

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 11, 2021



*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  
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**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 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



Upon Request  
Low Gluten Hosts



Interpreter for the hearing impaired.

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# 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, April 12

Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

OLQP 7:00 AM †John O'Sullivan - Rosemary O'Sullivan

### Tuesday, April 13 St. Martin I, pope, martyr

Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2,5 Jn 3:7b-15

STM 8:00 AM †Mary Mancuso - Richard & Mary Ann Loiacano

### Wednesday, April 14

Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

OLQP 7:00 AM †Marie Byrne - Family

### Thursday, April 15

Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2,9,17-20 Jn 3:31-36

STM 8:00 AM †Fred & Virginia Wolff - Family

### Friday, April 16

Act 5:34-42 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Jn 6:1-15

STM 8:00 AM †Charles & Mina Graning - Peter Meade, M.D.

### Saturday, April 17

Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2,4,5,18-19 Jn 6:16-21

OLQP 4:30 PM People of the Parish

STM 4:30 PM †Carmine Castellano - Family

### Sunday, April 18 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15,17-19 Ps 4:2,4,7-9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

OLQP 9:00 AM †George Gregory - Osterwinter Family

STM 11:00 AM †Sr. Mariel Rafferty - Jerry & Carole Frantz



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

STM Claire Finity

OLQP Cosmo Viola



### Prayers Requested:

Please pray for the individuals who have requested our prayers: Patrick Brennan, Mary Bush, Mary Jean Castellano, Bud Cottier, Gary Feldman, 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 Philippa Wilson.



### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday April 17, 2021

8:30am-1:30pm

STM

Gathering Space



### APPOINTMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED

at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS

All donors are required to wear masks throughout the donation.



## Living in the Spirit



Every few years, often spurred on by a relative's questions or a St. Patrick's Day celebration, I dig once again into my family's history, their flight from starvation in Ireland, the over-boarding of all their possessions into New York harbor because of illness on board their transport ship, their struggles to find their place in their new country amid tremendous prejudices, and finally their piecing together of a small farm overlooking Owasco Lake.

The troubles in Ireland existed long before the Irish potato famine of 1845-1852. For hundreds of years, British laws had deprived Irish Catholics of their right to speak their own language, worship God in their own way, represent their own people in Parliament, join trade guilds, hold military commissions, practice law, carry swords or even own land, horses or guns. Deprived of an education, they were deliberately kept ignorant, poor and servile, eking out an existence on tiny plots of rented land.

When the potato blight hit Europe in 1845, it devastated Ireland most of all because a large portion of the population existed on nothing else but potatoes (a high-energy tuber introduced from South America in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.) Though the great Irish farms produced beef and grain in abundance, these food stuffs were shipped to England under armed guard. Though thousands were starving, British lawmakers were very reluctant to provide emergency humanitarian aid to the Irish lest it interfere with the workings of free market capitalism. Even the newspapers editorialized "Great Britain cannot continue to throw her hard-won millions into the bottomless pit of Celtic pauperism."

As a consequence, one million Irish died and two million emigrated to Canada and the United States on so-called "coffin ships," because so many died on the way. When the healthy disembarked, they took any menial jobs they could find - digging ditches for sewers and canals, laying tracks for railroads, sweating over looms in textile mills. Their arrival did not sit peacefully with American workers who claimed the loss of jobs to Irish immigrants, who were willing to work for practically nothing. Worse still, the newly arrived were Roman Catholics, whose religion was anathema to those who considered the United States an Anglo-Saxon Protestant nation. Conspiracy theorists circulated rumors that the arrival of the Irish in huge numbers was simply the vanguard of the Pope's arrival with his army to take over the United States. Secret Societies, like the "Know Nothings," sprang up in the 1850's to harass the newly arrived, to burn their churches, to propose legislation mandating the use of the King James Bible in schools. This bitter treatment of the Irish inspired Abraham Lincoln in 1855 to write: "As a nation, we began by declaring that 'all men are created equal'...When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read 'all men are created equal, except negroes and foreigners and Catholics.'"

Today, 34 million Americans happily claim Irish ancestry. Though pundits once claimed that these "vermin" would never amount to much, they occupy every level of society and government, including today the Presidency, as well as members of the Supreme Court, the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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## Readings Sunday of Divine Mercy

### 1st Reading Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need. **The Word of the Lord**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

#### R. (1) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

#### R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

#### R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

#### R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

### 2nd Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him.

In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.

And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood.

The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth. **The Word of the Lord**

### Gospel John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands

and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands,

and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,

and that through this belief you may have life in his name. **The Gospel of the Lord**

## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Luke gives us a glimpse into the solidarity of heart and mind with the original community of believers in Jerusalem. How does your current community of faith compare to this first-generation Jerusalem church?

### SECOND READING

John speaks of the power of faith and love for believers in conquering evil in the world. How does the faith and love in your life sustain you?

### GOSPEL READING

The story of Thomas' doubt in the resurrected Jesus is one of the most well-known resurrection narratives. Why do you think Christians throughout the ages are drawn to this story?

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*“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” - ACTS 4:32*

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren’t really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

**Sacrificial Giving as of April 5**

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.....\$7,342.50

Last Week's Regular Collections.....\$11,901.00

Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$226,870.03

Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$230,781.90

Weekend Attendance.....192

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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  
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**St. Louis School**  
Grades Pre-K-5  
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