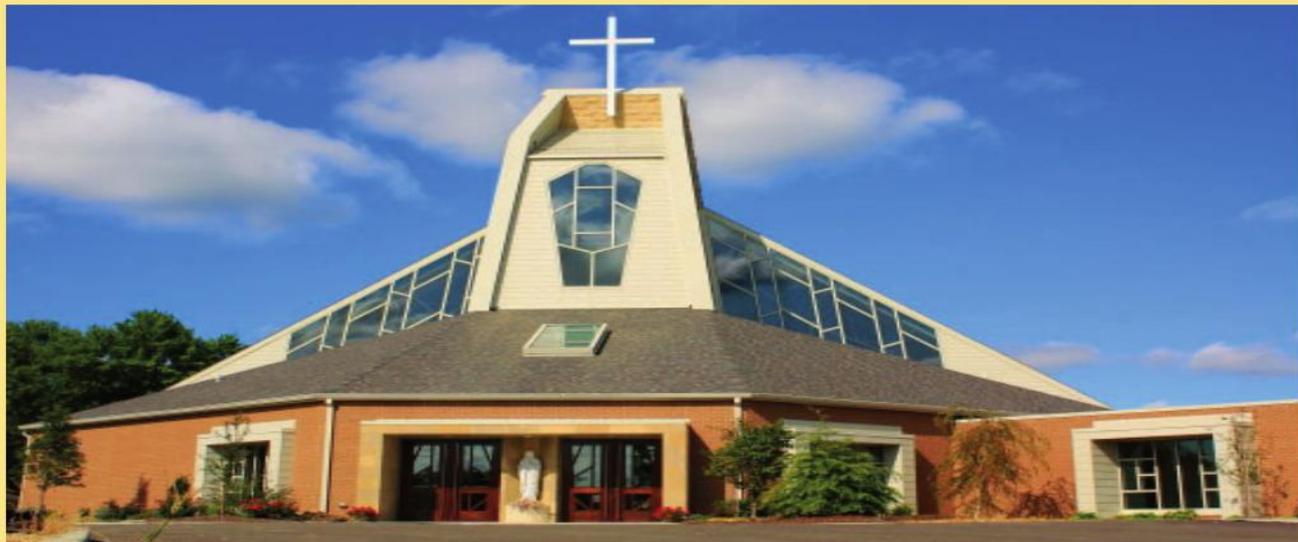


November 20, 2022—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD". --Psalm 122:1



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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 1800s 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, November 20, 2022 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Monday, November 21 (Chapel)

9:00am - Mike Sudina - Family

Tuesday, November 22 (Chapel)

9:00am - Henry & Catherine Kantosky - Bill Kantosky

Wednesday, November 23 (Church)

6:30pm - NO MASS

Thursday, November 24 (Church)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Friday, November 25 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Souls

1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 26

4:30pm - Jeanne Walker - Family

Sunday, November 27

8:30am - Roland Vinoverski - Ray Hildebrandt

11:00am - Amanda Klingshirn-Alvarez - Family

Pray for the Sick: Kathy Borowy, Deborah Cormier, 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, Becca Mullins, David Myers, John O'Connor, Guy Page, Mark Petricevic, Jane Peyton, Jeff Pfeiffer, Adam Postelwait, Colleen Ray, Gladys Rising, Cristina Safille, George Schaefer, Monica Schaefer, Ken Schroeder, Rhonna Smith, Thomas Southam, Sandy Stewart, Al Traxler, Ted Turner, 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.

just to let you know

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; Ps 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

Sunday December 4 by **5:00pm Monday Nov. 28**

Sunday December 11 by **5:00pm Monday Dec. 7**

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. At first it may seem odd that the choice of Gospel readings for this solemnity is Jesus hanging on the cross (Luke 23:35-43). What kind of king is that? It would seem to show a defeated king if anything. But in looking closer what do we see? Jesus forgiving the thief crucified next to him and assuring him that he will be in paradise this day. Jesus is a king of mercy. This reveals that there is greater power in mercy and forgiveness than a physical power or mental control over another. To hear Jesus say to us that we will be with him in paradise are powerful words indeed. That is the type of King I want to rule my life.

We begin the Season of Advent next weekend and the *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* notes that:

“Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.”

Will the next four weeks bring expectant delight for you? When was the last time you experienced delight? These next few weeks can seem like anything but delightful if we lose track of why we make all the fuss in preparing for Christmas. There are Advent reflection booklets that can be used to keep focused each day of Advent. You may also spend some time reading over the Gospel of Matthew, especially the beginning that contains the Infancy Narratives that we will be hearing the 4th Sunday of Advent and during the Christmas Season. The Gospel of Matthew will be used throughout the new Church year which begins next week, so you may want to read the entire gospel over the next month. The church will be open on Wednesdays from 2:30 until 6:30pm for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This is a great way to stop and breathe some peace into your life. And the most important way to keep focused and relieve stress is to participate at Mass. Don't be too busy for Mass during this month as it is the Eucharist that keeps our lives on track. And keep in mind that the weekday Masses are another way to grow closer to the Father. There is Mass on Wednesday evening following Eucharistic Adoration for those who are working or occupied during the day as well as the morning mass.

As you gather with family and friends this week may you experience the grace of God in the people and events that make this week special.

Happy Thanksgiving!

--Fr John

THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL BLESSING

God most provident,
we join all creation
in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

For generation upon generation
peoples of this land have sung of your bounty;
we too offer you praise
for the rich harvest we have received at your hands.

Bless us and this food which we share
with grateful hearts.
Continue to make our land fruitful
and let our love for you be seen
in our pursuit of peace and justice
and in our generous response to those in need.
Praise and glory to you, Lord God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

The Mass on **Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00am in the church**. You are invited to bring a non-perishable food item or monetary donation for our Helping Hands food pantry. During the regular offertory time, you will be invited to bring your items to the steps of the altar. As you do so it will be a clearer sign of you offering your gifts, as well as the offering of your entire self to God who has blessed you.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - THANKSGIVING DAY

There will be a sign-up sheet in the St. Joseph’s Room for those willing/able to serve as Liturgical Ministers for the Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00am. We are in need of a Mass Coordinator, Greeters, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers. Thank-you in advance!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: Saint Cecelia, Virgin & Martyr
Wednesday: Saint Clement I, Pope & Martyr
Thursday: Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Friday: Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

VALUE OF PRAYER

The value of consistent prayer is not that He will hear us, but that we will hear Him.
--William McGill

PARISH NURSING

The Parish Nurses would like to thank all who stopped by at our Spotlight event last weekend. **The lucky winner of the First Aid Kit was Zara and her family!** Our next blood pressure and blood sugar event will be held the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. Happy Thanksgiving and Stay Healthy!

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.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY



Our community meal served 45 people in October, which is more than September's meal. We plan on serving on the third Thursday of the month with the next dinner being on **December 15th at 5:30pm**. If you have signed up to help you should be getting a call, but please remember there are many more volunteers than there are places to help.

We will also be making plans for the Giving Tree and additional help for the Ukrainian families.

PRAYER SHAWL



Prayer shawl will be meeting Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00 am in the church hall.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our Spotlight Weekend happening December 3/4. Our dedicated ladies have been working hard on a variety of Christmas items for your shopping delight. We will also be raffling off several baskets filled with gift items.

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: 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.



ST. MARY'S CEMETERY - FLOWER DECORATIONS

In preparation for Christmas, ALL gravesite flowers and decorations must be removed by the end of the day this **Sunday, November 20th**. The cemetery clean-up will take place on Monday, November 21st.

PRO ORANTIBUS DAY

A day of Spiritual Solidarity and Support for the Cloistered and Monastic Life

Monday, November 21 is Pro Orantibus Day ("For Those Who Pray"), honoring cloistered men and women. It is a day of thanksgiving, solidarity, and support for contemplative religious who spend their lives in total dedication to God in union with Jesus and interceding for the salvation of all.

Pope Pius the XII instituted this worldwide event in 1953 and Pope St. John Paul II expanded its celebration in 1997 to take place on the Memorial of Our Lady's Presentation in the Temple. For more information visit www.cloisteredlife.com



PEACE OF MIND

To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners; to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ; and to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors...these are little guideposts on the footpath to peace.

--Henry Van Dyke

FRANCISCAN SISTERS, T.O.R.

The Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R. invite you to our Advent Retreat on **Saturday morning, December 3rd, 2022**, at our Motherhouse in Toronto. This year's theme is *Advent: Emmanuel's Light for our Blindness*. The retreat will begin with registration at 8:00am and will end at about noon. The day will include Mass said by Fr. Tom Sparacino of the Pittsburgh Diocese, talks by sisters, and a Holy Hour. You will also have the option to be part of a sister-led share group, where you can meet after the retreat to reflect on the day's graces, or to receive prayer ministry from the sisters. You can sign up for these groups on our website. Day-of sign ups for the groups are available but not ensured.

Registration for the retreat is encouraged beforehand on our website. The retreat will also be live streamed and virtual small groups (where signing up on the website prior to the event is required by Nov. 30) are available. For more information go to our website, hover over the "Events" tab, click on "Advent Retreat 2022."

REFLECTION

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, we remember that *everything* in the Gospel, Scripture and all of creation, is aimed at this one thing: to hear the voice of Jesus and, when we do, to stay with him.

Today, let us be attentive to the many forms that Jesus's knock takes: in our hearts, in worship, and through the people right in front of us.

--Ryen Dwyer, SJ



MEN'S FAITH SHARING

Men's Faith Sharing will be **Sunday, November 20th at 6:00pm in the chapel**. Following thirty minutes in private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament we will spend time reflecting on the Gospel for the 1st Sunday of Advent, Matthew 24:37-44. All men of the parish are invited to attend to reflect, pray and support each other.

SYMPATHY to the family of **Donald Borowy** who passed away recently.

May he rest in the peace of Christ.

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

ADVENT

The Season of Advent begins next Sunday, November 27.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS: Wednesdays during Advent (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21) there will be Eucharistic Adoration in the church from 2:30pm-6:30pm. Come spend some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament. This time of private prayer can put everything that is going on in the preparation for Christmas into perspective.

CONFESSION 2020 STYLE – CLEARING THE MYTH On Monday, November 28 there will be a session on how to go to confession as well as why go to confession. This will be at 7:00pm in the parish hall. The sixty minute presentation will dispel the myths about confession and enable you to see how this sacrament can put us in touch with God’s forgiveness.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS: In addition to the regular Saturday afternoon confessions from 3:30 to 4:00pm there will be two additional opportunities:

Wednesday, November 30 3:30-6:00pm
Wednesday, December 14 7:00-8:00pm

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS: In the Gathering Area, there are reflection booklets for each day of Advent for adults, families and children. Use these as a break from your Christmas preparations to help keep the stress level down while growing spiritually for the celebration of Christmas.

Watch for additional weekly updates to the Advent opportunities.



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.



2022 OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE ANNUAL CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY HOTDOGS WITH SANTA

WHEN: Sunday December 11, 2022
TIME: 12:00noon to 2:00pm
SIGN-UP DEADLINE: Sunday November 27, 2022
AGES: Birth through age 10

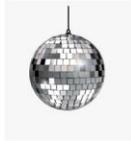
REGISTERED PARISHIONERS ONLY
CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE A GIFT



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PSR / RCIA UPDATES

This Sunday we celebrate the conclusion of the liturgical year. Our PSR students and catechists will take a moment to acknowledge all we have accomplished this past year. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving this week, please know we are grateful for our families and their dedication to sharing our faith with their children. This week, each family will receive an Advent packet. We encourage all to participate in the Faith at Home activities for Sunday, 11/27.



BEST BUDDIES BALL!

Thank you to all who showed up and got the ball rolling on this great event for our community! We are still looking for more people to join us to bring this great event to light. Our planning committee meets on the first Thursday of every month until the Best Buddies Ball in mid April. Please consider joining this group to make this event a success. Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, December 1st at 7:00pm**. See you there!

LIFE ITSELF IS A BLESSING

Just to be is a blessing.
Just to live is holy.
---Abraham Heschel



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, Nov 12/13:	\$7,072.75		
E-Giving:	\$4,552.40		
Total:	\$11,625.15	\$12,282.00	(\$656.85)
YTD:	\$231,524.86	\$245,640.00	(\$14,115.14)
Mortgage:	\$230,183.48		

THIS WEEK at Our Lady Queen of Peace:

Sunday, November 20

9:40am-10:50am - PSR
11:00am - 3rd Grade Class Mass
6:00pm - Men's Faith Sharing

Monday, November 21

7:00pm - Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 22

Wednesday, November 23

Thursday, November 24-THANKSGIVING DAY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00am - Mass

Friday, November 25

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 26

Sunday, November 27

9:40am-10:50am - PSR-Faith at Home

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ Nov 26/27 - First Sunday of Advent
- ◆ Nov 28 - Confessions 2020 Style
- ◆ Nov 30 - Adoration
- ◆ Dec 3/4 - Spotlight Ministry - Prayer Shawl
- ◆ Dec 3/4 - Parish Nurse BP & Sugar Screening
- ◆ Dec 11 - Blood Drive

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