

Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022



*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**  
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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)

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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**

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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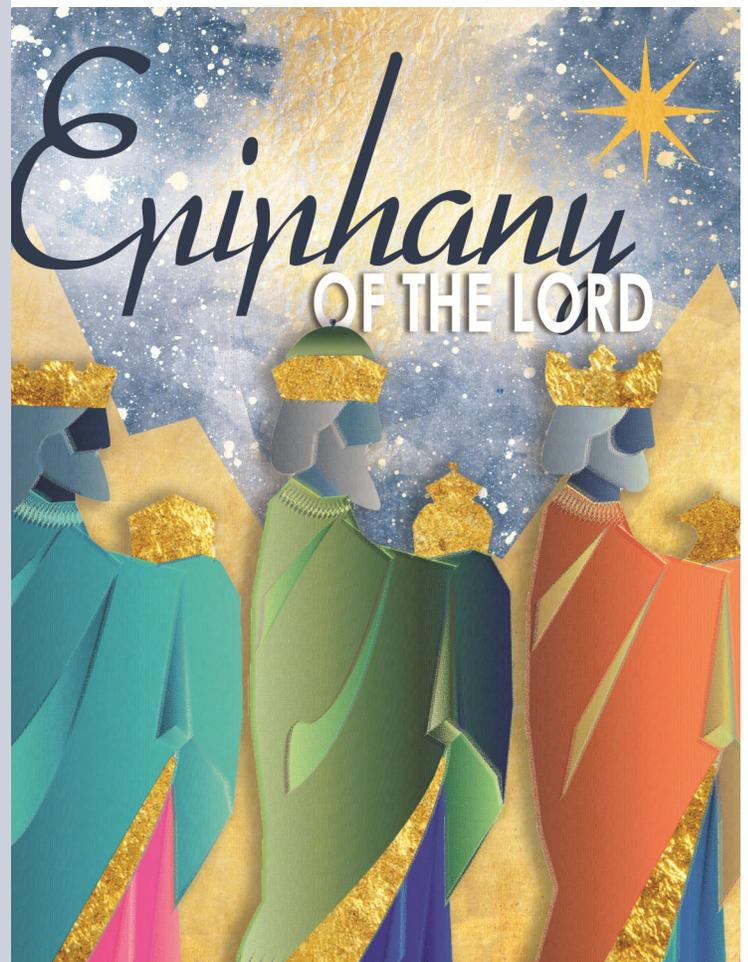


Upon Request  
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Interpreter for the hearing impaired.

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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, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8,10-12a, Mt 4:12-17,23-25

OLQP 7:00AM †Byron J. VanDerMallie - Barbara Patzig

**Tuesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious**

1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4,7-8 Mk 6:34-44

STM 8:00 AM †Philomena Colucci - STM Choir

**Wednesday, January 5 St. John Neumann, bishop**

1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13 Mk 6:45-52

OLQP 7:00 AM †Mary, Kathryn, & Helen Dempsey

**Thursday, January 6 St. Andre Bessette, religious**

1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14,15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22a

STM 8:00 AM †Marion Kelliher - Carole & Jerry Frantz

**Friday, January 7 St. Raymond Penyafort, priest**

1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Lk 5:12-16

STM 8:00 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday, January 8**

1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a,9b Jn 3:22-30

OLQP 4:30 PM †Joanne Valente - Judy Curtin

STM 4:30 PM †Joseph R. Cristina, Jr. - Julie & Meghan Frost

**Sunday, January 9 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30 Ti 2:11-14;3:4-7

Lk 3:15-16,21-22

OLQP 9:00 AM †Joan Beisheim - Mary Lou Miller

STM 11:00 AM †John Foley - Caroline Bailey



**Sanctuary Lamp Intention this week at OLQP is in Memory of: Anthony Agnotti**



### Prayers Requested:

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

## Prayer of the Week

Grant me the audacity to be ridiculed for standing with my neighbors until we may all rejoice in the sunshine.



The Feast of Epiphany, for many years now, has held a special place in my memories and in my heart. It was on the Feast of Epiphany, back in 1990, that for the first time I was asked to offer a reflection on the readings and to introduce to the whole parish community the direction of our new faith formation program. Yes, it was a scary undertaking back then. I was making a major commitment, totally restructuring my priorities, and in many respects changing my whole life around. Like the Magi, I felt I was following a light, a light shining in a distance and heading toward unfamiliar territory. In my mind I also believed that once this major step was taken there was no going back.

The Magi were seekers, seekers of the Divine, traveling in unfamiliar territories, sometimes needing to stop and ask for direction. How many of us would be willing to go on a journey in search of God not knowing where that search would take us or how it would change our life? As one commentator on today's reading questions: Where would you go, where would you look? Would it be in the great cathedrals of Europe, or the basilicas of Rome? Would you seek out the famous holy men and women of our generation, or monks and cloistered nuns who have spent long years on such a quest? Would you read the ancient wisdom texts and sacred scriptures of our religion, or every religion?

Or would you widen your search beyond the boundaries of religion? Would you look to all things beautiful, like the National Parks or the Seven Wonders of the World? Would you include the beauty created by human hands in masterful paintings and statues and architecture and music? Is beauty the true face of God in our world?

Or what about the forces of power and might? Do they more accurately reflect the imminence of God in our world? Do "acts of God" as nature reveals them show us the divine face? Would you seek out the sites of great volcanoes as our ancestors did, to stand in awe of their terrible potential for death and destruction? Or would you visit the thrones of kings as emblems of God's right hand and holy arm?

Would any of us ever think of looking for a baby, an infant, helpless and innocent? I suspect fewer still would look for the baby of a poor couple, the baby of foreign origin and a strange religion. Some poor little baby in a common home, attended by unimportant parents, in a part of the world oppressed and occupied by a great empire.

In the Eastern and Western traditions of Christianity, Epiphany has included at various times the commemoration of the Nativity of Jesus, as well as the arrival of the Magi, the Baptism of the Lord, and the first miracle at Cana. The church once celebrated Epiphany as its own season, acknowledging that the search for God in our world is the task of every generation. God is here, present, alive, and worthy of worship. Like the wise Magi, we are invited to take the journey that ends on bended knee and requires the offering of precious gifts – I would venture to say, that gift is the gift of ourselves.

For the Magi, their journey did not end at the side of the crib – and neither should ours. Having encountered the Divine, the Magi did not go back on the same route. They traveled forward sharing the Light they have received – today we are called to do the same.

Peace and blessings, Margaret



**COME JOIN US!!**

You're invited to a Jazz Concert  
OLQP Slattery Hall  
Friday, January 14th  
7:00pm-9:00pm

Mark Kellogg, Trombone  
Christopher Azzara, keyboard  
Amy Azzara, vocals  
Steve Parisi, bass  
Erik Schmitz, drums

Dessert and beverages provided

Sign up via Flocknote email link or  
at church entrances.




**M I T T E N T R E E U P D A T E**

Thanks to all the contributors to this year's Christmas Tree gift collection. This year we collected presents for 225 mittens for Catholic Charities Family Services, Rochester Psychiatric Center and Andrews Center. Please know how much your generosity was appreciated by the recipients, many of whom wouldn't receive any Christmas gifts if not for yours. It was so heartening to see how willingly and strongly the community responded to the Mitten Tree requests despite the challenges we have all faced over the past 18 months.

Thanks also to those who helped to organize, sort and deliver the gifts which this year included several members from the Youth Ministry. It is wonderful to see that spirit of caring for those in need being passed on in the hearts of our young members and a great way to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

**Lector assignments for next weekend 1/8-9**

OLQP 4:30 - Margo/Peter Lutz  
9:00 - John Winter  
STM 4:30 - Bill Ditoro  
11:00 - Mary Scardetta

**Nursing Homes for next weekend  
Highlands - Larry Dalzell**

**Young Adult Gathering - Save the Date**

Wednesday, January 19 from 6:30-8:30  
Slattery Hall - Our Lady Queen of Peace

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 as we get closer. Masks will be worn.  
meghan.robinson@dor.org with questions or to RSVP.



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.

<p><b>STM</b></p> <p>Goal - \$74,300.00 \$49,185.00 as of 12/20 66.20% of goal 107 Donors</p>	<p><b>OLQP</b></p> <p>Goal - \$68,776.00 \$45,440.00 as of 12/20 66.07% of goal 112 Donors</p>
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Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.  
To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

**Deborah A. Housel**  
585-328-3228, ext. 1555  
Toll-free:  
1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555  
or by e-mail to [victimassistance@dor.org](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org)

**1st Eucharist Preparation**



First Eucharist Prep sessions will be starting in March. **Your child must have received 1st Reconciliation before receiving 1st Eucharist.** If your child participated in First Reconciliation preparation this past fall, I will presume you are continuing in First Eucharist preparation unless you have told me differently.

Contact Jennifer Abdalla at [jennifer.abdalla@dor.org](mailto:jennifer.abdalla@dor.org)

Inscription services are scheduled to be held on **March 13, 2022**  
1st Eucharist Camps will be held on **March 26th & April 9th**

First Eucharist is scheduled to be celebrated on **May 1, 2021**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

	<b>Monday</b> January 3	<b>Tuesday</b> January 4	<b>Wednesday</b> January 5	<b>Thursday</b> January 6	<b>Friday</b> January 7	<b>Saturday</b> January 8	<b>Sunday</b> January 9
<b>AT OLQP</b>	K-5 Faith Formation 6:00-7:15pm	K-5 Faith Formation 6:00-7:15pm	Knit/Crochet Group 9:00-11:00am			Soup Saturday 8:00am	Choir Rehearsal 10:15am  Grade 6/7 Faith Formation 6:30-8:30pm
<b>AT STM</b>			Staff Meeting 10:00am				Choir Rehearsal 9:30am  Lay Dominicans 3:00-5:00pm

### Readings for the Feast of the Epiphany

#### 1st Reading Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD. **The Word of the Lord**

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.  
All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.  
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

#### 2nd Reading Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. **The Word of the Lord**

#### Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. **The Gospel of the Lord**

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*“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”*  
(MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

**Sacrificial Giving as of December 20 (lag due to early submission deadline)**

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 .....\$8,407.95  
Regular Collections Year-To-Date .....\$137,248.42  
Weekend Attendance .....225

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

Last Week's Regular Collections .....\$8,285.00  
Regular Collections Year-To-Date .....\$125,736.00  
Weekend Attendance .....241

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  
Mrs. Eileen Schenk, Principal  
586-5200

