

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021



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

Our Lady Queen of Peace
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Office Hours
OLQP T, & Th 8:00-11:00
STM M & W 8:00-11:00

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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

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

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, Shelly Bragg
585-450-2999

Available at both parishes:

Available at OLQP



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Interpreter for the hearing impaired.

October 31, 2021

31st Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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, November 1 ALL SAINTS

Rv 7:2-4,9-14 Ps 24:1bc-4b,5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a
OLQP 7:00AM †Sr. Mary Kieran

Tuesday, November 2 THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40

STM 8:00 AM †Frank & Genevieve Palermo - Marty & Mary Jane Rimmele

STM 7:00 PM MEMORIAL MASS

Wednesday, November 3 St. Martin de Porres, religious

Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2,4-5,9 Lk 14:25-33

OLQP 7:00 AM †William Kremer - Family

Thursday, November 4 St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1bcd,e,4,13-14 Lk 15:1-10

STM 8:00 AM †Robert Wolff - Family

Friday, November 5

Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8

STM 8:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, November 6

Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27 Ps 145:2-5,10-11 Lk 16:9-15

OLQP 4:30 PM †Felber Family - Bill & Peggy Clark

STM 4:30 PM †Charlie DiLella - The Turri Family

Sunday, November 7 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY

ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7-10 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44

OLQP 9:00 AM †Len Dufresne - Ida McVeigh

STM 11:00 AM The Guidance of President Joe Biden - Elaine D'Amanda



Sanctuary Lamp Intention this week at OLQP is in Memory of: *Ralph & Clara Leccese*



Prayers Requested:

Please pray for the individuals who have requested our prayers: Patrick Brennan, Mary Bush, Mary Jean Castellano, Roger Ciccarella, James

Colterman, Philomena Colucci, Bud Cottier, Michael DeFranco, Gary Feldman, Ralph Grace, Betsie Heffernan, Mary Helen Hiller, Ginger Ierardi, Steven Kistner, Barbara Labroi, Peggy Lester, John Lewman, Lourdes May, Ryan Maciaszek, Cecile McDonald, Cathy Miccia, Janice Milliman, Kelly Farrell Murphy, Dolly Nolan, Quinn Oliphant, Bob O'Neill, Marion Robinson, Tony Rossi, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale, and Phillippa Wilson.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

3rd - Meaghan Williams & Gregory Wright



Living in the Spirit



And speaking of Halloween...a couple of our college students recently admitted to being "freaked-out" by the TV show "Ghost Hunters," and wondered whether the televised hunting of ghosts was real or faked for a gullible TV audience. I told them that everyone should have a healthy skepticism about the paranormal but, at the same time, should never use this as permission to fool around with satanic things.

Sometimes paranormal phenomena have a perfectly natural explanation. According to local newspaper accounts, for example, the old Staples Inn, which stood for 150 years on Rt. 31 just east of Turk Hill Road, was haunted. From time-to-time an eerie wailing sound was heard coming from a second-floor bedroom. Locals claimed it was the outcry of a woman who died a tragic death there. However, as the building was carefully dismantled just a few years ago (since parts were to be transported to the Genesee Country Museum in Mumford), carpenters discovered the source of the wailing. When they carefully removed the window molding on the second-floor bedroom window, they found an antique glass bottle wedged between the window casing and the plaster. Consequently, when strong winds blew from the west, penetrating the uninsulated structure, the wind blew directly over the bottle creating the eerie sound of the "tormented soul of the ghost of the Staples Inn."

But all too often paranormal phenomena are deliberately faked. In 1848, Maggie Fox (age 14) and her sister Kate (age 11) reported hearing strange knockings on the walls and furniture of their farmhouse bedroom in Wayne County. The girls interpreted these knockings as messages from spirits from the world beyond. After convincing their parents and neighbors to the truth of their claims, they went on tour with their older sister, Leah, from Rochester, charging money to hear the knockings and the interpreted messages thus conveyed. From this small beginning, a huge spiritualist movement developed in the United States with thousands of mediums holding seances throughout the country. As is so familiar through movies and television, the medium in a séance goes into a trance-like state to communicate with spirits of dead relatives or friends. Believers in spiritualism even formed their own churches. According to some estimates, by the 1880's there were approximately 8 million spiritualists in the United States and Europe.

All this came crashing down when Maggie Fox gave an exclusive interview to the *New York World* on October 21, 1888 in which she laid bare the sisters' deception. It all began innocently, she claimed. "At night when we went to bed, we used to tie an apple on a string and move the string up and down, causing the apple to bump on the floor." The sisters later moved on to manipulating their knuckles, joints, and toes to make the rapping sounds. She argued that people wanted to be deceived. "A great many people when they hear the rapping imagine at once that the spirits are touching them." People wanted to know that their dead loved ones were safe. They wanted otherworldly help in making decisions. They wanted to know a bit of the future.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that "God

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can reveal the future to his prophets or to other saints. Still, a sound Christian attitude consists in putting oneself confidently into the hands of Providence for whatever concerns the future, a giving up all unhealthy curiosity about it." [2115] The *Catechism* continues on saying that "all forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to 'unveil' the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings." [2116]

Peace to all,
Fr. Hart



Nominate a High School Senior

HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD

Do you know a youth who is the *Hands of Christ* *Hands of Christ*? Being recognized with the *Hands of Christ Award* is both an honor and a sign of leadership among parishes and peers in our Diocese.

This is awarded to a youth who:

- Has consistently demonstrated a Christian attitude by word and example.
- Has been actively involved in the parish as well as their school or community.
- Has been a positive role model to their peers, younger children and adults.
- Is a practicing Roman Catholic in a parish in the Diocese of Rochester **and attends Mass.**
- Is currently a high school senior.

If you would like to nominate a youth for consideration, please pick up a form from the info tables and return it by December 1st.

Please return completed forms to Jennifer. If you have any further questions, contact her at 244-3010 or jennifer.abdalla@dor.org

Outreach News

Refugee Resettlement Information Meeting

Are you interested in learning how we can help welcome Afghan refugee families to Rochester? Please join us on Wednesday, November 3rd at 3:00 PM in Slattery Hall at Our Lady Queen of Peace Gathering Space to hear from Lisa Hoyt, Director of Refugee and Immigration Services and Lauren Frye, Volunteer Coordinator at the Catholic Family Center. Rochester is one of 25 US cities to welcome Afghan interpreters and others who provided support as part of the US State Department Special Immigration Visa (SIV) program. There are many ways to assist CFC to meet the needs of introducing families to their new home in Rochester, ranging from donations of much needed supplies to individual and group volunteering opportunities. All are welcome to come, listen and explore how we can respond to God's call.



Please join us for our Annual Memorial Mass.

Tuesday, November 2,
St. Thomas More 7:00 pm

The Mass will be live streamed on our YouTube channel.

We will read names and light candles for deceased members of our community and family members of our parishioners. We hope you will either join us in person or access this meaningful liturgy.

Lector assignments for next weekend 11/6-7

OLQP 4:30 - Margo Lutz
9:00 - John Winter
STM 4:30 - Annette Bailey
11:00 - John Refermat

Altar flowers at STM for next weekend: Sheila Mason

**Daylight Savings
Time ends next
Sunday -
November 7th at
2:00am**



**Young Adult Gathering for those in their 20's and 30's
Wednesday, November 3
OLQP (or virtually!)**

Reclaiming our Interconnectedness as Humans:
Exploring the Communion of Saints
How do I understand loneliness?
How do I understand solitude?
How can I exchange loneliness for solitude?



There are two options for coming together. If you can come in person, please join us at 6:30 for dinner and community, followed by prayer, reflection and conversation until 8:30. If you want to join us over Zoom, please join us from 7:30-8:30. Zoom link will be sent to those who RSVP.

Email meghan.robinson@dor.org with questions or to RSVP.

SOUP SATURDAY at OLQP November 6, 8:00am

We are still able to provide soup to St. Peter's Kitchen and Blessed Sacrament Supper Program. We will be collecting monetary donations for the vegetables and meat needed to make the soup. Look for the soup pot at the church entrances if you would like to contribute for this worthy cause. **We will also accept baked goods to be delivered to OLQP by Monday morning, November 8th at 8:00am.** Your generosity for this outreach is greatly appreciated by all of those who will benefit from a good meal during these winter months.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

	Monday November 1	Tuesday November 2	Wednesday November 3	Thursday November 4	Friday November 5	Saturday November 6	Sunday November 7
AT OLQP			Knit/Crochet Group 9:00-11:00am Outreach Mtg 3:00pm Young Adult Group 6:30pm			Soup Saturday 8:00am 1st Reconciliation Camp 9:00am	Choir Rehearsal 10:15am Grade 8 & 9 Faith Formation 6:30pm
AT STM		 Memorial Mass 7:00pm					Choir Rehearsal & Mass 9:30 arrival

Readings for the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Dt 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today." **The Word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior.

You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**2nd Reading Heb 7:23-28**

Brothers and sisters: The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel Mk 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher.

You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,

"You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions. **The Gospel of the Lord**

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“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” (Mark 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it’s more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

Sacrificial Giving as of October 26 Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022

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.....\$4,893.00	Last Week's Regular Collections.....\$3,314.00
Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$81,119.57	Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$71,971.00
World Mission Sunday.....\$952.00	World Mission Sunday.....\$648.00
Weekend Attendance.....205	Weekend Attendance.....237

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

