

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 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

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

**St. Thomas More**  
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585-381-4200 - email: stm@dor.org

**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.

[www.olqpstm.com](http://www.olqpstm.com)

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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**

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.

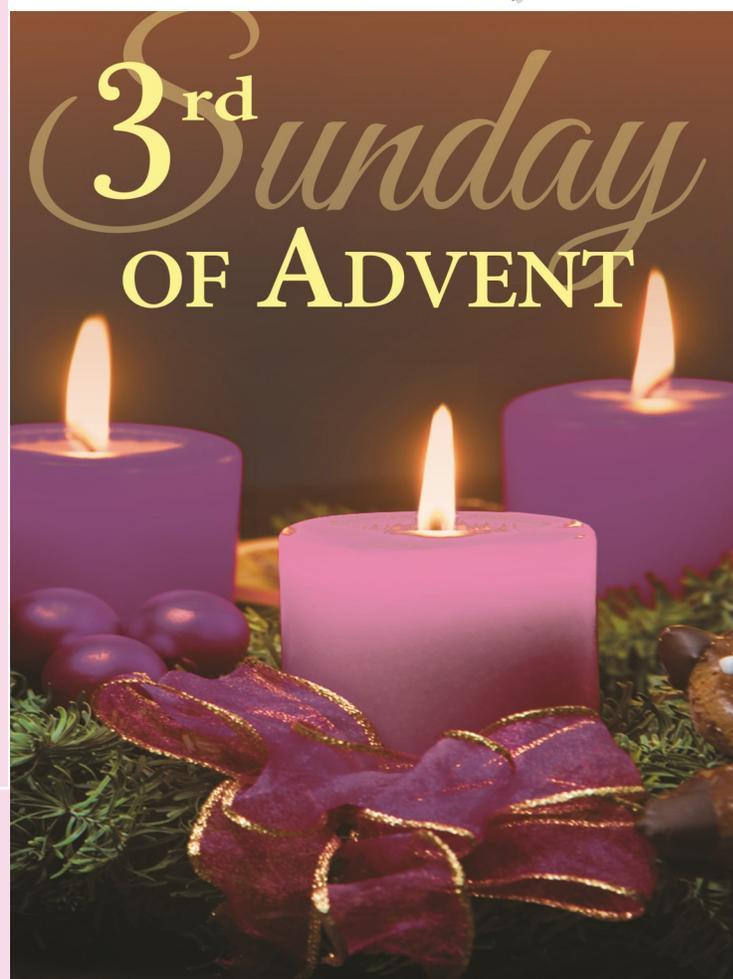
**Prayer Network**

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  
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Available at both parishes:

Available at OLQP



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Hearing Loop Access



Upon Request  
Low Gluten Hosts



Interpreter for the hearing impaired.

*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, December 13 St. Lucy, virgin, martyr**  
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5b,6,7bc,8-9 Mt 21:23-27  
OLQP 7:00AM †Jane Reid - Rosemary O'Sullivan

**Tuesday, December 14 St. John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the church**  
Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23 Mt 21:28-32  
STM 8:00 AM †Charlie DiLella - Turri Family  
10:30 AM Friendly Home Mass

**Wednesday, December 15**  
Is 45:6b-8,18,21b-25 Ps 85:9ab,10-14 Lk 7:18b-23  
OLQP 7:00 AM Intentions of Linda McCauley - Mary Schaarschmidt

**Thursday, December 16**  
Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b Lk 7:24-30  
STM 8:00 AM People of the Parish

**Friday, December 17**  
Gn 49:2,8-10 Ps 72:1-4b,7-8,17 Mt 1:1-17  
STM 8:00 AM †Louis Teall & RickWoodson - Family

**Saturday, December 18**  
Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 Mt 1:18-25  
OLQP 4:30 PM † Deceased Family Members of Bill & Peggy Clark - Billy & Peggy Clark  
STM 4:30 PM † Bill & Irene Farrell & Bert & Billie Bloomquist - Bill & Brenda Farrell

**Sunday, December 19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45  
OLQP 9:00 AM † Barbara Gregory - Osterwinter Family  
STM 11:00 AM †John Glavin - Family



### Prayers Requested:

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

Colterman, 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 Phillipa Wilson.

### Lector assignments for next weekend 12/18-19

OLQP 4:30 - Sr. Cathy Solan  
9:00 - John Winter  
STM 4:30 - Bill Shelly  
11:00 - Gaven Hurley

### Altar flowers for next weekend:

STM - Dawn Sweeney  
OLQP - June Castellano

Prior to the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), the usual way to describe the path to holiness was by means of a ladder. The farther up the ladder one climbed, the closer one got to the ideal of holiness. On the ladder's bottom rung were lay people, the second rung were the clergy, the third rung were the men and women religious, the fourth rung were the cloistered religious, the fifth rung were hermits and other such solitaries. This ladder was enshrined in canon law in this way: to climb the ladder one needed no one's permission. But to descend the ladder (for a religious order priest, for example, to become a diocesan priest), papal permission was required.

With deeper insight, the Council simply turned that ladder on its side, with all the rungs equally facing upward without priority. "In the Church," the Bishops wrote, "everyone whether belonging to the hierarchy or being ministered to by it, is called to holiness." (LG 39) The Bishops reminded us that "the followers of Christ are called by God, not because of their works, but according to His own purpose and grace. They are justified in the Lord Jesus, because in the baptism of faith they truly become children of God and sharers in the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). In this way they are really made holy. Then too, by God's gift, they must hold on to and complete in their lives this holiness they have received." (40)

Pope Francis often underscores this theme, challenging us not to settle for getting by and playing it safe. In *Gaudete et Exultate (Rejoice and be Glad)* he says: "We are called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by laboring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus."

Pope Francis lists five signs of holiness: 1) *The Christian is grounded.* By being a faithful friend of Jesus, God the Father gives us the inner strength to be a consistent "witness of holiness through patience and constancy in doing good." Even when the society around us gives in to the verbal meanness and violence of the Internet and social media, the Christian never responds to evil with evil. 2) *The Christian is joyful.* Leon Bloy, the 19<sup>th</sup> century Catholic essayist, wrote: "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." This joy, called by St. Thomas Aquinas the "necessary result of the love of charity," is often accompanied by a rich sense of humor. That's why St. Thomas More, who loved to laugh and who wrote in praise of folly, used to pray: "Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor." 3) *The Christian is bold.* True holiness can lead us to boldness, "an impulse to evangelize and to leave a mark in this world," to give and not to count the cost, to love without looking for return. 4) *The Christian seeks community.* Isolation can make us vulnerable to temptation and selfishness. Pope Francis warns that "growth in holiness is a journey in community, side by side with others" who share my faith and who need my love and encouragement. 5) *The Christian is prayerful.* Pope Francis reminds us that prayer involves listening as well as speaking, that silence is vital as we discern where God is calling us.

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Nevertheless, our prayer should also involve praise and thanks as well as heartfelt petition for our needs and those of others.

No matter what path we take in life, no matter what profession we pursue, no matter how old or young we are, there is one thing which must be preeminent in life: the pursuit of holiness. As Leon Bloy once expressed it: "The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint."

Peace to all, *Fr. Hart*



*It is not enough to experience God's mercy in one's life; whoever receives it must also become a sign and instrument for others.*  
*Pope Francis*

The following students received the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time on December 4th.

Please pray for them and for their families, that they may experience the fullness of God's love and mercy now and always, and share that gift readily with others.

Mila Berno Angelica Blancaflor Clara Campbell Violet Carello Madison Carozza Liam Conroy Ava Coon Roxanna Coyne Payton D'Angelo Billy Dolan Benjamin Elliott Brendan Hoffman Nella Hyjek Gianna Jackson Jacob Jaladi Jennifer Jenerious Frederick Knapp	Tate Lyster Madison Malone James Mangold Olivia Marangola Adam Mayausky Fiona McCarthy Lauren Mitchell Noah Mizzi Andrew Murphy Sophie Parra Adele Pensgen Noah Pensgen Serena Pickett Noah Rono Cuauhtemoc Sierra Eleanor Tehan Elizabeth Walsh Joseph Walsh
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### Advent Penance Service

Saturday, December 18  
Our Lady Queen of Peace  
10:00am

Advent Penance Services will also be held at  
St. Anne Church December 18th at 2pm  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church December 20th at 7:00pm



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.

<b>STM</b> Goal - \$74,300.00 \$43,910.00 as of 12/6 59.10% of goal 91 Donors	<b>OLQP</b> Goal - \$68,776.00 \$38,725.00 as of 12/6 56.31% of goal 90 Donors
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2021-2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

### Supermarket Weekend December 18-19

Don't forget to bring your canned goods and dry groceries to church next weekend. **Due to Christmas being the last full weekend we are doing this collection a week early for December.** The groceries will be picked up by volunteers who will deliver them to Sr. Regis Food Cupboard in the city.



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

<b>STM</b>	<i>Philomena Colucci</i>
<b>OLQP</b>	<i>Ralph, Linda, &amp; Cosmo Viola</i>

### 2021 Christmas Mass Schedule for the Brighton Region Churches

<b>St. Thomas More Church</b> Christmas Eve: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, (please note changes), 10:00pm Christmas Day: 11:00am	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Church</b> Corner Rhinecliff and Imperial Drive Christmas Eve: 5:00pm, 10:00pm Christmas Day: 10:30am
<b>Our Lady Queen of Peace Church</b> Christmas Eve: 4:30pm Christmas Day: 9:00am (Nativity Pageant will only be at 4:30 at OLQP)	<b>St. Anne Church 1600 Mt. Hope Ave</b> Christmas Eve: 4:00pm, 12:00Midnight Christmas Day: 9:00am



### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & DECORATIONS STM & OLQP

If you would like to make a donation for the Christmas decorations this year, please fill out this form and place it in an envelope marked **Christmas Flowers** along with your offering and place it in the collection basket or send to church by **December 17th.**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_
Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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	<b>Monday</b> Dec. 13	<b>Tuesday</b> Dec. 14	<b>Wednesday</b> Dec. 15	<b>Thursday</b> Dec. 16	<b>Friday</b> Dec. 17	<b>Saturday</b> Dec. 18	<b>Sunday</b> Dec. 19
<b>AT OLQP</b>		K-5 Faith Formation Christmas Party 6:00-8:00pm	Knit/Crochet Group 9:00-11:00am			Advent Penance Service 10:00am  Supermarket Weekend ⇒	Choir Rehearsal 10:15am  Pageant Rehearsal 12:30pm  Grade 6-7 Faith Formation 6:30pm
<b>AT STM</b>						Supermarket Weekend ⇒	Choir Rehearsal 9:30am

### Readings for the Third Sunday in Advent

#### 1st Reading Zep 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals. **The Word of the Lord**

#### Responsorial Psalm Is 12:2-6

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid.

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

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

#### 2nd Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **The Word of the Lord**

#### Gospel Luke 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people. **The Gospel of the Lord**

Don't forget that we are again offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the 4:30 Mass (3:30) on Saturdays at both STM and OLQP. Each confessional will be equipped with an air purifying system that will be running. Hand sanitizer will be available and masks will be required. Fr. Hart will still hear confessions by appointment, if preferred, by calling the office (244-3010, 381-4200) and ask Robin to schedule a time.

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*“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)*

**Corner**

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

**Sacrificial Giving as of December 6**

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)

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

Last Week’s Regular Collections ..... \$8,243.00  
Regular Collections Year-To-Date ..... \$113,079.47  
Weekend Attendance ..... 225

Last Week’s Regular Collections ..... \$11,785.00  
Regular Collections Year-To-Date ..... \$106,703.00  
Weekend Attendance ..... 268

You can go to our website at [olqpstm.com](http://olqpstm.com) to donate online. Click on Connect Now. Please contact Mary Kase 450-2999 if you have any questions. Please contact Mary Kase by phone or email at [mary.kase@dor.org](mailto:mary.kase@dor.org) **BEFORE** considering making a stock transfer to donate 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  
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586-5200

