



*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 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.  
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 gfprayer@gmail.com

**Available at both parishes:**

**Available at OLQP**



Handicap Access



Hearing Loop Access



Upon Request  
Low Gluten Hosts



Interpreter for the hearing impaired.

September 27, 2020

RIGHTEOUSNESS

“When John came to you in  
the way of righteousness,  
you did not believe him;  
but tax collectors and  
prostitutes did.”

MATTHEW 21:32

# 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 28 St. Wenceslaus, martyr, St. Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs**

**Jb 1:6-22 Ps 17:1b-3, 6-7 Lk 9:46-50**

*OLQP* 7:00 AM Intentions of Debra Goodman - Linda McCauley

*ONLINE MASS* †Bill Fay - Judy Curtin

**Tuesday, September 29 STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS**

**Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51**

*STM* 8:00 AM †Peter G. Meade - Peter Meade, MD

*ONLINE MASS* †Arthur Levy - Family

**Wednesday, September 30 St. Jerome, priest, doctor of the church**

**Jb 9:1-12,14-16 Ps 88:10b-15 Lk 9:57-62**

*OLQP* 7:00 AM †Alan Goodman - Linda McCauley

*ONLINE MASS* †Virginia Graham - Judy Curtin

**Thursday, October 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor of the church**

**Jb 19:21-27 Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14 Lk 10:1-12**

*STM* 8:00 AM †Fred Wolff - Family

*ONLINE MASS* †Lynn Farnsworth

**Friday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels**

**Jb 38:1,12-21;40:3-5 Ps 139:1-3,7-10,13-14b Mt 18:1-5,10**

*STM* 8:00 AM †Nathaniel Farrell Hess - Weidman Family

*ONLINE MASS* People of the Parish

**Saturday, October 3**

**Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 Ps 119:66,71,75,91,125,130 Lk 10:17-24**

*OLQP* 4:30 PM People of the Parish

*STM* 4:30 PM †Terry Ingerson - Bill & Brenda Farrell

**Sunday, October 4 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43**

*OLQP* 9:00 AM †Richard Taylor - Richard & Roberta Taylor

*STM* 11:00 AM †Peter G. Meade - Peter Meade, MD

*ONLINE MASS* †Cheryl Speranza - Paul Speranza & Family



**Sanctuary Lamp Intention this week at OLQP is in Memory of:** Priscilla Fox



### Prayers Requested:

Please pray for the individuals who have requested our prayers: Patrick Brennan, Mary Jean & Carmine Castellano, Christine Barry Comito, Mary Ann Fischer, Louise Foxenburgh, Mary Helen Hiller, Ginger Ierardi, Steven Kistner, Barbara Labroi, Rachael M., Lourdes May, Cecile McDonald, Ed Meagher, Janice Milliman, Kelly Farrell Murphy, Dolly Nolan, Quinn Oliphant, Bob O'Neill, Cathy Pernaselli, Phillip Pinto, Marion Robinson, Penny Rose, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale, and Phillippa Wilson.



## Living in the Spirit



This week the readings seem to echo the sentiments of how fleeting life can be. We hear from Ecclesiastes, "...let your heart be glad in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart, the vision of your eyes." However, I think we can all agree that the vision before our children's eyes is not something that we want to leave to the evening News, Social Media or yet another fame-seeking YouTuber. So, what is the vision and who helps our young people to see it?

Like many of you, my son has been learning from home these past few weeks. I have had the opportunity to engage with his learning in a whole new way. I have even been able to offer a faith perspective to the historical issues they are studying. In years past, when I would ask my son, "What did you learn today?" I would get the infamous reply, "Nothing!" This year I not only know what he is learning, but I am able to build on it and engage him with it.

Yet even with my best intentions, my son blurted out, "Mom, what is the point of all of this? There is discrimination and war and politics and pandemics! What kind of future am I going to inherit anyway? What is the point of trying to be good?"

For our young people, this is probably a common question. The fact is, there are too many visions of gloom and doom surrounding them. If we forget to present the goodness and mercy of God with as much zeal as we do a sporting event, new movies or video game; what vision can they really be expected to have?

Last week was Catechetical Sunday. To be a Catechist in the best of times is laudable in and of itself. But to choose to be a Catechist in the days of pandemic, constant change and turmoil is nothing less than heroic. I applaud those Catechists, assistants, volunteers, and supporters of our Faith Formation community! I applaud those parents who have made Faith Formation a priority even in the times of uncertainty! Because collectively, we are saying that we want to pass on the vision we have inherited. We want our kids to have a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Christ than with anything the world might have to offer.

Our Catechists are here for support and to guide our families through this faith formation year. Our parishes are committed to presenting the truths of sacred scripture and sacramental love. We are here to support the vision that we want our children to have because it is getting harder and harder to find it anywhere else. This vision is not any less real when we learn it remotely. God has been working with humans through distance learning long before now!

If you have not yet registered for Faith Formation, please do. If you need any other additional support, please ask. Please pray for our families and pray for Catechists!

Many Blessings!  
Jennifer





Each October the Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is observed as *Respect Life Sunday*. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

Visit [respectlife.org/respect-life-month](http://respectlife.org/respect-life-month) for more information.



### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday October 17, 2020

9:00am-2:00pm

STM

Gathering Space



You can donate by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** at [redcross.org](http://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](http://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](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

Blood donations collected at this blood drive will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Also, all donors will be entered to win a \$1000.00 Amazon gift card.

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

### Coloring Ministry!

Do you like to color? Are you looking for a ministry to do from home that will help support the faith community as well as pass on the faith to future generations? Then, this is the ministry for you!

As many of you know, Faith Formation will be held remotely through zoom classes and home-made videos to teach the important aspects of our faith. Visuals are needed now more than ever! With your help, we can help our youth feel supported and deepen their own relationship with Christ.

If you would be interested in coloring some posters, signs, or other visual elements throughout the Faith Formation school year, please email Jennifer Abdalla today! Materials will be supplied to you. The designs are pre-drawn, but we need you to fill in the blanks!

What a great way to serve our faith community, at any age, from the comforts of home!

Contact Jennifer today! [Jennifer.Abdalla@dor.org](mailto:Jennifer.Abdalla@dor.org)



### Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics ~ US Catholic Bishops

**Catholics Care. Catholics Vote.  
Participate in political life.**

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics, "We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world" (no. 14).

In New York State, the voter registration deadline for the November 3 election is October 9. You can pick up a mail-in voter registration form at your county Board of Election or [onlinevoterreg.dmv.ny.gov/motorvoter](http://onlinevoterreg.dmv.ny.gov/motorvoter). New York State allows early voting from October 24 through November 1. Contact your county Board of Election to apply for a *mail-in ballot* allowed for anyone concerned about COVID-19.

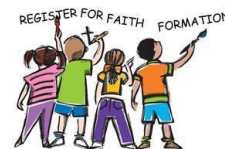
**For reflection: What kinds of leaders do our society need? For what should they stand and how should they lead?**

### Register Now! K-8 Faith Formation Classes Begin October 4th

Registration materials are available at both worship sites or by contacting Jennifer Abdalla  
[jennifer.abdalla@dor.org](mailto:jennifer.abdalla@dor.org) or

244-3010/381-4200

Registration forms are also available on our website at [olqpstm.com/faith](http://olqpstm.com/faith) (you will have to print the forms)



### YOUNG ADULTS

Are you in your 20's or 30's?

Join our Zoom gathering on  
Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

7-8:15pm

Please RSVP to Meghan to get the Zoom link at  
[meghan.robinson@dor.org](mailto:meghan.robinson@dor.org)

Evening Topic:

Black Prophets: Sr. Thea Bowman  
Is it Possible to Confront Racism with Faith and Love in 2020?

### 2021 Mass Intention Books

The Mass Intention books for 2021 will be available for scheduling **for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30,**

**2021** on October 14th at 8:00 am at both worship sites. Please see insert in bulletin for additional policy changes. All requests will be honored unless there are multiple requests on any given day. In that event requests will be "pulled from a hat." All requestors will be notified if they do not get a requested date. Any questions - please call the office at 381-4200 or 244-3010.



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

**1st Reading Ez 18:25-28**

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"  
 Hear now, house of Israel:  
 Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?  
 When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die.  
 But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

**The Word of the Lord****Responsorial Psalm Ps 25:4-5,6-7,8-9****R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,  
 guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.  
 The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way.  
 He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.****2nd Reading Phil 2:1-11**

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;  
 rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**The Word of the Lord****Gospel Matthew 21:28-32**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion?

A man had two sons. He came to the first and said,

'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him." **The Gospel of the Lord**

**REFLECT****FIRST READING**

The prophet Ezekiel warned that even the just at times turn away from justice. But the just are saved through repentance. How do you turn away from your sin?

**SECOND READING**

Paul presents in Philippians one of the Church's earliest Christological hymns, emphasizing the humility of Christ. Who do you see as a model of humility in your life?

**GOSPEL READING**

In a tense exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem, those on the margins of society are held in higher regard by Jesus because of their repentance. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?

**Lector assignments for next weekend 10/3-4**

OLQP 4:30 - Liz Berens

9:00 - Mary Attridge

STM 4:30 - Bill Ditoro

11:00 - Barbara Mattingly

**If you would like to provide altar flowers for next weekend - 10/3-4 - please call the office at 244-3010 or email Robin at [robin.levy@dor.org](mailto:robin.levy@dor.org) and let her know. There are still weekends left for the rest of the year if you want to provide the flowers.**

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***“Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves...” - Philippians 2:3***

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

**Sacrificial Giving as of September 21**

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)

Last Week's Regular Collections.....\$3,221.00

Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$58,308.50

Human Development.....\$724.00

Weekend Attendance.....121

**STM** - (Regular collections include ~ Sunday Offerings, Holy Days, Christmas & Easter)

Last Week's Regular Collections.....\$4,563.00

Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$53,807.90

Human Development.....\$499.00

Weekend Attendance.....172

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

