



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

Our Lady Queen of Peace
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Mass Times

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

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

Mass Times

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 Gerri Foos at 944-4888 or gfprayer@gmail.com

Business Office

Mary Kase, Rachael Stepien, Juanita Klotzer
585-450-2999

Available at both parishes:

Available at OLQP



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Hearing Loop Access



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Holy Thursday (April 1):

7:00 pm Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace

Good Friday (April 2):

2:30 pm Service at Our Lady Queen of Peace

3:00 pm Service at St. Thomas More

Easter Vigil (April 3):

8:00 pm St. Thomas More

Easter Sunday (April 4):

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Masses at St. Thomas More

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Masses at Our Lady Queen of Peace

Please go to <https://olqpstm.flocknote.com/signups> to reserve a seat for Easter Masses or call the office at 244-3010 or 381-4200.

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, March 29

Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3,13-14 Jn 12:1-11

OLQP 7:00 AM †Jane Connor - Sean & Mary Jo Maloney

Tuesday, March 30

Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a,5-6b,15,17 Jn 13:21-33,36-38

STM 8:00 AM †Muriel Ackroyd - Anne Wolff

Wednesday, March 31

Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34 Mt 26:14-25

OLQP 7:00 AM †William Kremer - Family

Thursday, April 1 Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8,11-14 Ps 116:12-13,15-16c,17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

OLQP 7:00 PM †Eric Rozario - Family

Friday, April 2 Good Friday

Is 52:13--53:12 Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25 Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

OLQP 2:30 PM

STM 3:00 PM

Saturday, April 3 EASTER VIGIL

Gn 1:1-2:2 Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12-14,35 Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 55:1-11 Rom 6:3-11 Mk 16:1-7

STM 8:00 PM †Dr. Robert Lawrence & John Lawrence - Ruth Lawrence & Family

Sunday, April 4 EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

OLQP 9:00 AM †Daniel & Armida Magee - Meghan Robinson

11:00 AM †Clement Rozario - Family

STM 9:00 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM †Mancuso, Loiacano, & Sparacino Families - Richard & Mary Ann Loiacano



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions this week are in Memory of:

STM Patricia Messina

OLQP Cathy Pernaselli



Prayers Requested:

Please pray for the individuals who have requested

our prayers: Patrick Brennan, Mary Bush, Mary

Jean Castellano, Bud Cottier, Gary Feldman, Mary

Ann Fischer, Louise Foxenburgh, Ralph Grace, Mary Helen

Hiller, Ginger Ierardi, Steven Kistner, Barbara Labroi, Rachael

M., Lourdes May, Cecile McDonald, Cathy Miccia, Janice

Milliman, Kelly Farrell Murphy, Dolly Nolan, Quinn Oliphant,

Bob O'Neill, Phillip Pinto, Marion Robinson, Tom & Kathleen

Sullivan, Barb Tindale, and Phillipa Wilson.

Lector assignments for next weekend 4/3-4

STM 8:00pm - Gaven & Kathleen Hurley,
MaryAgnes McAvoyn, John Refermat

9:00 - Anne Wolff

11:00 - Mary Scardetta

OLQP 9:00 - Sr. Cathy Solan

11:00 - Rob Hutter



Living in the Spirit



After two quick trips to the State Fair grounds in Syracuse, I am finally fully vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus. Believe me, this is a relief for an older person like me. Naturally, I encourage everyone else to get their shots as openings become available, even if you must travel a bit to do so.

Unfortunately, some people are scared of any vaccine, especially when some news outlets are bent on frightening people because of potential side effects. Some others are avoiding vaccinations for political reasons. Still others are warning Catholics of the possibility of committing sin in being vaccinated at all because the vaccines used cell lines from aborted fetuses. One presenter on a Catholic radio station even spoke of the vaccines including "little tiny baby parts."

First of all, none of the Covid-19 vaccines contains human tissue. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine did use cell lines in the process of manufacturing and testing their vaccine, which were derived from abortions performed many years ago. The Moderna and Pfizer drug companies used such cell lines only in testing their new vaccines but not in manufacturing them.

Make no mistake about it, the Catholic Church is very strict about abortion. Church law reminds us that: "a person who procures a completed abortion incurs a *latae sententiae* [i.e., automatic] excommunication." (canon 1398) Likewise, those whose willing and knowing assistance was necessary for the abortion to have taken place (e.g. parents, families, funders, healthcare workers, etc.) are also excommunicated. (canon 1329 §2)

But the implication in sin of a person who simply got a vaccine shot is so remote as to be non-existent. In fact, on December 20, 2020, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith clearly stated: "It is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process." It goes on to say that "all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive." (CDF, "Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines")

Since the Vatican's magisterium was so clear on this, why have different bishops throughout the United States subsequently rushed to tell all who would listen that the J&J vaccine "is morally compromised" (New Orleans) "due to its direct connection to the intrinsically evil of abortion" (Bismarck) which means "it would be off limits to Catholics" (Fresno)? Are they trying to be more right than Rome? Are they grandstanding before their fellow bishops? Are they trying to be more conservative than their neighbors? Whatever the case, these conflicting statements about morality only confuse American

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Catholics who are trying desperately to navigate a confusing on-line system of vaccination reservation just to get in line for their shots. Some worry that it will drive some people away from getting any shots.

Through it all, the general consensus among Catholic moral theologians, the Pontifical Academy for Life, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Pope Francis is that vaccines derived from or tested on aborted fetal tissue are not only permissible but, given the world-wide pandemic, are close to morally obligatory. Jesus' command to love my neighbor demands it.

Peace to all,
Fr. Hart



In all parts of the world the cross has become a prominent symbol of Christianity. It is recognized by many as a symbol of the followers of Christ. For us who believe, it calls to mind – or at least it should - the Passion of Christ. It calls to mind Christ Jesus' willingness to be the faithful servant, the righteous One willing to suffer and die, even a painful death on the cross, to reveal the love of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to pick up our cross, to also be willing to die to self in imitation of Christ. As we enter this Holy Week may we pray for the courage to truly pick up our crosses, that God's mercy, justice, compassion, kindness, and love of God may be revealed through our words and actions.

To view [The Children's Stations of the Cross](https://youtu.be/RH3Ojo_5Nf4) created by Brighton Catholic Faith Formation go to https://youtu.be/RH3Ojo_5Nf4. You will be inspired!!

2021 Mass Intention Books

The Mass Intention books for 2021 are now available for scheduling **for the period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021** at both worship sites. Please call the offices at 381-4200 or 244-3010, or you can email Robin at robin.levy@dor.org to schedule Masses for the second half of the year.



When you support the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you celebrate your faith in thanksgiving with thousands of other Catholics within the Diocese of Rochester, ensuring that our church provides richly for the faithful within our Diocese. In this difficult time we invite you to, prayerfully, consider making your contribution to CMA.

Our parishes benefit from your donation. Visit <https://www.dor.org/giving/catholic-ministries-appeal/> for more information.

STM
Goal - \$75,520.00
\$57,835.00 as of 3/22
76.85% of goal 131 Donors

OLQP
Goal - \$64,653.00
\$54,859.00 as of 3/22
84.85% of goal 139 Donors



Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your Support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The 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 Pontifical Good Friday 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.**



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday April 17, 2021

8:30am-1:30pm

STM

Gathering Space



APPOINTMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED

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.

Monroe County Solid Waste and Recycling 101 Online

Are you interested in finding out more about what happens to the trash you put at the curb? Where does the material you place in your bin for recycling go, and what happens to it? Join Tina Stevens, Monroe County's Waste Diversion and Education Coordinator, for an hour-long presentation that will discuss these topics and much more!

Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm Time Zone: Eastern Time - US

Online: The Cathedral Community's Green Team is hosting this online event. You can receive Zoom instructions by emailing Annette Hunt

at annettemhunt@gmail.com to RSVP. The event URL will be sent via registration email.



Our Elect, Liam, Erin, and Cate Brett will not be celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil because they will be out of town. They will come into the Catholic Church at the 11am Mass on Sunday, April 18 at St. Thomas More. Please keep them in your prayers.

Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowls - bring to either church office or leave in church entrance.

 Readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. **The Word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:
 "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
 They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.
 But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:

"You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**2nd Reading Phil 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, 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 Mark 15:1-39 (Shorter version)

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered, "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "Crucify him." Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him purple, and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. They brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull. They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross." Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" **The Gospel of the Lord**

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“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’”
MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

Sacrificial Giving as of March 22

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

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\$2,863.09
Regular Collections Year-To-Date\$215,183.53
Weekend Attendance 144

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

Last Week's Regular Collections\$3,016.00
Regular Collections Year-To-Date\$209,645.90
Weekend Attendance 180

Please contact Mary Kase at 450-2999 if you would like to sign up for electronic funds transfer (EFT.) Please contact Mary Kase at 450-2999 or mary.kase@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
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