

October 31, 2021—31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. --Deuteronomy 6:5



Our Lady Queen of Peace Church 708 Erie Street ~ Grafton, Ohio

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MASS SCHEDULE

Church

Saturday Vigil.....4:30pm

Sunday.....8:30am & 11:00am

Church - Weekday Mass

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday....9:00am

Wednesday 6:30pm

Confessions

Saturday..... 3:30-4:00pm

Mission Statement

We are a Roman Catholic family centered in the Eucharist, rooted in our immigrant traditions since the 1800's and devoted to our Blessed Mother. Humbly guided by the Holy Spirit, and with the warmth and hospitality that springs from a small community, we seek to share our faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, devotion, education, stewardship, and service to others.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm

Sunday, October 31, 2021 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Monday, November 1

7:00pm - All Parishioners

Tuesday, November 2

7:00pm - All Souls

Wednesday, November 3

6:30pm - Sally Hildebrandt - Pauline Burke

Thursday, November 4

9:00am - William Andrews - Andrews Family

Friday, November 5

9:00am - Patrick Scallon - Bonnie Scallon

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Saturday, November 6

4:30pm - Janice, Sheila & Dorothy Hokes - Pat Hokes

Sunday, November 7

8:30am - Charles & Josephine Avarello - Charles & Linda Avarello

11:00am - Ray Fields - Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;
Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or
from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9;
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14;
Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11;
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28;
Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

Pray for the Sick: David Blackburn, Jose' Magiste, Leon Denomme, David Myers, Kathy Borowy, Bille Updegrove, Pat Wracker, Cathy Buckland, Don Gates, Ken Schroeder, Shayne Reisinger, Dennis Frabotta, Alex Krutowskis, Guy Page, Mark Petricevic, Gladys Rising, Jeff Pfeiffer, Gloria Janosko, Becca Mullins, Grace Smith, Michele Miller, Monica Schaefer, George Schaefer, Patricia Norris, Al Traxler, Cathy Cornish, Lance Boise, Janet Shenefelt, Marilyn Hamm, Mike Vasbinder, John Poweska, Kevin Cote, Adam Postelwait and Sharon Madlem.

Please call the Parish Office 440-926-2364, or email us at info@olqpgrafton.org to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

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NIGHT TO SHINE:

The Tim Tebow Foundation "Night to Shine" will be a virtual experience this year due to the continuing pandemic. We have again opted out of participating in this prom night experience for those with special needs. When it returns to an in-person event, we will once again host this special night. *Night To Shine* is held in February every year so watch for news for February 2023.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and seeking to become Catholic. If you or someone you know is feeling drawn to the Catholic Church, please join us for the RCIA session which are held on **Mondays at 7:00pm in the parish hall**. No commitment is needed at this time, except a willingness to respond to how God is working in your life at this time.

THE SEARCH from FORMED is an innovative video-based journey that tackles the key questions of every human heart. This video program will be used for RCIA but is something that will benefit everyone. And it is free! Go to the parish website and click on the link for FORMED. The parish has a free subscription thanks to the Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus and Our Ladies Guild who have generously paid for the parish membership to this Catholic resource.

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

For inclusion in a weekly bulletin, please submit all announcements to Joanna at jblaz@olqpgrafton.org by the following dates:

Sunday November 7 by **5:00pm Monday November 1**
Sunday November 14 by **5:00pm Monday November 8**

Our Lady Queen of Peace

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER: In the Gospel for this weekend (Mark 12:28b-34) we hear one of the scribes ask Jesus "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" He invites us to see that God alone gives meaning to our lives. And we are to love God totally. This means loving ourselves and one another. To embrace the love of God and to love in return is the greatest gift we can leave our children. This weekend as we recognize our parish's fifteenth anniversary, the Gospel is appropriate as we step forth into the future. In reflecting upon where we have come from and where we are moving to, we can ask the following questions:

- What legacy are we hoping to leave our children?
- Will they remember the full and rich love we had for God and our neighbor, and the many ways we expressed that love?
- Do they perceive that love of God and love of neighbor is the fundamental value of our lives?

The Joyful Disciples ministry was formed to help the parish to identify our gifts and to seek ways of developing and sharing these gifts. Through the various ministries in the parish as well as through our interactions in the family and community, we reveal the love of God. Currently the Joyful Disciples are preparing for the commitment of time and talent which they are asking all parishioners to make the weekend of Jan. 22/23. How is God calling us to use the gifts he has given us to reveal his love to others? If you would like to help in preparing for this commitment weekend as well as with other activities, please come to the next Joyful Disciples meeting which will be Thursday, November 11 at 6:30pm in the parish hall.

This weekend is also Priesthood Sunday. I am so grateful for the gift of priesthood, and I find that each passing year I have grown through the sacrament of Holy Orders. However, a major factor in the growth in priesthood I experience is you. It is through my interactions with you and through your prayers and support that I am who I am as a priest. I could never live a priestly life apart from the community. And what a community I am able to live my priesthood in!! I am blessed to be a part of this parish community. In celebrating our fifteen years together, I celebrate fifteen years of journeying together to God. Thank you for the gift that you are to me!

TIMELINE:

A timeline has been put together of some of the events of the past 15 years of the parish. It will be in the parish hall during the fall festival on Friday as well as in the Gathering Area for all the weekend Masses. In looking back at the past 15 years of the parish as well as the years leading up to the forming of the parish, we can see God's plan was being revealed and lived. The timeline will list events, but it is really the people behind the events that are significant. Everyone in the parish has a part in the story that is unfolding before us. Have you ever thought of yourself as being an actor in God's story? What role have you played and what role is God calling you to today?

It is exciting to think that God's plan for the parish is waiting for us to step up and take on the role that has been prepared for us. There is still so much that is waiting for us in the future. Think of the lives of people that we will touch forever because of the ministries here in the parish! Think of what is possible when we accept our part in God's plan and open ourselves to the Holy Spirit working in us! The parish ministries and organizations will be represented at the 11:00am Mass as well as their banners at all the other Masses. Consider how God is calling you to become involved in one of the ministries or organizations.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord and source of all gifts, I rejoice in the fullness of your generosity.

I thank you for those whose lives are visible signs of your love and blessings to others.

Give me the courage to do the same.

Make me a good steward of all I have received, generously sharing my time, abilities and material resources to build up your kingdom of love and justice.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, in whom we begin and end all things. Amen.

LITURGY MEETING: The next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 3rd** to finalize plans for Advent and Christmas. The Art & Environment committee will meet at the same time with the Liturgy committee to coordinate these plans. Anyone interested in helping with the planning or would like to learn more about these upcoming liturgical seasons is invited to **join us in the Gathering Area at 7:00pm.**

LOVE GOD

As we near the end of the liturgical year we listen to Gospel readings from the final stage of Jesus' ministry—his teaching in Jerusalem. This Sunday Jesus is in conversation with one of the scribes of the temple. In a rare occurrence Jesus and the scribe agree on the two greatest commandments—to love

God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself.

In today's selection from Deuteronomy Moses gives this teaching to the Israelites as the core of their life of faith and prayer, and Psalm 18 echoes this prayer with the words, "I love you, O LORD, my strength" (Psalm 18:2). Jews and Christians agree that our greatest responsibility is to love the one and only God, and that we cannot claim to love God without loving our neighbor as ourselves.

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ALL SAINTS DAY – November 1: Because this Holy Day falls on a Monday this year, the obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed. **Mass will be at 7:00pm.**

An observance of all the saints has been celebrated on November 1 since at least the seventh century, and it originated even earlier, with a feast in honor of all the martyrs in the year 359. "Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints?" asked St. Bernard of Clairvaux in a homily on All Saints' Day. "Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed with a tremendous yearning. Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company... We long to share in the citizenship of heaven to dwell with the spirits of the blessed... In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints." (Office of Readings, Volume IV, p. 1526). All holy men and women, saints of God, pray for us. – Sourcebook 2018, LTP.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULES:

All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, Mass Coordinators, Servers & Usher Team Leaders are asked to submit requests for the December, January, and February Mass schedule. Forms are available in the St. Joseph's room and on our website. If you do not request a specific Mass or request the date off, you may be scheduled for a Christmas and weekend Mass. Christmas falls on Saturday this year. The Masses will be Friday, December 24th at 4:30pm and 10:00pm. Saturday, December 25th at 8:30am and 11:00am. There will be no 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Day Saturday, December 25th. Sunday Masses on December 26th will be at 8:30 and 11:00am. **Requests need to be submitted by Sunday, November 14th.**

GLFF: All Hallows' Eve! All Saint's Day! All Soul's Day! What a line up!

We hope you and your family are enjoying this festive and spiritual time, remembering to cherish those moments we share among the living, as we honor those who have passed away. Creating memories connected to our celebration of All Saint's and All Soul's is a great way to enhance our familial Catholic culture. Perhaps, take some time over a dinner this week to share stories about both those saints we have known in our life as well as those who have been canonized. In the wise words of St. Catherine of Siena, "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!" May this week saintly week give us the courage to do just that!

BECOMING SAINTS

Follow the saints because those who follow them will become saints.

—St. Clement I

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY: All gravesite flowers and decorations must be removed by **Sunday, November 14th**. The cemetery clean-up will take place on Monday, November 15th.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; Halloween
Monday:	All Saints
Tuesday:	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Election Day
Wednesday:	St. Martin de Porres
Thursday:	St. Charles Borromeo
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: The Church traditionally observes the month of November as a special time to remember the faithfully departed. The following are some of the events and ways we will be recalling those who have died and praying for those who grieve their death:

CEMETERY SERVICE: There will be a prayer service at St. Mary Cemetery (Rt. 57) at **2:00pm on Sunday, October 31st**. We will be remembering in prayer all those buried at the parish cemetery in the past year as well as all those who have died. In case of inclement weather, we will hold the prayer service in the church.

NOVEMBER MASSES: During the month of November, we will be remembering at all the Masses those who are listed in the parish Book of the Dead. You may add the names of loved ones who have died to the book and they will be included in the petitions at each Mass.

ALL SOUL'S DAY – On **Tuesday, November 2nd, Mass will be at 7:00pm**, remembering all those who have died. As we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died, the reality that we ourselves must one day die is also brought home to us as a gentle, insistent reminder. In Mexico, the Day of the Dead is a way of praying for our ancestors, remembering and celebrating them, and making friends with death. As St. Ambrose wrote, "Death is then no cause for mourning, for it is the cause of mankind's salvation. Death is not something to be avoided, for the Son of God did not think it beneath his dignity, nor did he seek to escape it." (Office of Readings, Volume IV, p.1539). May the souls of the all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. (Sourcebook 2018. LTP)

***"We entrust to you O Lord, the souls of our beloved dead. May none of them be afraid to meet you after their earthly pilgrimage, but may they always hope to be welcomed in the embrace of your infinite mercy. Lord, may no earthly thing ever separate us from You, but may everyone and everything support us with a burning desire to rest peacefully and eternally in You. Amen."** --Pope Francis*

Judy Crigger	October 21, 2020
Lodema L. Taylor	October 28, 2020
Rita Ann Strah	October 30, 2020
Michelle Smith	October 30, 2020
Thomas Bycynski	November 15, 2020
Norene Plato	November 19, 2020
Joseph Ferut	November 22, 2020
James Wracker	December 5, 2020
Jerry Logar	December 8, 2020
Robert Rahrig	December 12, 2020
Selma L. Stalla	December 20, 2020
Jeanette Brown	December 22, 2020
Gretchen Buckingham	December 26, 2020
Marie Poling	December 30, 2020

Evelyn Lacina	January 2, 2021
Alice Ulman	January 5, 2021
Larry Smeltz	January 9, 2021
Eleanor Celesky	January 10, 2021
James Quinn	January 10, 2021
Jerry Severns	January 14, 2021
Michael Weimer	January 14, 2021
Albert Bessey	January 18, 2021
Virginia Kralisz	January 20, 2021

Larry Shaw	February 8, 2021
Wanita Grondin	February 11, 2021
Mary Welther	March 2, 2021
Rosemary Lance	March 16, 2021
Tom Houghtland	April 1, 2021
Steve Garwolinski	April 23, 2021
Phillip Williamson	May 2, 2021
Mary Willi	May 4, 2021
Gail Falk	May 9, 2021
Patricia Hokes	May 12, 2021
Sally Hildebrandt	May 27, 2021
Frank Dombrosky	June 12, 2021
June Jacob	July 21, 2021
Al Machovina	August 6, 2021
Lee Severns	August 6, 2021
Karen Younglas	August 16, 2021
Laverne Sefcovic	August 23, 2021
Kevin Stanard	August 23, 2021
Edward Bahl	September 3, 2021
Henrietta Wasil	September 4, 2021
Gabriel Dean Bales	September 15, 2021
Ralph W. Linden	September 16, 2021
Patricia Walko	September 21, 2021
Lucas Dean Bales	September 26, 2021
Carole Mitchell	October 6, 2021

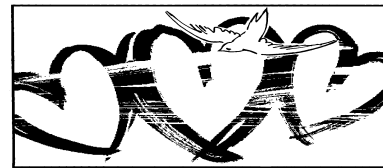
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - BUILDING COMMITTEE

This past winter, a Building Committee was formed and given the task of assessing the current facilities and their uses. They were also to look at the current needs of the parish taking into consideration the continued growth of the parish. In August we contracted with Changing Our World to do a study of the feasibility of a capital campaign to fund construction and renovation of our facilities. Due to a change in personnel with the firm, the kick-off to the campaign was delayed. With all personnel now in place, we await the results of the survey and its findings.

Members of both the Parish and Finance councils and the Building committee are available to answer questions.

Once the survey results are compiled and discussions completed, a master plan that best meets our Parish's needs will be submitted to Father John. With Father's approval, the plan is then forwarded to the Bishop for his final approval to proceed. Thank-you for your continued generous support of our Parish. May God bless Our Lady Queen of Peace as we embark on this journey together.

SAVE THE DATE! On **Sunday, November 14th at 6:00pm**, Sanctuary, A Family Music Ministry will be performing at OLQP. Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin and make plans to attend. Free will offerings will be appreciated.



HOMEBOUND? If you or someone you know would like to receive communion please contact the parish office 440-926-2364. Also, if you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to take communion to the homebound and those in local facilities and/or the hospital, please contact the office as well.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

Psalms — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

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WELCOME MEETING: A meeting of everyone interested in being a part of the Welcoming ministry are invited to a meeting on **Monday, November 8th at 6:30pm in the parish hall**. We will be looking at everything from registrations forms, follow-up to registering, Welcome Weekend and adjusting to a new community. Come with your good as well as bad experiences that will help us to better reach out to greet those who are looking for a new faith home. Use these questions as a way of preparing as well for this meeting: How do we welcome new parishioners to the parish? How can we make it an easier transition for those coming here from other parishes? What are the resources that are available so that parishioners are able to respond to God's call to be an His instrument in our parish and local community?

OLQP 15th ANNIVERSARY POLO SHIRTS are now available for ordering. They help us celebrate our milestone, give us an opportunity to show our parish in the wider community...and may even help us spread the gospel! The shirts are available in men's, lady's sizes as well as child sizes. They are available in two colors: white and grey. Samples are in the gathering area. Shirt orders must be submitted with prepayment at time of order. All shirts are \$20 or \$22 depending on the size (please see the order form for details). Order forms will be available in the gathering area. You can drop off your orders with the remittance attached in the Gathering area "Shirt Order Box" or drop them off at the office. **All orders must be received by November 7th.**



SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Everyone is welcome to join in the discussion of the Sunday gospels for the next month on **Saturday, November 13th at 10:00am in the Gathering Area of the church**. Come reflect upon the gospels and how they impact your daily lives. It is a great way to prepare for Sunday Mass to be more engaged in the Mass. Come listen to the word that God is speaking to you through his Word.

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LADIES' NIGHT OUT – "SHINE BRIGHT CELEBRATION":

A limited number of tickets are available for sale **after Masses on October 30/31 for our celebration on November 13**. Tickets are \$35 each and keeping within safety guidelines, we are only selling 150 tickets this year. Tickets include one ticket each for a specialty drink and Designer Purse Bingo Card and a light buffet carefully served by committee members. There will be vendors with a variety of exceptional products for sale, Designer Purse Bingo games, numerous unique Raffle Baskets, Wine cork pull, 50/50 raffle and a Cash/Gift Card tree. NOTE: Please have names and phone numbers of all guests in your group at time of purchase, if possible. All proceeds are allocated to the Parish General Fund.

In addition...We're asking for donations of items or gift cards that can be put into raffles for our November 13th event. We'll have Post It Notes with items specifically needed displayed in the gathering area after Masses. Completed raffle baskets are needed also. All donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the Parish office during normal business hours through October. Thank you!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY - DRIVE THRU TAKE-OUT KIELBASA DINNER

Our Lady Queen of Peace Holy Name Society will be having another drive thru take-out Kielbasa dinner on **Saturday, November 6th from 6:00-7:30pm in the Church parking lot** 708 Erie St., Grafton. You never have to leave your car! Dinners are \$9.00 each and include Kielbasa, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, and dessert. Orders must be placed in advance no later than **Sunday, October 31st 6:00pm** at 440-355-5621 or emailing OLQPHNS@gmail.com Please leave your name, phone and number of meals. 50/50 drawing will also be held. We look forward to seeing you!

THANK-YOU for your generous support of our Parish, and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, Oct 24 :	\$ 6,710.96		
E-Giving:	\$ 4,162.90		
Total:	\$ 10,873.86	\$ 11,924.00	(\$1,050.14)
Sunday Y-T-D:	\$ 201,061.36	\$ 202,708.00	(\$1,646.64)
Mortgage:	\$342,882.73		

This Week at Our Lady Queen of Peace:

Sunday, October 31

15th Anniversary of OLQP - Name Tag Sunday

8:30am-12:30pm - Blood Drive

9:30am-10:50am - GLFF

2:00pm - Cemetery Service

Monday, November 1

7:00pm - All Saints Mass

Tuesday, November 2

7:00pm - All Souls Mass

7:00pm - KOC Meeting

Wednesday, November 3

7:00pm - Liturgy/Arts & Environment Meeting

Thursday, November 4

7:00pm - Parish Council

Friday, November 5

Saturday, November 6

8:00am-12:00pm - Food Pantry

10:00am-11:00am - Prayer Shawl

6:00-7:30pm - Holy Name Drive Thru Kielbasa Dinner

Sunday, November 7

9:30am-10:50am - GLFF

11:30am - Parish Nurse

First Friday Forum of Lorain County announces the last scheduled speaker for the season.

On November 5th we will wrap up the year with popular (retired) radio personality, **Trapper Jack**. His topic will be "*Blind Faith & Mary, His favorite spokeswoman.*"

Please join us at LCCC, in the Spitzer Conference Center, beginning at 11:30am with a delicious lunch. The program begins at noon and concludes at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per lunch. **Reservations are required by Monday November 1.** Make plans to attend with family and friends by calling the Parish Office at 440-926-2364 or emailing info@olqpgraffon.org so we can all be seated together.

PRAYER SHAWL: The next meeting will be **Saturday, November 6 at 10:00am in the church hall**. During the month of Oct, we were blessed with the opportunity to provide 19 prayer shawls/baby blankets. Mark your calendars... We will be highlighting our ministry with craft items our ladies have made during the weekend of Dec 4/5.