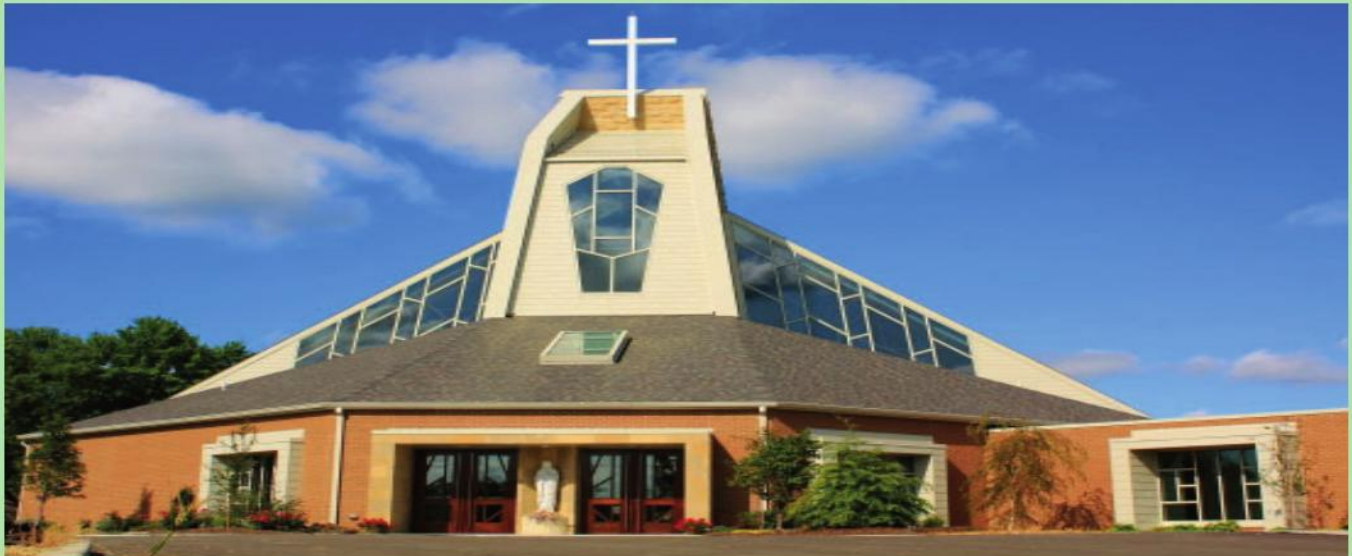


October 15, 2023 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13



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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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, October 16 (Chapel)

9:00am - Catherine & Henry Kantosky - Bill Kantosky

Tuesday, October 17 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Wednesday, October 18 (Church)

6:30pm - Marge Dombrosky - Family

Thursday, October 19 (Chapel)

9:00am - Greg Gill - Neighbors

Friday, October 20 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Souls

Saturday, October 21

4:30pm - Timothy Grealis - Family

Sunday, October 22

8:30am - Richard Paul Jr. - Mike & Jane Duraney

11:00am - Kasper Family - Bill Kasper

Parish Council

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(Chair)
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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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10

Monday

Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Thursday

Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday

Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

Sunday October 22 by 5:00pm Monday, October 16

Sunday October 29 by 5:00pm Monday, October 23

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

As the liturgical year winds down (ends on December 2), the readings start to focus upon the end of times. Last week it was the parable of the vineyard and this week the parable of the wedding feast. The First Reading this week is from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-10a, and speaks of a banquet. This reading is an option for funerals as it speaks of the great feast and how "on this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, he will destroy death forever." That promise was fulfilled through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is what we celebrate at funerals. Death has been destroyed. And yet we not only don't want to talk about death and funerals, there is a trend these days of not having any funeral services. It is sad as it is as if the person that died had not lived. There is no recognition and celebration of their life. It is also sad because funeral rituals have the purpose of helping the grieving to grieve in a healthy way. During the month of November, the Church remembers and honors the dead. I will explain the funeral rites at that time but in the meantime take some time with your family to discuss your wishes for a funeral service.

We are at a very critical time in our society as the decision to permit late term abortions goes to the ballot as a constitutional amendment for Ohio. This week there will be adoration from 2:30-6:30pm to pray that the amendment is defeated. **We will also gather next Monday, Oct. 23 at 6:30pm to pray the rosary.** Please come out in full force to show our support for the life of the unborn and their mothers. And then on All Saints Day, November 1st, there will be adoration from 10am until 6:30pm to continue to pray that the amendment is defeated when the ballots are counted on November 7th.

Have you started to look at your chili recipe to see how you can make changes so that you win the chili cook-off on Oct 27th? And if you don't have a chili recipe that you want to enter, come and enjoy what others have made! And there is also Trunk-or-Treat which is always enjoyable to see how people decorate their trunks!

---Fr. John



ADVENT LITURGICAL PLANNING

DO YOU KNOW what the Season of Advent looks like? Or even what it sounds like? How do you know when you come into the church for Mass and are participating in Mass that it is Advent? Come explore what the often-overshadowed liturgical season is about on **Wednesday, October 25 at 7pm in the Gathering Area of the Church.** And while we are learning about the season, we will be planning the liturgies during the Advent Season and Christmas Season. The focus will primarily be on the weekend Mass. There is an extra challenge this year as Christmas Eve falls on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, so we lose a week of the season. How can we not lose the entire feel and message of Advent in this shortened year? Come with ideas!



LIVING ROSARY

October is also the month of the Rosary. Join us for a parish wide Living Rosary!

Monday, October 23rd 7:00pm in the Church

During a Living Rosary, community members are invited to act as a single bead for a gracious visual of the Rosary encouraging all of us to take part in guiding this noteworthy prayer. Don't want to act as a bead? Come join us as we pray for the born and unborn in this Respect Life Month.

ADORATION

Adoration will be **Wednesday, October 18 from 2:30-6:30pm in the church.** In addition to your own prayer request, please use this quiet time of prayer to pray for the defeat of the abortion amendment.



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.



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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY FOOTBALL RAFFLE

\$10 Raffle Ticket for the chance to see...

Cleveland Browns

Vs.

Pittsburgh Steelers



Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 1:00pm

4 Club Seats

Section 305 Row 15 Seats 19-22

Winning Ticket to be drawn on November 11th at the Men's Night Out Kielbasa Dinner

Winner need not be present to win



LADY'S GUILD

Our monthly meeting is **Monday, October 16 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall**. All women of the parish are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Twenty - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Come to the Feast

Why would invited guests refuse to come to a wedding? Free food and drink, music and dancing—what's not to like? Apparently the king in Jesus' parable had the same questions. By this time, Jesus knew that many of the Jewish leaders would not accept the invitation to follow him. As we know, after the Resurrection, the disciples began to spread the good news not only to other Jews, but to anyone who would listen. The church began to grow, much faster than they expected.

One reason the leaders in Israel did not accept Jesus was his association with sinners. They did not understand that God calls sinners to repent and be forgiven. Since they thought of themselves as holy, they were not interested in forgiveness. Ordinary people, who knew they were sinners, were attracted by the offer of forgiveness. Many of them repented and came to be baptized. As the parable says, they filled the banquet hall.

Jesus calls us today to come to the same feast. But there are still people who think they have no need for Jesus. So what about the man in the parable who came in street clothes? The wedding garment was a symbol of the baptismal gown, the sign of new life in Christ. This man symbolizes those who "come to the feast" without repenting of their sins.

We can be like that man sometimes. We come to church arguing with our spouse on the way. We bring our prejudices, lies, anger, and selfishness—with no intention of doing anything about them. We come with the attitude that says, "I'm here, aren't I? That should be good enough." But it isn't, for the feast we come to is not a wedding to join husband and wife. It joins God to humanity. God's Son came to unite us all to himself. By dying for our sins, Jesus calls us to come back to God. So repentance is not just a change of clothing; it is a change of heart, a change in how we live. It is our ticket to the banquet. It is our way of saying, "I know I don't deserve this, but thanks for letting me share the feast."

--Tom Schmidt

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is the remission of sins. For it is by this that what has been lost, and was found, is saved from being lost again.

--Saint Augustine

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY

November 3, 2023
Bishop Edward Malesic


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. Join Fr. John at OLQP's table of 8. 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, October 30th at 12:00 noon.**

CONGRATULATIONS to *William Hendrickson & Lindsey Browske* who were recently married.

May they continue to grow and reflect the love of God for us.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	Saint Hedwig, Religious & Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Tuesday	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
Wednesday	Saint Luke, Evangelist
Thursday	Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs
Friday	St. Paul of the Cross, Priest.

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.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or email:

response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.



CONFESS

Confess your trespasses to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

--The Bible, James

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.



54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers at: www.pray54ohio.org

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 ...

respect life
month

OCTOBER 2023



REVERENCE FOR LIFE

“O Blessed Mother, at the angel’s word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Prayer for Radical Solidarity”

RESPECT LIFE

“All life has inestimable value; even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect

--Pope Francis, July 28, 2013

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!



FAITH FORMATION / UPDATES

"Let nothing upset you, let nothing startle you. All things pass; God does not change. Patience wins all it seeks. Whoever has God lacks nothing: God alone is enough." St. Teresa of Avila

Wise words from a wise contemplative Saint who lived in the sixteenth century. A reformer of the Carmelite order, she wisely followed God's path of holiness. As a contemplative and active reformer, may we use her feast today (10/15) as a reminder to spend some time in contemplative prayer and then act on where God is leading us.

PSR is off this week, but will be back in action next week, 10/22! A reminder for the Confirmation Candidates, the Confirmation Retreat starts at 9:00 AM in the Hall and will conclude with the Rite of Enrollment at the 11:00 AM Mass.

\$50,000 CHALLENGE

The need for space, increased parish activities and community outreach are some of the reasons we've shared regarding our capital campaign. Would you like another reason? How about 50,000 of them? A generous parishioner will match any new donation to the *Continuing Our Journey* campaign up to \$50,000. This is a great opportunity to double your donation without doubling the amount you are giving! Currently the campaign is at \$2,045,909 and growing. By joining those who have already given, we can reach our goal of \$2.5M through your generous support and prayers.



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, Oct. 7/8:	\$7,329.50		
E-Giving:	\$4,757.70		
Total:	\$12,087.20	\$12,551.00	(\$463.80)
YTD:	\$181,962.07	\$188,265.00	(\$6,302.93)



The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 15

After each Mass - Anointing of the Sick

Monday, October 16

7:00pm - Lady's Guild Mtg

Tuesday, October 17

Wednesday, October 18

2:30pm-6:30pm - Adoration

7:00pm - Holy Name Mtg.

Thursday, October 19

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:30pm - Community Meal

Friday, October 20

Saturday, October 21

10:00am-12:00pm - Food Pantry

1:00pm - Baptism Class

Sunday, October 22

9:00am-12:00pm - Confirmation Rite of Enrollment & Retreat

9:35am-10:50am - PSR

Coming Events



Mark your Calendars! CHILI COOK OFF

OLQP's 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off (Formerly Fall Festival) will be held **Friday, October 27th from 6 PM to 8:30 PM!**

Join us as a community for a Chili Cook Off! Hot dogs from the Holy Name Society, French Fries from the Knights of Columbus, and delicious desserts from our Ladies Guild! Bring the kids to Trunk ~ or Treat from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM! See you there!

Sign Ups for the Chili Cook off and Trunk ~or~Treat participants will take place after Mass this weekend and next! Have any questions? Stop by the table or call the office for more details! You can also sign up by calling the office or emailing Elizabeth: emiketo@olqpgraffton.org!

See you there!



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Our Lady Queen of Peace's
Sunday Bulletin

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