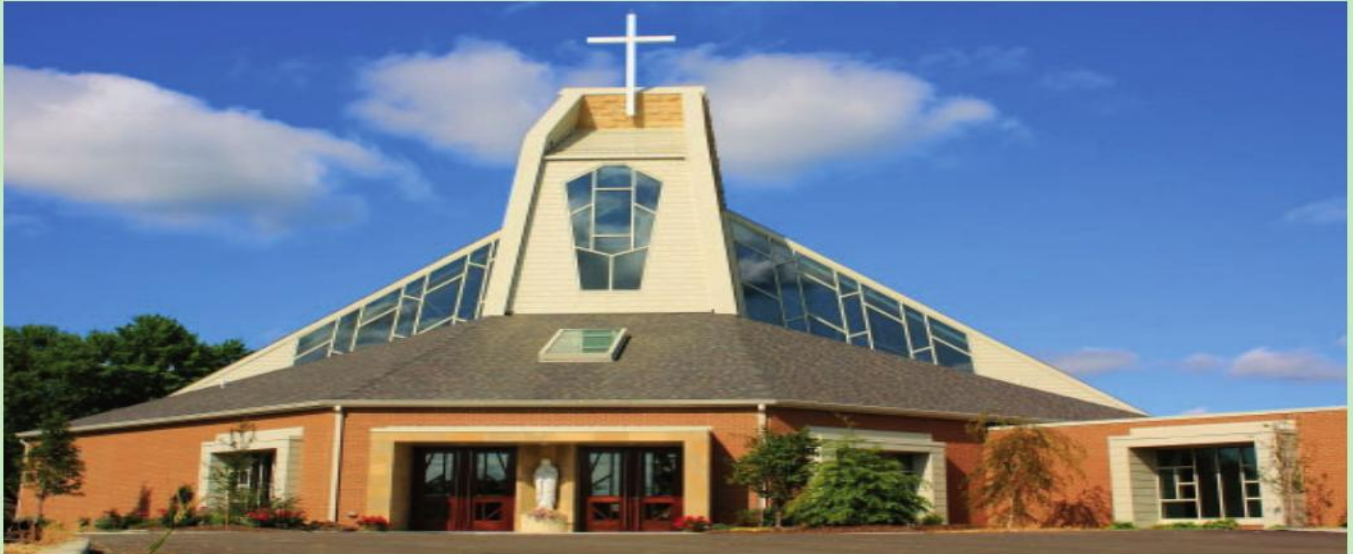


January 14, 2024 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Speak, for your servant is listening.” – 1 Samuel 3:10



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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& 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, January 15 (Chapel)

9:00am - Robert Colwill - Jean Colwill

Tuesday, January 16 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Souls

Wednesday, January 17 - (Church)

6:30pm - Marge Dombrosky - Family

Thursday, January 18 - (Chapel)

9:00am - NO MASS

Friday, January 19 (Chapel)

9:00am - NO MASS

Saturday, January 20

4:30pm - Katherine Stillwell - Family

Sunday, January 21

8:30am - Paul Wakefield - Sharon Madlem

11:00am - Bob DiFranco - Family

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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.

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

Sunday January 21 by 5:00pm Monday January 15

Sunday January 28 by 5:00pm Monday January 22

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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.

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

Yes, the days go by fast, but you did not miss the 1st Sunday of Ordinary Time. There is no 1st Sunday of Ordinary Time. The weekdays following the Baptism of the Lord are considered the 1st Week of Ordinary Time and thus today, Sunday is the 2nd Sunday. But what will go fast is that in four weeks we will be entering the Season of Lent. We will only make it to the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time before we switch to Lent. This **Monday, January 15 at 6pm in the Gathering Area of the church** there will be a meeting to plan the Lenten Season. If you have ideas or would like to learn more about Lent, please come. No experience required.

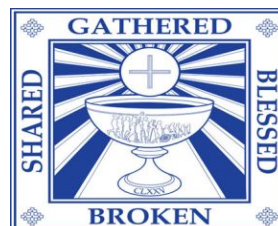
At the 11am Mass this weekend we welcome those families who have celebrated a baptism in the past year. This past year there were infants, children and adults who were baptized, and it will be good to acknowledge them and celebrate the growth in the faith since their baptism. It is also meant to be a way to stay connected with the families and to reach out to support them in the faith journey. We need the witness of their lives and the gifts that they offer to the community as well as they need our gifts to further their growth.

On the spiritual journey, we need the support of family, friends and community as well as our own personal prayer time. There are times in our life when we are not sure of the direction we are to take. The 1st Reading for Mass this weekend from 1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19, invites us to respond as Samuel was instructed "Speak, for your servant is listening." Invite the Lord to speak, to show us the way, to give us the wisdom we need, but don't have on our own. Invite God into your daily decisions.

--Fr. John

LENT PLANNING

The Season of Lent is quickly approaching. Anyone interested in helping to plan the Lenten Season is invited to a meeting on **Monday, January 15 at 6:00pm in the Gathering Area of the church**. Ash Wednesday is February 14th.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

For those adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be a preparation program beginning **Monday, January 29 at 7pm** in the parish hall. The other two meeting dates will be Mondays, February 26 and March 18. Confirmation will be Sunday, April 28th at 2:30pm at St. John Cathedral.

In the Catechism of the Church #1285 we read: "For by the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." It is as if something is missing. The Sacrament of Confirmation completes one's baptism. If you would like more information, please contact Fr. John. Also, if you would like to help with the preparation program contact Fr John.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC MISSION

In the midst of these challenging times, we must increase our ability to provide to those inside the Church and to the world a credible witness of the difference Jesus Christ makes in the life of every individual. As the people of God, we must be reminded that the Eucharist truly is the living God, Jesus, with us, "always, until the end of the age," (Mt 28:20). As we set out to meet the needs of the world and culture around us with the love of Christ, we must first take time to experience our own Eucharistic Revival with a renewed encounter and love for Jesus in the Eucharist, "for the life of the world". (Jn 6:51).

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Hello, God"

Just before our first reading it says that "the word of the **LORD** was rare; there were not many visions." (1Sam 3:1) I imagine most people today would think that was true. Haven't you ever wished you lived in biblical times, to see some of the miracles you read about? Wouldn't it be cool to hear the **LORD** speaking in a vision? Do you think God has stopped talking? People apparently felt that way in Samuel's time. Let's look at the reading to see what Samuel's experience can teach us.

At first Samuel thinks it is Eli calling him. It is not unusual for people to miss a sign from God. If you have a talent that you are proud of, perhaps it is a sign that God wants you to use that talent to help others. Or if a friend tells you she is concerned about your health, it could be God's way of telling you to get help. Try to see God speaking in whatever happens to you and you may hear a lot more than you think.

Samuel also gets help from Eli. Eli began to recognize that the **LORD** was speaking to Samuel. Sometimes we need help discerning what the Lord is telling us. A good spiritual director can lead you to understand what God is saying to you. Your pastor may be able to do that, or at least able to refer you to someone.

Warning: A spiritual director will probably ask how often you pray. In our reading Samuel finally speaks directly to God, instead of going back to Eli. Then God tells him what God's plan was. So if you wonder what God plans for your life, try spending more time in prayer with him. Don't be like the man who complains he never know what his wife wants from him. When asked what she tells him, he says, "I don't know; we never talk." I bet we have all had times where we didn't know if we are doing God's will because we didn't take time to pray. But don't do all the talking. Give God some quiet time to hear his response. For God hasn't stopped talking; we just stopped listening.

--Tom Schmidt

January 2024's Prayer Intention

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

--Pope Francis

RETRouvaille

A Unique Program to Strengthen
and Heal Your Marriage
Beginning January 26, 2024

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless.

Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions. For more information concerning the program, or to register, visit **www.helpourmarriage.org** or call Shelly or Rob at 216.509.0301 or 440.836.4810.

LADY'S GUILD - SUPER BOWL SQUARES

The Super Bowl is approaching and the Lady's Guild is selling \$25 squares for the Big Game on February 11. Squares will be available after all masses until they are sold out. We will accept cash, check or Venmo. There will be 4 payouts: \$200 for the 1st quarter, \$200 for the 2nd quarter, \$200 for the 3rd quarter and \$400 for the final score.

Reflections on Nostalgic Moments

Don't you enjoy the nostalgia of pleasant memories, such as the beginning of a beautiful friendship?

How wonderful it is to relive the moment when Jesus called His first followers. I love to envision the sheer excitement and camaraderie that must have existed among those He called. An endless jubilee, God uniting with those He loves, ordinary human beings, you and me.

During His first interaction with his future Apostles Jesus declares, "Come, and you will see!" How good God is! By following His way, we find the true peace that no worldly satisfaction can ever give us.

God's love for the world indeed endures forever. Still today, know that God always sees You! Whether it is a time of joy or heartache, the mundane or the extraordinary, God promises He will always be there with us. Like He called Peter and Andrew by name, He is also calling YOU by name to have an ongoing relationship with Him. Through our steadfast prayers and by studying His teachings, let us always strive to be one with Jesus Christ, Who is past, present and forever and ever.

--Alexis Sallara-Marsh



CORNERSTONE OF HOPE

Cornerstone of Hope, Inc., a comprehensive bereavement center, is holding its annual Grieve with Hope Retreat on February 9-11, 2024.

If you or someone you know is struggling with the loss of a loved one and is searching for ways to carry on, please join Cornerstone of Hope at its annual Grieve with Hope Retreat, February 9th through 11th. This retreat connects griever's facing similar struggles, allows participants to encounter the raw emotions of grief in a safe environment, helps attendees journey through suffering with the risen Christ, and provides griever's the ability to learn how to grieve with hope.

To learn more, visit <https://cleveland.cornerstoneofhope.org/events/grieve-with-hope-retreat>

DATE: February 9-11, 2024

LOCATION: Cornerstone of Hope, 5905 Brecksville Road, Independence, Ohio 44131

COST: Early Bird Registration: \$200 through January 19, 2024. Registration fee will be \$225 starting January 20, 2024

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 ...



UNCONDITIONALLY
"FINDING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST"

LENT PRESENTATION
PRESENTED BY GREG WASINSKI
CATHOLIC, SPEAKER, AUTHOR & HOST OF THE
"FAITH & REAL LIFE PODCAST"

FEBRUARY 29, 2024
6:30PM
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

SAVE THE DATE

UNCONDITIONALLY: is a 1 night presentation, offering practical & down to earth examination that calls us to look beyond the appearance of the communion host, and draw our attention to the attributes & fruits of Jesus we receive in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

PRAYER

Prayer covers the whole of man's life. There is no thought, feeling, yearning, or desire, however low, trifling, or vulgar we may deem it, which if it affects our real interest or happiness, we may not lay before God and be sure of sympathy. His nature is such that our often coming does not tire him. The whole burden of the whole life of every man may be rolled on to God and not weary him, though it has wearied the man.

--Henry Ward Beecher

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday Saint Anthony, Abbot
Saturday Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr; and Saint Sebastian, Martyr

\$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.

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.



FAITH FORMATION / UPDATES

Welcome back to Ordinary Time! Don't blink! It'll be gone quickly!

The Liturgical Year follows a nice cadence of heightened celebrations and time to recognize the 'ordinary' works, miracles, and parables of Jesus' time. As we embark on a new week and the change up in the Liturgical Cycle, what 'ordinary' living are we going to hone in on to make extraordinary?

PSR is back in action the next four weeks! We will gather 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, and 2/11! Parents of children receiving Sacraments this year, please pay attention to your email, as specific details are shared.

FLOCKNOTE

Digitally connect with Our Lady Queen of Peace with Flocknote! Scan this QR code to check your settings and make sure you are registered!



2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a statement of your 2023 giving to OLQP for tax reporting purposes, please contact Joanna in the Parish Office or by email at info@olqpgrafton.org. Please indicate if you want your statement mailed or sent via email.



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, Jan 6/7	\$7,957.85		
E-Giving:	\$3,892.70		
Total:	\$11,850.55	\$12,551.00	(\$700.45)
YTD:	\$344,192.45	\$351,428.00	(\$7,235.55)
Christmas:	\$21,051.75		
Prior Year Christmas:	\$18,755.50		



The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 14

11:00am - Baptism Reunion Mass

Monday, January 15 - MLK Day

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm - Lent Planning (Gathering Area)

7:00pm - RCIA

Tuesday, January 16

Wednesday, January 17

Thursday, January 18

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:30pm - Community Meal

Friday, January 19

Saturday, January 20

10:00am - Food Pantry

Sunday, January 21

9:35am-10:50am - PSR



Coming Events

- ♦ January 27 - 1st Reconciliation
- ♦ January 27 & 28 - Welcome Weekend
- ♦ January 28 - Blood Drive
- ♦ February 3/4 - Parish Nurses BP Clinic
- ♦ February 3 - Food Pantry
- ♦ February 10 - Gospel Reflection
- ♦ February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

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 visit: www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.

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