

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 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
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.

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

www.olqpstm.com

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

Available at both worship sites on Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

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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Father in heaven,
our hearts desire the warmth of
Your love and our minds are
searching for the light of Your word.
Increase our longing for Christ our Savior
and give us the strength to grow in love,
that the dawn of his coming may find us
rejoicing in his presence and welcoming
the light of his truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.



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



Living in the Spirit



Monday, November 29

Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11

OLQP 7:00AM Intentions of Marcy Schaarschmidt - Linda McCauley

Tuesday, November 30 ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22

STM 8:00 AM †Charlie DiLella - The Turri Family
10:30 Mass at the Highlands

Wednesday, December 1

Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37

OLQP 7:00 AM †King & Lynch Families - Mary Ann Obark

Thursday, December 2

Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a Mt 7:21,24-27

STM 8:00 AM People of the Parish

Friday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier, priest

Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Mt 9:27-31

STM 8:00 AM †Charlie DiLella - The Turri Family

Saturday, December 4 St. John Damascene, priest, doctor of the church

Is 30:19-21,23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35--10:1,5a,6-8

OLQP 4:30 PM †Mr. & Mrs. Fred Jones - Gene & Dolly Nolan
STM 4:30 PM †Sarah Porter & Otto Funderburk - Bud & Gerri Foss

Sunday, December 5 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6

OLQP 9:00 AM † Jim Keenan - Gager Family
STM 11:00 AM †Michael & Carol Diodato - Sherylanne Diodato



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, 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.

Lector assignments for next weekend 12/4-5

OLQP 4:30 - Sr. Cathy Solan 9:00 - Jim Piampiano
STM 4:30 - Bill Ditoro 11:00 - Mary Scardetta

Altar flowers for next weekend: STM Gerri Foss
OLQP Fran Pullano

Nursing Homes - 12/5

Highlands - TBD

Friendly Home - Sue Bayer, Eric Klaus,
Susan Stutzman

During the recent plenary meeting of the Bishops of the United States in Baltimore, a draft statement on Eucharist was approved rather easily by the body, after they held several quite civil closed-door sessions the days before. This stood in stark contrast with the rather hot public debate last June when a significant minority of the bishops felt that drafting such a letter was inopportune particularly if it were to openly condemn President Biden and bar him from receiving Holy Communion as some were proposing. The heat of that debate was stoked by the Vatican's request that the U.S. Bishops stay away from such themes in a pastoral letter until they had more time to study the matter, discuss the issues among themselves and consult with other episcopal conferences.

However, given a green light by a majority vote in June, the members of the USCCB Doctrine Committee worked on a draft statement on the Eucharist, omitting any mention of Biden. That draft was leaked to the public about a month ago. Avoiding the reception of Holy Communion controversy, the US Bishops attempted to situate the reason for the pastoral letter in their concern that some Catholics might not return to Sunday Mass as the pandemic (hopefully) wanes: "Although many of the faithful appear to have had their faith and their desire for the Eucharist strengthened by such a long separation, we worry that others, have lived without the Mass for so long, may have become discouraged or accustomed to life without the Eucharist." (MELC §3) Here and throughout, the Bishops sometimes use "Eucharist" to mean the Mass and at other times to mean solely the consecrated Eucharist elements.

The drafters acknowledged that "no document can exhaust the mystery of the gift of the Eucharist" but they find it "desirable to focus on certain aspects of the mystery that help address the concerns of the moment." To do that they reflected "on Christ's gift of himself in the Eucharist and our response to that gift" (§5) while, unfortunately, ignoring what seems to many others to be the real concern of the moment: that Catholics are staying away from Mass in droves because their spirituality is based solely on "God and me," which has no need of a worshipping community and no need of being formed by the challenging word of God in the Scriptures, and certainly no need of God's gift of bread from heaven.

As several theological commentators have pointed out, the drafters seemed consciously to ignore that Christ's gift of himself in the Mass cannot be reduced solely to his presence in the eucharistic species. In its very first document, the Second Vatican Council taught that "Christ is always present in his Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations...not only in the person of his minister...but especially in the eucharistic species...He is present in his word since it is he himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church. Lastly, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he has promised 'where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them.'" (SC 7; Mt 18:20) Though the Council situates the gracious presence of Christ in the whole of the Mass itself, the drafters have simply returned to a 19th century Baltimore Catechism definition which speaks only of the Mass as a sacrament and a sacrifice.

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Some theologians have commented that the Bishops' document fails to make clear that Christ's presence in the Eucharistic species is a sacramental presence and not an earthly physical presence. The Church has long since held that, though Christ is truly present "body, blood, soul and divinity," his body in heaven is not thereby "touched and broken by the hands of the priests and crushed by the teeth of the faithful" as an errant Roman synod of 1059 AD once held. Rather, according to St. Thomas Aquinas, though the substance of the bread and wine become the substance of Christ's body and blood, "substance, as such, is not visible to the bodily eye, nor does it come under any of the senses, nor under the imagination, but solely under the intellect...which is called the spiritual eye." (ST, III, q. 76, §7) As the German Bishops put it: "Faith in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is not connected to the domain of what is accessible to natural-scientific investigation or to what is considered a substance in the natural sciences...[The bread and wine] are now reality-filled signs of the personal presence and self-bestowal of Jesus Christ." (The Church's Confession of Faith, p.288)

Finally, in their drawing attention to "eucharistic miracles," the drafters replace the Church's perennial theology with what appears to be misguided piety. Even in the 13th century, St. Thomas Aquinas set aside reports of Eucharistic hosts which bled in order to convince some disbelieving priest of Christ's bodily presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Thomas says "Christ's body under its proper species can be seen only in one place [heaven], wherein it is definitively contained...and adored... [Hence] it is not seen under its proper species in this sacrament (ST, III, q. 76, §8.)

Last year, the Bishops of the United States announced that they are planning a 3-year "Eucharistic Revival" in the United States beginning next year. I look forward to the discussion materials but, at the same time, I hope the Bishops will be using a better team of writers who will produce documents which more accurately express the teachings of the Church.

Peace to all,
Fr. Hart



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions this week are in Memory of:

STM James A. Mason, Jr.
OLQP Frank Dargento

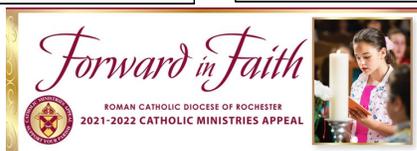


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Our parishes benefit from your donation. Visit <https://www.dor.org/giving/catholic-ministries-appeal/> for more information.

STM
Goal - \$74,300.00
\$21,495.00 as of 11/15
28.93% of goal 72 Donors

OLQP
Goal - \$68,776.00
\$20,835.00 as of 11/15
30.29% of goal 61 Donors



Nominate a High School Senior
HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD

Do you know a youth who is the **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

Altar Flower sign up sheets are now available at church entrances. This is for anyone who would wish to provide flowers to adorn the altar beginning on January 8/9 through June 25/26. You can purchase from a florist or arrange your own flowers to be at church before the 4:30 Mass on Saturday.



Our Christmas Mass schedule will be as follows with no reservations required:



STM
Friday, December 24th
3:30pm, 5:30pm, 10:00pm
Saturday December 25th
11:00am

OLQP
Friday December 24th
4:30pm
Saturday December 25th
9:00am

There will be no anticipated Sunday Mass on Saturday.

SOUP SATURDAY at OLQP
December 4, 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, December 6th 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 Nov. 29	Tuesday Nov. 30	Wednesday Dec. 1	Thursday Dec. 2	Friday Dec. 3	Saturday Dec. 4	Sunday Dec. 5
AT OLQP	Outreach Mtg. 3:00-4:30pm K-5 Faith Formation 6:00-7:15pm	K-5 Faith Formation 6:00-7:15pm	Knit/Crochet Group 9:00-11:00 Book Group 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 - 8:30pm			Soup Saturday 8:00am	Choir Rehearsal 10:15-11:45am Grade 6-7 Faith Formation 6:30-8:30pm
AT STM	Finance Council Mtg. 5:30pm					1st Reconciliation Celebration 10:00am	Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Cocoa & St. Nick 12N Mitten Tree Sorting 3:00pm

Readings for the First Sunday in Advent

1st Reading **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice." **The Word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14**

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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, and for you I wait all the day.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2nd Reading **1 Thessalonians 3:12--4:2**

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel **Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." **The Gospel of the Lord**



PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR MITTEN TREE ITEMS BY NEXT WEEKEND - DECEMBER 4/5. SORTING WILL BE DONE AT STM ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 5 AT 3:00PM. CALL GAIL KINDLON IF YOU CAN HELP SORT/DELIVER - 309-6950. THANKS SO MUCH

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“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closet to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

Sacrificial Giving as of November 15

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\$4,489.75
Regular Collections Year-To-Date\$97,914.55
Weekend Attendance 228

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

Last Week's Regular Collections\$4,250.00
Regular Collections Year-To-Date\$85,343.00
Weekend Attendance 237

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Grades Pre-K-6
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Grades Pre-K-5
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