August 28, 2022—Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God. -- Hebrews 12:22a

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

Church

Saturday Vigil.....4:30pm

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

Weekday Mass

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday....9:00am (Chapel)

Wednesday .... 6:30pm (Church)

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.

PARISH OFFICE

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Parish Office Hours

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

Sunday, August 28, 2022 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

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Monday, August 29 (Chapel)
9:00am - John Burke - Family
Tuesday, August 30 (Chapel)
9:00am - Herb & Betty Kuepfer - Family
Wednesday, August 31 (Church)
6:30pm - Bob Jiampetti - Family
Thursday, September 1 (Chapel)
9:00am - Dorothy Morley Kantosky - Bill Kantosky
Friday, September 2 (Chapel)
9:00am - Jeanne Walker - Ernie Walker

Saturday, September 3
4:30pm - Ed Bahl - Marilyn Bahl
Sunday, September 4
8:30am - Alexander & Josephine Blaz - Family
11:00am - William & Janet Singleton - Bill & Debbie Singleton

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).
Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).
Second Reading — You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).
Gospel — When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

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Pray for the Sick: George Banjoff, David Blackburn, Kathy Borowy, Cathy Cornish, John Cutter, Dennis Frabotta, Alyassa Frost, Don Gates, Michael Gilkeson, Marilyn Hamm, Dorothy Hannes, Joan Henschel-Blake, Traci Jacobs, Gloria Janosko, Pat Krutowskis, Pete Krutowskis, James Kwiatek, Ron Listwak, Toni Long, Jose' Magiste, Michele Miller, Clara Minadeo, Becca Mullins, David Myers, John O'Connor, Guy Page, Mark Petricevic, Jane Peyton, Jeff Pfeiffer, Adam Postelwait, Colleen Ray, Gladys Rising, George Schaefer, Monica Schaefer, Ken Schroeder, Rhonna Smith, Dawn Snyder, Laura Soltis-Skolnicki, Thomas Southam, Sandy Stewart, Al Traxler, Gerry Wearsch, Amy Woodburn, Pat Wracker, Brooke Wuilliez & Glada Wuilliez

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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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

WELCOME! If you are interested in joining the parish, please call the parish office at 440.926.2364 or go to our website at ***www.olqpgrafton.org***. Registration forms are on our website and by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

Sunday September 4 by **5:00pm Monday August 29**
Sunday September 11 by **5:00pm Monday September 5**

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

This Thursday will be the last meeting of Parish Council for six of the twelve members. I wish to thank Ann Pickering, Chuck Magel, Mike Ruebensaal, Chris Serdinak, Darlene Stutz and Sandy Yovanovich for their years of service on the council. They have each offered a different perspective on parish life and have contributed immensely to the parish. They have challenged me, supported me, and of course made me laugh. I value the input and ideas of the council and will miss these six members. However, I am sure that they will be involved in other areas of the parish in the months and years ahead. Six new members will join the Parish Council in October and I look forward to their contributions. Each year the tone of the council changes with the new personalities and ideas of new members mingle with the existing members. I am looking forward to seeing how the new council will continue to move the parish forward as a faith-filled vibrant community.

And speaking of new members, the RCIA will be starting up soon. The RCIA is for those who are interested in becoming Catholic. Many times, it is a spouse who is seeking to be able to worship together more fully by becoming Catholic. And it is also those who have had no religious background or are seeking to further their expression of faith in the Catholic Church. Whatever the path, we are here to help you to respond to the call of God to worship him in the Catholic Church. The RCIA sessions begin Monday, September 12. If you know someone who may be interested, please give them the encouragement to come and see. For more information contact me or Elizabeth Miketo in the parish office.

As a part of the three-year Eucharistic Revival called by the Bishops of the United States, we will be having a discussion of their apostolic letter "*The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*". The letter can be downloaded from our website. We will meet on **Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00pm** to discuss the letter and the ramifications of it for our parish. Anyone interested in learning more about the Eucharist and growing in your appreciation and devotion to the Eucharist is invited to read the bishop's letter and join in the discussion of how it speaks to you and the larger community.

LEGION OF MARY
Eucharistic Procession

Legion of Mary of the Diocese of Cleveland invites you to a traditional Eucharistic Procession on **Saturday, September 3** beginning with Holy Mass at 11am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. The event consists of Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Kevin Estabrook, Legion of Mary Spiritual Director, a procession through the streets of downtown Cleveland while singing hymns in honor of our Eucharistic Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a return to the Cathedral for the recitation of the Rosary and closing prayers. RSVP is not required and all are welcome to attend. Worship Aid is provided. For more information please email: **contact@legionofmarynorthernohio.org** or **https://www.facebook.com/legionofmarynorthernohio/**

JUST PUNISHMENT

The punishment of the wise who refuse to take part in government is to live under the rule of the foolish.

—Plato

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to the **11:00am Mass on Sunday, September 11** to be recognized and blessed. You are asked to call the parish office if you will be in attendance and also to submit a wedding picture that we can display in the Gathering Area. As a community, we would like to celebrate this special occasion with you. It is good for the community to not only congratulate and support these couples, but these couples also are a witness to rest of the community of faithfulness in good times and bad.

Congratulations to **John & Kristen Pippert** whose son ***Holden James Pippert*** was baptized last weekend.

May he grow as a child of God with the support and witness of our parish community.

HUMILITY

Today's readings praise the virtue of humility and offer concrete ways for us to become more humble. The Book of Sirach suggests a practical reason for acting with humility: humble people are more likeable than the arrogant. Even God "finds favor" with those who humble themselves. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus provides real-world suggestions for growing in humility and teaches us never to assume we are better than others. His words change our outward behavior and expand our hearts and minds to care about people we might have dismissed before. This practical, almost "folksy" wisdom about humility helps us behave better in daily life and makes our lofty goal of eternal life more accessible. Our reading from Hebrews affirms that heaven is indeed approachable. The personal love and sacrifice of Jesus have opened "the city of the living God" to us. Humility prepares us for paradise.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Thursday:	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	St. Gregory the Great; First Saturday

MINISTRY OF COMFORT AND HEALING

The Ministry of Comfort and Healing will have a Soul Collage afternoon on **Saturday, September 24th, 1:00pm-4:00pm**. SoulCollage® is an expressive arts practice done individually or in community. During our time together, we will make our own reflective cards as we remember, celebrate our loved ones who have died. All supplies needed and refreshments will be provided. Join us for an inspiring, comforting afternoon!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:
Toward what or whom should I have a sense of reverence?

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CLEVELAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to the fourth annual Cleveland Catholic Women's Conference, **Saturday, October 15th** at St. Albert the Great in North Royalton, Ohio. Hear from our speakers including Lisa Lickona, Catholic author and professor, Sister Elizabeth of the Franciscan Sisters, TOR of Steubenville, Lindsay Fullerman of Fit From Faith, and musicians Jeff Botos and Patricia Allerton as they invite us to place our lives in the care of our loving and ever-present God. The day will also include Mass with Fr. Damian Ference, Q & A with Bishop Malesic, and opportunities for prayer, confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and forming friendships with other women of faith. Visit ***www.clecatholicwomen.org*** to register or for more information.

FLOCKNOTE REMINDER

Our parish uses ***Flocknote***, an email and texting tool, to communicate activities and events of interest to our parishioners. If you are not receiving a weekly email or text update from Our Lady Queen of Peace, and would like to, please call the parish office and let us know and we will gladly add you to Flocknote!

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei,* or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

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NO SURPRISES

We are told by all spiritual writers that one important point to bear in mind, as we seek to attain humility, is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures.

—François Fénelon, archbishop of Cambrai

LADIES NIGHT OUT

In support of the people of Ukraine, we will be using the SUNFLOWER as our theme this year. Tickets for our **October 22, 2022** event will go on sale for 3 weeks ONLY starting after all Masses on the weekends of Oct. 1/2, Oct. 8/9 and Oct. 15/16. Tickets are $35 each and keeping within safety guidelines, we are only selling 150 tickets again this year. Tickets include one free Designer Purse Bingo Card, one free drink and a light buffet carefully served by committee members. There will be vendors with a variety of unique products for sale, Designer Purse Bingo games, numerous Raffles including exceptional Baskets, 50/50 raffle and Cash/Gift Card trees. 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.

We would greatly appreciate donations of items or gift cards that can be put into our raffles for our event. We'll have Post It Notes with specific items needed displayed in the Gathering Area after Masses. Completed baskets are also needed. All donations marked for Ladies Night Out can be dropped off in the Parish office during normal business hours through October 14th. Thank you!

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY

September 2, 2022

Father Joe Koopman

"The Loss of the Sense of Sin: The Greatest Sin of our Times"

Would you like to join Father John for lunch once a month in addition to hearing a quality presentation to renew your faith? The First Friday Forum meets at the Spitzer Conference Center at Lorain County Community College on the 1st Friday of the month for lunch at 11:30am followed by a speaker at 12:00noon. We are finished and out the door at 1:00pm. We would like to reserve a table (or more) for our parish. The cost will be lower per person, and it would show our support to the Forum and their hard work of making this wonderful faith formation program available to us. This will include Bishop Malesic on November 4 which is usually a difficult program to obtain tickets. Please call the office if you would like to reserve a place at the parish table for the following programs:

- September 2 – Fr. Joe Koopman (St. Mary Seminary - "*The Loss of the Sense of Sin: The Greatest Sin of our Times*")
- October 7 – Nick Ksenich M.D. (Family Medical Specialist)
- November 4 – Bishop Malesic

The cost is $23 per person/per month if we reserve a table; or $25 per person/per month if tickets are bought separately. Please consider joining Father and your fellow parishioners for all three sessions.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN TRANSITION

O faithful God, as your people, we cherish our memories and our history as a sacred gift. We also ask you to guide us in our time of transition. We need your wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth. We need your grace to redirect our hearts that we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.

Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your spirit, nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit. Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel. Give us courage and renewed hope that we may meet the challenge of being the Church in our time. Amen

RCIA
INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you know someone who may be interested in becoming Catholic now would be a good time to give them the nudge that they may need. It is a good time during these next few months to help them to come in touch with the call of God in their lives. Fr. John would be happy to sit down with them to answer questions and ease anxieties. The RCIA process for those seeking to become Catholic will begin on **September 12**.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP
FOR LOSS DUE TO SUICIDE

A special 10-week closed session Grief Support Group starts **Monday, September 12, 2022** and runs for 10 consecutive Mondays 6:30pm – 8:30pm to support those dealing with the loss of loved ones due to suicide. This specialized support group is limited to 15 participants (at least 10) and an initial in person intake meeting is required for registration. The meetings will take place at St. Albert the Great parish, 6667 Wallings Road, North Royalton OH 44133, Hall A – Lower level of church. Please contact Terri Yohman with the Diocese Marriage & Family Ministry Office to schedule your intake meeting. 216-696-6525 ext. 2322. The cost of the group is $40. Sponsored by The Diocese of Cleveland, Office of MFM in collaboration with Cornerstone of Hope.

THE CATHOLIC COMMITMENT TO LIFE AND TO WALKING WITH WOMEN IN NEED

The Catholic Bishops of Ohio urge all people of good will both to pray for and actively assist pregnant mothers in need.

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us to build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

SYMPATHY to the families of **Patricia Tenney and John Robuck** who both passed away recently.

May they each rest in the peace of Christ.

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PSR / RCIA UPDATES

"Our heart is restless until it rests in you." ~ St. Augustine

As the summer winds down into Fall, how are we handling our restless hearts? Season changes can make us reflective on opportunities enjoyed or maybe even opportunities missed. St. Augustine, whose feast the Church celebrates today, reminds us to rest in the Lord. It is our faith which helps with those obvious and not so obvious 'season' changes. As the school year starts up and fall activities kick off, let us remember to rest in the Lord, as we grow through the seasons.

RCIA Team! We will have our team kick-off meeting at **7:00pm on Wednesday, September 7th** in the Gathering Area of the Church. Contact Elizabeth if you are unable to attend.

PSR Catechists! Our welcome back meeting will be **Wednesday, August 31st at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall. We look forward to gathering in prayer and fellowship as we talk about the exciting new year. Your materials will be ready for pick up. If you are unable to attend, contact Elizabeth.

HELPING HANDS

Plans are underway to start the community meal on September 15. Thank you to everyone that has signed up to volunteer, you should be hearing from someone shortly.

School will be starting soon and we will continue to support the Midview students though the backpack program.

Thank you for all the support you give to this ministry - we couldn't do it without your help!

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

	Actual	Goal	Difference
Sunday, Aug 20/21:	$8,030.25		
E-Giving:	$3,758.30		
Total:	$11,788.55	$12,282.00	($493.45)
YTD:	$88,452.70	$98,256.00	($9,803.30)
Mortgage:	$251,054.21		

THIS WEEK at Our Lady Queen of Peace:

Sunday, August 28

Monday, August 29
7:00pm - Finance Council Mtg.
Tuesday, August 30

Wednesday, August 31
7:00pm - PSR Catechists 'Welcome Back' Mtg.
Thursday, September 1
7:00pm - Parish Council Mtg.
Friday, September 2

Saturday, September 3
8:00am - 12:00noon - Food Pantry
10:00am - Prayer Shawl Mtg.
Sunday, September 4

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept 11 - 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass
- Sept 11 - 1st day of PSR
- Sept 24 - SoulCollage®
- Oct 22 - Ladies Night Out
- Oct 28 - Parish Fall Festival

PRAYER SHAWL

There will be **no September Prayer Shawl meeting** due to the Labor Day holiday weekend.

During the summer months, we were blessed to provide 23 shawls & blankets. This included 12 that went to LifeCare and 5 for Baptisms within our parish.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from our ministry, please contact the church office. Prayer shawls or lap blankets have been given out for the following events: baptisms, weddings, someone facing surgery, in a nursing home or someone who simply needs to feel God's peace and comfort.

Any questions, please contact Kathy Behlke 440-935-3344 or Kathy Smeltz 419-544-2491 or Sue Schniegenberg 440-926-1610.