



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

Our Lady Queen of Peace
601 Edgewood Ave. Rochester, NY 14618
585-244-3010 - email: rourlady@dor.org

Mass Times (as of 6/15/20)
Monday & Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.
Sunday 9:00 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

By appointment only. Call the office to schedule.

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 Foos at 944-4888 or gfprrayer@gmail.com

Available at both parishes:



Handicap Access

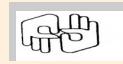


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Interpreter for the hearing impaired.

St. Thomas More
2617 East Avenue - Rochester, NY 14610
585-381-4200 - email: stm@dor.org

Mass Times (as of 6/15/20)
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: as printed in bulletin

July 19, 2020



*16th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME*

"Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvester, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" - Mt 13:30

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

Monday, July 20 St. Apollinaris, bishop, martyr

Mi 6:1-4,6-8 Ps 50:5-6,8-9,16bc-17,21,23 Mt 12:38-42

OLQP 7:00 AM Intentions of Muriel DeMartino - Linda McCauley

ONLINE MASS †Bob McVeigh - Penny Rose

Tuesday, July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor of the church

Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 85:2-8 Mt 12:46-50

STM 8:00 AM †Michael & Carol Diodato - Sherylanne Diodato

ONLINE MASS †Frank & Genevieve Palermo - Marty & Mary Jane Rimmelle

Wednesday, July 22 ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Sg 3:1-4a Ps 63:2-6,8-9 Jn 20:1-2,11-18

OLQP 7:00 AM †Burke Family - Rosemary O'Sullivan

ONLINE MASS People of the Parish

Thursday, July 23 St. Bridget, religious

Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13 Ps 36:6-7b,8-11 Mt 13:10-17

STM 8:00 AM Intentions of Muriel DeMartino - Linda McCauley

ONLINE MASS †Msgr. Charles V. Boyle

Friday, July 24 St. Sharbel Makhluf, priest

Jer 3:14-17 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Mt 13:18-23

STM 8:00 AM †Deceased members of the Adams Family -

Margaret Guest

ONLINE MASS †Christine Burns - Cathleen Boerger

Saturday, July 25 ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1b,2-6 Mt 20:20-28

Sunday, July 26 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 3:5,7-12 Ps 119:57,72,76-77,127-130 Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52

OLQP 9:00 AM †D'Lima & Noronha Families - Marie D'Lima

STM 11:00 AM †Carl Loiacano - Richard & Mary Ann Loiacano

ONLINE MASS †Foley Family - Barbara Foley

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions this week are in Memory of:



STM Helen Donnelly
OLQP Mary Adams

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 Labroci, Kathleen Lowe, Lourdes May, Cecile McDonald, Ed Meagher, Janice Milliman, Kelly Farrell Murphy, Dolly Nolan, Quinn Oliphant, Bob O'Neill, Phillip Pinto, Marion Robinson, Penny Rose, Angelina Snyder, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale, and Phillipa Wilson



Siena Catholic Academy at St. Thomas More parish will not be the only Catholic school to close this year. Cardinal Dolan announced last week that he was shuttering 20 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York and merging 3 others. In fact, the National Catholic Education Association estimates that by the time this summer is over more than 100 Catholic schools in the US will announce they are closing because of declining enrollment and the ever-increasing cost of supporting these schools. In many cases the covid-19 pandemic is the immediate cause. Since March, a good number of parents have been furloughed or lost their jobs entirely and consequently can no longer afford Catholic school tuition. This summer, they have been removing their kids from Catholic schools in great numbers. At the same time, many parishes have experienced a loss of revenue while their congregations were forbidden to assemble for Sunday Mass and consequently have much less money to share with their struggling schools and financially strapped parents.

Catholic parents since the 19th century have complained bitterly that they had to pay taxes to support public schools and sometimes even other private schools but Catholic schools were barred by most State constitutions from sharing any tax money because they taught religion. Thirty-seven State constitutions have almost identically worded provisions which were clearly anti-Catholic in intent. These so-called "Blaine Amendments" are named after James Blaine, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Republican nominee for president in 1884. During an anti-immigration, "nativist" and anti-Catholic era, Blaine tried to appeal to the Protestant establishment by proposing a Constitutional amendment which would prohibit direct or indirect financial aid to religiously-affiliated schools. While the amendment was never passed by Congress or sent to the States for ratification, with the help of the secret anti-Catholic American Protective Association, the Ku Klux Klan and other bigoted groups and individuals, by 1900 it was incorporated into three-quarters of State constitutions. As late as 1966, the New York State Supreme Court decided that all attempts to aid Catholic school students directly through parental tax credits, educational grants to students or free auxiliary services were unconstitutional, thus striking down the legislature's new "Free Textbook Law."

And now here's the irony. At the very moment when many Catholic schools are closing because of financial stress and more than 6,000 have already closed in our nation over the past few years, the United States Supreme Court last week suddenly decided (cf. *Espinoza v. Montana*) that the States must allow religious schools to participate in programs which provide tuition assistance to students attending private schools. It is an unexpected decision, one often longed-for and dreamed-about, but perhaps a ruling which comes too late to save most of our schools. While New York's "Blaine Amendment" is now rendered unconstitutional, I am told there is not a very warm feeling toward the Catholic Church in our Senate or Assembly at the moment. With huge budget deficits hanging over their heads and the public schools clamoring for more direct aid, most commentators do not expect that the legislature will provide any new financial assistance to private or parochial schools in the near future. Unfortunately, for our remaining parish schools, they're on their own, to sink or swim. Peace to all,
Fr. Hart

Quote of the Week

"Now as never before we need a vision rich in humanity: we cannot start up again by going back to our selfish pursuit of success without caring about those who are left behind."

— Pope Francis, May 31, 2020



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday July 21, 2020

2:00-7:00pm

OLQP

Slattery Hall



You can donate by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** at redcross.org or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS

All donors are required to wear masks throughout the donation.

Save time by using RapidPass® to complete your pre-donation reading and health history online before you come to your appointment.

Get started at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or by using the Blood Donor App.

For detailed donor eligibility questions, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

Blood donations collected at this blood drive will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies.

*The need is constant. The gratification is instant.
Give blood.*



Altar Flowers

Please sign up to provide altar flowers for July-December. This is for anyone who would care to arrange their own or purchase from a florist to be delivered to church in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion (wedding, anniversary, etc.)

The sign up sheets are at the church entrances, or you can call the office at 244-3010.
Thank you.

Altar Flowers for next weekend (7/26) at STM: Maureen Dobies

If you would like to provide flowers for the altar at OLQP please call the office at 244-3010 and let Robin know.

Lector assignments for next Sunday 7/26
OLQP (9:00) - Sr. Cathy Solan STM (11:00) - Bill Ditoro

Welcome! ... to our new parishioner:

**John & Sarah Mossey and their son, Martin
Carmella Chamot**

We are pleased to have you join our faith community!



FEED THE CHILDREN

Help CFC Feed the Children this July 29th!

Catholic Family Center

is once again partnering with *Feed the Children* to provide food and other goods to families in need. The event will be on July 29th where cars will drive through and volunteers will place food in the trunks of the cars in a socially distant and safe manner. We are looking for volunteers for 2, 4, or 6 hour shifts (food and water will be provided). The event runs from 11am-1pm, but volunteers are needed starting around 8am and continuing until 2pm. Volunteers will be responsible for:

- Sorting and packaging small amounts of food (8-10am)
- Collecting vouchers (10am-12pm; 12-1:30pm)
- Distribution Stations - assisting with loading cars* (10am-12pm; 12-1:30pm)
- Traffic Control (10am-12pm; 12-2pm)
- Clean-up (12-2pm)

*The boxes/bags of food vary from approximately 10-20lbs each.

Contact Marcus Ebenhoe at mebenhoe@cfcrochester.org if you are interested in helping!

Prayer to end Racism

Good and gracious God, who loves and delights in all people, we stand in awe before You, knowing that the spark of life within each person on earth is the spark of your divine life.

Differences among cultures and races are multicolored manifestations of Your Light. May our hearts and minds be open to celebrate similarities and differences among our sisters and brothers.

We place our hopes for racial harmony in our committed action and in Your Presence in our Neighbor.

May all peoples live in Peace. Amen

Supermarket Weekend

The next Supermarket Weekend is next weekend.
July 25-26

This collection is taken up the last FULL weekend of every month and donations are accepted at both Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Thomas More. Our community is asked to donate non-perishable food items. There are containers placed at the church entrance for the items to go in. The food items go to Andrews Center on Whittington Rd., which is a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy. This ministry helps children with multiple needs from 0-12 years old who receive 24-hour nurturing for physical, emotional and psychological afflictions while providing restorative relief to their families.

Readings for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Wis 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned.
 For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.
 For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity.
 But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us;
 for power, whenever you will, attends you.
 And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind;
 and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. **The Word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.
 Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD,
 and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds;
 you alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.
 Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

2nd Reading Rom 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
 but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit,
 because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel Mt 13:24-43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvester, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

He proposed another parable to them.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

He spoke to them another parable.

"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables.

He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet:

I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house.

His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil.

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvester are angels.

Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers.

They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear." **The Gospel of the Lord**

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The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. (Matthew 13:24, 37-38)

Corner

As children of God, we are all “good seeds.” We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Sacrificial Giving as of July 12

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021

Thank you for sharing your gift of treasure. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

OLQP - (Regular collections include ~ Sunday Offerings, Holy Days, Christmas & Easter)	STM - (Regular collections include ~ Sunday Offerings, Holy Days, Christmas & Easter)
Last Week's Regular Collections.....\$4,359.00	Last Week's Regular Collections.....\$3,912.00
Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$7,695.00	Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$7,385.00
Weekend Attendance.....74	Weekend Attendance.....88

Please contact Mary Kase at 381-4200 x 260 if you would like to sign up for electronic funds transfer (EFT). Please contact Mike Dybas at 381-4200 x 262 or michael.dybas@dor.org

BEFORE considering making a stock transfer for your donation to your parish..

Catholic Schools in Area:

Seton Catholic School
Grades Pre-K-6
Mrs. Patty Selig, Principal
473-6604



St. Louis School
Grades Pre-K-5
Mrs. Fran Barr, Principal
586-5200

