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MARCH 23, 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Only then will fresh water flow...

A man, weak from thirst, wandered through the desert under the scorching sun. His strength was fading when, in the distance, he spotted an old water pump. Hope surged within him as he hurried toward it. Beside the pump sat a small glass of water, shimmering in the sun. His trembling hands reached for it, but then he noticed a note: *"You must pour this water into the pump to prime it. Only then will fresh water flow. But remember; leave a full glass for the next traveler."*

He hesitated. If he drank the water, he would find immediate relief, but if the pump failed, he would be left with nothing. Doubt crept in—what if the pump was broken? What if he was making a terrible mistake? But then he thought of those who had come before him—someone had left this water for him, trusting it would help another. And what about those who would come after him? Could he leave them with nothing? With a deep breath, he made his choice. He poured the water into the pump and began to pump the handle. At first, nothing happened. His heart pounded. Then—a sputter, a trickle, and finally, fresh, cool water gushed forth! He drank deeply, the life-giving water reviving him. After quenching his thirst, he refilled the glass and placed it back for the next traveler, knowing he had done the right thing.

This story mirrors today's Gospel (Luke 13:1-9), where Jesus tells the parable of the barren fig tree. The owner, seeing that it bore no fruit, wanted to cut it down, but the gardener pleaded: *"Give it another year."*

How often do we, like that traveler, hesitate to take the risk of faith? How often do we cling to what we think is safe—our comforts, our sins, our fears—rather than trust that God's grace will provide? Lent is our time of decision. Do we hold tightly to what is easy, or do we trust that God can bring forth something greater in us? But today's Gospel also reminds us of something more: we are not meant to receive God's grace only for ourselves. Just as the traveler left a full glass of water for the next person, we too are called to share what we have with those in need. How often do we encounter people who thirst—not just for water, but for love, kindness, and dignity? How often do we look past the poor, the lonely, the struggling, thinking only of our own needs?

Lent is not just a time for personal conversion but for generosity. The barren tree had another chance, just as we do. God is patient, not because He ignores our sins, but because He believes in what we can become. He gives us this season to turn back to Him, to nurture the soil of our hearts with prayer, repentance, and acts of love. But time is not infinite. The call to conversion is urgent.

Let us not waste this time of grace. Let us pour ourselves out in trust, knowing that God will not leave us empty, but will fill us with life-giving water, overflowing for ourselves and for those who come after us. Let us be people who bear fruit—not only in our own lives but in the lives of others, so that no one who comes after us will leave empty-handed.

Blessings on your Lenten Journey.

Fr. Kamil

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS Intentions

Saturday, March 22nd, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM † Roy Baron
requested by Mary Lou Kammen
† Rita Gregg
requested by the Cusumano Family

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM † Kathy Hogan
requested by Doris & Hank Buske
9:00 AM Blessings for Emilia & Anna
on their birthday (L)
requested by Andrzej Siek
† Stanislaw Pacyga
(3rd Anniversary of death)
requested by her daughter & family
11:00 AM † Pat Golczewski
requested by OLQP Polish School
Marjorie Wilbur (L)
requested by Patricia Hulton-Petry
† Barbara Murphy
requested by Ken & Jenelle Hopkins

Monday, March 24th

9:00 AM

Tuesday, March 25th

9:00 AM † Megan Buske
requested by "Nanny & Pop"
(Doris & Hank Buske)

Wednesday, March 26th

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, March 27th

9:00 AM

Friday, March 28th

9:00 AM

Saturday, March 29th

9:00 AM



Is the Rosary Society for you?

The Rosary Society is an organization for women of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, who are dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grounded in love for Our Blessed Mother, our primary purpose is to promote awareness and devotion to the Rosary. We welcome all women of the parish interested in deepening their faith in Jesus Christ through prayer and meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

The Rosary Society is always looking for good women of all ages and stages in life to join us as members. Meetings are held in the Church at 6:30PM on the third Monday of each month.

Questions or concerns about joining? If so, please call Fran @ 201-452-1428 or Elaine @ 973-513-3445. Thank you.

Saturday, March 29th, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM † Dominic & Ann Connor
requested by Geraldine

Sunday, March 30th, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM Mike & Edith Muray (L)
(Wedding Anniversary)
requested by Ted Hajek Sr.

9:00 AM Blessings for Stanislaw
and Wladyslaw Siek
Blessings for Dorota Naddeo
on her 50th birthday

Blessings for the Strycharz Family

11:00 AM † Barbara Murphy
requested by George & Carolee Flader
† Lisa Palomba
requested by her children
† Margaret Kane
requested by Colleen Black
† Rich Navarro
(5th Anniversary in heaven)
requested by Elaine Navarro & Family



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Dolores Altieri, Rose Armstrong, Rhett Austell, Thomas Battaglia, Brandon Bove, Kate Brandl, Aaron Brady, Baby Kalayah Broton, Laurie Burton, Robert & Suna Cantu, Tyneisha Clark, Patricia DeBoise, Vincent DeMuro, John DePietri, Anthony DiMascio, Adele Durr, Josephine Falarano, Phyllis Fortunato, Alex Garcia, Bill Gastrock, Laurie Gordon, Vasilica Goian, Luke Griffith, Kathy Holley, Baby Liam Jenkins, Kathleen Jobbagy, Tim Kelly, Scott Kossler, Cassandra & Leeora Lanza, Robert Lanza, Alan Litz, Paul Luccioni, Florence Masucci, Ro McCormick, Masucci Family, Evelyn McCabe, Kenneth McFarland, Joseph Miller, Mike Mooradian, Sean Murphy, Kim Murray, Lydia Novinslaya, Deanna O'Hern, Cali O'Hern, Luis Pacquing, Lillian Pepe, Mark Rice, Brandon Riffard, Deacon Charles Roche, Darby Roche, Ellen Sabrack, Alice Schmalfeldt, Marget Stamper, Mary Ann Van Oostendorp, Joe Verboys, Elaine Vero, Patricia Villano, Joe Walker, Ann Weinschenk, Barbara Zaccaro, Barbara Ziegner

We remember our Beloved Dead:
Fabian Atocha

LITURGICAL LIFE

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

We celebrate the sacrament of Baptism most Sundays. Parents are welcome to have the Baptism celebrated either at a week-end Mass or at the Liturgy of Baptism at 2:00 PM two Sundays a month. To make arrangements for Baptism please call the Parish Office or e-mail baptism@olqpnj.org Godparents must be confirmed, be active members of the church and attend Mass regularly. A sponsor certificate is required from each godparent.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 PM
(or by appointment with Fr. Kamil)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Parish Office and set up an appointment. Any Catholic couple needs approximately a year to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage, which includes sessions with the Priest celebrating the marriage and attendance at Pre-Cana conferences.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / HOSPITAL VISITS

We are strongly committed to the spiritual care of the sick. Because of privacy laws, hospitals and nursing homes are not allowed to release the patient's religious affiliation. Therefore, we must depend on families of our sick parishioners to inform us of their whereabouts and condition. Please notify the parish office of any need for a home or hospital visit.

RCIA - THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

is a program for people who seek full initiation in the Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, which are received at the Easter Vigil.

Anyone interested in joining our program, please contact the Parish Office @ 973-728-8162 and leave your name and phone number. The starting date of the new RCIA program will be October 13th after the 11:00AM Mass. Meetings will be held in the gathering space.

Sacrament Preparation is available in Polish.

Sacramental Catechesis for First Communion and Confirmation is also available in Polish.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

The Confirmation Program is open to Grade 7 for (Confirmation Year 1) and Grade 8 for (Confirmation Year 2).

Classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30PM in the Church Annex.

For any questions, please call the Parish Office @ 973-728-8162.

Knights of Columbus



SCAN THE CODE AND JOIN NOW!

SPECIFY COUNCIL: **6139**
WWW.KOFC.ORG/JOINUS

***** INVITATION *****

You are all invited to sign up to have the Pilgrim Fatima Statue for a week-long visit in your home. We look forward to you welcoming Our Blessed Lady in your home. As part of the Welcome Prayer during the drop off we say, "Let us pray well as if the Blessed Lady herself, instead of her statue, were visibly present among us." Please contact Cecilia Cassella @ 201-463-7623 to schedule your visit.

STEWARDSHIP

**The Parish belongs to all of us, and only through the parish community can we achieve our goals.
The Challenge is Ours!!!**

Parish Debt as of 10/28/2024	\$300,000.00
Sunday Donations	
Sunday Collection - 03/16/25	\$6,283.00
Second Collection - Lenten Project	\$1,978.00
Our Weekly Goal	\$10,000.00
SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS	
Week Ending - 03/16/25	
Sold	\$1,985.00
Profit	\$99.25
Total Profit since July 1, 2024	\$4,428.75

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE HOURS | Monday – Thursday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Office closed on Fridays.



Worship Schedule

**Regular 9:00 AM Daily Mass
from Monday to Saturday**

Saturday Evening Mass

5:00PM (Mass in the Church)

Sunday Masses:

8:00AM (Mass in the Church)

9:00AM (Polish Mass in the Church)

11:00AM (Mass in the Church)

**(11:00 AM Mass will continue to be
LiveStream on Facebook)**

PARISH STAFF/ CONTACTS

Father Kamil Stachowiak

Pastor - (frkamilstachowiak@olqpnj.org)

Father Aleksander Bialas

Parochial Vicar - (fraleksanderbialas@olqpnj.org)

Deacon Charles Roche

Deacon

Caryl Romeo

Religious Education, Director - (carylromeo@olqpnj.org)

Lori Ann Wallace

Confirmation

Janet Scheil

Parish Bulletin - (janet.scheil@olqpnj.org)

Alan Morales

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Religious Worker

Natalia Juszcak

Polish School Director

Patricia Callahan

Trustee

John Buechel

Trustee

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 - ⇒ Give safely and securely
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Thank you for your kindness and commitment to our parish.

May God bless you abundantly!

PARISH LIFE

CCD March Classes

Sunday, 3/30

Tuesday, 4/1

First Communion Workshop (Grade 2 Students)

Sunday, 4/6 - **SPARK 1st Communion** - (LAST CLASS)

Sunday, 4/13 - **PALM SUNDAY**

(Children's Mass - 11AM) (LAST CLASS)

4/30/25 - 4PM - Reconciliation (Grade 2 Students)

followed by Communion Practice

5/3/25 - 11AM First Communion for Grade 2 Students

- ◆ **2025/2026** Registrations are available by contacting Caryl Romeo at 973-809-1238 or emailing caryl-romeo@olqpnj.org
- ◆ CCD Volunteers are needed to teach and be classroom aides on Sundays and Tuesdays. If you love children and would like to share your love of God with them, please contact Caryl.



FOOD PANTRY

Our Pantry thanks you for your continued generosity.

Our Food Pantry thanks you for your donations, but CANNOT ACCEPT any expired food.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome all new parishioners! We ask that you register to ensure your full participation in the life of the parish. Registration forms are available at church exits, in the parish office or you can call and a form can be mailed or emailed to you.

CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 22nd, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00PM - Mass

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM Mass in Church (English)

9:00AM Mass in Church (Polish)

11:00AM Mass in Church

Live Stream Mass - 11:00 AM (On Facebook)

12:00PM - Parish Lunch Day - Cafeteria

Monday, March 24th

9:00AM Daily Mass - Monday to Saturday

PARISH OFFICE OPEN - 10:00AM

FOOD PANTRY OPEN - 10:00AM

Tuesday, March 25th

PARISH OFFICE OPEN - 10:00AM

FOOD PANTRY OPEN - 12:00Noon

Wednesday, March 26th

PARISH OFFICE OPEN - 10:00AM

FOOD PANTRY OPEN - 12:00Noon

7:00PM - Pack 159 - Gym

8:00PM - KofC Meeting - KofC Hall

Thursday, March 27th

PARISH OFFICE OPEN - 10:00AM

FOOD PANTRY OPEN - 12:00Noon

Friday, March 28th

PARISH OFFICE - CLOSED

FOOD PANTRY - CLOSED

6:30PM - Stations of the Cross

7:00PM - Stations of the Cross (Polish)

Saturday, March 29th, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00AM - Confirmation Retreat - School

5:00PM - Mass

Sunday, March 30th, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM Mass in Church (English)

9:00AM Mass in Church (Polish)

9:30AM - Religious Education-Grades K-6 - School

11:00AM Mass in Church

Live Stream Mass - 11:00 AM (On Facebook)

CSA Associates

This year Associates of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes (CSA) are celebrating their 50th anniversary! CSA Associates are a community of lay people called by the Spirit to embody the charism, mission, and spirituality of the Sisters of St. Agnes. They express love in being, presence, and action through spiritual growth, hospitality, and courageous initiatives for justice and peace. Congratulations and happy anniversary to [Mary Beth Osiecki](#), [Pauline Pluhar](#) and [Molly Sheehan](#) of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish and to all CSA associates! If you would like more information about CSA Associate Relationship contact Mary Beth at marybetho62012@gmail.com.



Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

1911 Union Valley Rd., Hewitt, NJ, 07421



Stations of the Cross Through Jesus' Eyes

with:

SIGHTS | SOUNDS | REFLECTION | PRAYER

Friday, April 11, 2025

6:30 PM - IN ENGLISH | 7:45 PM - IN POLISH

IN THE CHURCH'S PARKING LOT