

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021



*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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**Office Hours**  
OLQP T. & Th 8:00-11:00  
STM M & W 8:00-11:00

**St. Thomas More**  
2617 East Avenue - Rochester, NY 14610  
585-381-4200 - email: stm@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

Other times - call first to be sure we're here.

[www.olqpstm.com](http://www.olqpstm.com)  
Confessions by appointment only

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

**Business Office**

Mary Kase, Racheal Stepien  
585-450-2999

Available at both parishes:

Available at OLQP



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# GO

“Master, to whom  
shall we go?”

JOHN 6:68

# 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, August 23 St. Rose of Lima, virgin**  
**1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b Mt 23:13-22**  
 OLQP 7:00AM †Norma Rapp - Rosemary O'Sullivan

**Tuesday, August 24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE**  
**Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13,17-18 Jn 1:45-51**  
 STM 8:00 AM †Terry Dryer  
 10:30 AM Highlands at Brighton Mass

**Wednesday, August 25 St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, priest**  
**1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b Mt 23:27-32**  
 OLQP 7:00 AM †Francisco Luna, Jr. - Bustamante Family

**Thursday, August 26**  
**1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a,12-14,17 Mt 24:42-51**  
 STM 8:00 AM People of the Parish

**Friday, August 27 St. Monica**  
**1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2b,5-6,10-12 Mt 25:1-13**  
 STM 8:00 AM †Terry Dryer

**Saturday, August 28 St. Augustine, bishop, doctor of the church**  
**1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1,7-9 Mt 25:14-30**  
 OLQP 4:30 PM †Lillian & John O'Brien - Family  
 STM 4:30 PM †Cheryl Speranza & Mary Louise Amering - Paul Speranza

**Sunday, August 29 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Ps 15:2-5 Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27**  
**Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**  
 OLQP 9:00 AM Sisters of St. Joseph Jubilarians - Sr. Monica Weis  
 STM 11:00 AM †Frank & Genevieve Palermo - Marty & Mary Jane Rimmele



**Sanctuary Lamp Intention this week at OLQP is in Memory of:** Arnold Noronha



### Prayers Requested:

*Please pray for the individuals who have requested our prayers: Patrick Brennan, Mary Bush, Mary Jean Castellano, James Colterman, Philomena*

*Colucci, Bud Cottier, Gary Feldman, Ralph Grace, Mary Helen Hiller, Ginger Ierardi, Steven Kistner, Barbara Labroj, Peggy Lester, Rachael M., Lourdes May, Cecile McDonald, Cathy Miccia, Janice Milliman, Kelly Farrell Murphy, Dolly Nolan, Quinn Oliphant, Bob O'Neill, Marion Robinson, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale, and Phillipa Wilson.*

### Lector assignments for next weekend 8/28-29

OLQP 4:30 - Sheila Dalzell  
 9:00 - John Winter  
 STM 4:30 - Bill Ditoro  
 11:00 - Anne Wolff

### Altar flowers for next weekend

OLQP - Sharon Griffiths



## Living in the Spirit



Driving along in our city and various towns one encounters various signs that call for, "Help Wanted," or "Now Hiring." Workers are in high demand everywhere. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, at the end of June, there were 10.1 million job openings in the United States. Most will agree that the pandemic has exacerbated this issue. Recently, I've been thinking a lot about work from the perspective of an employer and an employee and the very concept and value of work itself.

There have been numerous speculations for the reasons of this high level of job openings. Some are saying that the enhanced unemployment benefits, along with the stimulus checks and other government aid programs are making it attractive for workers to remain on the sidelines. Some are just looking for higher pay. Older workers during this pandemic reevaluated their options and decided to take early retirement. Parents on the other hand, have found it hard to juggle job, provide daycare and home school their children all at the same time. In choosing between working or searching for a job and taking care of their children, some parents have opted out of the job market. Added to this is, of course, the fear of contracting COVID-19. It is also amazing to see how employers during this time have become quite creative in attracting workers. Besides offering higher pay, some offer signing bonuses, hybrid schedules, flexible hours, childcare, a stipend for childcare, or at least emergency childcare.

Besides all these objective elements concerning work and labor there is a deeper aspect that must be addressed. Recently, I've been reading a book by Carolyn Humphreys, OCDS, OTR. In her writing she speaks about Carmelite spirituality and their approach to God through self-knowledge and contemplative prayer. Surprisingly however, she has a section dedicated to labor. In that section she reminds the reader of the words of Pope John Paul II who once said that work is a blessing from God. God created men and women to transform and rule the earth so that God's work of creation may continue with their intelligence and effort. In essence she points out, "through our labor we try to produce something good and useful, or contribute something worthwhile, for ourselves and others. Our work is a way we connect with the world. We can create, help others, and put our knowledge and skill to good use. Work gives meaning and coherence to our lives. As long as it is for the betterment of humanity, it does not matter what we do, but how we do it. We do the best we can within the circumstances that shape our lives. Good work is God's love made visible, and one of the channels by which we learn and grow."

God has entrusted the world to us so that we might continue to co-create through our love, care wisdom and labor. Every person, every type of work is important and of value. Perhaps the ideal would be to find something that we love to do, that seizes our imagination, that God has given us the skills and capacity to do and then do it with all our love and passion. Then work would not seem like work but a joy and a blessing from God for us and for others.

Peace and blessings,  
 Margaret





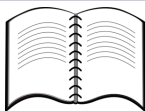
### Altar Flowers

Please sign up to provide altar flowers for September-December. This is for anyone who would care to arrange their own or purchase from a florist to be delivered to church in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion (wedding, anniversary, etc.)

The sign up sheets are at the church entrances, or you can call the office at 244-3010 or 381-4200. Thank you.

### 2022 Mass Intention Books

The Mass Intention books for 2022 will be available for scheduling **for the period of January through December** on **September 29th at 8:00 am** at both worship sites. 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.



### Music Ministry at OLQP, '21-'22

In the church entrance you will find schedules for the choir at OLQP, which includes instrumentalists, as well as the handbell group at OLQP. You may join and participate as much as you can. I understand there may be times of the year you are unable to commit, I just ask that you let me know in advance so I can plan accordingly. If you are not comfortable at this point due to the pandemic, but hope to later in the year, please still reach out and let me know you have an interest!



Anyone who would like to sing in choir, at this point, is required to be fully vaccinated. **Those ages 12 and older are welcome!** Due to the delta variant, rehearsals will be with participants spaced out in Slattery Hall, with masks. Our ventilation system will be running with a MERV-13 filter. Regarding singing at Mass according to the schedule, we will need to see where things go in the next few weeks in our area with COVID.

We will begin with a short rehearsal for our choir and instrumentalists at OLQP on **Tuesday, August 24th from 7pm-8:15pm** followed by social time and dessert. Please contact Meghan Robinson at [meghan.robinson@dor.org](mailto:meghan.robinson@dor.org) or 244-3010 x 107 if you are hoping to participate in music ministry at OLQP this year!



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

3rd - Lesen Haracz & Robert Gleason

**Welcome! ...** to our new parishioners:

**Bill & Pat McDonnell**  
**Michael & Samantha Annunziata,**  
**and their daughter, Lily**

We are pleased to have you join our faith community!

## Registration for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation year has begun!



FAITH FORMATION

### To Register Online:

Be sure to check our website [www.OLQPSTM.com](http://www.OLQPSTM.com)

Click on Faith Formation and the Tab marked Registration.

You can fill out the form Online or print off the PDF to submit a physical Form.

### To Pay Faith Formation Fees:

This year you will be able to pay your Faith Formation Registration Fees through EFT!

Simply use the **Connect Now- OLQP** Online Giving! (Be sure it is for Our Lady Queen of Peace)

When you open your Connect Now account, simply go to Fund selection and select Faith Formation.

Be sure to look for the Connect Now Icon on the homepage to set up an EFT account if you haven't done so already.

You may also pay by *check*, but ALL Faith Formation Checks must be made out to **Our Lady Queen of Peace**.

**Brochures outlining this year's program can also be found on the website and in physical form in the Narthex of each Brighton parish!**

### CALLING FUTURE CATECHISTS!!

#### Do you feel the call to share your faith with our young people?

Do you have gifts and talents that would help inspire and encourage our families as they raise the next generation?

We are currently in need of Catechists for:

Kindergarten, Grade 4, 5, 6 & 7

We also are in need of Teacher's Aides and substitute teachers who could fill in periodically.

All classroom learning is happening at Our Lady Queen of Peace, but Catechists from all four of our parishes are most welcome!

First, talk to God about it, then, email Jennifer Abdalla at: [Jennifer.Abdalla@dor.org](mailto:Jennifer.Abdalla@dor.org)!

**Let's Grow together!**



Magnificat Rochester invites all women to a breakfast on **Saturday, September 18th**; seating begins at 9:00 a.m. - meal & program starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 12:00 noon at the Brook Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley Rd, (off Chili Ave). Masks required for those not vaccinated.

Our speaker is Anne Costa. Anne is from Syracuse, NY, is the best-selling author of six books. Anne's writing and speaking ministries bring hope, practical help and spiritual healing and address such topics as addiction, suicide, abuse, relationships, boundaries and physical, spiritual and mental health.

Reservations \$25.00; after Sept 11th: \$27.00; Student \$15.00; Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. Deadline Sept. 15th. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal (\$26.00) on our website at [www.MagnificatRochester.org](http://www.MagnificatRochester.org). For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: [MagnificatRochester@frontier.com](mailto:MagnificatRochester@frontier.com)

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

**1st Reading Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b**

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." **The Word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21****R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry.  
The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them.  
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him;  
he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.****2nd Reading Eph 5:21-32**

Brothers and sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.  
Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body.  
As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.  
Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

*For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife,  
and the two shall become one flesh.*

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. **The Word of the Lord**

**Gospel John 6:60-69**

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?"  
Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?  
It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail.  
The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.  
But there are some of you who do not believe."  
Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."  
As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.  
Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"  
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." **The Gospel of the Lord**

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**Corner**

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

JOSHUA 24:15

**Sacrificial Giving as of August 16**

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022

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.....\$3,160.50  
Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$35,600.35  
Weekend Attendance.....196

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

Last Week's Regular Collections.....\$4,209.00  
Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$29,109.00  
Weekend Attendance.....215

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. Eileen Schenk, Principal  
586-5200

