



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

Our Lady Queen of Peace
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Mass Times (as of 8/15/20)
Monday & Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: as printed in bulletin

Office Hours
OLQP Wednesday 1:00-4:00 for drop-ins
(church open for prayer)
STM Monday 8:00-11:00 for drop ins
(church open for prayer)
Other times - call first to be sure we're here.
www.olqpstm.com
Confessions by appointment only

St. Thomas More
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585-381-4200 - email: stm@dor.org

Mass Times (as of 8/15/20)
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
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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 gfprayer@gmail.com

September 6, 2020



A Prayer For Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask for Your guidance and hope for everyone seeking employment. We ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of all of us.

Amen.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, And I shall give you rest."

Matthew 11:28-30

Available at both parishes:

Available at OLQP



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Interpreter for the hearing impaired.



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



Living in the Spirit



Monday, September 7

1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-6,7,12 Lk 6:6-11

OLQP 8:00 AM Intentions of Jimmy McCauley - Linda McCauley
ONLINE MASS †People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 8 THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mi 5:1-4a Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16,18-23

STM 8:00 AM Intentions of Dr. Susan Wegman - Bernadette Trzeciecki

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

Wednesday, September 9 St. Peter Claver, priest

1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12,14-17 Lk 6:20-26

OLQP 7:00 AM †Dick Cancilla - Mary Ann Obark

ONLINE MASS †Michael & Carol Diodato - Sherylanne Diodato

Thursday, September 10

1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13 Ps 139:1b-3,13-14b,23-24 Lk 6:27-38

STM 8:00 AM †Frank & Genevieve Palermo - Marty & Mary Jane Rimmele

ONLINE MASS Intentions of Dr. Manolo Basa - family

Friday, September 11

1 Cor 9:16-19,22b-27 Ps 84:3-6,8,12 Lk 6:39-42

STM 8:00 AM †Audrey Romano - Gerry & Anne Shanahan

ONLINE MASS †Sparacino & Mancuso Families - Richard & Mary Ann Loiacano

Saturday, September 12

1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13,17-18 Lk 6:43-49

OLQP 4:30 PM †Salemme Family

STM 4:30 PM †Rosemary & Clement Leonardo - Kathy Guarino and Sr. Barbara Guarino

Sunday, September 13 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

OLQP 9:00 AM †Margaret LoPresti - Family

STM 11:00 AM †Gertrude & Lewis Garvin - Regina & Kelley Garvin and Family

ONLINE MASS †Dorothy Meade - Peter Meade, MD

The message that God gives to the prophet Ezekiel in this Sunday's first reading could not be more blunt. God appoints Ezekiel to listen to the word of God and then speak it to Israel. God says that if Ezekiel speaks the word, he will live, and if he does not speak the word, he will die. The simple crudeness of this message emphasizes the importance of hearing the word of God and proclaiming it to others.

Prophets are given the often undesirable commission to point out to their fellow mortals what wrong they are doing in order to dissuade them from their chosen path. Prophets are called to speak God's truth, not their own. They must dare to speak God's truth directly to the person involved in wrongdoing. As scripture reveals, no prophet was called to tell the truth about others behind their backs or for the benefit of large audiences. Not only do prophets deliver their message directly, but they begin by doing so privately: one-on-one with the offender in question. This gives the wrongdoer the freedom to choose the way of repentance without shaming the person out of a chance to embrace the truth. Prophets are motivated by two things: love and responsibility. The love is for God, for truth itself, and for the one whose life and very soul is in jeopardy. In regard to responsibility, we see through the prophet Ezekiel, God holds the prophet personally accountable for the word he received. If Ezekiel fails to speak the truth, to deliver the message, to warn the person, he himself is put on notice when that individual is subsequently lost. It is also true that the prophet bears the full weight of the consequences after the message has been delivered. Some truth-tellers faced flogging, imprisonment or stoning. It is not surprising that many were reluctant to take on this role.

By virtue of our baptism we too have been called to speak God's truth to others. It may not be in front of nations but simply to those with whom we come in contact. But this call also implies that we have listened to God's word, that we have prayerfully discerned the message, and are aware of the consequences this message may bring forth.

In the Gospel, Jesus offers his disciples a simple blueprint to follow in our truth-telling: first, speak to the person privately. If that fails, the next step is to involve a few witnesses from the community. If this step also fails, then the matter must pass into the view of the entire community. Note that the public assessment comes last – unlike so often today statements are blasted across the internet and through tabloids. At no time does Jesus recommend a small posse devoted to the moral or social destruction of another, much less a committee of one judging and condemning the person.

Today, as in ages past, Jesus' commandment stands firm: love God and love one another. Our motivation for telling the truth, for confronting another with the message of God's truth must be for the good of our neighbor and the good of the community. As one author put it, "speaking the truth, it seems, involves a prior commitment to live the truth ourselves. If truth is to be spoken at all cost, then integrity is the price we must pay.

Peace and blessings,
Margaret



Prayers Requested:

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

Comito, Bill Connors, Mary Ann Fischer, Louise Foxenburgh, Mary Helen Hiller, Ginger Ierardi, Steven Kistner, Barbara Labroi, Kathleen Lowe, Rachael M., 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.



Holy Land Collection

This year, due to the pandemic it was not possible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the land of Jesus. Pope Francis has accepted the request to move this gesture of sharing that concerns the whole church to **September 12-13**. September 13th is the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which is solemnly celebrated in Jerusalem.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools and offer religious education.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!



Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille (pronounced Retrō-vī, meaning rediscovery) is a program for married couples who feel disillusioned, hurt, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Sometimes life-changing events occur (pandemic, loss of a job, death of a loved one) and most don't know how to communicate with their spouses about it.

This world-wide Catholic program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

For confidential information about the next program beginning with a weekend away in Buffalo on **October 2, 2020**, please call **585-293-1552** or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org. All CDC guidelines will be followed for your safety. Space is limited.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE REPORT

During the summer OLQP and STM each hosted a Blood Drive for the Red Cross. Both drives were extremely successful and the Red Cross is very grateful since many places that had originally scheduled were not able to host the drive.

In July at OLQP the staff collected 41 units on a goal of 25.

The units collected impacted up to 123 lives.

In August at STM the goal was exceeded by 62% and 31 units were collected, impacting up to 93 lives.

There were 5 first time donors.

We will be hosting another Blood Drive on October 17th at STM from 9:00-2:00pm.



Season of Creation - on the 5th anniversary of Laudato Si', encyclical letter from Pope Francis - Care for Our Common Earth

Our oceans are in trouble. Nearly 300 million tons of plastic are produced each year to make bags, bottles, packages, and other commodities for people all over the world but only ten percent of this plastic is properly recycled and reused. The rest ends up as waste in landfills or as litter in our natural environment, where it leaches dangerous chemicals into the nearby soil and water, endangering humans and wildlife alike. Plastic pollution not only affects our waters and marine life, but also the food chain and our overall health. Many organizations are mobilizing institutions and citizens across the globe to bring about a new level of consciousness about plastic pollution and a paradigm shift. The world must perceive plastics not only as an environmental challenge of global proportions but also a symbol of the values that need to change in order to build a more sustainable and just world.

Actions:

- Observe and note your use of single use plastic for one day. Consider how you could make different choices.
- Have a contest with yourself to see if you can go one day without using any single use plastic.
- Write or call governments, restaurants, businesses, and individuals and ask them to end plastic pollution.
- View this short video on the effect of climate warming on Earth's oceans: <https://youtu.be/MfWyzrkFkg8>



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions this week are in Memory of:

STM
OLQP

Peter Berg
Salemme Family

Lector assignments for next weekend 9/12-13

OLQP 4:30 - Caroline Thirukumaran
9:00 - Rob Hutter
STM 4:30 - MaryAgnes McAvoyn
11:00 - Dennis Regan

Altar Flowers for next weekend at STM:

Jim & Michaelanne Guido

If you would like to provide flowers for the altar at OLQP please call the office at 381-4200 and let Robin know.

Readings for the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel;

when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me.

If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die, "

and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death.

But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself. **The Word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-2,6-7,8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me;

they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery;

you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be,

are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you,

so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church.

If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray,

it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." **The Gospel of the Lord**

OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS: THE ENDURING CALL TO LOVE

"Racism comes in many forms. It can be seen in deliberate, sinful acts. In recent times, we have seen bold expressions of racism by some groups as well as individuals. The re-appearance of symbols of hatred, such as nooses and swastikas in public spaces, is a tragic indicator of rising racial and ethnic animus. All too often, Hispanic and African Americans face discrimination in hiring, housing, educational opportunities, and incarceration. Racial profiling frequently targets Hispanics for selective immigration enforcement practices, and African Americans for suspected criminal activity. There is also growing fear and harassment of persons from majority Muslim countries. Extreme nationalist ideologies are feeding the American public discourse with xenophobic rhetoric that instigates fear against foreigners, immigrants, and refugees. Finally, too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered."

Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call To Love, pastoral against racism – US Catholic Bishops

Labor Day Mass (September 7th) will be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace at 8:00am. Please note the change in time from the regular daily Mass time at OLQP.

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“You, son of man, i have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...”
(Ezekiel 33:7)

Corner Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

Sacrificial Giving as of August 31

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.....	\$5,839.00	Last Week's Regular Collections.....	\$3,488.00
Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....	\$47,866.50	Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....	\$38,978.05
Weekend Attendance.....	138	Weekend Attendance.....	176

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

