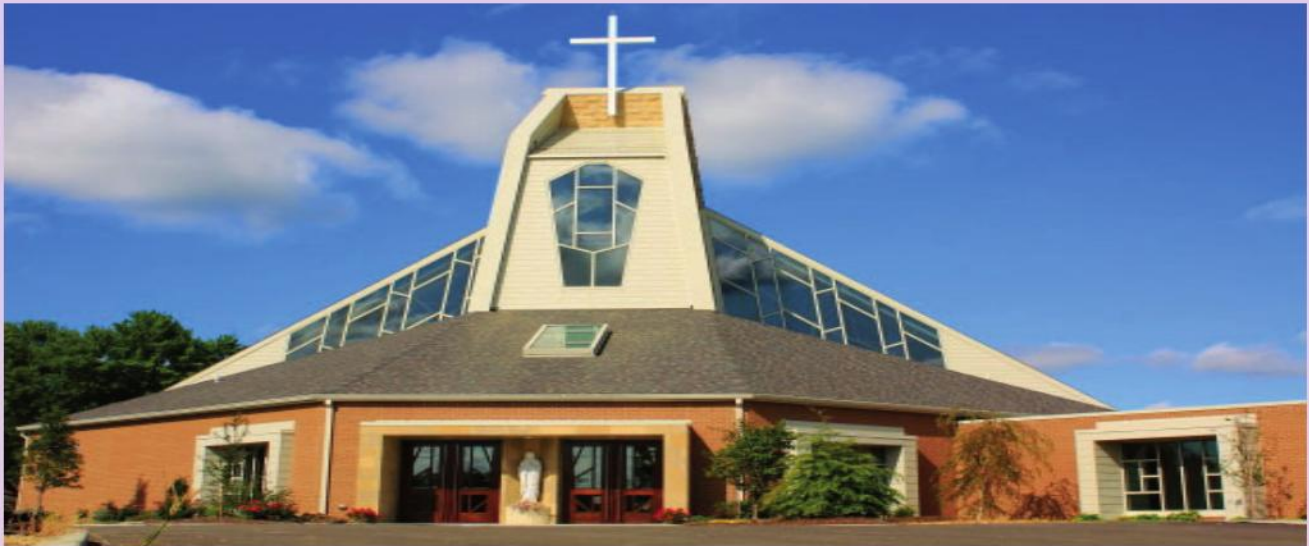


March 26, 2023—Fifth Sunday of Lent

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." -- John 11:25



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.

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Parish Office Hours

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



*Masses
For The Week*

Monday, March 27 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Tuesday, March 28 (Chapel)

9:00am - Don C. Seabold - Family

Wednesday, March 29 (Church)

6:30pm - ALL Souls

Thursday, March 30 (Chapel)

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

Friday, March 31 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 1

4:30pm - Leonard Dybzinski - Cordy Family

Sunday, April 2

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

11:00am - Dorothy Garrett - Kay Jacobs

Pray for the Sick: Nanci Arnold, 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, Gloria Janosko, James Kwiatek, Debbie Listwak, Ron Listwak, Toni Long, Jose' Magiste, Neil Maier, Grace McNearney, Michele Miller, Becca Mullins, 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 & Bernadette Zielinski.

Please call the Parish Office on (440) 926-2364 or email us at info@olqpgraffton.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.olqpgraffton.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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18. 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10; 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Procession: Mt 21:1-11

At Mass: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

Sunday April 2 by 5:00pm Monday March 27

Sunday April 9 by **12:00noon Friday March 31**

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

This is the third week that we hear the great stories of faith from the Gospel of John. These stories invite us to reflect upon the call to grow in our baptismal faith and they recognize and place our faith in Jesus. Yes, they are long Gospel stories, but they are filled with much symbolism and implications for personal reflection. I would suggest that you go back to these stories throughout the week, as each time you read them there is something hidden that comes to light.

This week we hear the call to come forth from the tombs that enslave us in life (John 11:1-45). As Pope Francis put it: Jesus calls us as he called Lazarus in his tomb; "come forth!" This call is addressed to every human person because we are all marked by death. Christ is not resigned to the sepulchers that we have constructed with our choices of evil and death, with our mistakes, our sins. Jesus invites us, almost orders us, to come out of the tombs into which our sins have plunged us. This is where our resurrection begins: when we decide to obey the command of Jesus to come into the light, to life; when the masks fall from our faces... and we rediscover the courage of our original faces, created in the image and likeness of God... the raising of Lazarus shows us that there is no limit to the divine mercy, which is offered to everyone... The Lord is always ready to roll away the tombstone of our sins, which separate us from him, the light of the living. (Pope Francis, June 4, 2014).

This Sunday at 2:00pm there will be a Communal Reconciliation service where we can respond to Jesus' call to come forth from our tomb. This service is a fuller expression of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we first hear the Word of God and reflect upon how he is calling us to repent and to turn to his mercy. After the Liturgy of the Word with Examination of Conscience, you are invited to go to confess your sins individually and receive penance and absolution. Five priests will be available to hear confessions. Why it is a fuller expression is that we as a community admit that we are sinners in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. Watching one and another and praying for one another as we each go to confession is a sign of how we are not alone in our journey of life. We are all in need of God's mercy.

Remember three years ago when we could not celebrate Holy Week and Easter? Did you not feel empty? Angry? Longing for these rituals? This year there will be the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Where will you be? Now is the time to plan to make Holy Week a priority. This is the most important week for us as Catholics and the most sacred liturgies of the year. God will be speaking to you through these liturgies in a way you have not heard God speak to you. Hope to see you there!

--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.

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

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

Thursday, March 30th - 9:30am (Chapel)

Monday, April 3rd - 7:00pm (Chapel)

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!*

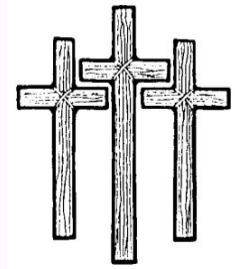
Weekday Masses during Lent

Wednesday, 6:30pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesdays from 2:30pm-6:30pm; March 1- April 3



Stations of the Cross: Friday at 7:00pm: March 31

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. Join 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. The Book Talks will take place, 3/29 and 5/3 at 7:00 pm.

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.

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: Rice Bowls can be returned in the baskets by the Baptismal Font next weekend or at any of the Holy Week Liturgies.



MUSIC MINISTRY

The Music Ministry will be introducing "The Mass of Spirit and Grace". We will begin singing the new Mass Settings during the Easter Vigil and will continue throughout the Easter Season. Over the next few weeks, the choir will sing some of the Mass parts prior to Mass in order for the congregation to become familiar with them. This Mass can be found in the Music Issue, starting with #923. "Let us lift our voices as one to the Lord!"

REVERSE RAFFLE

The bills have all been paid and the good times are now a fond memory of all the fun we had as a Parish community at our Reverse Raffle back on February 18. We were able to raise **\$8,251.19 for our Building Fund**. It could not have been done without the donations, time and effort on the part of so many parishioners. THANK-YOU!



K of C LENTEN FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will once again be taking place **this Friday from 5:00pm-7:00pm**. We are serving up great tasting lake perch at a reasonable price and your hot meal will be brought to you within minutes of placing your order. Take-outs are available. By the way, we have huge pieces of pie for dessert. See you Friday!

LADY'S GUILD NCAA Championship Game

It's March Madness and the Lady's Guild is selling \$25.00 squares for the Championship Game on April 3. There will be 3 payouts: \$350 at the half, \$500 for the final score and \$150 for the reverse final score. Squares will be available at all masses during the month of March. We will accept cash, check and Venmo.



PALM SUNDAY

The 11:00am Mass next Sunday, Palm Sunday, will include the blessing of palms and procession from the water feature into the church for Mass. Please meet at the water feature at 10:55am.



SUNDAY MARCH 26TH
12-3

Goodness Gracious Grafton is partnering with Our Lady Queen of Peace to raise money for the Best Buddy Ball, a prom night experience, centered on Gods love, for people with special needs, ages 13 and older.

498 Main Street
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BEST BUDDIES

FUNDRAISER!! During the month of March, Best Buddy Ball volunteers will be in the Gathering Area after all masses to collect donations and sell raffle tickets. Raffle items were generously donated by Joe Hodkey and include handmade wood items such as Bowls, Blanket Ladders, Table Top, Charcuterie Board and Wine Corkboard. Thank-you in advance for your support!

GOODNESS GRACIOUS BOUTIQUE in Grafton has agreed to do a "shop to donate" day for us **this Sunday March 26th**. They will donate 10% of the proceeds to us and 20% if you bring in this bulletin and show them the notice above.

SYMPATHY to the families of **Mary Ellen Seres and Conrada (Connie) Pijor** who both passed away recently.

May they each 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



HOLY WEEK

Monday - April 3

2:30pm-6:30pm - Adoration
6:30pm - Mass (Chapel)
7:00pm - Reconciliation (Chapel)

Tuesday - April 4

9:00am - Mass
7:00pm - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

Wednesday - April 5

9:00am - Mass
8:00pm - Tenebrae (Chapel)

Holy Thursday - April 6

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 7

3:00pm - Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - April 8

1:00pm - Food Blessing
9:00pm - Easter Vigil
(there will be no 4:30pm Mass)

Easter Sunday - April 9

8:00am
10:00am
12:00noon

GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST - CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY

The campaign is gearing up for the public phase soon but before we do, we are holding a meeting for all Parishioners who are interested in listening, learning and asking questions about the building of the Community Center and Parish Offices. This meeting is scheduled for **this Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall** with light refreshments to tame that sweet tooth! Please join us for this 30-minute meeting, receive a packet of information and return home to take time to pray about your spiritual gift. Participation from everyone will create a Holy Moment for all of us to cherish and celebrate.

At this time, we are at 53.7% of our goal. Please continue to pray for the success of the campaign.

--Colleen Dawson, Campaign Communications



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE SCHOLARSHIP

OLQP will be awarding two \$500 scholarships - one to a graduating high school senior and one to a current college student. To be eligible, a candidate must be a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace and active in the parish, or active in the church on the college campus where they attend school. Applications can be picked up in the Gathering Area, Parish Office or via the OLQP website. Applications must be submitted **by May 15th**.

We will have a special collection to fund these scholarships.



FAITH FORMATION - REFLECTIONS AND UPDATES

PSR Fall 2023!

As spring has sprung and Easter is right around the corner, it must mean Fall Children Program registration season time is in full force! So... in addition to those, fall sports and club sign ups, please remember to register your family for our Parish School of Religion (PSR). We will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:35 AM to 10:50 AM, starting the end of September. This upcoming year, we will be able to serve our Kindergarten to 9th Grade students. There will not be a Prekindergarten option. Returning families are receiving their re-registration papers this weekend in class. Please re-register no later than Sunday, April 23, 2023.

HEADS UP! SCHEDULE CHANGE! There will be no PSR classes on Sunday, April 30th. Our last class will be April 23rd.

Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers, as they embark on their Confirmation Retreat this weekend. May the Spirit guide them into a deeper understanding of their faith, to be encouraged and guided to live out their faith listening and answering God's call.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Lady Queen of Peace will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on **Palm Sunday, April 2 at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall**. All children ages 2 to 9 are welcome. A sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Area so we can make sure we have enough goodies to go around. And if we're lucky, a surprise visitor may hop on in to join in the festivities!



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, Mar 18/19:	\$9,887.75		
E-Giving:	\$3,214.25		
Total:	\$13,102.00	\$12,282.00	\$820.00
YTD:	\$463,660.28	\$466,716.00	(\$3,055.72)
Mortgage:	\$197,381.73		



The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 26

9:40am-10:50am - PSR
11:00am-3:00pm - Confirmation Retreat
2:00pm-Communal Penance Service

Monday, March 27

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

Tuesday, March 28

Wednesday, March 29

2:30pm-6:30pm - Adoration
7:00pm - *Holy Is His Name* Book Study

Thursday, March 30

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CHAPEL
7:00pm - Best Buddies Mtg.

Friday, March 31

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

Saturday, April 1

8:00am - Food Pantry
5:30pm - Parish Nurses BP & Sugar Screening

Sunday, April 2

PSR - Faith at Home
Parish Nurses BP & Sugar Screening
8:30am - Blood Drive
12:00noon - Easter Egg Hunt

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 9 - Easter
April 14 - Best Buddies Ball
April 21/22/23 & April 28/29/30 - Parish Directory Photos
April 28/29 - Lady's Guild Rummage Sale



ST. MARY CEMETERY

Please remove all decorations by this Sunday March 26th as we prepare the cemetery for Easter. **Any decorations left after March 26th will be discarded.** New decorations may be placed beginning April 1st.

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