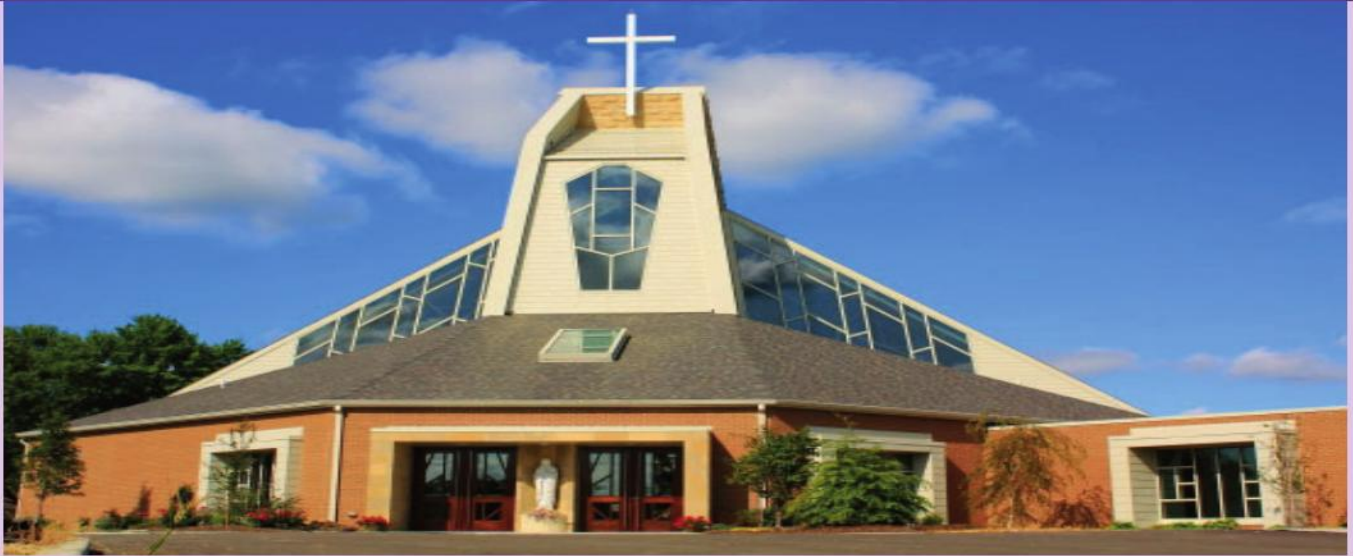


March 10, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.”

– 1 Samuel 16:7



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.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm

Sunday, March 10, 2024 - 4th Sunday of Lent



Masses For The Week

Monday, March 11 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Tuesday, March 12 (Chapel)

9:00am - Guy Page - Judy Page

Wednesday, March 13 - (Church)

6:30pm - ALL Souls

Thursday, March 14 - (Chapel)

9:00am - Phyllis Rozga - Betty Rozga

Friday, March 15 - (Chapel)

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

Saturday, March 16

4:30pm - Gabriel & Lucas Dean Bales - Bales Family

Sunday, March 17

8:30am - Paul Seehaver - Friends

11:00am - Maggie Oros - Joyce Bolte

Parish Council

Kim Wilfong

(Chair)

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Chris Martin

Rosemarie Pierson

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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.

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

Sunday March 17 by 5:00pm Monday March 11

Sunday March 24 by 5:00pm Monday March 18

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

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.

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

When I was a student at The Ohio State University I would go to Mass at the Neumann Center. It was staffed by the Paulist Fathers and being a college campus, they were all young priests. When the gospel that we hear this weekend of sight being restored to the blind man, Fr. Paul proclaimed the gospel from memory in a way that had me mesmerized. My eyes were opened to see my life and to see Jesus in a deeper, new way. It was the beginning of my finally responding to God's will rather than what I wanted to do with my life.

Who were the people who helped you to see your life in a new light? How were your eyes open to see things as you had not seen them before? It could have been a teacher, friend, spouse, priest or a stranger that you encountered. And how have you helped others to see things anew? To think that God has placed you in others lives to help them to see their life and to see Jesus in a deeper way. This week be attentive to those who challenge or support you to open your eyes and be prepared to bring enlightenment to someone you interact with.

This **Sunday, March 10 there will be a Communal Reconciliation Service at 2pm.** There will be additional priests present to hear confessions. The service provides a time to come together as a community and to acknowledge and repent of our sins and to receive God's merciful forgiveness. In this context we see that we are all sinners in need of forgiveness. And it highlights the need for the support and prayers of one another to overcome sin. The service will be a Liturgy of the Word where we will hear God's call to turn to him for mercy. Having prayed then an Act of Contrition together we will then go individually to a priest to confess and receive absolution and a penance. While everyone is going to confession, we pray for each other and then once everyone has gone, we conclude with a song of praise and thanksgiving.

Going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation holds us accountable for our sins. Often, I hear someone say they don't need to go to confession as they just tell God their sin without the sacrament. Which is good in that we should always be seeking God's forgiveness. But do we? Do we examine our conscience and ask for forgiveness, or do we fall into the routine and busyness of the day? Going to confession holds ourselves accountable and humbles ourselves that we are admitting that we have sinned. And most of all we receive the grace of the sacrament which helps us to overcome sin.

This Wednesday at 7pm, following 6:30 Mass, in the Gathering Area will be the first of a two-part video on St. Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus, or commonly called the Jesuits. As a soldier he was very passionate, which after his conversion was directed to serve Christ. His great masterpiece, *The Spiritual Exercises*, is still very popular in the spiritual life. They are used in retreat experiences as well as in daily living.

There are not many days of Lent remaining. Take advantage of the remaining opportunities for prayer and confession and start planning how you will be spending Holy Week. May we keep each other in prayer as we make this final push toward Easter to make our Easter celebration a true renewal of our life.

-Fr. John



Lenten Schedule

FAST AND ABSTINENCE:

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence which means one large meal and two smaller meals as well as abstaining from meat. The law of fasting is for those 18-60 years old.

The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence which means no meat is to be eaten on those Fridays. The law of abstinence is obligatory for all who are 14 years and older.

Why? On Fridays during Lent, we particularly remember the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. In memory of this great sacrifice, we continue the tradition of penance and sacrifice – the abstaining from meat on Fridays is an outward manifestation of an interior reality: the conversion of our hearts.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Opportunities to celebrate the sacrament will be on:

Saturdays during Lent from 3:30-4:00 pm

Thursday, March 21st - 9:30 am

Monday, March 25th - 7:00 pm

LENT 2024 – Healing Hearts, Our Lenten Journey!

Communal Reconciliation Service: Gather as a community for a Prayer Service followed by the opportunity for Reconciliation with a variety of priests on hand. Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 pm.

Weekday Masses during Lent

Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:00 am

Weekday Masses during Holy Week, March 25th to March 29th

Monday 6:30 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am, Wednesday 9:00 am, Thursday 7:00 pm

Good Friday Passion of the Lord Service, March 29th: 3:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesdays from 2:30 pm-6:30 pm; through March 20th.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7:00 pm: March 15th & 22nd

Night Prayer: Join us after Stations of the Cross every Friday.

Pivotal Players, Bishop Robert Barron Video Series, Saint Benedict and Saint Ignatius of Loyola: Wednesday at 7:00 pm: March 13th and 20th. Join us as we hear from Bishop Barron about “Pivotal Players” – those saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization.

Book Study: “This Is My Body” book study on March 23rd at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. Read chapter 2 in preparation for discussion.

Scripture Study: meets on Thursday, March 14th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall to learn more about the Formed Lectio Series.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Join us as we journey with St. Faustina and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Thursday morning from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

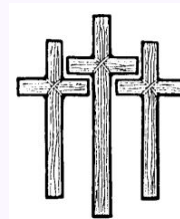
Best Lent Ever: Receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into your daily lives, and encouraging stories. Sign up by registering at dynamiccatholic.com/lent.

Prayer Bookmarks: These bookmarks list those candidates preparing for 1st Communion, Confirmation and those in preparation to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep these candidates for the initiation sacraments in your prayers during the season of Lent.

Daily Lenten Video Reflections: A short video each day reflecting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing a concrete ideas on how to apply them to the Christian life. Sign up by going to FORMED button on the parish website.

Lenten Resources: The Diocese of Cleveland has a list of resources that can be used for personal growth during these 40 days of Lent. These can be found at dioceseofcleveland.org

Operation Rice Bowl: As part of our faith community’s Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten program, CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten program for families and faith communities in the United States who want to put their faith into action. Through CRS Rice Bowl, participants are invited to hear stories about their sisters and brothers in need around the world and devote their Lenten prayers, fasting and alms to change the lives of those who suffer in poverty. The Rice Bowl and information materials are available at the doors of the church.





INVITE US DEEPER

Almighty and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your world,
your people,
your Lent.
May this time be one of outward focus;
seeking you in those we often ignore.
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom,
generosity,
and encounter.
Give us hearts hungry to serve you
and those who need what we have to give.

- Author Unknown



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most
precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of
Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of
the world in reparation for the outrages,
sacrileges and indifference by which He is
offended. "He stays here with us: He is God
with us. Seek him without tiring; welcome him
without reserve; love him without interruption:
today, tomorrow, forever!"

--St. John Paul II

GOD

God seeks us where we are,
not so that we stay there,
but so that we may come to be where He is,
so that we may get beyond ourselves.

--Pope Benedict XVI

SCRIPTURE STUDY



Thursday, March 14th is the Fifth lesson of
"Peter" (Cornerstone of Catholicism) from
the **FORMED LECTIO** series. Please meet with us at
7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Session 5 will cover "Peter
and the KEYS-The Primacy of the Church" on page 85
of the study guide. Study guides are free, and availa-
ble at the Church Office or at the Study. You do not
need a computer to attend the sessions and you can
join us at any time. Please join us to find out more
about our first Pope. Contact Rick Gallaher at (440)
458-6335 for comments or assistance.



ST. JOSEPH ADOPTION NOVENA

Leading up to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19,
join us in praying the **St. Joseph Adoption Novena**.
Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of
Jesus, we will pray the Lord blesses all whose life stories
include adoption.

[https://www.respectlife.org/adoption-novena-
resources](https://www.respectlife.org/adoption-novena-resources)



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Thank-you to all who made a gift to Catholic Charities.
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Cleveland. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to
make a gift, it's not too late! Pledge envelopes are still
available in the Gathering Area.

OUR LADY'S GUILD NCAA Championship Game

It's March madness and the Lady's Guild is selling squares for the Championship Game on April 8. There will be 2 payouts: \$400 at the half and \$600 for the final score. Squares will be available at all masses throughout the month of March. We accept cash, check or Venmo.

CALENDAR CLUB

Congratulations to our February winner, **Barbara Franklin!** Interested in joining for the 2024 raffle? Please email OLQPCalendarClub@gmail.com. Tickets are available.

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!



K of C LENTEN FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry continues **this Friday from 5:00pm-7:00pm**. We are serving up great tasting lake perch, shrimp & Pierogi dinners starting at \$17. Your hot meal will be brought to you within minutes of placing your order. Take-outs are available. See you Friday!

ST. MARY CEMETERY

Please remove all decorations by Sunday March 10th as we prepare the cemetery for Easter. **Any decorations left after March 10th will be discarded.** New decorations may be placed beginning March 20th.

TOGETHER 
LET US PRAY ...

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

TENEBRAE



The Our Lady Queen of Peace Choir, joined by area musicians, will be presenting "Song of the Shadows" for the Tenebrae Service on **Wednesday, March 27th, at 8:00 pm in the Church**. Walk with Jesus during His final days. Our journey begins as He enters Jerusalem, and ends as He is led to His death. This deeply moving service invites us to contemplate the love and sacrifice of Christ.



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE SCHOLARSHIP

OLQP will be awarding two \$500 scholarships - one to a graduating high school senior and one to a current college student. To be eligible, a candidate must be a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace and active in the parish, or active in the church on the college campus where they attend school. Applications can be picked up in the Gathering Area, Parish Office or via the OLQP website. Applications must be submitted **by May 15th**.



FAITH FORMATION/UPDATES

Did you know, today is the halfway point of Lent? It is also known as Laetare Sunday. According to Simply Catholic, "Laetare is the first word - meaning "rejoice" - in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances." It is hard to believe that we are halfway through Lent, and yet as we take this Sunday to rejoice, it is also knowing we are approaching the home stretch. The holiest of holy times in our Church year.

God sent us Jesus out of love, but we have the choice to embrace the light to receive life or embrace our fears. How are we going to choose to conclude our Lenten journey?

As a reminder, PSR is off next week for Spring Break, and we will meet again on Palm Sunday, 3/24.

GOD & LOVE

Let God love you through others and let God
love others through you.
--D.M. Street

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.



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.

	Actual	Goal	Difference
Sunday, Mar 2/3	\$10,158.73		
E-Giving:	\$2,893.00		
Total:	\$13,051.73	\$12,551.00	\$500.73
YTD:	\$450,385.87	\$451,836.00	(\$1,450.13)



The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 10

9:35am-10:50am - PSR

2:00pm - Communal Reconciliation

Monday, March 11

7:00pm - Holy Name Mtg.

7:00pm - RCIA

Tuesday, March 12

Wednesday, March 13

2:30pm-6:30pm - Adoration

7:00pm - Lenten Video Series

Thursday, March 14

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00pm - Scripture Study

Friday, March 15

7:00pm - K of C Fish Fry

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

7:30pm - Night Prayer

Saturday, March 16

10:00am - Food Pantry

Sunday, March 17

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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap invites All Young Adults in their 20s and 30s to join Father James Kulway as he shares his Lenten reflection on the Discipline of Body, Mind and Soul. Why is it important to balance our spiritual goals with our physical and mental health? How does staying healthy physically and mentally help us grow in holiness? Join us as we dive into this and more on **Tuesday, March 19th at 7pm at Forest City Brewery**. Registration is available at dioceseofcleveland.org/totcle or you may pay at the door (\$5). Parking is available at St. Wendelin or on the street. For questions, please contact totclewest@gmail.com

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