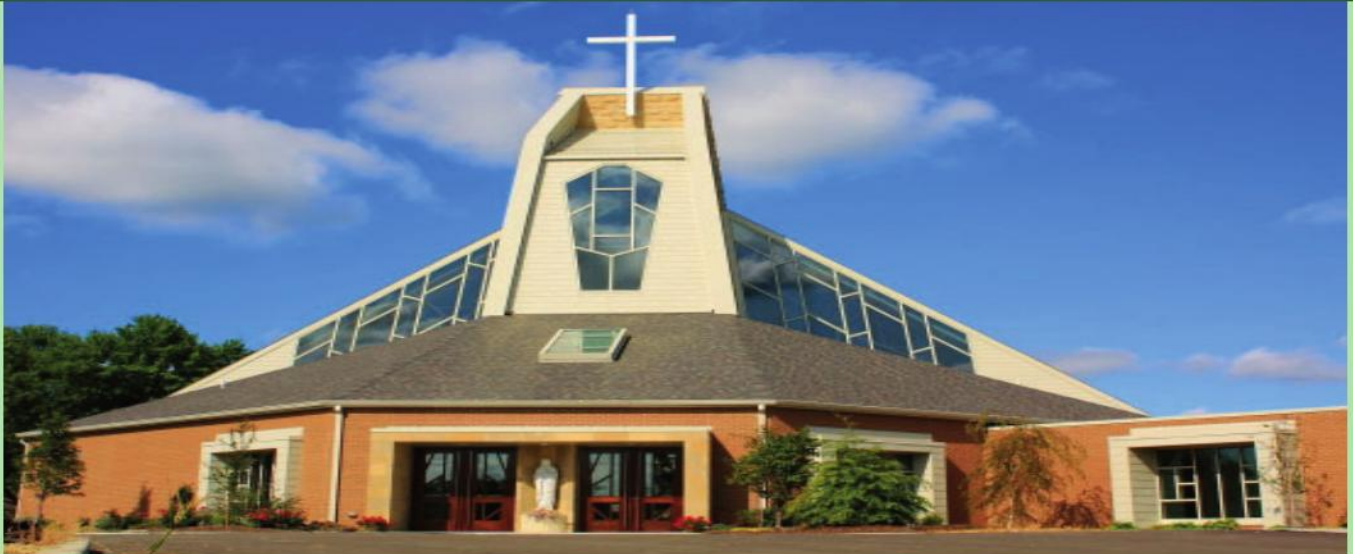


November 19, 2023 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.”

- John 15:5



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, November 20 (Chapel)

9:00am - Francis Walter - Family

Tuesday, November 21 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Souls

Wednesday, November 22 - (Church)

6:30pm - NO MASS

Thursday, November 23 - (Church)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Friday, November 24 (Chapel)

9:00am - Joseph Zemgulis - Parents

Saturday, November 25

4:30pm - Tami Lynsky - Family

Sunday, November 26

8:30am - Paul Wakefield - Ray Hildebrandt

11:00am - Mary Stillwell - OLQP Ministry of Care

Pray for the Sick: Tina Abshire, Kathy Borowy, Lou Burrows, Deborah Cormier, Cathy Cornish, Jennifer DuPont, Ethel Faber, Karen Faulkner, Walter Fowler, Dennis Frabotta, Alyassa Frost, Don Gates, Marcie Grealis, Marilyn Hamm, Dorothy Hannes, Richard Heath, Joan Henschel-Blake, Gloria Janosko, James Kwiatek, Bob & Joyce Lark, 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, Philip Myers, 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, Roger VON Seggern, 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@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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps

119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 1; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11d-12a, 12cd; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

Christ The King

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

Sunday December 3 by 5:00pm Monday, November 27

Sunday December 10 by 5:00pm Monday, December 4

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

With Thanksgiving this week and the end of the liturgical church year next Sunday, I have been reflecting back on the year. And there has been much to be grateful for. This past year, we kicked off the capital campaign for the next phase of the development of the parish facilities. I admit I was hesitant at first that we could reach the needed money, but the committee was very supportive and helpful. I was humbled by the generosity and sacrifice of so many people. Why did I doubt? I should know better by now that the community always comes through. And we were also able to pay off the mortgage on the church this past year. Financially we are sound.

The various social events and fund raisers were also successful this past year. The Parish Festival was again a great time to connect and reconnect with so many people. And the Mass at the festival was again the highlight of the day.

The liturgical celebrations this past year have also been momentous. From the 'ordinary' Sunday Masses to the great Holy Week and Easter Masses, this year was marked by great faith and lively spirit as we gave thanks to God in the Eucharist.

Over the year there have been so many people who have volunteered to help with the fund raisers and social events and so many who have been a part of other ministries. Combined together it is the giving of time, talent and treasure that makes our parish vibrant. New folks have joined the parish, bringing their unique gifts and talents. To oversee all the gifts that people manifest in their lives has been a true blessing for me. It is amazing how God is providing us with such gifts to be used to make a difference in the community.

And there have been those who have died this past year. I feel fortunate that they had entered my life and shared life with me and the community. Their funeral was a mixture of sadness of their death and joy that they have completed the journey and are with God.

I am grateful for all the prayers and support over the year. It has been a challenging year with my health issues, but I have always known the prayers and support that you have given me. And in looking back and giving thanks, it is also a time to look forward to respond to what God will be calling us to do in the new liturgical year. But that will be next week. In the meantime, pause this week to give thanks for the blessings and reflect upon how God has used you to help others this past year.

Happy Thanksgiving!

---Fr. John



THANKSGIVING MASS

The **Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00am in the church.** You are invited to bring a non-perishable food item or monetary donation for our Helping Hands food pantry. During the regular offertory time, you will be invited to bring your item to the steps of the altar. As you do so it will be a clearer sign of you offering your gifts, as well as the offering of your entire self to God who has blessed you.

HELP NEEDED

We are in need of additional liturgical ministers who are available for funerals. This includes altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, as well as choir members. If you are available to help in this special ministry to families at the time of a death of a loved one, please contact the parish office.



THANKSGIVING

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything thy goodness sends.
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

#weGIVECATHOLIC

SAVE THE DATE! November 28, 2023

On **Tuesday, November 28th**, Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving, 200+ participating Catholic parishes, schools, ministries, Catholic Charities programs/sites and Catholic nonprofits come together as one community. Our Lady Queen of Peace will be participating. Donations can be made by going to our website at www.olqpgrafton.org beginning on **Tuesday, November 14**. Thank-you!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join the Our Lady Queen of Peace Choir on **Sunday, December 10th at 3:00pm** for their annual Christmas Concert. The concert will be held in the church with a reception to follow in the Gathering Area. The choir will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

CHRISTMAS COLORING & DRAWING CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christ" coloring and drawing contest for our younger parishioners. Members of the K of C will be making the coloring/drawing sheets available in the gathering area after all masses on the weekend of November 18th and 19th. All entries will be due December 3rd at a collection box in the gathering area. Prizes will be awarded for each age group. This is a great chance to help focus our youth on the real reason for celebrating Christmas!



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: Sunday - December 10, 2023

TIME: 12:00noon to 2:00pm

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: Sunday - November 26, 2023

AGES: Birth through age 10

REGISTERED PARISHIONERS ONLY

CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE A GIFT

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Use It Or Lose It

I wonder what that third servant in the Gospel was doing all that time, after he buried the talent he was given. Probably nothing. What strikes me is that the word for money in this reading is "talent," which in our language is an ability or skill. Maybe this parable can remind us to use our abilities and not let them go to waste. A person might be strong and fast, but if she exercises and practices, she could be a great athlete. The same with spiritual gifts. Just having one doesn't make you a saint. So how do you know what gifts you have?

First, ask God in your prayers to show you what gifts you have been given. Read the scriptures, especially the Acts of the Apostles or the Letters of Paul (e.g., 1 Corinthians 12:1-11). Listen humbly to friends or loved ones who can tell you what strengths they see in you.

Second, look for ways to use your gifts. Check the parish bulletin or website or your diocesan newspaper for activities and organizations that you could take part in. Hospitals, schools, shelters, and nursing homes frequently offer opportunities for volunteers. Or you may see a need for some service that you can get started in the parish or community.

Just remember that you are called to service by your baptism and confirmation. Don't bury that calling by procrastinating or being afraid to try. Remember the "useless servant" with the one talent who was fearful and lazy (Matthew 25:25-26). At least he can remind us to use it or lose it.

--Tom Schmidt

Memorial Mass for Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Infant Loss St. Albert the Great Church, North Royalton Tuesday, November 28, 6:30 PM

Have you or someone you know lost a child during pregnancy or in early infancy? If so, we invite you to commemorate this loss at this special Memorial Mass, marked with a candlelight remembrance. Whether the loss was recent or many years ago, this Mass gives parents, grandparents, siblings or other loved ones the opportunity to receive consolation. Even if you have not personally experienced this kind of loss, you are invited to attend this Mass to support those who have. Please join us as we honor these tiny and beautiful lives.



HELPING HANDS

The Helping Hands Ministry has been an active part of the parish and community since February 2009. Before that we operated as St. Vincent DePaul Society. Over the past 14 years we have changed and added many new services to our once small pantry. Our pantry now distributes food to around 115 families twice a month, serves a Community Meal on the third Thursday to about 90 guests, and over the weekend, we provide food to 150 students at Midview who are in the Backpack club.

Please stop by our table on the **weekend of November 25-26** to see what we have been up to and to find out more about volunteering.

WE ARE ALSO ASKING FOR HELP TO FILL THE PANTRY; WE ARE IN NEED OF **CAN VEGETABLES**. DROP YOUR DONATION OFF AT OUR TABLE.



SYMPATHY to the family of **Angela Dianne Windau** who passed away recently.

May she rest in the peace of Christ.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	Saint Cecelia, Virgin & Martyr
Thursday	Saint Clement I, Pope & Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbott; Blessed Miguel Austin Pro, Priest & Martyr
Friday	Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
Saturday	Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

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.



PRAYER SHAWL..

Prayer Shawl will be meeting **Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00 am in the church hall.**

There will NOT be a meeting January, 2024.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for December 2/3 for our Spotlight Weekend! Our dedicated ladies have been working very hard on a variety of Christmas items for your shopping pleasure. We will also have raffles for additional holiday ideas.

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.

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

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY - FLOWER DECORATIONS

In preparation for Christmas, ALL gravesite flowers and decorations must be removed by the end of the day this **Sunday, November 19th**. The cemetery clean-up will take place on Monday, November 20th.



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

The Church traditionally observes the month of November as a special time to remember the faithfully departed.

NOVEMBER MASSES: During the month of November, we will be remembering at all the Masses those who are listed in the parish Book of the Dead. You may add the names of loved ones who have died to the book and they will be included in the petitions at each Mass.

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

PRAYER

THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL BLESSING

God most provident,
we join all creation
in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

For generation upon generation
peoples of this land have sung of your bounty;
we too offer your praise
for the rich harvest we have received at your hands.

Bless us and this food which we share
with grateful hearts.
Continue to make our land fruitful
and let our love for you be seen
in our pursuit of peace and justice
and in our generous response to those in need.
Praise and glory to you, Lord God, now and for ever.
Amen.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC MISSION

The National Eucharistic *mission* is to renew the church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. "In the humbling sign of bread and wine, changed into his Body and Blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and he enables us to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope."

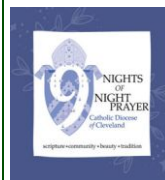
--St. John Paul II

PRO ORANTIBUS DAY

Tuesday, November 21 is *Pro Orantibus Day* ("For Those Who Pray"), honoring cloistered men and women. It is a day of thanksgiving, solidarity, and support for contemplative religious who spend their lives in total dedication to God in union with Jesus and interceding for the salvation of all

Pope Pius the XII instituted this worldwide event in 1953 and Pope St. John Paul II expanded its celebration in 1997 to take place on the Memorial of Our Lady's Presentation in the Temple. For more information visit www.cloisteredlife.com.

9 NIGHTS OF PRAYER



Join us!

The faithful are being invited to participate in nine opportunities to pray the night prayer of the Church at nine different parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. Our Lady Queen of Peace is hosting this upcoming session.

"Nine Nights of Night Prayer" will take place on **nine consecutive evenings from November 30th thru December 8th**, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Doors open at 8 pm and Night Prayer begins at 8:15 pm. If you are interested in helping host, please contact Elizabeth in the office.

To celebrate and honor, Mary, there will be an Ice Cream Social following Night Prayer on 12/8.



FAITH FORMATION / UPDATES

May this week of Thanksgiving, be one of gratitude for not only what we have, but also, what we are capable of giving.

It is a joy to see the eager and excited faces in our PSR program. We are grateful for our volunteers and parents that make this program happen. We are grateful to our students who show up and in their individual ways want to know more. We pray for a restful and grateful Thanksgiving for you all.

This weekend in PSR, we will talk about the Gospel of the Parable of the Talents. Check in with your child and see what they heard. How are we modeling the sharing of our 'talents' for our family and friends?

PSR will not meet on 11/26, but we will be back for the first three Sundays of Advent, 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17. See you then!

CALLING ALL KIDS!

We will be doing a performance of the "Story of Christmas" prior to the 4:30pm Christmas Eve mass. If your child would like to participate, please sign them up on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

The children will need to be at the Christmas Eve mass by 3:30pm in order to prepare for the performance. The performance will not include any speaking parts, just acting or singing (their preference).

We will have two practices before the performance. One on Monday December 11 from 6:00-6:45pm, and the second on Sunday December 17 from 12:15-1:00pm.

Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.



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, Nov 11/12:	\$8,181.50		
E-Giving:	\$5,191.00		
Total:	\$13,372.50	\$12,551.00	\$821.50
YTD:	\$241,039.37	\$251,020.00	(\$9,980.63)



Sunday, November 19

9:35am-10:50am - PSR

Monday, November 20

Tuesday, November 21

Wednesday, November 22

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, November 23 - THANKSGIVING

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 24

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 28 - "Giving Tuesday"

November 30 - 9 Nights of Prayer begins

December 3 - 1st Sunday of Advent

December 6 - Adoration

December 8 - Immaculate Conception

Congratulations!

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Daniel Lopez - Pig Raffle Winner

Jeff Denham - Browns Tix Raffle Winner

THANKS to all who bought tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated!

\$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 \$2,106,909 and growing. By joining those who have already given, we can reach our goal of \$2.5M through your generous support and prayers.

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