

August 13, 2023 –Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” -- Matthew 14:27



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

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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



Masses For The Week

Monday, August 14 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Tuesday, August 15 (Church) - Assumption

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

7:00pm - ALL Parishioners

Wednesday, August 16 (Church)

6:30pm - NO MASS

Thursday, August 17 (Chapel)

9:00am - Anna Jean McCloskey-Tobin -Nieces & Nephews

Friday, August 18 (Chapel)

9:00am - Walter & Josephine Kantosky - Bill Kantosky

Saturday, August 19

4:30pm - David Blackburn - Russ & Jane Kazmierczak

Sunday, August 20

8:30am - Maria Bender - Frank Siendrey

11:00am - George Banjoff - Kay Jacob

Pray for the Sick: Tina Abshire, Kathy Borowy, Lou Burrows, Richard & Deborah Cormier, Cathy Cornish, Jennifer DuPont, Ethel Faber, Karen Faulkner, Walter Fowler, Dennis Frabotta, Alyassa Frost, Don Gates, Michael Gilkeson, Marilyn Hamm, Dorothy Hannes, Richard Heath, Joan Henschel-Blake, Gloria Janosko, James Kwiatek, Debbie Listwak, Ron Listwak, Toni Long, Jose' Magiste, Neil Maier, Elise Martin, Hannah Haas Martin, Christopher Miller & Fami8ly, Michele Miller, Becca Mullins, George & Margaret Murray, Rhonda Norman, John O'Connor, Ron O'Hearn, Mark Petricevic, Jane Peyton, Donald Plas, Adam Postelwait, Colleen Ray, Gladys Rising, Adam Rone, Mary Ross, Cristina Safille, George Schaefer, Monica Schaefer, Paul Smith, Rhonna Smith, Thomas Southam, Al Traxler, Ted Turner, Rick Tylicki, Dick & Nancy Webber, Ezra Weller, 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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Monday

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday

Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 & 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21 - 19:1

Friday

Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

Sunday August 20 by 5:00pm Monday August 14

Sunday August 27 by 5:00pm Monday August 21

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

"Anyone can show me humanity; I need someone to show me divinity!" I used that line in the homily last weekend for the Transfiguration and challenged everyone to step it up and show the spark of glory within us. And to also see how we are called to call forth the good in others and to be an agent of God's transfiguration in their lives. How did you do? It is through the Catholic Church that you have come to see the glory that is within you through Baptism and Confirmation and have grown in faith. You may know of someone at this time who is searching for that something more. Someone who is seeking a deeper experience of the divine. And you are the one who is to show them divinity through your words and actions. Invite them to join you at Mass. Invite them to explore the Catholic Church through the RCIA. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will be starting on Monday, September 25. There is no commitment at this point. Initially it is exploring to see if the Catholic Church is where God is calling the individual to grow in relationship with Him. See myself or Elizabeth to further the discussion of exploring the faith through the RCIA. We are also looking for those already fully initiated into the Catholic Church to be a part of the RCIA to journey with those seeking to become Catholic. Again, see me or Elizabeth to discuss how you can be a part of this faith enriching experience.

The festival was amazing and in particular the Mass. The attendance at Mass was estimated to be over 500 people. Each year it keeps growing and becoming a great experience of prayer in the Eucharist. At one point when we started, I was overwhelmed and choked up. It was 5 months to the day that I was hospitalized for a TIA. These past 5 months have been very challenging for me as I have gone through more tests than I can count and medications that have been difficult to live with. The week leading up to the festival was the best that I have felt since March. I could not think of a better way to celebrate than with all of you. Things could have turned out very differently, but it is obvious that God still has work for me to do. Thank you for your support and prayers. And thank you for making the Mass and the entire festival a wonderful experience of a strong faith community who God is calling to do much more work in revealing His divinity.

--Fr John

Share
Your
Faith!

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **August 15** is quickly approaching. There will be a **9:00am Mass and 7:00pm Mass in the church** that day with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning after the 9:00am Mass until the evening Mass. As part of the Eucharistic Revival there will be a Mass at the Crushers Stadium on Monday, August 14, the vigil of the Assumption. Please check the bulletin announcement regarding this Mass in today's bulletin.

ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Tuesday, August 15**, this month instead of Wednesday. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed **after the 9am Holy Day Mass until 6:30pm before the 7pm Mass**. Come spend some time in private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Keep in your prayers those students heading off to college and those returning to school as well as teachers and administrators.



ALTAR SERVERS

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There will be training for any youth 4th grade or older as well as adults who wish to become a server at Mass. The training class will begin **Saturday, September 9 at 10:00am** and continue for 3 weeks. Please contact Fr John or the parish office if interested.



BALLPARK MASS **August 14 - Crushers Stadium**

Take me out to see Jesus! Take me out to the Mass!

Join us in our public witness of faith at a Ballpark Mass. The Mass at Mercy Health Stadium on Monday, August 14 will be the third of four Masses at outdoor venues to offer an encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and His Eucharistic people! A Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Martin Amos, preceded by a living Rosary on the field of Crushers Stadium. Eucharistic Adoration with praise & worship music by Fr. Menkhous and family will follow. Doors will open at 5:30pm, as well as the concession stands and Kids Zone.

Register today at: dioceseofcleveland.org/ballpark-masses



FINANCE COUNCIL

Thank you to Tim Strah and Sue Wiedenmannott who have completed their term on Finance Council. They were instrumental in steering the parish's finances through the COVID-19 pandemic as well as orchestrating the sale of the vacant property at the former Assumption parish and in starting up the capital campaign to raise the funds to build an office center and parish center. Thank you Sue and Tim.

And welcome to **Brad Neumann and Chris Yacobozzi** whose first Finance Council meeting was this past Thursday. Thank you, gentleman, for your willingness to take time out of your busy schedules to serve the parish in being good stewards of the financial gifts that have been given to the parish.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **Two Steps Forward . . .**

Why did Jesus walk on water to the disciples in the boat? Did he want to scare them? No, his first words to them were "Do not be afraid." While they were being tossed by wind and waves, he showed them that he was not affected by the storm. If they had had faith, they might have realized that if Jesus was safe, they would be, too. We too must make that leap of faith, especially when we are afraid.

Peter seemed to be willing to take the leap as he stepped into the water. But when his attention was distracted by the strong winds, he began to falter. This is where we can apply the story to ourselves.

Our growth in faith is not a steady progression. For every two steps forward, we may take one step back. For example, we receive God's forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation and rejoice in God's loving mercy, but later we fall back into sin. We ask God's help in prayer and when our prayer is answered, our faith in God grows. Then we become ill or wreck the car, and think that God has abandoned us. But isn't that a natural reaction?

It is natural to doubt God in times of trouble, but we are choosing to live in the supernatural when we become followers of Christ. Like Peter, we need to keep our attention on the Lord. As long as Peter looked to Jesus, he could walk on water. Only when he focused on the wind did he lose his nerve and begin to sink.

In a similar way, we can lose our focus on the Lord. We see someone we love who is gravely sick. We make a serious mistake that gets us in trouble. We lose our job and have no leads to a new one. We are frightened by news of terrorist activity. These seem more real than faith in an invisible God. That is when we must remember that true faith allows us to believe when it doesn't seem to make sense. Faith tells us that though apparently invisible, God is more real than anything we can see. Remember Jesus on the cross saying, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The Father never abandoned his Son and God will never abandon us.

--Tom Schmidt

GOD & LOVE

Let God love you through others and let God love others through you.

--D. M. Street

DIGNITY OF LIFE

Dignity of Life is threatened in Ohio. A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women. As Catholics we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of life. Decline to sign any petition to put this amendment on the November ballot. Pray, Learn, and Volunteer by visiting the "Protect Them Both" resource center at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect

Copies of the prayer "Protect Them Both; Prayer to Defeat Ohio's Abortion Amendment" are in the Gathering Area. Please take one and pray it daily.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
Tuesday	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	Saint Stephen of Hungary

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 home-bound and those in local facilities and/or the hospital, please contact the office as well.

Order of 
Christian Initiation

RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic? If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr John or Elizabeth Miketo for information on the RCIA process. The Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults is a process of growing in awareness of God's call in one's life and the teachings of the Catholic Church which form one in responding to God's call.



MORNING PRAYER

Temptations which accompany the working day will be conquered on the basis of the morning breakthrough to God. Decisions, demanded by work, become easier and simpler where they are made not in the fear of men but only in the sight of God. He wants to give us today the power which we need for our work.

--Dietrich Bonhoeffer



SCRIPTURE STUDY

An all new Bible Study will be starting on **September 14th**. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:00pm, you can join us for the study of Paul's relationship with the Philippians. In six sessions we will examine the details of Paul's letters to the Roman society of Philippi. With their Greco-Roman culture, Paul will instill Jesus' message of the joy only found in Christ. Books are available in the office or at the study. See you there, and if there are any questions, please contact Rick Gallaher at 440-458-6335.



25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Calling all couples celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in 2023. You are invited to bring family and friends to **celebrate your silver anniversary on Sunday, August 20th at the 11:00am Mass**. If you will be attending, we ask that you contact the parish office and to also submit a wedding photo that will be part of the display on that weekend. And for those celebrating their 50th anniversary this year there will be a celebration at the 11:00am Mass on September 10th.

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

TOGETHER -  LET US PRAY ...

**PROTECT THEM BOTH
PRAYER TO DEFEAT OHIO'S ABORTION AMENDMENT**

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

**GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST -
CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY**

Please, don't let this thermometer stay at 80%! We are asking those who have not made a donation or pledge to the capital campaign to hear our plea for help. We know it has been a busy summer and that school is right around the corner, but we are asking you to take the time to make an offering.

Before we move forward with Phase 2 of the build, we need to secure the funds. Find in your hearts a spiritual gift you can give willingly. We want everyone in the parish to be a part of this great journey which benefits all parishioners, the surrounding community and future generations to come.

Let us pray for the continued success of the campaign and thank-you to all that have donated or made a pledge.

"Each of you give what you have decided in your hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." --2 Corinthians 9:6-8

--Colleen Dawson - Campaign Communications



PSR / ELIZABETH UPDATES

The Feast of the Assumption is upon us! I hope you and your family are able to honor Mary in some way special that day. There are a variety of Mass times and you can even enjoy an outdoor Mass at the Crushers Stadium, Monday evening.

As schedules start to fill up, we want to take a minute to say thank you for your participation in our Faith Formation events. Please let us know, if there is something you would like to learn more about or gather as a community to discuss.

PSR starts Sunday, September 24th! Our doors open to students at 9:30 am and class starts at 9:35 am, a reminder that any Kindergarten to third grade student needs to be walked to and picked up from their classroom by an adult. Class wraps up at 10:50 am. Let Elizabeth know if you have any questions or are looking to volunteer. We are excited to gather for another great year!

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY

September 1, 2023
Sr. Mary McCormack

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. Cost is \$23 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, August 28th at 12:00noon.**



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 5/6:	\$8,162.50		
E-Giving:	\$3,153.75		
Total:	\$11,316.25		
YTD:	\$70,957.65		

A goal for 2023/2024 has not yet been finalized
Mortgage: \$161,024.16



The Week Ahead

Sunday, August 13

7:00pm - Grafton Midview Hot Stove

Monday, August 14

6:30pm - Ballpark Mass at Crushers Stadium

7:00pm - Holy Name Mtg.

Tuesday, August 15 - ASSUMPTION

9:00am & 7:00pm - MASS

10:00am - Adoration

Wednesday, August 16

Thursday, August 17

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Chapel)

5:30pm - Community Meal

Friday, August 18

Saturday, August 19

10:00am - Food Pantry

Sunday, August 20

11:00am - 25th Anniversary Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ August 26/27 - Parish Nurses - BP & Sugar Clinic
- ♦ August 27 - Butterfly Release

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 1 - First Friday
September 4 - Labor Day
September 7 - Sr. Potluck Luncheon
September 9 - Gospel Reflection



COMFORT AND HEALING MINISTRY

On **Sunday, August 27th at 2:00pm**, the Ministry of Comfort and Healing will lead a butterfly release, "On the Wings of Hope," in memory of loved ones who have died. If you would like to designate a butterfly in honor of a loved one, you may complete a simple form at our table in the Gathering Area or stop by and see us at the Festival. Donations are welcome!

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