

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020



*A Catholic Community...
Our Lady Queen of Peace
& St. Thomas More*

Our Lady Queen of Peace
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Office Hours
OLQP - Monday - Thursday
8:00-1:00
STM - Monday-Thursday
8:00-1:00
Both offices closed on Friday
www.olqpstm.com

St. Thomas More
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Mass Times
Monday - Thursday: 7:00 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m. **SUSPENDED**
Sunday 9:15, 11:45 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: as printed in bulletin

Mass Times
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
SUSPENDED Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: as printed in bulletin

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are to notify a parish office soon after they know they are expecting. A pre-baptismal program is required.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Adults seeking full initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, or those wishing to be in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church are asked to contact a parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available at both worship sites on Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made at least six months, preferably a year, in advance of the desired date. A marriage preparation program is required.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament is available for individuals upon request and communal celebrations are periodically scheduled.

Ministry to the Sick

Please call a parish office concerning the needs of the sick, hospitalized or shut-ins. Those unable to attend Mass may have Communion brought to them.

Prayer Network

For prayer support in time of need, call Ann Parsons at 244-0477 or Gerri Foes at 944-4888 or gfprayer@gmail.com

Available at both parishes:

Available at OLQP



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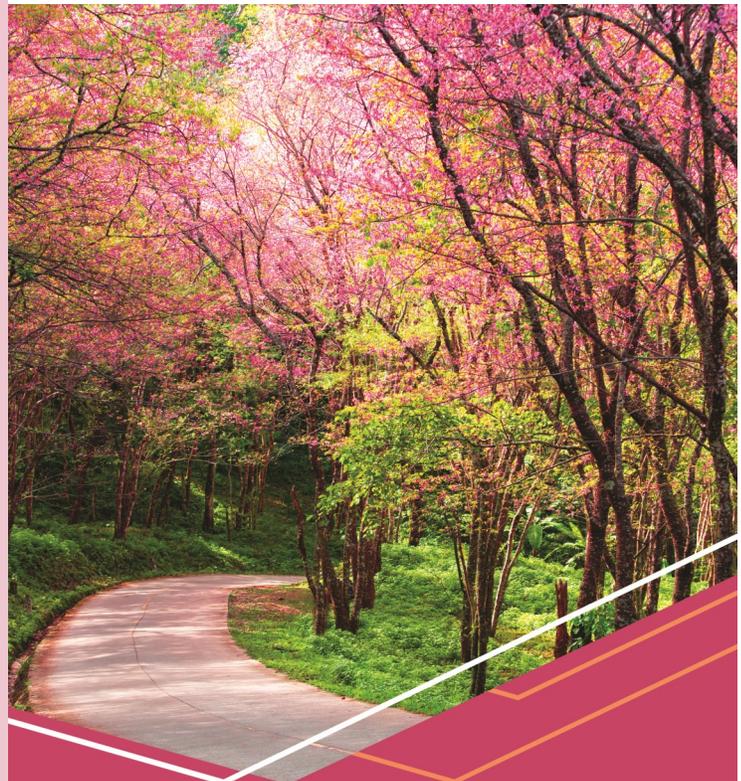


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Interpreter for the hearing impaired.

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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

Welcome...

We graciously welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our community. To register please fill out a "request card" available at church entrances. Please drop it in the collection basket or at the office. A member of our pastoral staff will contact you to complete your registration.

Mission Statement

The parishes of Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Thomas More are Roman Catholic Communities that worship and live in faith. Nourished by the Sacraments, Scripture, and a diversity of individual gifts, we understand that our mission comes from Jesus Christ who calls us to teach, to preach, to serve those in need, and to be a presence of Christ in the world.

Mass Schedule

According to Bishop Matano's direction, Fr. Hart will be celebrating one private Mass each day. Currently scheduled Mass intentions not offered will be rescheduled at a later date. The following Mass intentions will be offered this week:

Monday, April 20

Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

†Peter G. Meade - Peter Meade

Tuesday, April 21 St. Anselm, bishop, doctor of the church.

Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2,5 Jn 3:7b-15

People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 22

Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

†Gregory Teall & Dorothy Teall - Family

Thursday, April 23 St. George, martyr; St. Adalbert, bishop, martyr

Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2,9,17-20 Jn 3:31-36

†Celine Nebbia - Richard & Mary Ann Loiacano

Friday, April 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr

Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Jn 6:1-15

†Frank & Genevieve Palermo - Mary Jane & Marty Rimmele

Saturday, April 25 ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17 Mk 16:15-20

Sunday, April 26 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

†Joe Bailey - Caroline Bailey



Sanctuary Lamp Intention this week at OLQP is in
Memory of: *Ralph & Jennie Boccuzzi*



Prayers Requested:

Please pray for the individuals who have requested our prayers: *Patrick Brennan, Amy Campbell, Mary Jean & Carmine Castellano, Christine Barry Comito,*

Mary Ann Fischer, Louise Foxenburgh, Mary Helen Hiller, Ginger Ierardi, Steven Kistner, Barbara Labroi, Kathleen Lowe, Lourdes May, Cecile McDonald, Ed Meagher, Janice Milliman, Dolly Nolan, Quinn Oliphant, Bob O'Neill, Phillip Pinto, Marion Robinson, Penny Rose, Angelina Snyder, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale, and Phillippa Wilson.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come, at least, spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



Living in the Spirit



When Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, came back to the place where the others were staying, it wasn't a group of fearful individuals hiding from the Jews that he encountered. Rather, it was his fellow disciples, who as the Gospel states, have received the Holy Spirit and were filled with joy and hope, for they have seen the Lord. But Thomas, a bit of a skeptic, doubted. He made it clear that if he could just see Jesus for himself, he would wholeheartedly capitulate into the world of faith. He would love to be given an indisputable reason to put down his doubt and believe.

Thomas does us a favor. For I suspect there are many among us like Thomas who deep inside want to be awakened into faith, who like Thomas long to see some tangible evidence to be able to cling to Christ. Thomas was given the opportunity to place his finger into Christ's hand and to bring his hand into Jesus' side – and so he believed. The Twelve encountered the Risen Lord when he appeared to them in the locked room – and so they believed and were transformed. The early community of believers that formed "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to communal life, to the breaking of the bread" – and so gave witness to the Risen Lord. Others saw them, their sincerity of heart, their praise of God and so the Lord added to their number. It is Thomas, who today challenges us to provide the evidence of the presence of the living Lord.

Today, it is not unreasonable for those on the edge of Christianity to want to see our credentials in faith so that they too may believe. Perhaps what all the Thomases of the world want is to see the body of Christ without having to guess or pretend. Their desire is not necessarily petty or vain; in fact, it is among the most honest request anyone can make of the church – of us who proclaim to believe. The primary work of the Easter assembly, of us, is to tell what we know, to give witness to what we have experienced and what we believe, to be the Body of Christ visibly and irrefutably.

Today, when I see people whose simple and generous lifestyles are conformed to their beliefs, I grow convinced that faith isn't just a spiritual game but a powerful reality. When I see individuals on the frontlines of the pandemic facing their fears with courage and self-giving so that others can have life, the sacrifice of Christ is made real. When I see the many acts of simple kindness, of reaching out to the old and vulnerable, of mask making, of food sharing, of taking only what one needs and not hoarding so that others may survive, the presence of Christ is made real. When I see individuals embrace their suffering and their dying with total surrender and trust in God the Passion of Christ is made real. Today, all that Thomas asks of us is to place his hands on the glorified wounds of Christ and to know that the whole story, front and back, is true and is to be trusted. We the church are called today and every day to give witness and be the presence of Christ in the world.

Fr. James Greenfield, an oblate of St. Francis de Sales and president of De Sales University in Center Valley, Pennsylvania ended an online gathering group with a prayer written by Cameron Bellm. She describes herself as a writer of prayers, a mom and homemaker.

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I would venture to say she is a believer, calling us and challenging us to life and to the fullness of our faith. During this pandemic Bellm prays:

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home

remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other;

let us yet find ways to be loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen. Peace and blessings, Margaret

ATTENTION SEWERS - FACE MASKS NEEDED!

From Marcus Ebenhoe,
Directory of Advocacy and Parish Social Ministry
Catholic Family Center

“Hello Everyone!

...With the CDC and New York State urging everyone to use a mask in public, our need has doubled. Our current goal is 800 masks and it may increase as we hear from more of our senior and medically fragile community members in need.

Therefore, I once again raise the call for anyone who is able to make masks to please do so. Here is a link to the pattern we've been sharing <https://www.ecommunity.com/giveppe/homemade-mask-instructions>. I have received a lot of questions if it is okay to use a different pattern – the answer is absolutely.

We've actually heard that there is an elastic shortage and that many people prefer the option to tie behind their head instead of the elastic that can irritate the skin of some. Please stay as true to a pattern as possible, but small adjustments are completely fine.

Our Lady Queen of Peace is collecting the masks and you can drop them off outside of the church office in a basket that has been provided to the right of the office door. Hours for drop off are M-F from 9:00-3:00. Thank you for your participation.

We received a donation of 400 masks made from medical grade barrier fabric. Thank you to Jennifer Kaplan and Jeannine Thompson. But, keep on sewing - more are needed!

If you have not received an email from us and you wish to stay connected in that way please call Robin at 244-3010 or email her at robin.levy@dor.org and give her your email.



We are trying to stay in touch with as many parishioners as possible during this difficult and challenging time. And don't forget to check in on the website, olqpstm.com, for other information and a link to YouTube for daily/Sunday liturgies, or go to YouTube.com and search OLQPSTM.



Registration for K-12 Faith Formation has begun.

K-5 Faith Formation will be offered on Tuesday nights from 6:00 pm to 7:15 at Siena Catholic Academy on the St. Thomas More Campus.

Registration materials are available on our website at olqpstm.com under Faith Formation (you will have to print the forms) or by contacting Jennifer Abdalla jennifer.abdalla@dor.org

Faith Formation

Greetings Faith Formation Families

May is the Month we honor Mary, Jesus's Mother!

One of the best ways we can honor her is to pray the Rosary!

Because we cannot come together in person we are asking you to send us a video of your prayers so we can make a virtual Rosary to share with our parish family!

Here is your mission!

Grades K-5- Make a video of your child or family praying the "Hail Mary"

Grades 6-8- Make a video of your child or family praying the "Our Father"

Grades 9-12- Make a video of your teen or whole family praying the "Glory Be"

Send us your videos and we will put them together to make a virtual Rosary to pray for our community our country and our world! The finished project will go on our Parish YouTube channel! So be creative and prayerful and help us pray together!

Readings for Divine Mercy Sunday

1st Reading Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. **The Word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.

In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?"

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. **The Gospel of the Lord**

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In response to Governor Cuomo’s statewide “Stay at Home” executive order, the Pastoral Center office staff are now working remotely. CMA tracking will not continue during this period. The CMA figures showing on the DOR homepage will not change, and the Parish-to-Parish listing will not be updated. As soon as we are able to begin tracking CMA progress again, we will let you know. However, mail is still being delivered so you can still send in your donation. We have received and are continuing to receive donations from parishioners. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

<p>STM</p> <p>Goal - \$75,520.00</p> <p>\$54,995.00 as of 3/23</p> <p>72.83% of goal 134 Donors</p>
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<p>OLQP</p> <p>Goal - \$64,653.00</p> <p>\$44,139.00 as of 3/23</p> <p>68.27% of goal 142 Donors</p>

Times are certainly challenging right now, in so many ways. If you find it in your heart and you are financially able to continue to donate to our parishes you can mail in your donation. Alternately, you can sign up for online giving by visiting our cluster website and click on the “Online Giving” button to enroll in EFT Giving Today! www.olqpstm.org. Thanks for anything you can do!

Catholic Schools in Area:



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Grades Pre-K-6
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Grades 6- 8
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