

September 4, 2022—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

-- Psalm 90:14



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

Established ~ October 29, 2006

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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.

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Parish Office Hours

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

Sunday, September 4, 2022 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Monday, September 5 (Chapel) - LABOR DAY

9:00am - NO MASS

Tuesday, September 6 (Chapel)

9:00am - Dennis Leffew - Dennis & Teresa Kowalski

Wednesday, September 7 (Church)

6:30pm - Kevin & Jessica Bales (7th Wedding Anniv.) -
William Walsh and Suzanne Plante

Thursday, September 8 (Chapel)

9:00am - Linda Diedrick - Family

Friday, September 9 (Chapel)

9:00am - Herb Kuepfer - Family

Saturday, September 10

4:30pm - Michelle Smith - Dave & Ruth Cordy

Sunday, September 11

8:30am - Living & Deceased members of the Holy Name
Society

11:00am - Katherine Stillwell - Family

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

Sunday September 11 by **5:00pm Monday Sept. 5**

Sunday September 18 by **5:00pm Monday Sept. 12**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12;

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;

1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

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.

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

It's Labor Day weekend and schools are back in session or will be this week. In the past, this weekend marked the end of summer, the end of wearing white and a new beginning. I don't know any more about the end of summer as our summers have extended well into October the past few years. And it seems like wearing white is permitted any season. But there is an attitude of starting back up or of beginning something new. Although growing in faith is not limited to the academic year and is a yearlong, lifelong process, there are things starting up this week.

PSR classes start this coming Sunday, September 11. This includes the sacramental preparation programs for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion and Confirmation. Please keep our students and teachers in prayer as they begin the year. May they draw closer to God through their learning and prayer. The sacramental program for adults who are wishing to become Catholic begin next Monday, September 12. The RCIA is for those who wish to be baptized as well as those already baptized Christian but who wish to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

If you are looking for something to help you to grow in your faith there is the **Sunday Gospel Reflection this Saturday, September 10 at 10:00am**. You will find this hour enriching to your understanding of the Scriptures and your participation at Mass. At the end of the month, on September 28, we will be reflecting upon the Bishops of the United States letter on the Eucharist: "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church," as part of the Eucharistic Revival taking place in Catholic Churches in our country. In October there will be a video series on the Eucharist which will be held on Wednesday evenings following Mass.

This is just a highlight of some of the things happening in the weeks and month ahead. There is so much more, including Ladies Night Out and the parish Fall Festival happening in October. And if you are not sure where to start in becoming involved in the parish, stop by the **Joyful Disciples meeting this Thursday, September 8 at 6:30pm**. This group looks at ways to help people feel engaged in the parish through the use of their abilities and talents. And if you have any suggestions of things you would like to see, please email Elizabeth emiketo@olqpgrafton.org or myself frjohn@olqpgrafton.org.

Praying for a time of new growth through our parish programs and ministries.

--Fr John



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.

HUMILITY

Humility is a divine veil that covers our good deeds and hides them from our eyes.

—St. John Climacus



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

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.

LIMITS

Today's readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none. The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: "For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns." Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon's free will. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive—and the families we love—we acknowledge that they are temporary, and humbly cling to God.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Thursday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Peter Claver
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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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O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
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:

What would be true freedom for me?

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SCRIPTURE STUDY

Thursday September 22nd is our next bible study class with lesson Twelve of **"The Gospel of Mark: Faith not Fear"** from the FORMED LECTIO series. Please meet with us at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Lesson 12 will cover *"The Servant of the LORD"* on page 185 of the study guide. Study guides are free and can be picked up at the Parish office or at the study. You do **not** need a computer to attend the session and you can join us any time. If you have any questions/comments please contact Rick Gallaher at (440) 458-6335.

JOYFUL DISCIPLES

Joyful Disciples will be meeting **this Thursday, September 8th at 6:30pm in the parish hall**. In addition to looking at the events of this fall that promote engagement in the parish, we will also be planning for the January Commitment weekend of our time, talent, and treasure. If you have been wanting to become more involved in the parish but not sure where to start, this meeting may be a great help in steering you in the direction that God is calling.

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

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration.

Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

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THE DIFFERENCE

It is labour indeed that puts the difference on everything.

—John Locke

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!



HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

For the month of August, we provided 216 households with food, for a total of 492 individuals. Of this number 39% are over the age of 60. We continue to help the 3 Ukrainian families with food from our pantry along with gift cards for them to purchase items we don't provide them.

September 9 is the first delivery of the backpack bags to the school.

September 15 is the first community meal. Mark your calendar to join us at 5:30pm in the hall for a meal and great fellowship.

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you for all of the donated gift cards! We have been shopping with the families and the joy that these gift cards bring is priceless. All four children have what they need to start school this fall.

Please watch the bulletin for other opportunities to help the families. We are meeting with their sponsor and other churches in the area to get a plan in place that will meet their needs in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS to Natalie Popelka!

At this year's Spark Conference which reignites innovation in elementary education, Natalie was recognized as an "educator who passionately demonstrates a commitment to creativity and innovation". Natalie is a 5th grade teacher at St. Mary School. She received a trophy and a monetary award.

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday Gospel Reflection will meet **this Saturday, September 10th at 10:00am in the parish hall**. We will be reading the Gospels for Sunday, September 11 through Sunday, October 2. After reading each week's gospel we spend some time reflecting on what we heard in the reading and how it speaks to our heart and our community. All are welcome.

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PSR / RCIA UPDATES

"Profound joy of the heart is like a magnet that indicates the path of life." ~Saint Teresa of Calcutta

As we honor Labor Day and Saint Teresa's Feast Day this Monday, how can we find and celebrate our joy?

Next week, **September 11th, PSR begins class at 9:40am**, if you are registered and did not receive the welcome email please contact Elizabeth. As a reminder, PSR Fees are \$40 for a single child, \$75 for two children, and \$100 for three or more children. Payment can be made at the first class.

Our RCIA Team kick off meeting will be **Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00pm** in the gathering area of the church. If you are interested in joining this ministry, come check us out!



A PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Heavenly Father, please be with me as I head back to school for a new season of learning!

Help me to be a good student and to share the kindness of Christ with my friends. I pray that I would attend well to my studies and follow the direction of my teachers. May I draw closer to you in all that I do. Amen.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith will meet at **12noon in the Cry Room of church on Sunday, September 11**. We will watch a short video on the Four levels of Happiness from the **FORMED** website and then follow with a brief discussion. Come and bring a friend!

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.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, Aug 27/28:	\$6,037.00		
E-Giving:	\$3,941.80		
Total:	\$9,978.80	\$12,282.00	(\$2,303.20)
YTD:	\$98,431.50	\$110,538.00	(\$12,106.50)
Mortgage:	\$251,054.21		

THIS WEEK at Our Lady Queen of Peace:

Sunday, September 4

Monday, September 5

LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 6

7:30pm - KOC Mtg.

Wednesday, September 7

7:00pm - RCIA Team Mtg.

Thursday, September 8

6:30pm - Joyful Disciples

Friday, September 9

Saturday, September 10

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

10:00am - Prayer Shawl Mtg.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ♦ Sept 11 - 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass
- ♦ Sept 11 - 1st day of PSR
- ♦ Sept 15 - Helping Hands Community Meal
- ♦ Sept 24 - SoulCollage®
- ♦ Oct 22 - Ladies Night Out
- ♦ Oct 28 - Parish Fall Festival



Congratulations to John & Rachel Patrick

whose son **John Charles Patrick** was baptized last weekend.

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



Wedding Banns

I - Ryan Miller & April Rieth

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!