

Our Lady Queen of Peace

A Country Parish with a Big Impact



We are a Roman Catholic parish family. We respond to Christ's call to proclaim the Gospel in both word and deed, and in all our relationships and responsibilities. We encourage our members to embrace a lifestyle marked by Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure, engaging in active support of our ministries of the Word, Worship, and Service. We welcome everyone from Branchville, Frankford (Augusta), Lafayette and all who come to share the joy of Christ! All who wish to join us as new members please call the parish office for more information on becoming a member of our parish family.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: December 27th

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM Youth Mass
(Homily Intended for Teens/
Young Adults)

Sunday: 8:00 AM (More Traditional)
10:00 AM (Children's Mass)
12:00 PM

Daily: 8:00 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Holydays: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Traditional Latin Mass 5:00 PM First Friday

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00 PM-4:45 PM

After All Morning Masses

During Eucharistic Adoration (Mon & Fri)

Anytime by Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays: 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

Fridays: 8:30-9:30 AM

24 HR Eucharistic Adoration First Friday



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 26TH

8:00 AM ROBERT BRENNAN
(THE FAMILY)

5:00 PM PROTECTION OF BABIES IN
THE WOMB AND THEIR FAMILIES
(THE SCHWIEZER FAMILY)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 27TH

8:00 AM THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:00 AM JONATHAN VOLPE
(NICK & LISA ARBOLINO)
12:00 PM ISAURA DIAS
(THE KELLEHER FAMILY)

MONDAY

8:00 AM INTENTIONS OF
JONATHAN MANTLIK-SHENESKY

TUESDAY

8:00 AM ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM LOUIS & HELEN CENTORCELLI
(THE FAMILY)

THURSDAY

8:00 AM JEAN EVKO
(THE FAMILY)

FRIDAY

8:00 AM INTENTIONS OF
BARBARA BAYLES
(BARBARA NICLAUS)
GLORIA FEDUS
(DENICE LUSCIK)

SATURDAY JANUARY 2ND

8:00 AM INTENTIONS OF
BARBARA BAYLES
(BARBARA NICLAUS)
5:00 PM MICHAEL KAPROSCH
(TOM & AGATHA SHEERIN)

SUNDAY JANUARY 3RD

8:00 AM ALEX LANGHEINRICH
(SLYVANO ZAMPESE)
10:00 AM DR. JOSEPH DEMAYO
(FATHER PHIL)
12:00 PM ANDREW ESPOSITO
(LORRI OPITZ)



MEMORIALS

The week of December 27th
Sanctuary Lamp burns for :
Dee DeLorenzo



ALTAR FLOWERS MEMORIALS

The week of December 27th the Altar Flowers
are presented for:
Richard & Linda Riker

Weekly Collection

Sunday Offering 12/19 & 12/20	\$ 2,758.00
Online	\$ 1,240.00
Total	\$ 3,998.00
Estimated Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500.00
	(\$ 502.00)
Diocesan Assessment Collection	\$ 962.00
Assessment Collection Needed	\$ 1,250.00
Difference	\$ (288.00)

Please Consider "Online Giving"

We thank you that amidst all the gifts that you have made this Christmas you remembered to give of your time, talent and financial treasure to God and his Church.- Fr. Phil

Online Giving

An alternative for giving if you can't attend Mass.

Thank you to the families that have signed up for Online Giving!
You can decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes.
You can even view your giving history and pledge progress at any time, just by logging in. Please visit www.olqpbranchville.org and click the Online Giving link to get started.



Please remember in your prayers

Hap Rowan, Patricia Poole, Patricia Fiss, Clarence Roberts, Joe Foster, Molly Russo, John Crisman, Philip Baccari, Laura Schaefer, Dottie Hilt, Angelo Appice, Janice Miglin, Bradley Burchfield, Pete Lozar, Aylssa Morgan, Ann Romyns, Mike Galante, Richard Kopycienski, Brian Decker, Jim Steurer, Bill Klecha, Sherry Coleman, Sue Klecha, Judy Moyer, Charles Worthington, David Glowatski, Lee Iliff, Sharon Schmidt, Carolyn Luisi, Kathleen Jimenez, Maria DeSilva, James Morris, Jimmy Lettorale

The Octave of Christmas: Experiencing God in Love and Holiness

The Christmas season is twelve days long, starting on Christmas day and ending on January 6th, the ordinary day for the Epiphany. Christmas, like Easter, is celebrated as an octave, that is eight consecutive days where each day is Christmas day itself. Each year we conclude the Octave of Christmas with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This feast recalls to our attention not merely Mary's maternal care of the entire Church, the People of God, but that we, like Mary, are meant to make of ourselves a temple for God, to serve as a sanctuary for the Word. The spirituality of making of ourselves a temple for the Word of God to dwell is central to our prayer life for Christmas. Each of us should pray that Jesus is born in our hearts, minds, bodies and souls. For this to happen we must first experience God in love and holiness to develop a real and true relationship with God. But why specifically in love and holiness?

We must first experience God in love because without the experience of the love of God, we have nothing to attract us to Him. "He had no majestic bearing to catch our eye, no beauty to draw us to him. He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, knowing pain, like one from whom you turn your face, spurned, and we held him in no esteem. (Isaiah 53: 2-3)" The beauty of God and the impetus for our desiring Him comes from experiencing God in love. It is the love of God that transcends all other experiences of beauty and draws us into His glory. The consequence of Jesus born poor and humble and with no home of his own is the expression of beauty because we see in the Christ child the simplicity and fragility that makes him relatable to us: a person with all the same human frailty.

We must then experience God in holiness. We are not called to fear God and then behave out of fear. Rather, we are called to love God and experience His goodness and holiness, therefore living our lives congruent with this experience of love and holiness. Holy Fear is reverence. And, the moral life of a Christian must have reverence toward God and our fellow man as the foundation of an authentic relationship of love. We experience our love for God and for man in our love for Jesus, true God and true man, which is first experienced at his birth: Christmas.

The relationship of love and holiness with God is what then guides us in right worship and actions. Religion is a virtue that falls under the cardinal virtue of Justice because it is the just response to worship God in accord with the love that we have received from him. Religion expresses a grammar of relationship, a language of love. Some people have a negative notion of rules, but these rules are the guidelines that express an authentic relationship with God in love and holiness. In any relationship there are rules: ways we can best relate to one another and ways we must avoid in order to not injure the relationship. Likewise, there are rules in our relationship with God and when we follow these rules, we are living a life of holiness by making concrete moral choices for the highest good to maintain our relationship with God. Christmas, the birth of the God man – Jesus Christ –, provides us with the opportunity to relate to God because he becomes man and thus is not distant from us and our human experience. His holiness can be mirrored in our own lives.

Experiencing God in love and holiness leads us to become true disciples. The Octave of Christmas calls us to become temples of God in who's heart Christ is born and experienced in love and holiness. Make this new year an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God in love and holiness. Then, set the world on fire and share the great gift that you have received with all those you love!



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Vigil Mass: Thursday, December 31st
at 6:00pm**

Friday, January 1st at 8:00 am



Office Closed

The office will be closed on

Thursday, Dec. 31st & Friday, Jan. 1st

**Why didn't Noah go fishing?
He only had two worms!**



March For Life— Save the Date

Mass and
March for Life-Frankford/Branchville
Friday, January 29, 2021
10 AM Mass

March and Eucharistic Procession
through Frankford/Branchville after Mass

This January 29, we will be bringing the message home – to Branchville, to our neighbors, friends, colleagues, coworkers and acquaintances. While thousands gather in Washington DC for the Annual March for Life on January 29, we will be marching here in Frankford/Branchville. The day will begin with Holy Mass at 10 AM. We will then proceed across Route 206 with a police escort and prayerfully process through the town of Branchville - the March for Life.

After the March, there will be the showing of two pro-life films: one for children, and *Unplanned* for adults.

There will also be a viewing of the film: *Unplanned* after the March when we return back to Our Lady Queen of Peace from our march.

Come and join us. Bring your family and friends. Be a Witness. Be a Voice.



A Better Way to Start Your Day!

Join Fr. Phil with his friends Anna Mitchell and Matt Swaim on the SonRise Morning Show every Wednesday at 7:10 am to hear them discuss Canon Law, the Church and her current issues. Recent shows have discussed Joe Biden's being denied Holy Communion, the Pachamama, and how abortion is the preeminent issue facing a Catholic electorate. Reruns on EWTN Radio. Tune in by downloading the Sacred Heart Radio App on the Google Play or Apple Store.

Or log on to Sacred Heart Radio's website:
<https://sacredheartradio.com/>

Where is the first math problem mentioned in the bible?

When God told Adam and Eve to go forth and multiply.

Parish Fundraiser

Best Buy, Shoprite, Weis, Dunkin Doughnuts, Home Depot, Loews, Cheesecake Factory, Starbucks, & more!

Support our Parish at the same time by purchasing Gift Cards. Cards in \$25, \$50 & \$100 denominations are available after all Masses in the Parish Hall or by calling the office.



It's Here! Carmelite Sisters Fundraiser

The cloistered Carmelite Sisters of Morristown are devoted to praying more than eight hours a day for peace in our community and in the world. They are dependent on the goodwill of the community to meet their basic needs and unfortunately, the Assumption Church annual bake sale benefiting the Carmelite Sisters cannot be held this year because of the Covid pandemic. In lieu of the bake sale, volunteers have created a cookbook of desserts which include Catholic themed photos taken by a professional food photographer! There are a limited number of printed copies available. The 80+ page cookbook will be high end magazine quality with a bounded spine. There is also a digital version that can be downloaded immediately upon payment. Thank you for your consideration and your support. Please keep the Carmelite Sisters in your prayers, especially during these trying times. Blessings

To purchase contact: carmelvolunteers189@gmail.com

First Friday



There will be no Adoration and Traditional Latin Mass on First Friday January 1st.

Adoration and Traditional Latin Mass will take place Friday January 8th for Epiphany of the Lord.

Christian Civilization Class



Classes will resume on Jan. 9th

**9:10 am–10:10 am
In Queen of Peace Hall**

Please join Father Phil and parishioners to learn more about the foundation that our church is built upon

Social Distancing will be observed

Please wear your mask

Keep in touch.



We encourage everyone to sign up to receive text messages to keep in touch and receive prompt notifications regarding parish Masses, events, and closures. Text OLQPBranch to 84576 or to receive an email visit: olqpbranchville.flocknote.com Starting October 30, 2020 all parishioners will be automatically registered into our flock note system.

Devotions:

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday morning before the 8:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays: 7:30 PM-8:30 PM, Fridays: 8:30-9:30 AM

First Friday: 8:30 am Sat. 8:00 am (24 Hours)

Rosary: After every morning Mass (Mon-Sat)
9:00 am Sunday

First Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Mother:

First Saturday of every month after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Food Truck & Live Music Festival: Saturday, June 5, 2021

As Father Phil has announced, we are excited about a brand new fundraising event, the 2021 Branchville Food Truck Festival scheduled for June 5, 2021 from 11:30am until 8:30pm.

The event will include: 7-10 food trucks, Vendor Sponsorships, Wine Tasting and Beer Tents, OLQP Food Tables, 3-4 Bands Performing, Craft Vendors, Horseback Rides and or Petting Zoo and activities to make for a fun day for everyone and more to come. We anticipate 1000 participants. We are in the process of creating a separate website, to market all our fundraising events now and in the future which will link to OLQP website. This also gives us an opportunity to use the site to attract sponsorships. In addition, we will identify another nonprofit company/agency in which we will donate a portion of our event profits.

We have a great deal of work to do in the next 4 months and we need everyone's help. This event will kick-off the summer and we CANNOT be successful without the help of all our parishioners and all their networks. We need each person to reach out to family, friends, neighbors, business partners and coworkers to participate in our event. To start we have to get major sponsorships for all items that will be a cost/expense to the event such as entertainment, marketing, safety and security, land usage requirements and administrative costs. When talking to potential sponsors remember to invite them to join this great event that will be an opportunity in marketing their own company verses begging for help. This event when done properly will benefit everyone who attends.

So how can you help... get involved. Volunteer on committees utilizing your experience, expertise or interests. Committees will include: Financial, Marketing, Sponsorships, Vendors, Ticket and 50/50 sales, OLQP Food Sales, Safety and Security, Event Day administration and Coordination, Entertainment and more.

Keep in mind the day of the event we will also need approximately 40 volunteers for the day of the event. We will need volunteers to be available for at least 5 hour shifts to cover the day's event including set up and clean up.

So let's get started:

Phase I:

Identify and Obtain all appropriate licenses and permits for Food Trucks. Secure participation of our Major Sponsorships and Large Vendors by February 28th. Sponsorship, Vendors and Volunteer Forms and applications are in the back of the church and eventually will be on our website to complete on line as well pay online.

Phase II:

Continue to receive vendors, sponsorships and donations. Mass marketing of our event using radio, social media, flyers...Sell Admission Tickets, Sell 50/50 Tickets from March 1st thru June 5th.

Design a map of our property and how we are going to design the layout of the event: parking and traffic flow, fencing off property, food trucks, stage, vendor tables, beer tent and wine tasting tent. Entrance and exit to ensure only ticket holders are inside.

Financial processes and procedures to protect and ensure accuracy of all funds collected during the event.

Safety and security processes and procedures in coordination with onsite police, EMT assistance...

AS YOU CAN SEE THIS IS A BIG UNDERTAKING BUT WE BELIEVE WITH EVERYONES HELP IN WHATEVER WAY YOU CAN WILL MAKE IT A GREAT EVENT FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED. PLEASE HELP US!

For More Information and to Sign Up to Help Please Call or Email Deb Carter:

(862)266-1928 or email debbiepc@gmail.com

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Bulletin Advertisements

We are looking for advertisers to support our bulletin. The prices are listed below. Advertisements can be for businesses and or special occasions including birthday, anniversaries and other celebrations.

Page Size	One Week	One Month	Three Months	Six Months	1 Year
1/4	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$200.00	\$250.00
1/2	\$25.00	\$80.00	\$175.00	\$225.00	\$350.00
Full	\$35.00	\$125.00	\$275.00	\$325.00	\$500.00

Policies:

- Proceeds: 50% operating budget; 50% Food Pantry & Charity
- Must email ad to office@olqpbranchville.org as a word or pdf document, preferably word.
- Payment must be made upfront.
- Inappropriate content will be censored.

My Friends,

The meaning of Christmas is not something we should ever take for granted: that God has become man to deliver us from our sins and restore us to life, that upon our humanity has been bestowed, forever more, an ineffable dignity, value and preciousness. I share with you an eloquently written article by our parishioner, Judge Andrew Napolitano, that I hope will bring you the strong sentiment of faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ, and our just response: charity, that it brought to me.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Philip-Michael F. Tangorra

Taking Christmas Seriously

Published on Dec 17, 2020

God works in strange ways. Last weekend, two friends and I were deeply moved when we saw a theatrical production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." This is the famous and popular tale of the transformation and redemption of Ebenezer Scrooge from a rasping, grasping old miser into a lovable, generous old man who, late in life, becomes determined to make amends for all his extreme selfishness and his public denunciations of charity.

After a tossing-and-turning Christmas Eve night, during which he has dreams showing him lonely in his youth, showing present suffering he could easily alleviate, and showing future rejoicing at his death, he awakes on Christmas morning a new man. He immediately parts with some of his wealth to the very people and institutions he formerly rejected, makes amends with relatives he had ignored, and his heart swells with joy — a joy he had never known.

It was a joy his riches had never brought him.

In the production we saw, Scrooge gave numerous soliloquies in which he bared his soul, at first condemning the poor for being useless ("are there no prisons, are there no workhouses?") and then embracing them. This is, of course, fiction; yet, it is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ that one can — with a firm purpose of amendment — turn to God and love Him at any time in one's life, no matter one's past.

In one of his final soliloquies, Scrooge questions whether he has the bravery to become a new man. Of course, he does. And the remainder of his life is changed for the good.

I have read "A Christmas Carol" a half dozen times, and I have seen many theatrical and motion picture renditions of it. This was the first time I was moved by the bravery comment. As Scrooge approaches the end of his old life with fear and trembling, he embraces his new life with generosity and joy. However, it is not easy, and he must summon much bravery.

While watching this theatrical transformation, it occurred to me that Our Lord and Savior demonstrated extraordinary bravery when he took on human form. Taking Christmas seriously means believing that Jesus was conceived in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary by an act of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Blessed Trinity.

Because Jesus is both the second person of the Trinity and was born of a woman, he is true God and true man. His nature — the hypostatic union of God and human flesh — is not only unique in all existence and in all time; it is inseparable.

Thus, through the miracle of transubstantiation, which Christ performs at every Mass through the instrumentality of a Catholic priest, He is physically present. Taking Christmas seriously means that the Holy Eucharist is not a representation of Jesus Christ; it IS Jesus Christ. It is His body, blood, soul and divinity.

All of this came about because God the Father — the first person of the Blessed Trinity — chose a young Jewish girl in Palestine to be the mother of His son 2,000 years ago, and the girl — the Blessed Virgin Mary — said yes.

Dickens does not get into the theology of Christ's birth, but he emphasizes the value of charity to human happiness and eternal salvation. The word "charity" comes from the Latin "caritas" which means heart. Because charity is giving from your heart, it is impossible to be charitable with someone else's assets because that is not giving from the giver's heart.

When the government claims it is being charitable with your money, it is looking for political support from those who have received what it has taken from you. That's not charity. Charity is freely given, not governmentally taken.

Of course, the greatest charity is laying down one's life for one's friends. Taking Christmas seriously means recognizing not only Jesus' virgin birth, not only His hypostatic union, not only His love of humanity, but also His crucifixion and resurrection.

Now back to bravery. Jesus, who is God, spent the nine months preceding his birth as a baby in Mary's womb. Those who believe that the baby in the mother's womb is not a person do not take Christmas seriously. What do they think Jesus was in Mary's womb — the second person of the Blessed Trinity, true God and true man, or a hunk of flesh? He was God in the womb — human and divine — and very much a person.

Taking Christmas seriously means rejecting abortion in all its forms because it is the killing of an innocent person. Jesus had the bravery to take Mary seriously, that she'd keep Him in her womb until birth and then raise him to adulthood so He could save the world from sin and darkness.

Taking Christmas seriously means recognizing that Jesus is, as the late great spiritual writer Dom Eugene Boylan called him, "This Tremendous Lover," that He came to call sinners, not the just, that he loves all, forbears all, forgives all, and remains with

all. Taking Christmas seriously means that by embracing His cross — by denying oneself and being charitable to others — we can rise from the dead as He did.

Taking Christmas seriously means humility, charity and abandonment to His will.

God works in strange ways and often through strange people. Taking Christmas seriously is the lesson of "A Christmas Carol." Through Scrooge we see that it is never too late to love God and to show that love through our hearts. And the internal joy that comes from giving overwhelms the fleeting joy that comes from keeping.