

February 26, 2023—First Sunday of Lent

“One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”

-- Matthew 4:4



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

Established ~ October 29, 2006

Rev. John P. Seabold—Pastor

Joanna Blaz - Business Office

Elizabeth Miketo - Director of Parish Catechesis

Patrick Weir - Facilities Manager

& 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 27 (Chapel)

9:00am - Timothy Krezman - Hutman Family

Tuesday, February 28 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Wednesday, March 1 (Church)

6:30pm - Dorothy Morley-Kantosky - Bill Kantosky

Thursday, March 2 (Chapel)

9:00am - Guy Page - Ann St. Clair

Friday, March 3 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Saturday, March 4

4:30pm - ALL Parishioners

Sunday, March 5

8:30am - Grace Pijor - Dennis & James Pijor

11:00am - Living & Deceased members of Our Lady's Guild

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, Neil Maier, 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@olqpgrafton.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.olqpgrafton.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

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

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

Sunday March 5 by 5:00pm Monday February 27

Sunday March 12 by 5:00pm Monday March 6

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

There is a picture of Immaculate Conception church, what we refer to as the chapel, ca. 1870. It shows the parishioners standing before the church that was built in 1870 dressed in their finest attire. I found it amazing to think of how the few people were able to build that beautiful church and the sacrifices that they made to do so. Then to think of the small community of Polish Immigrants who formed Assumption Church on the other side of town and the sacrifices they made to keep the Catholic faith alive. It always amazed me how there were two Catholic Churches in Grafton in an area that was not highly populated with Catholics.

We are the recipients of their faith. How blessed we are to be able to have a such a history of strong faith upon which we are able to worship God today. I wonder however, if we have what it takes to keep the faith alive and growing for future generations. Are we willing to make the sacrifices necessary to keep a strong Catholic presence in our area? What are you doing this Lenten Season to grow your faith? How are you stepping out of your comfort zone to participate in activities that the parish offers? What devotions and practices are you committed to in your personal life and communally to strengthen your relationship with God?

The building project that we are embarking upon is part of the plan to strengthen the Catholic presence in the area as we seek to meet the growing demands of the community. We need both the spiritual projects to promote the faith and the structures to be able to make our day to day activities possible.

As we enter this first week of Lent, reflect upon the sacrifices of those who have gone before us that has enabled us to have a strong Catholic presence where we can grow in our faith. And ask what you need to do in your life to ensure that the faith continues to be there for generations to come.

May we keep each other in prayer during these days of fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

--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:

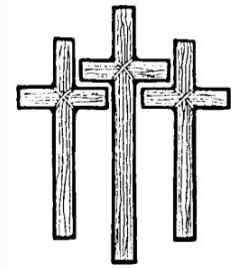
Saturdays during Lent from 3:30-4:00pm

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!*



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
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: 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.

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

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.

LENT 2023 – Holy is our way! Cont'd

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.



PRAYER SHAWL

We will be meeting **Saturday, March 4th at 10:00 am in the church hall**. If you are interested in becoming involved in our ministry, please stop in, grab some yarn and get to know our lovely talented ladies. We can also answer any questions you may have.

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.

We have been blessed in providing 12 shawls/lap blankets thus far in the month of February.

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

RELIEF AID TO TURKEY/SYRIA

The February 6 earthquake that struck Turkey & Syria has caused the deaths of more than 40,000 people, injured countless more and devastated the Turkish & Syrian people who are mourning unimaginable losses.

Please join with Bishop Malesic and our Holy Father Pope Francis in praying for the souls of the departed, for the many suffering in the wake of this tragic event and for the emergency responders tending to them.

Please donate to the following Catholic organizations providing humanitarian relief:

Catholic Relief Services:

P.O. Box 5200 - Harlan IA 51593-0700

<https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes>

Catholic Near East Welfare Association:

1011 1st Ave., Floor 15 - New York, NY 10022-4195

<https://cnewa.org/work/emergency-syria/>

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday Gospel Reflection will meet **Saturday, March 11th at 10:00am in the parish hall**. We will be looking the Gospels for the Sundays of Lent as well as the Easter Season. In spending time prior to Mass reflecting upon the readings helps to be more attuned to how God is speaking to you during Mass through His Word.



BEST BUDDIES

MANDATORY VOLUNTEERS MEETING: There will be a volunteer meeting on **Thursday March 2 at 6:00pm in the parish hall**. This is to cover general information about the Ball and allow time for Q&A. If you are a Buddy volunteer over age 18, we will have onsite background checks available. Cost is \$35 and donations to cover this expense are appreciated.



Congratulations to Thomas & Shelby Hobbs Jr. whose son **Thomas Joseph Hobbs III** was baptized last weekend.

May he 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

We have completed 8 weeks of the campaign with 3 more larger meetings scheduled for March. These meetings provide the opportunity to ask questions regarding Phase 2 of the build.

- Do we need to expand the church parking lot?
⇒ The parking lot does not need to be expanded as there are enough parking spaces
- What will be done with the current hall?
⇒ The hall will remain for the PSR programs as well as ministry functions. Fundraisers, socials and spiritual events will be in the parish center
- Can the community center be a facility that can be rented out?
⇒ Yes, it can.
- When do we start making our payments?
⇒ Your spiritual gift should start this year if you are making monthly/quarterly/annual payments or via online giving.

Currently we are at 51.2% of our goal. Let us continue to pray for the success of the campaign.

--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.



K of C LENTEN FISH FRY

Now that the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays are underway, we have an offer for you. Purchase one Super Cash Bonanza ticket before you order your dinner, and we will give you a two-dollar discount on your meal. Don't miss out on a great meal and a chance to win cash. The Fish Fry is in Our Lady Queen of Peace **parish hall from 5:00pm until 7:00pm.** See you there!



FAITH FORMATION - REFLECTIONS AND UPDATES

The First Sunday of Lent is a time for us to take pause... how are we going to grow spiritually this preparatory season? Perhaps, we can break down our Lenten practices to finding a way to grow in our spiritual mind, soul, and heart. PSR is in person these next three weeks in a row, 2/26, 3/5 and 3/12, then we will be off for Spring Break.

This weekend our RCIA members are participating in the Call to Conversion. This Lenten season allows them time to fully prepare to join us at the table of the celebration of the Eucharist. Please join us in continuing to pray for them.

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 know. We will order the books upon registration. Registration is due 2/26.

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.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 26

9:40am-10:50am - PSR
6:00pm - Men's Faith Sharing

Monday, February 27

7:00pm - Choir Practice
7:00pm - RCIA

Tuesday, February 28

Wednesday, March 1

2:30pm-6:30pm - Adoration

Thursday, March 2

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:00pm - Best Buddies Ball Mtg.
7:00pm - Parish Council Mtg.

Friday, March 3

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross - CHAPEL
7:30pm - *Untold Blessings, Three Paths to Holiness* Video Series - CHAPEL

Saturday, March 4

10:00am - Food Pantry
10:00am - Prayer Shawl Mtg.
5:30pm - Parish Nurses BP & Sugar Screening

Sunday, March 5

8:00am - Parish Nurses BP & Sugar Screening
9:40am-10:50am - PSR

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 8 -Diocesan Wide Sacrament of Reconciliation
April 2 - Palm Sunday
April 9 - Easter

SCRIPTURE STUDY



Thursday March 9th is the fifth lesson of "EUCARIST: Discovering the Mass in the Bible" from the FORMED LECTIO series. Please meet with us at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. Session 5 will cover "Mysteries of the Tabernacle" on page 81 of the study guide. Study guides are free and are available in the parish office. Contact Rick Gallaher at (440) 458-6335 for comments or assistance.

BLESSING OF SEEDS

On the **weekend of March 11/12**, there will be a blessing of seeds during Mass. You may bring a packet of your seeds to represent those you will be planting in the months ahead to be blessed.

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YOU Make a Difference

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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 18/19:	\$8,095.30		
E-Giving:	\$7,802.89		
Total:	\$15,898.19	\$12,282.00	\$3,616.19
YTD:	\$414,316.21	\$417,588.00	(\$3,271.79)
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