



*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

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

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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, Sharon Chaplain
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Available at both parishes:



Handicap Access



Hearing Loop Access



Upon Request
Low Gluten Hosts

Available at OLQP



Interpreter for the hearing impaired.

February 20, 2022



7th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

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, February 21 St. Peter Damian, bishop, doctor of the church

Jas 3:13-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mk 9:14-29

OLQP 8:00 AM †Donald Coleman - John & Terry Noonan

Tuesday, February 22 THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19

STM 8:00 AM †Barbara Mahoney - Richard Mahoney
10:30 AM Highlands Mass

Wednesday, February 23 St. Polycarp, bishop, martyr

Jas 4:13-17 Ps 49:2-3,6-11 Mk 9:38-40

OLQP 7:00 AM †Alan Miller - Joyce Palumbo

Thursday, February 24

Jas 5:1-6 Ps 49:14-20 Mk 9:41-50

STM 8:00 AM People of the Parish

Friday, February 25

Jas 5:9-12 Ps 103:1-4,8-9,11-12 Mk 10:1-12

STM 8:00 AM †Terry Dryer

Saturday, February 26

Jas 5:13-20 Ps 141:1-3,8 Mk 10:13-16

OLQP 4:30 PM †John Hammele - Helga Rueckert
STM 4:30 PM †JoAnn Callahan - Jerry & Carole Frantz

Sunday, February 27 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3,13-16 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

OLQP 9:00 AM †Jim & Estelle Gilliam - Marcy Schaarschmidt
STM 11:00 AM †Philomena Colucci - Judy Conley



Sanctuary Lamp Intention this week at OLQP is in Memory of: Stephen Karl



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, 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, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale, and Phillippa Wilson.

Lector assignments for next weekend 2/26-27

OLQP 4:30 - Christine Bochen 9:00 - Jim Piampiano
STM 4:30 - Bill Ditoro 11:00 - Dennis Regan

Nursing Homes for next weekend:

Highlands: Don Oinen

Friendly Home: John Marszalek, Brendan McCarthy
Bill Shelly



Living in the Spirit



When King George III of Great Britain heard that General George Washington, victorious over the British army during the American revolution, was about to resign his commission to Congress and return to private life, the king remarked "If he does that, he will be the greatest man in the world." For King George it was impossible to conceive of an individual so unselfish as to willingly give up power under any circumstances. What influenced Washington to do so?

Washington's modesty was something instilled in him from an early age from an unlikely source: the Jesuits. Because his formal education ended abruptly at age 11 after his father's death, Washington sought education and guidance as a gentleman wherever he could find it. Before he was 16, he had copied into a notebook an English translation of "Civility & Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation," a manual of 110 rules composed by the French Jesuits about 1600 AD. He made such rules his own: "A man ought not to value himself of his achievements, or rare qualities of wit; much less of his riches, virtue or kindred." Or again: "Make no comparisons and if any of the company be commended for any brave act of virtue, commend not another for the same." And again: "Strive not with your superiors in argument, but always submit your judgment to others with modesty."

But it wasn't just modesty which impelled Washington to surrender power. Throughout the war, Washington surrounded himself with companions who had been caught up in a heady discussion about the birth of an American experiment in self-government, a return of sorts to the Greek and Roman republican ideal. They knew from history that such a republic could only survive if its elected leaders exercised modesty and self-restraint in a temporary rule. In the 1780s, a few years before the constitutional convention, Washington had been urged by some of his officers to overthrow Congress to become America's king; he pushed back strongly. Later, when some of his officers felt that Congress was not paying them what was promised and they proposed to Washington a *coup d'etat* to right the situation, he reprimanded them for losing sight of the republican ideals for which they had so nobly fought.

It was not surprising, then, after being twice elected President of the United States, George Washington set a precedent by refusing to seek a third term. He understood that others, many better educated than he—like John Adams (Harvard), Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe (William and Mary), James Madison (Princeton), Alexander Hamilton and John Jay (Columbia), were ready to pick up the reins of government. But none would be loved more than Washington because of what he learned from the Jesuits: humility, modesty, civility, patience and reserve. As he wrote in his journal: "I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man."

George Washington was a very private religious man, an Episcopalian, who nevertheless contributed to the building of several Catholic churches, had a great respect for Catholics, always praying grace before meals and possessing a picture of the Virgin Mary in his

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room. There is an old story that Washington, on his deathbed, called for a visit by a Roman Catholic priest friend, Father Francis Neale (a former Jesuit, since the Order was still suppressed when Washington died in 1799.) Neale stayed with him for 4 hours before his death. We will never know, but perhaps it was Washington's gratitude for his early Jesuit training that made him wish for the companionship of a Jesuit priest at the end of his life.

On February 22, we will celebrate the 290th birthday of the "Father of our Country." May we celebrate his virtue and his accomplishments.

Peace to all,
Fr. Hart

Welcome! ... to our new parishioners:

**Anna & Bill Morrison, and their son, Max
Catherine Connaughton**

We are pleased to have you join our faith community!



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. As you can see below we are about \$10,300.00 short at STM and about \$16,500.00 short at OLQP. Any shortfall will come directly out of our operating budget. 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.

STM
Goal - \$74,300.00
\$63,995.00 as of 2/14
86.13% of goal 141 Donors

OLQP
Goal - \$68,776.00
\$52,350.00 as of 2/14
76.12% of goal 142 Donors



Mass on February 21, President's Day will be at OLQP at 8:00am. The offices will be closed that day.

Ash Wednesday is March 2



Our Mass schedule will be as follows: OLQP 7:00am & 7:00pm
STM 8:00 am & 12:15pm

We will have distribution of ashes at each of these Masses. We will be following procedure for distribution of ashes that is in keeping with the current health regulations. The (7:00am Mass) will be livestreamed and can be viewed on our website - olqpsm.com.

**Young Adult Gathering
Macaroni & Cheese Dinner**

Thursday, February 24 from 6:30-8:30
Slattery Hall - Our Lady Queen of Peace



Pope Francis is very much interested in listening to Catholics from around the world to gain input about **concerns, hopes, and dreams** that people have for our Church as a whole. Because of this, he has called a Synod - a period of listening and dialogue of laity, church leaders, those who are marginalized, former Catholics, etc. Our gathering together will give you a chance to share your voice if you desire, or you may listen only, if you'd rather not share. If you are able to, reflect ahead of time and think about any feedback you might like to share.

Contact Meghan at meghan.robinson@dor.org to RSVP

Outreach Collection

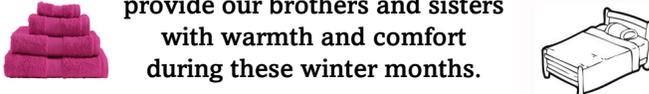
Don't forget to bring in new or *gently used*:

**Bath Towels, Hand Towels & Wash Cloths
Twin or Full Size Blankets
Sheets & Pillowcases (Crib, Twin, Full, Queen)**

Please drop off your donations at church NEXT weekend, **2/26, 2/27**.

A number of local agencies have a current need for these items including House of Mercy, St. Joseph House of Hospitality, Willow Center and Matthew's Closet.

Thank you for helping to provide our brothers and sisters with warmth and comfort during these winter months.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

| | Monday February 21 | Tuesday February 22 | Wednesday February 23 | Thursday February 24 | Friday February 25 | Saturday February 26 | Sunday February 27 |
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| AT OLQP | Office Closed  Presidents' Day | | Knit/Crochet Group 9:00-11:00 | Synod Listening Session 1:00pm Young Adult Mtg. 6:30pm | | Supermarket Weekend | Supermarket Weekend Choir Rehearsal & Mass 8:30am Grade 6-7 FF 6:30pm |
| AT STM | Office Closed | | Staff Meeting 10:00am | | | Supermarket Weekend | Supermarket Weekend Choir Rehearsal 9:15am |

Readings for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him.

Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!" But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?" So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber.

Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: "Here is the king's spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Brothers and sisters: It is written, *The first man, Adam, became a living being*, the last Adam a life-giving spirit.

But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

Word of the Lord

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

Gospel of the Lord



Today at the 9am Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace, **Victoria Urdaneta** completed her full initiation into the Roman Catholic Faith by celebrating her Confirmation and her First Holy Communion. Victoria has been preparing for this day for the last several months. We applaud her commitment and hard work and joyfully welcome Victoria into our faith community. We rejoice with her and her family as they celebrate this milestone in Victoria's journey of faith. May the faith community continue to support

Victoria with their prayers and their faith-filled example.

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“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...” (LUKE 6:35)

Corner

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

Sacrificial Giving as of February 14

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.....\$5,067.00
Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$170,511.22
Weekend Attendance.....191

Last Week's Regular Collections.....\$4,455.00
Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$176,714.27
Weekend Attendance.....234

You can go to our website at 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 **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

