



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

**Our Lady Queen of Peace**  
601 Edgewood Ave. Rochester, NY 14618  
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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](http://www.olqpstm.com)  
Confessions by appointment only

**St. Thomas More**  
2617 East Avenue - Rochester, NY 14610  
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 Foes at 944-4888 or gfprayer@gmail.com

**Available at both parishes:**



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Hearing Loop Access



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Low Gluten Hosts

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Interpreter for the hearing impaired.

September 13, 2020



# 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, September 14 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2,34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17  
 OLQP 7:00 AM †Edward & Jane Hart  
 ONLINE MASS Intentions of Dr. Manolo Basa - Family

### Tuesday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a Ps 100:1b-5 Jn 19:25-27  
 STM 8:00 AM †Virginia Wolff - Family  
 ONLINE MASS †Ellen & Ira Current - Caroline Bailey

### Wednesday, September 16 Sts. Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Ps 33:2-5,12,22 Lk 7:31-35  
 OLQP 7:00 AM †Rita McCauley - Linda McCauley  
 ONLINE MASS †Priscilla Fox

### Thursday, September 17 St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor of the church

1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1b-2,16-17,28 Lk 7:36-50  
 STM 8:00 AM †Robert Wolff - Family  
 ONLINE MASS People of the Parish

### Friday, September 18

1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17:1b-d,6-7,8b,15 Lk 8:1-3  
 STM 8:00 AM †Nathaniel Farrell Hess - Weidman Family  
 ONLINE MASS †Dorothy Meade - Peter Meade, MD

### Saturday, September 19 St. Januarius, bishop, martyr

1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49 Ps 56:10c-12,13-14 Lk 8:4-15  
 OLQP 4:30 PM †John Antonelli - Francine Koskinas  
 STM 4:30 PM †Terry Dryer - Michele Dryer

### Sunday, September 20 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18 Phil 1:20c-24,27a Mt 20:1-16a  
 OLQP 9:00 AM †Arnold Noronha - Marie, Jennifer & Neil  
 D'Lima  
 STM 11:00 AM †Frank & Genevieve Palermo - Marty & Mary  
 Jane Rimmele  
 ONLINE MASS †Michael & Carol Diodato - Sherylanne Diodato



### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions this week are in Memory of:

STM Ed Larkin  
 OLQP Arnold Noronha



### 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.

When know-it-all Hermione Granger, Harry Potter's good friend, famously corrects her classmates on the proper pronunciation of a magic spell, she does so because she knows that unless all the words are said correctly, in the proper order, and with the right inflection, the spell will not work. Every kid knows that's the way magic works. Unfortunately, through the ages, some people have thought about the sacraments in that way, worrying that if the priest wasn't holy enough, wasn't paying full attention to what he was doing, was pronouncing some words incorrectly or even leaving out a word or two, the sacrament was null and void. But long ago the Church declared that kind of thinking as nonsense.

As early as the 400's, the great theologian St. Augustine was teaching for the Church that it was Christ himself who presided at every celebration of the Sacraments. Therefore, it was Christ who baptized; it was Christ who anointed the sick; it was Christ who presided at Eucharist and not the priest. So even if the priest was in sin, or messed up pronouncing a liturgical formula, or left out a word, it didn't matter. Christ and his church supplied for the lack (the liturgical principle "*ecclesia supplet*"). The church believed that the sacraments were valid if, at a minimum, the priest wanted to do what the Church intended at that moment, i.e. to baptize, or to forgive sins, or to anoint the sick, or to consecrate the Eucharist, and Christ the true presider took care of the rest. Thus people everywhere could have confidence in their sacramental encounters with God and in God's bestowal of grace. The words might have been wrong, the priest might have been working outside of his jurisdiction, some part of a canon might not have been perfectly fulfilled but the Church was always secure that a sacrament took place (the liturgical principle "*ex opere operato*"). It might have illicit (i.e. against Church law) but it was valid (it was truly a sacrament).

Unfortunately, without intending to, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith messed all this up last month. Responding to an inquiry about a Detroit Permanent Deacon's use of an irregular baptismal formula ("in the name of the father and mother, the godfather and godmother, in the name of the community, we baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"), the Congregation did not conclude as it ought to that such baptisms to be illicit and hence the Deacon was to be reprimanded and retrained. They declared baptisms with this formula to be invalid, i.e. null and void, and must be done again. As a consequence, the Archbishop of Detroit announced that one of his priests had to be baptized, confirmed and ordained a priest in one long remedial ceremony. Moreover, he announced as a consequence that all the confirmations, confessions, marriages, etc. performed by this priest were invalid as well since the priest was, in the eyes of God, only a non-Catholic layperson. "On behalf of our local Church," the Archbishop apologized, "I am deeply sorry that this human error has resulted in disruption to the sacramental lives of some members of the faithful. I will take every step necessary to remedy the situation for everyone impacted."

Instead, I believe the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith should restudy our long and secure theological tradition which shielded the faithful from doubt and confusion and avoided every suggestion that, when it comes to sacraments, God Almighty is a stickler who withholds grace until all the right magic words are said correctly.

Peace to all, Fr. Hart

## OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS: THE ENDURING CALL TO LOVE

“Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that, because all humans share a common origin, they are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God. When this truth is ignored, the consequence is prejudice and fear of the other, and – all too often – hatred. Every racist act – every such comment – every joke, every disparaging look as a reaction to the color of skin, ethnicity, or place of origin – is a failure to acknowledge another person as a brother or sister, created in the image of God. In these and in many other such acts, the sin of racism persists in our lives, in our country, and in our world.”

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

### Lector assignments for next weekend 9/19-20

OLQP 4:30 - Mary Attridge  
9:00 - Jim Piampiano  
STM 4:30 - Bill Shelly  
11:00 - Anne Wolff

### Altar Flowers for next weekend

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



### Tips for Engaging in Civil Dialogue:

1. Listen first and seek to understand the whole picture.
2. Ask questions for clarification.
3. Use 'I' statements; pay attention to body language.
4. Listen to what feelings are present and pay attention to how you respond.
5. Summarize what you've heard and ask for feedback.



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**General Walk-In hours**  
**Mondays from 1:00 –3:00pm**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**  
**between 9:00 –11:00am**

Visit [www.cfcrochester.org](http://www.cfcrochester.org) for more information

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

We give thanks for the intricate design of flora and fauna, comprising our ecosystems, revealing your beauty. Inspire us with ways to protect each species that provide oxygen and habitat necessary for the flourishing of life.

### Action:

- Ranching to provide meat for consumers results in deforestation. Join the Global Meatless Monday Movement. One meatless day saves about 1 ton of carbon emissions per year, has health benefits, and in addition this spiritual practice saves money.
- Learn about the October Pan-Amazon Region Synod. Read the Preparatory Document at: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2018/06/08/180608a.html>
- Mining is a main cause of deforestation. Make a choice to reduce your use of fossil fuel. View this brief video for a reflection on deforestation: <https://youtu.be/RVYFLMxWJAg>

## Second Collection Next Weekend Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

On Sept. 19/20, we'll be taking up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting community-controlled, self-help organizations of low-income people. Groups made up of refugees, low wage workers, people with disabilities and others on the margins are making real social change through CCHD grants. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller, local antipoverty projects. Here in Monroe County those local projects have included:

*Coffee Connections*, a small business which trains and employs women in recovery from addiction,  
*Mujeras Divinas*, group of immigrant women empowering themselves to understand their rights and to protect themselves from unhealthy relationships; and  
*Rochester Alliance of Communities Transforming Society (Roc/ACTS)*, made up of urban and suburban congregations working together for racial and economic justice. By supporting this collection, you are giving people on the margins a hand up, not a handout.  
Thank you for your generosity.

## Readings for the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st Reading Sir 27:30-28:7**

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

**The Word of the Lord****Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1-2,3-4,9-10,11-12**

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever.

Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion**

**2nd Reading Romans 14:7-9**

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

**Word of the Lord****Gospel Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." **The Gospel of the Lord**

**REFLECT****FIRST READING**

The Jewish sage Sirach warns of the dangers of wrath, anger, and vengeance, urging rather forgiveness and pardon. How do you see this as the recipe for peace of mind?

**SECOND READING**

Paul urges Christians in Rome to "live and die for Christ." How do you make Christ the ultimate concern in life?

**GOSPEL READING**

The parable of the unforgiving servant teaches us that forgiveness ought to be reciprocal. What does this tell us about divine justice?

**Happy**  
**Grandparent's Day**  
**GRANDPARENTS**  
*fill the world*  
**with LOVE**

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**Notre Dame Retreat House is offering "Desert Days"**

(5151 Foster Rd. Canandaigua, NY 14424)

**Special days for individuals seeking a ONE DAY retreat alone with God. In these uncertain times, give yourself an opportunity to converse with God in order to revitalize your life and heart.**

In the place of our normal Fall retreat weekends, Notre Dame Retreat House will be offering single days in silence and reflection entitled "*Desert Day*". ALL are invited to join us -- men, women, couples -- and we ask that you please consider signing up for one of these single meditation days. There are twelve dates to choose from between mid-September through the beginning of November. Note that due to social distancing requirements and needs, at this time we are limiting attendance on each "*Desert Day*" to fifteen (15) people.

For specifics on dates, retreat format, cost and how to register, please visit: [www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org) Other inquiries, please contact us at 585-394-5700 or [ndretreat@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ndretreat@rochester.rr.com)

**Due to early submission for bulletin publication the Sacrificial Giving amounts are unavailable this week.**

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](mailto:michael.dybas@dor.org) **BEFORE** considering making a stock transfer for your donation to your parish..

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Mrs. Patty Selig, Principal  
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