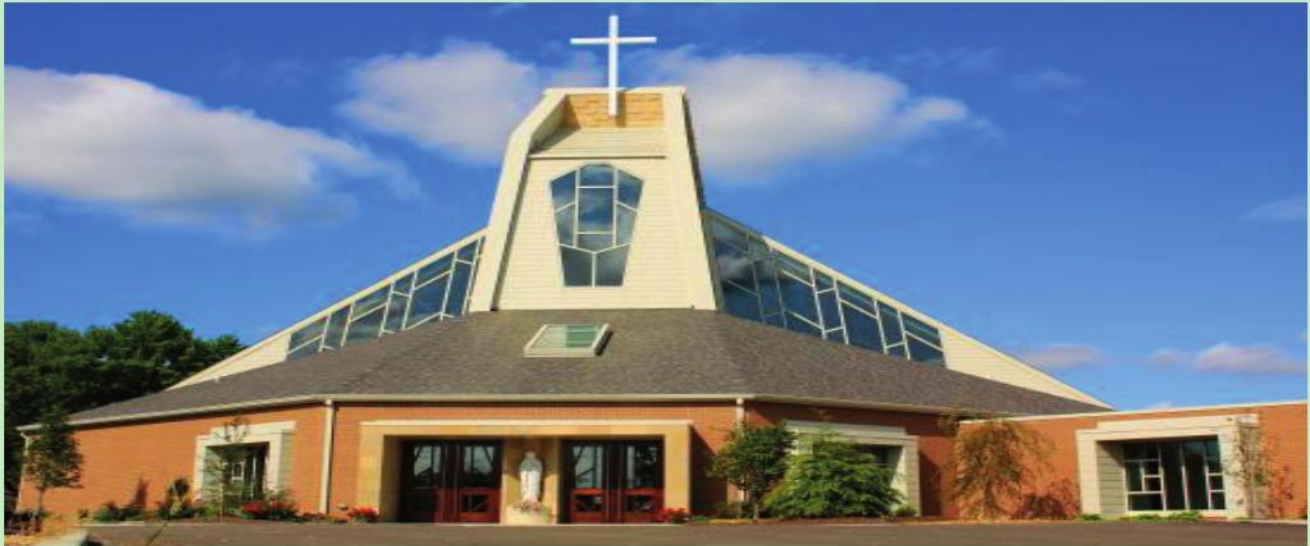


August 20, 2023 — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come." -- Isaiah 56:1



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, August 21 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Tuesday, August 22 (Chapel)

9:00am - Kathryn Seabold - Family

Wednesday, August 23 (Church)

6:30pm - Joanne Pasadyn - Larry & Elaine Osfang

Thursday, August 24 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Friday, August 25 (Chapel)

9:00am - Michael Behlke - Behlke Family

Saturday, August 26

4:30pm - Kathleen O'Hearn - Ron O'Hearn

Sunday, August 27

8:30am - Bender Family - Frank Siendrey

11:00am - Wanda Magalski - Family

Parish Council

Beth Adams

(Chair)

Andy Booth

Michelle Denham

Rob Drawl

Sarah Hoover

Dan Lewis

Chris Martin

Rosemarie Pierson

Margie Toombs

Kim Wilfong

Jean Witt

Kathy Yourkiewicz

Finance Council

Brad Neumann

Joan Radzysinski

Jim Ries

Bryan Scheetz

Dennis Wilfong

Chris Yacobozzi

Building Committee

Lewis Behlke

Joanna Blaz

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Greg Rowe

Mike Ruebensaal

Mike Serdinak

Ken Shifferly

Darlene Stutz

Patrick Weir

Rick Wiedenmannott

Sandy Yovanovich

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 & Family, 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, Pat Wittine, Amy Woodburn, Pat Wracker & Bernadette Zielinski.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



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

Monday

Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40; 43ab & 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Friday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

Sunday August 27 by 5:00pm Monday August 21

Sunday September 27 by 5:00pm Monday August 21

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

I recently had someone tell me that she would like to have inscribed on her headstone the following: "I ran out of ideas." She told me that she was always looking for new ways of doing things and what she could do to make things better. I thought that was a great idea! Do you strive to make things better? Are you looking for ways to improve your life and the life of others? Have you explored how God is calling you to serve today? We are called to be the person that God has called us to be which is a person in transition. Falling into routines that stop the flow of creativity is to be avoided. PSR classes will be starting up in a month, and most students are heading back to school in the days ahead. So, for us who are not heading off to school, what are you going to do so that you grow in knowledge and love of God. How will you respond to the needs of those around you? Scan the bulletin for ideas to help you to grow and watch for more opportunities in the month ahead. If you have any ideas of things that would help you, please let me know. And remember that there is daily Mass which just adding one day a week can make a big difference in your spiritual life.

This weekend we recognize those couples who are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in 2023. A healthy marriage is one that is continuing to grow in all areas. One of the ways you could grow in your marriage is by becoming involved in the Pre-Canva team where you help mentor other couples preparing for marriage. Please contact me for more information.

The couples who are celebrating their 25th anniversary are:

Christopher & Kelly Allen
Lewis & Kathy Behlke

Congratulations and be assured of our prayers for another 25 plus. And for those celebrating your 50th anniversary, this year there is a Mass on September 10 at 11am where we will recognize and celebrate your anniversary. Please call the parish office to let us know if you will be at the mass and to submit a wedding picture we can post.

--Fr John

Share
Your
Faith!

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Questions? Contact Joanna Blaz in our parish office at 440.926.2364 or Jean Ann Montagna of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x8070 or visit:

www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.



Congratulations to Aaron & Danielle Bentley whose daughter **Erin Danielle Bentley** was baptized last weekend.

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



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.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY PIG RAFFLE

Winning ticket to be drawn at the Holy Name Society Kielbasa Dinner on Saturday November 11th. Winner to be notified if not present.

1 ticket for \$10
3 tickets for \$25

Half a Pig to include:

Ham, Pork Chops,
Loin Roast, Boston Butt,
Picnic Roast, Spareribs,
Bacon, Sausage
All Custom Cut

HELPING OTHERS

The service we render others is the rent we pay for our room on earth.
--Wilfred Grenfell



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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A Clever Woman of Faith

The first reading reminds us that even though the Jews are God's chosen people, foreigners who love the Lord will be accepted into God's house. So why is Jesus being so difficult with the Canaanite woman?

At first he seems to be putting her off. He doesn't answer her, but tells the disciples that he came only for lost sheep of Israel, adding the remark about food going to the dogs. He does this not to discourage her, but to draw a response of faith. He wants to see how persistent she is in her request.

We can tell ourselves that we are people of faith, but how easily are we discouraged? Do we think God has forgotten us when we experience trouble? Sometimes it is our childish belief that everything has to go our way. We may not be selfish about it; we may be discouraged by the suffering of someone we love. The woman's clever reply to Jesus reminds us that she trusted in Jesus' power and willingness to help.

Jesus was also teaching his disciples that faith is more important than nationality. They were all Jews and wanted Jesus to send the Canaanite woman away. Long after Jesus' resurrection, the church struggled with the question of non-Jewish believers. Today, we may be doing the same thing in reverse. Some people think that only Catholics can be saved and that there is no hope for Protestants, much less for Jews. God's covenant with the chosen people cannot be rescinded. Paul says that the rejection of Jesus by Jewish leaders led to salvation for the rest of the world. But though some rejected Jesus, God never rejected the Jews.

Finally, Jesus responded to her persistence. Like the woman who wouldn't go away, we can keep praying till we get an answer to our prayer. While sometimes our request is granted, sometimes God has a good reason to delay or even say no. The more time we spend in prayer, the more likely we are to listen to God's answer. Prayer can help us come to the peaceful acceptance that God only does what is best for us.

--Tom Schmidt

DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy cenacle is gathering the first Thursday of each month. Join us on **September 7th** for an hour of **adoration from 9:30am-10:30am in the Chapel** in support of the National Eucharist Revival. The Eucharistic Lord is waiting for us in the treasure of His Real Presence to lead us in the mysteries of His love. Please join us!

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.



PRACTICAL PRAYER

The influence of prayer on the human mind and body...can be measured in terms of increased physical buoyancy, greater intellectual vigor, moral stamina, and a deeper understanding of the realities underlying human relationships.

--Dr. Alexis Carrel

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES


Monday	Saint Pius X, Pope
Tuesday	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin
Thursday	Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
Friday	Saint Louis of France & Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest



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.

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.

Order of 
Christian Initiation

SENIORS' ACTIVITIES 

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.

MONTHLY POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Join us for the next potluck luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 7. Lunch at noon in the parish hall. Stuffed cabbages will be provided - please bring a dish or dessert to share and a donation to cover main dish. Speaker will be Carol Mole on Gardening for Beautiful Flowers; Carol will share some of her secrets! All are welcome, please spread the word! Sponsored by Seniors Ministry. Any questions, call Margie and Ray at 330.418.7722.

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



**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**

We are at a critical point in the campaign, needing the final 500,000.00. We must reach this goal so that we can proceed with phase two of our continuing journey. For us to achieve this goal we need those who have yet to contribute to gratefully consider a donation. Open your hearts and minds, give freely, whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated.

We are so grateful for those who have already contributed to the campaign. At this time, our thermometer is at 80%. Thank you to all who have donated and prayers continue for those who have yet to give.

--Colleen Dawson - Campaign Communications



FAITH FORMATION

“We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.” ~ St. Clare of Assisi

Last week, we celebrated St. Clare of Assisi, a woman of devout faith and steadfastness. Often, she is pictured holding a Monstrance, for the time she held off an attack on the Abbey, by placing the Monstrance at the entrance.

In living out our faith, we may not be fighting literal soldiers away from our doors, however, much of this world works hard to pull us away from full faithful living.

May the faith of those before us and those around us, support us in our relationship with God and serving others to honor Him.

As St. Clare reminds us, we become what we love, which shapes who we become, what are we going to love this

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 12/13:	\$7,755.50		
E-Giving:	\$5,225.70		
Total:	\$12,981.20	\$12,551.00	\$430.20
YTD:	\$83,938.85	\$87,857.00	(\$3,918.15)
Mortgage:	\$151,596.34		



Sunday, August 20
11:00am - 25th Anniversary Mass

Monday, August 21

Tuesday, August 22

Wednesday, August 23

Thursday, August 24
9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Chapel)

Friday, August 25

Saturday, August 26
Parish Nurses - BP & Sugar Clinic
Student/Teacher Blessing

Sunday, August 27
Parish Nurses - BP & Sugar Clinic
Student/Teacher Blessing
2:00pm - Butterfly Release

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 - OFFICE CLOSED
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!

Diocesan is proud to now be printing
Our Lady Queen of Peace's
Sunday Bulletin

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