory.

BAPTISMS - By appointment

MARRIAGES - Arrangements should be made first with  
the parish at least six months in advance. Couples  
must show readiness, attend Pre-Cana classes and  
receive special instruction at the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK - Anytime

#### OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday:

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon ONLY .

#### NEO-CATECHUMENAL COMMUNITY

Directors: Andres & Miladys Torres - (917) 562-2732

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (C.C.D.)

Lilian M. Flores - Director. Classes are held on Saturday  
mornings, October through May, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.



#### DEVOTIONS:

Holy Hour - 'First Friday' of each month, beginning with the  
8:00 a.m. mass, and continuing with Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.

SAINT ANTHONY DEVOTIONS - every Tuesday following the  
8:00 a.m. daily mass.

#### GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The Senior's club meets every Thursday at 11:00 a.m.,  
September through June in the gym.

#### MUSIC MINISTERS

Michael Ancona                      Brittany Stetson  
Maria Schwab

#### TRUSTEES:

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**From the Pastor's desk . . .  
Epiphany . . . 'Little' Christmas**

This feast of 'Epiphany' is celebrated by many as 'Little Christmas,' the day on which we acknowledge the arrival of the three Magi, who followed the star that appeared in the night sky, which led them to Bethlehem. Although this is not the end of the Christmas season on our Church calendar, *(the Christmas season doesn't end until next Sunday when we commemorate the 'Baptism of our Lord,')* for many, this weekend will mark the 'beginning of the end.' Christmas decorations will come down and will be stored away for another year. Our homes will be 'put back together,' having rearranged the furniture to make room for the Christmas tree! So it is an appropriate time to express a few words of gratitude for those who helped make this season as festive, joyful and prayerful as it has been. There was so much time and energy spent in preparing for each of the Advent activities and services that led us once again to Christmas.

We began our Advent journey with a bus trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see 'The Miracle of Christmas!' . . . the 'Shower for Mary' followed, with the largest amount of gifts ever received *(your generosity is overwhelming!)* . . . the 'Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe' brought countless numbers of visitors to our church . . . we gathered at the **Grand Army Plaza**, along with the other churches from our area, to **light the 24 foot Christmas tree** that we all helped to purchase. . . there was our first ever, 'Breakfast With Santa,' and **Santa himself, (along with his wife,)** made the time in their busy schedule to make a special appearance, for which all the children of our parish were extremely grateful . . . and our 'Lessons & Carols Service' so magnificently and beautifully ushered in the services of **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!** All of these occasions were such grace-filled occasions, but they didn't 'just happen!'

My sincere appreciation goes out to all those who gave of their time and energy to make them so memorable for all of us. My gratitude to our amazing Parish Staff, **Fr. Orlando, Lily Flores, Sr. Irix, Sr. Adali, Sr. Lubia, Sr. Margarita** and our maintenance personnel, **Alvaro Ramirez and Rafael Garcia**, who worked on all the special services and who prepared the church both "inside" and "outside!" Compliments abounded on how 'beautiful the church looked.' Indeed it did, and it took many hands, and many hours to make it happen. **'Thank You, All!'**

On a personal note, may I also say "Thank You" for the countless Christmas cards, flowers and gifts we received at the Parish Rectory. Our dining room table was overflowing with homemade cookies and treats *(along with a few bottles of wine that were also received!)* that simply made the Christmas holiday all the more festive for us and for our guests. It was a very memorable Advent & Christmas Season. **But it's not over!** Actually, now the real work of Christmas begins. 'Epiphany' means to 'make known,' to 'manifest,' It's now up to us to make Jesus known! When the song of the angels is stilled, and the star in the sky is gone, when the Kings and Princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins . . . to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to make peace among people, to make music in the heart! May you all **'Be Epiphany!'**

**Sincerely, Fr. Pat**

**+ Jubilee Year of Mercy +  
The Epiphany of the Lord**

In this 'Jubilee Year of Mercy,' Epiphany celebrates God's mercy shining on the magi from a guiding star. Their kingdoms were far from Jerusalem, their religions far from God's covenant with Israel. At first the star led the magi to Jerusalem, where they could "recalculate" their quest with the help of God's own "GPS," the Jewish scriptures. How challenging and humbling for the magi to discover that they would find the world's Messiah not in a palace but with a poor couple in an insignificant village. That's where God's mercy, shining in the star, led the magi to worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Today the magi invite us to "recalculate" our life's journey during this Jubilee Year, and to follow the star of God's mercy along the way of humble love, to discover a renewed personal relationship with Jesus ourselves and so become "guiding stars" leading other seekers to find Jesus, too.



**MERCIFUL  
~ LIKE THE ~  
FATHER**

**+ Año Jubilar de la Misericordia+**

La Epifanía del Señor

En este 'Año Jubilar de la Misericordia,' la Epifanía celebra la misericordia de Dios brillando sobre los reyes magos desde la estrella que los guía. Sus reinos estaban muy lejos de Jerusalén, sus religiones muy lejos de la alianza de Dios con Israel. Al principio la estrella guió a los magos a Jerusalén en donde ellos podrían "recalcular" su búsqueda con la ayuda del propio "GPS" de Dios, las Escrituras judías. Que humilde y consternado debió ser el momento en que los magos vieron al Mesías del mundo no en un palacio sino con una pareja pobre en un pueblito insignificante. Ahí es donde está la misericordia de Dios, brillando en la estrella que guió a los magos a adorar a Jesús, el Príncipe de la Paz. Hoy los reyes magos nos invitan a "recalcular" nuestro camino de vida durante este Año Jubilar, siguiendo la estrella de la misericordia de Dios a lo largo del camino de amor humilde, para descubrir una relación personal renovada con Jesús hacia nosotros mismos para que podamos convertirnos "estrellas guías" dirigiendo también a otros buscadores a encontrar a Jesús.



**MISERICORDIOSOS  
~ COMO EL ~  
PADRE**



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Next Saturday, January 9th, at the Vigil Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we will 'welcome,' and pray

for, the young men and women in our **R.C.I.A. program as adapted for children.** These 'candidates' have been preparing for two years now, and at this year's Easter Vigil Service on March 26th, they will be fully initiated into the Christian community through the celebration of their Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.



Now that the Christmas vacation is drawing to a close, Religious Education Classes will resume their regular classes next Saturday, January 9th.



**+ “Welcome” & Congratulations!”**

We would like to extend a heartfelt ‘Welcome’ to the newest members of our church, who were welcomed into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism, during the month of December. We wish also to extend ‘Congratulations’ to their parents and families.

- + **Naiara Altair Arellano Rivera** - daughter of Guadalupe Yariceth Rivera Rojas & Fernando Arellano Ramirez, was baptized on Saturday, December 12th.
- + **Nayla Vicente Martinez** - daughter of Isis Martinez & Jeronimo Vicente Solis, was baptized on Saturday, December 12th.
- + **Dylan Ramirez** - son of Zuleima Ramirez & Jordan Ramirez-Salinas, was baptized on Saturday, December 12th.

**20+C+M+B+16**

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways:

**20 + C + M + B + 16**

The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the *Epiphany door blessing*. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the *numbers for the new year*, and the *letters C M B* for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, (*Latin for “May Christ bless this house.”*) The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, *Caspar*, *Melchior*, and *Balthasar* - although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi’s. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi’s quest for meaning and peace.

**+ Please Remember and Pray for the Sick +**

*“And the prayer offered in faith may make the sick person well”*

*+ James 5:15*

*Hector Ortiz, Guadalupe Bautista, James Morganti, Nicholas-Tomsic, Lucille Acocella, Friar Daniel Morey, ofm, Arlene Morganti, Henry Seretta, William Casale, Maria Albanese, Melissa Torres, Molly Meltzer, Salvatore Russo, Carlos Emilio Flores, Friar Ron Bolfeta, ofm, Elaine Vona / Dr. Ray Mustafavi, Dolly Panza, Catherine Scorgia, Sebastian James Diaz, Dante Manzo, Flo Leopold, Vincent Manzo, Isabel Chavarria, Ciro Diaco, Catherine Dashiff, Matthew Anthony Keffe, Gia Florio, Luis Rodriguez, Nicolas Escamilla & Ernestina Martinez Rojas, Maria Teresa Salazar Alava, Luis Cáceres.*

*Please inform the parish office when it’s appropriate to remove someone’s name from this prayer list. Thank you.*



**Masses for the Week**

**Saturday, January 2, 2016**

4:30pm Michelina & Dominic Mirto (*Dec*)

7:15pm Neo-Catechumenal Community

**The Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday January 3, 2016**

8:00am For the Living and Deceased members of Our Parish (*“Pro-Popolo”*)

9:30am Latin Tridentine Mass

11:00am Faustino de Jesus Lugo & Nieves Zaragoza (*Dec*)  
Acción de gracias al Niño Dios

**Monday, January 4, 2016**

8:00am Intention of the Donor

**Tuesday, January 5, 2016**

8:00am St. Anthony - Victoria Denaro Romanelli (*Dec*)

**Wednesday, January 6, 2016**

8:00am Laura & Anthony Spinelli (*Dec*)

**Thursday, January 7, 2016**

8:00am Elizabeth Boyle - *“Month’s Mind Mass”* (*Dec*)

**Friday, January 8, 2016**

8:00am Teofilo Pelaez (*Dec*)

**Saturday, January 9, 2016**

4:30pm Laura & Anthony Spinelli (*Dec*)

7:15pm Neo-Catechumenal Community

**The Baptism of The Lord, Sunday January 10, 2016**

8:00am For the Living and Deceased members of our Parish (*“Pro-Popolo”*)

9:30am Latin Tridentine Mass

11:00am Intention of the Donor

**+ Stewardship of Treasure +**

Due to the printer’s schedule during this holiday season, our bulletins have gone to press earlier than usual. The figures for the collections on the

**Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20th**

**Christmas - December 25th**

**Feast of the Holy Family - December 27th**

**The Octave of Christmas - New Year’s Day - January 1, 2016**

**The Feast of the Epiphany - January 3, 2016**

will all be listed in the bulletin for **January 10, 2016**

*As always, we remain grateful for your generous support, “Thank You!”*



**+ REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES +**

+ **Sanctuary Lamp** + Lillian Rose Farrell (*Dec*)

+ **Altar Bread & Wine** + Lillian Rose Farrell (*Dec*)

+ **Chapel Lamp** + Lillian Rose Farrell (*Dec*)