

First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022



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

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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.

www.olqpstm.com
Confessions by appointment only

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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m.
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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, Sharon Chaplain
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Available at both parishes:

Available at OLQP



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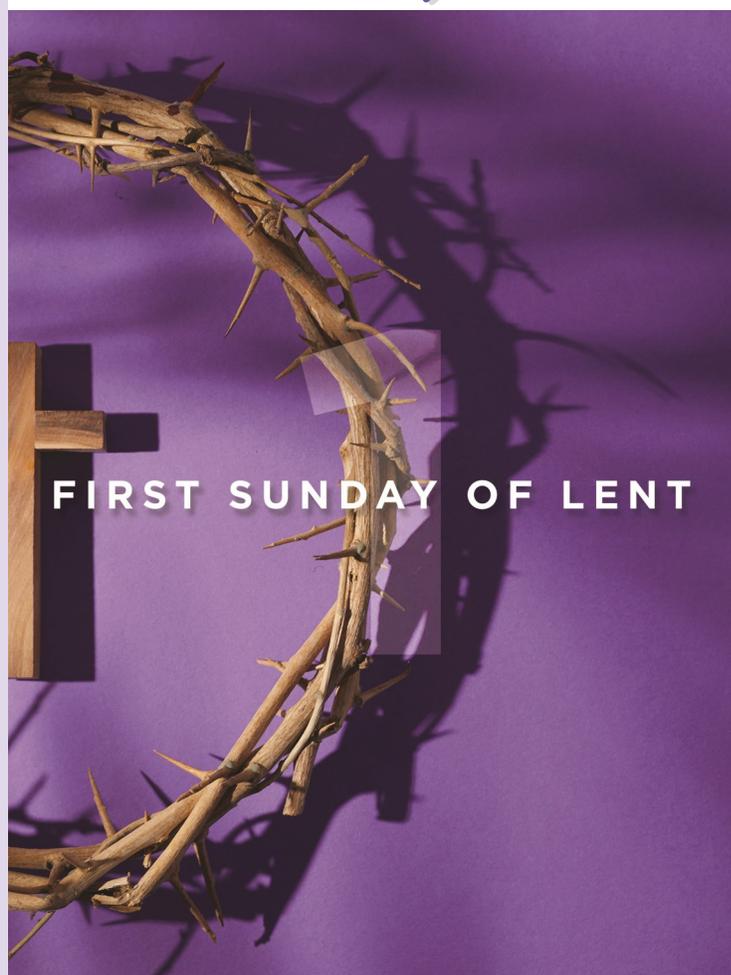


Upon Request
Low Gluten Hosts



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, March 7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

Lv 19:1-2,11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

OLQP 7:00 AM †Gene Shields - Helene Shields

Tuesday, March 8 St. John of God, religious

Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7,16-19 Mt 6:7-15

STM 8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 Friendly Home Mass

Wednesday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome, religious

Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 Lk 11:29-32

OLQP 7:00 AM †Patricia King - Family

Thursday, March 10

Est C 12,14-16,23-25 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

STM 8:00 AM †Terry Dryer

Friday, March 11

Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

STM 8:00 AM †Virginia Wolff - Family

Saturday, March 12

Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Mt 5:43-48

OLQP 4:30 PM †John Hammele - David & Sharon Griffiths

STM 4:30 PM †John G. (Jerry) Curran - Julie Frost

Sunday, March 13 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

OLQP 9:00 AM †Ann Reinhardt - Family

STM 11:00 AM †John Hoening - Family



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions this week are in Memory of:

STM *Martin John Courman*
OLQP *Joan Starkweather*



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, Mavis Coward, Michael DeFranco, Gary Feldman, 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 3/12-13

OLQP 4:30 - Christine Bochen 9:00 - John Winter
STM 4:30 - MaryAgnes McAvoy 11:00 - Anne Wolff

Nursing Homes for next weekend:

Highlands: Larry Dalzell

For several weeks, the word "journey" and the concept of "journeying together" seems to have come to the forefront. This concept is heard in phrases like, "life is a journey," or the "journeying of the human family." It is heard in the words of Pope Francis who, in preparation for the Synod on Synodality, has called the Church, the people of God, to reflect on how this journeying together, in announcing the Gospel, is happening in our particular Church and in the world.

I must say it has been a privilege to hear the voices of all the participants in our Synodal Listening Sessions – voices that reflect the reality that we truly are companions on a journey. Participants freely expressed their hopes and their joys, especially in gathering as a community, in being able to socialize, to celebrate the sacraments, but clearly acknowledging the disruption caused by the pandemic. They expressed their struggles and challenges, their pain and suffering and woundedness caused by some members of the Church that has led them to question aspects of the institutional church and how it has managed to push away and alienate their own children. But in all who participated there was also a sound of passion and faith that holds on to the God of Love and whom in Christ, calls us to love God and love our neighbor. An awareness has developed that there are many roads, many paths but the journey is indeed one.

Watching the crisis that has unfolded in Ukraine and seeing the thousands upon thousands of refugees traveling to a place of safety once again brought forth the idea of a journey. This time it is a reluctant journey triggered by the need to protect, to survive, to simply live. This time, it is a journey made in fear and uncertainty of the future, but nevertheless, it is one filled with courage, determination, and perseverance even in the midst of tears. In a conversation with relatives in Poland (yes, I still have cousins there,) we learned about Poles traveling, journeying to the boarder to assist and help. Some carried signs simply stating, "I can take 2," "I can take 3," "I can take 4" and inviting them to their home. They become true companions on a journey trusting in the mercy of God, believing, and responding to Christ's call to love God and love neighbor.

This weekend is the First Sunday of Lent. This liturgical season has been referred to as a journey – a Lenten Journey. This journey is from the desert to the cross and it lasts 40 days. This journey offers us a time to remember, to call to mind, God's saving action through Jesus Christ. It offers us an opportunity to recommit ourselves to follow Jesus, to love God and love our neighbor ever more fully. It is a journey of the heart, that calls us to re-examine our behaviors, our motives, our overall actions in light of Christ's teachings. Through our Lenten disciplines of prayers, may we learn to always put God first. Through our fasting, may we learn that God and our relationship with God is more important than any earthly thing or desire. Through our almsgiving, may we learn that God has placed in our hands the means to help one another that all may possess the fullness of life.

Through this Lenten Season may we journey with Christ and choose the road less traveled. As Robert Frost once said, each road we take, or do not take, can make "all the difference." May we choose the Way of Love.

Peace and blessings,
Margaret



Remember to set your clocks ahead next Saturday night when you go to bed. Daylight savings time begins 3/13/22 at 2:00am



Mass for Peace

Praying for Peace in the Ukraine
and in the World
Tuesday, March 8, 2022
at 7:00pm at OLQP

Please join us as we ask the
intercession of
Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Welcome! ... to our new parishioners:

Donald Schmitt & Constance Hart-Schmitt

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 \$9,000.00 short at STM and about \$15,700.00 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
\$65,345.00 as of 2/28
87.95% of goal 143 Donors

OLQP

Goal - \$68,776.00
\$53,025.00 as of 2/28
77.10% of goal 145 Donors



Lenten Retreat Really Present?! Finding Christ in the Eucharist and One Another

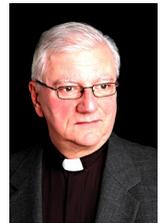
The Eucharist is the source and summit of our life. As we reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist, we will explore more in depth how Christ is truly present. The more we understand what is happening in the Holy sacrifice of the Mass the more we release its power to transform and nourish us, to unite us amidst polarization, to call us toward inclusion of all, and lead us to mission. By Baptism we are called, commissioned and sent with divine DNA to strengthen us. Come and hear more...

Wednesday, March 9th, 7-8:15pm at OLQP

Wednesday, March 16th, 7-8:15pm at STM

Wednesday, March 23rd, 7-8:15pm at OLQP

Fr. Ed Palumbos is a priest of our Diocese, and was most recently the pastor at the Church of the Assumption in Fairport, after serving numerous parishes throughout our Diocese. He attended St. Andrew's Seminary, and received his dual Masters in Theology and Divinity at St. Bernard's Seminary and the Rochester Center for Theological study.



OLQP/STM Parish Day of Penance and Reconciliation March 23rd 12:30pm-6:30pm

All are welcome to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests will be available at both churches in the confessionals. Churches will be open for prayer.

THE PILLARS OF LENT



As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



R.C.I.A. Journey to Becoming Catholic

On Sunday, March 6, Bishop Matano will be celebrating the **Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continued Conversion for Candidates** at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 1pm. These rites are particular to those who are becoming Catholic. The Catechumens (the unbaptized) will be officially elected to celebrate the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil on April 16 at OLQP. This year, we are proud to be **sending** our parish Catechumens **Jessie Eng and Zachary Seely** to celebrate the Rite of Election and candidate **Christopher Blank** to celebrate the Call to Continued Conversion with Bishop Matano. These public rites are a milestone on their journey to the Easter Vigil and full membership in the Catholic Church. Jessie and Zachary will enter their names into the "Book of Life" and be officially elected by Bishop Matano to celebrate the Easter Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). Christopher, already one with us in baptism, will be called to continued conversion and affirmed as a candidate for full communion with the Catholic Church.

As a precursor to these rites with Bishop Matano, we will celebrate a parish **Rite of Sending** at Our Lady Queen of Peace earlier on March 6 at the 9am Mass. At that time, the parish community will be asked to accept the testimony of their Godparents/sponsors who will vouch for their sincere desire to join the Catholic Church and for their readiness. The parish community will then officially **"send"** them to Bishop Matano. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they enter the final segment of their journey.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

	Monday March 7	Tuesday March 8	Wednesday March 9	Thursday March 10	Friday March 11	Saturday March 12	Sunday March 13
AT OLQP	K-5 Faith Formation 6:00-7:15pm	K-5 Faith Formation 6:00-7:15pm	Knit/Crochet Group 9:00am Lenten Retreat 7:00-8:15pm		Stations of the Cross & Adoration 10:00am FF St. Patrick's Day Party 6:00pm		Choir Rehearsal 10:15am Faith Formation Grade 6-7 6:30-8:00pm 
AT STM					Stations of the Cross 8:30am		Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Lay Dominicans 3:00-5:00pm

Readings for the First Sunday in Lent

1st Reading Dt 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.' And having set them before the LORD, your God, you shall bow down in his presence." **The Word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15**R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust."

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Upon their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the asp and the viper; you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**2nd Reading Romans 10:8-13**

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*—that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, *No one who believes in him will be put to shame*. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." **Word of the Lord**

Gospel Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone*." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve*." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone*." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test*." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time. **Gospel of the Lord**

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“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.” (DEUTERONOMY 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits” - the first and best that you have to offer, or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

Sacrificial Giving as of February 28

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 \$2,536.00
Regular Collections Year-To-Date \$181,653.62
Weekend Attendance 171

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

Last Week's Regular Collections \$12,501.00
Regular Collections Year-To-Date \$198,154.27
Weekend Attendance 234

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Grades Pre-K-5
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