

February 19, 2023—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect. -- Matthew 5:48



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

Established ~ October 29, 2006

Rev. John P. Seabold—Pastor

Joanna Blaz - Business Office

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& St. Mary's Cemetery Sexton

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



*Masses
For The Week*

Monday, February 20 (Chapel)

9:00am - NO MASS

Tuesday, February 21 (Chapel)

9:00am - For those affected by a broken family - Ernie Walker

Wednesday, February 22 (Church) - ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

7:00pm - ALL Parishioners

Thursday, February 23 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Souls

Friday, February 24 (Chapel)

9:00am - Donald Borowy Jr.- Deanna Lottman

Saturday, February 25

4:30pm - Jeanne Walker - Ernie Walker

Sunday, February 26

8:30am - ALL Parishioners

11:00am - Laura Bansek - Mom, Dad and Amanda

Pray for the Sick: Amanda Bansek, Kathy Borowy, Lou Burrows, Deborah Cormier, Cathy Cornish, Karen Faulkner, Dennis Frabotta, Alyassa Frost, Don Gates, Michael Gilkeson, Marilyn Hamm, Dorothy Hannes, Joan Henschel-Blake, Traci Jacobs, Gloria Janosko, James Kwiatek, Debbie Listwak, Ron Listwak, Toni Long, Jose' Magiste, Grace McNearney, Michele Miller, Becca Mullins, David Myers, John O'Connor, Mark Petricevic, Jane Peyton, Jeff Pfeiffer, Adam Postelwait, Colleen Ray, Gladys Rising, Adam Rone, Cristina Safille, George Schaefer, Monica Schaefer, Ken Schroeder, Paul Smith, Rhonna Smith, Thomas Southam, Al Traxler, Ted Turner, Dick & Nancy Webber, Daniel White, Amy Woodburn, Pat Wracker.

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

just to let you know

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40;
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17; 2 or 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

Sunday February 26 by 5:00pm Monday February 20

Sunday March 5 by 5:00pm Monday February 27

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

We hear in the Gospel this weekend, "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Matthew 5:48. Talk about setting the bar high for us to reach! Another translation will say 'be holy as your heavenly Father is holy'. That doesn't soften the command but sounds better than 'perfect.' Jesus, however, is not giving us an unachievable goal. He is calling us to perfection, to holiness. It is a call to every day seek to be better - which is achievable. And he assures us of that, that the Holy Spirit is always with us to guide, support and encourage us.

The theme this Lent is "Holiness is our way." This Lenten Season can be a great experience of growing in holiness – yes growing in perfection. There are many opportunities that are being offered through the parish as well as many more at the touch of your screen. One of the things we will be offering is the viewing of the video program "Untold Blessing" which the program is described as: Our ultimate goal is to be a saint. It is our greatest calling and what is desired for us by our Creator. Holiness is not just for the ordained or a select few. Jesus Christ issues a 'universal call to holiness' based on his teaching in the Gospel of Matthew to 'be perfect even as your heavenly Father is perfect.' Each week of Lent following the Stations of the Cross in the chapel, we will be viewing this video program.

This weekend there is a brochure that lists the Lenten opportunities that are available to you along with a commitment card. The commitment card is for your personal use to hold yourself accountable to grow in holiness this Lent. Please take time this week to check off those things you plan to do this Lent for yourself as well your family.

I would also encourage you to check out the Lenten programs on FORMED. You can access this Catholic site free by using the button on the parish website. Through the generosity of the Holy Name, Knights of Columbus and Our Lady's Guild all parishioners are able to access the programs and resources on FORMED at no cost. A couple of the programs that caught my attention as I browsed the website was "Living Lent as a Family," "Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent," "Lent with Brother Francis," and "Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland."

For those who like to plan ahead, individual pictures for the Parish Directory will be taken the last two weekends of April. It has been awhile since the last parish pictorial and we hope that everyone will help us to make it a success. This is a great way to put a name with a face which helps so that we are not just strangers gathered every week for Eucharist. The sitting for your photograph is free and there is an option to purchase copies. Watch for details as we get closer to April.

Praying that this will be the best Lent ever for all of us as we seek to grow in holiness on our journey.

--Fr John



Lenten Schedule

FAST AND ABSTINENCE:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence which means one large meal and two smaller meals as well as abstaining from meat. The law of fasting is for those 18-60 years old.

The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence which means no meat is to be eaten on those Fridays. The law of abstinence is obligatory for all who are 14 years and older.

Why? On Fridays during Lent, we particularly remember the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. In memory of this great sacrifice, we continue the tradition of penance and sacrifice – the abstaining from meat on Fridays is an outward manifestation of an interior reality: the conversion of our hearts.

Diocesan wide Night of Confession: Wednesday, March 8th, our parish and all of the parishes in the Diocese will offer "An Evening of Confession" from **5:00-8:00pm**. Parishioners are asked to evangelize by inviting family and friends who are away from the Church to join in this special Lenten practice. Priests at all parishes will be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Opportunities to celebrate the sacrament will be on:

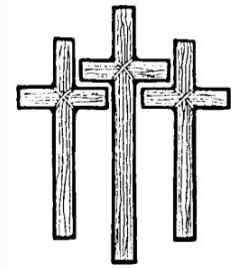
Saturdays during Lent from 3:30-4:00pm

Thursday, March 30th- 9:30am

Monday, April 3rd - 7:00pm

Communal Reconciliation Service: Gather as a community for a Prayer Service followed by the opportunity for Reconciliation with a variety of priests on hand. Sunday, 3/26 at 2:00 pm.

LENT 2023 – *Holy is our way!*



Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 22 9:00am Mass & 7:00pm Mass
Join us for Eucharistic Adoration anytime between 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

Weekday Masses during Lent

Wednesday, 6:30pm (except March 8)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesdays from 2:30pm-6:30pm; March 1- April 13
Ash Wednesday, 2/22 10:00am – 6:30pm
March 8th: 2:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Family Eucharistic Adoration: Sunday, March 5, stay tuned for details and timing.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7:00pm: February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Living Stations of the Cross: Elyria Catholic High School will put on a Living Stations of the Cross, Sunday, 3/19 a 7:00 pm in the Church.

Untold Blessing, Three Paths to Holiness: Fridays following Stations of the Cross. God calls each of us to become a saint, and he's ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based program: "Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness." The first path is "Finding the Center in Christ;" the second is "Knowing You Are a Sinner" and then the third, "Realizing Your Life is Not About You."

Holy is His Name: The Transforming Power of God's Holiness in Scripture, Scott Hahn Book Study. Sign Up to reserve your book and spot in a two-part Book Study and Conversation. Catholics are taught to prize *holiness* – to admire it in others and to strive for it in their own lives. But we're never quite told what holiness is .. Scott Hahn seeks to define the term in order to help us better understand our relationship with holiness. Register by 2/26 in the back of the Church or by calling the Parish Office. The Book Talks will take place, 3/29 and 5/3 at 7:00 pm.

Sunday Gospel Reflection: Saturday, March 11 at 10:00am in the hall. We will be looking at the gospels for the 1st Sunday of Lent through Easter Sunday. After reading each gospel, time is spent sharing what stood out in the gospel for each individual. In doing this we become attentive to hear what message God has for us through his Word.

Men's Faith Sharing: Gather with us in fraternity to reflect on our faith on Sunday, 2/26 at 6:00 pm.

Scripture Study: meets on Thursday 2/23, 3/9, 3/23 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall to learn about the "EUCCHARIST: Discovering the Mass in the Bible."

Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Join us as we journey with St. Faustina and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Thursday morning from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Best Lent Ever: Receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into your daily lives, and encouraging stories. Sign up through the link from Our Lady Queen of Peace's Flocknote group or by going to dynamiccatholic.com/lent.

Prayer Bookmarks: These bookmarks list those candidates preparing for 1st Communion, Confirmation and those in preparation to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep these candidates for the initiation sacraments in your prayers during the season of Lent.



LENT 2023 – Holy is our way! Cont'd

A Season of Deep and Everlasting Healing: These daily reflection booklets will be available at the doors of the church and in the parish office, along with booklets for children and one for families. These contain a Scripture passage and reflection for each day of Lent.

Daily Lenten Video Reflections: A short video each day reflecting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing a concrete ideas on how to apply them to the Christian life. Sign up by going to FORMED button on the parish website.

Lenten Resources: The Diocese of Cleveland has a list of resources that can be used for personal growth during these 40 days of Lent. These can be found at dioceseofcleveland.org

Operation Rice Bowl: As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program for families and faith communities in the United States who want to put their faith into action. Through CRS Rice Bowl, participants are invited to hear stories about their sisters and brothers in need around the world and devote their Lenten prayers, fasting and alms to change the lives of those who suffer in poverty. The Rice Bowl and information materials are available at the doors of the church.

Blessing of the Seeds: Spring will be here before we know it! Bring in a packet of your seeds to be blessed at all Masses the weekend of 3/11 and 3/12.

MENS FAITH SHARING

Men of the parish, do something for yourself to grow in your faith this Lent by coming to the Men's Faith Sharing on **Sunday, February 26 at 6:00pm in the chapel**. We will spend time in prayer as well as looking at issues that we face in today's world and how our faith enables us to grow amid the demands and stresses of life.



SYMPATHY to the families of **Zane Brushaber, Ann Ferritto, Timothy Krezman and Cletus Linden** who all passed away recently.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Malesic requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.

"A time to heal. A time to help". Your support of the 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: 'I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'



BEST BUDDIES

DONATIONS NEEDED: The Best Buddies Ball Committee is asking for donations to help create a memorable evening for guests and their caregivers. Items needed include: gift cards, event tickets, pampering products, non-perishable food and beverage items, household items, gifts for men or anything that can be added to a gift basket. Deadline for donations is March 15.



Congratulations to **Douglas & Jackie Schuster** whose Daughter **Kaylin Jane Schuster** was baptized last weekend.

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

PRAYER

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

GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST - CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY

Do we need a Parish Community Center? Absolutely! We need the Center more than ever to bring us the added space necessary for a growing parish community.

As you know from the ministry brochure that was handed out after masses a couple of weekends ago, we have many activities happening in the Hall. The wall dividers, tables and chairs need to be reset regularly for PSR each time there is an event or gathering. Helping Hands backpack program and food distribution program are twice a month, Community meal is once a month. These are just a few ministries that are necessary for providing food, social and spiritual interaction to those in need. Fundraisers and Ministries experience lack of space and there are restraints with setting up for events. Looking ahead, as the community continues to grow, so will the needs for social and spiritual based opportunities. It will take up to three years for the Community Center to be completed so this campaign is needed to prepare for the growth that is already occurring.

As of this communication, we are at 43% of our goal! As the silent phase continues, Fr. John and the committee are so very grateful to all that have pledged and contributed. Pledge cards should be returned as soon as possible so that we have your commitment and record of giving.

--Colleen Dawson, Campaign Communications

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY

March 3, 2023

Elyria Catholic Student Voices
"Living our Pillar of Faith"

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 have reserved a table of 8 for our parish as the cost will be lower per person, and it would show our support to the Forum. Please call the office if you would like to reserve a place at the parish table. Reservations are due Monday, February 27th at 12:00noon.



KOC LENTEN FISH FRY

Fish Fry Fridays are coming back at Our Lady Queen of Peace! The first fish fry of the Lenten season is **this Friday, February 24th beginning at 5:00pm.** Full fish dinners start at \$17, with children (4 thru 11 years of age) dinners at \$8. Our A La Carte menu will be back by popular demand. Come hungry and leave happy. We guarantee it! Dinners will be served until 7:00pm and takeouts will be available,



FAITH FORMATION - REFLECTIONS AND UPDATES

Lent is upon us! This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. A time for prayer, reflection, and action. We have certain traditions we follow to help guide us on this spiritual journey. This week, we encourage you to take some time with your family to discuss a family Lenten plan. In what ways, are we going to set ourselves up for a successful spiritual Lenten season? We hope you join in one or many of our parish Lenten offerings to help you on this journey.

PSR

We have made it through holiday weekends and school district extended weekends! Well, at least for the next three weeks, PSR will be in person 2/26, 3/5 and 3/12! See you there!

Book Talk Alert!

Interested in gathering to discuss Holy is His Name, a book written by Scott Hahn? Sign up in the Gathering Area or let Elizabeth now. We will order the books upon registration. Registration is due 2/26.

CALENDAR CLUB

Thank you to everyone who has already bought their ticket for the 2023 CC raffle drawings! There are still a few tickets left so if you're interested please email OLQPCalendarClub@gmail.com for more information. Congratulations to our January winner Pauline Burke and our bonus winner Darlene Stutz!!

LADY'S GUILD

Thank you to everyone that purchased a meatball sub order. We appreciate your support. Congratulations to Pat Cannon who purchased the winning 50/50 ticket. Lastly, ladies a reminder of our upcoming meeting on **Monday February 20th at 7:00pm in the parish hall**. See you all there.

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, Feb 11/12:	\$7,445.02		
E-Giving:	\$4,851.90		
Total:	\$12,296.92	\$12,282.00	\$14.92
YTD:	\$398,418.02	\$380,742.00	(\$6,887.98)
Mortgage:	\$205,808.17		



The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 19

Monday, February 20 -

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - PRESIDENTS DAY

7:00pm - Choir Practice

7:00pm - Lady's Guild Mtg.

7:00pm - RCIA

Tuesday, February 21

Wednesday, February 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00am-6:30pm - Adoration

Thursday, February 23

7:00pm - Scripture Study

Friday, February 24

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

7:30pm - *Untold Blessings, Three Paths to Holiness* Video Series

Saturday, February 25

Sunday, February 26

9:40am-10:50am - PSR

6:00pm - Men's Faith Sharing

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 8 -Diocesan Wide Sacrament of Reconciliation

April 2 - Palm Sunday

April 9 - Easter



SCRIPTURE STUDY

Thursday February 23th at 7:00pm in the parish hall is the fourth lesson of **"EUCHARIST: Discovering the Mass in the Bible"** from the FORMED LECTIO series. Please join us as Session 4 will cover "Miracles of Exodus" on page 61 of the study guide. Study guides are free and you can join us any time during the study. Contact Rick Gallaher at (440) 458-6335 for comments or assistance.

DIVINE MERCY

"The hour has come to bring Christ's love to everyone. The world needs this love, The message of Divine Mercy is able to fill hearts with hope and become the spark of a new civilization...of love."

(St. Pope John Paul II, 8/18/02)

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