



*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
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

Saturdays at 3:30 pm before evening Mass at both OLQP & STM. Also, by appointment, please 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
585-450-2999

Available at both parishes:

Available at OLQP



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Hearing Loop Access

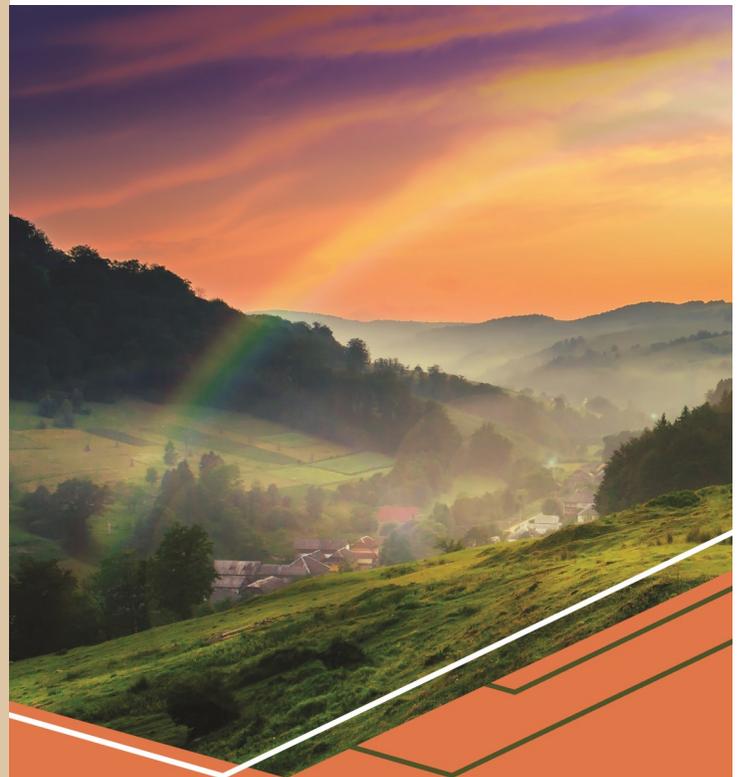


Upon Request
Low Gluten Hosts



Interpreter for the hearing impaired.

August 28, 2022



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

- Lk 14:13-14

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, August 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Mk 6:17-29

OLQP 7:00 AM †John J. Foley - Higgins Family

Tuesday, August 30

1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37

STM 8:00 AM †Gerard DuPlessis - Bernadette Trzecieski

Wednesday, August 31

1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15,20-21 Lk 4:38-44

OLQP 7:00 AM †Lawrence Houseman - Joyce Palumbo

Thursday, September 1

1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1b-4b,5-6 Lk 5:1-11

STM 8:00 AM People of the Parish

Friday, September 2

1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6,27-28,39-40 Lk 5:33-39

STM 8:00 AM †Meehan Family - Anne Talarico

Saturday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great, pope, doctor of the church

1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5

OLQP 4:30PM †Frederick Boldt - Boldt Family

STM 4:30 PM †Terry Dryer

Sunday, September 4 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-6,12-17 Phlm 9:10,12-17 Lk 14:25-33

OLQP 9:00 AM †Philippa & Leopold Wilson - Dyann Brown & Wilson children

STM 11:00 AM †Edwin Noronha - Marie, Neil & Jennifer D'Lima



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions this week are in Memory of:

STM Mary Duffy
OLQP Betty & Ralph Lecesse



Prayers Requested:

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

Cottier, Mavis Coward, Gary Feldman, Carol Foxenburgh, Mary Helen Hiller, Ginger Ierardi, Steven Kistner, Barbara Labroi, John Lewman, Lourdes May, Ryan Maciaszek, Cecile McDonald, Cathy Miccia, Janice Milliman, Kelly Farrell Murphy, Marcia Mundrick, Dolly Nolan, Quinn Oliphant, Bob O'Neill, Ellen Pernaselli, Daniel Ploppert, Marion Robinson, Rob Smith, Thelma Smith, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale and Delores Trotta.



The offices will be closed in celebration of Labor Day on Monday September 5. Mass will be at OLQP at 8:00am on that day. There will be no Mass at STM on Monday.



Living in the Spirit



About 50 years ago a young couple whom I knew well had just welcomed their third child into the world. Mother was doing fine but baby needed a small operation. "Is it serious?" I asked. With some hesitation the couple told me that the baby was born with both male and female genitalia so an operation was needed to make "Eric" male. I was stunned. As a small-town boy, I had never heard of such a thing. Nevertheless, researchers tell us that one baby in 1,000 is born with intersex traits so serious as to require surgery. But, even more surprising, that same research points out that in one in 100 births the baby's body differs from the standard male or female body in some significant way (such as: lack of standard XX [female] or XY [male] chromosomes; complete gonadal dysgenesis [male reproductive system hasn't developed]; androgen insensitivity [the male baby is allergic to the male hormone], etc., etc.). Who knew?

It seems in the past that the standard way to proceed in cases like my friends' baby was for the attending physician, whenever possible, to make quick adjustments before presenting the child to the parents, often without the parents ever knowing of the difficulty or of the needed adjustments. In many cases, this might be all that was ever needed. But if the physician made an incorrect choice, the "male" child might grow up feeling it was really a female and, at puberty, begin taking on many characteristics of a female. Often a physician would then recommend male hormone therapy to adjust the teen's maleness to the gender to which he was assigned. Since this whole issue was rarely ever spoken of publicly in the past, it has become something of a shock to society at the present moment when, seemingly out of nowhere, everyone seems to be talking publicly about "sex-change operations" and "transitioning" and "use of the proper pronouns." Some people are horrified that the U.S. Department of Education has actually issued transgender regulations for schools, insisting that youth who are transgender be allowed to use the school's facilities—including bathrooms, locker rooms and sports teams—that match their gender identity. Meanwhile some of our parents are horrified that their kids are so confused by the open discussion of this topic at school, that, at least in some kids' hearing, it sounds like every child has to choose whether he/she wants to be male or female.

Currently, the Catholic Church seems to be struggling to keep up with these new societal developments as it seeks to come to grips with the experience of transgendered youth. While the Church understands that its theology is deeply rooted in revelation but also influenced by human experience, that is, in the entirety of life lived according to the faith within the community of the Church.

Several years ago, Pope Francis told a journalist that he was not a fan of gender theory: "The young need to be helped to accept their own body as it was created, for thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy absolute power over creation. An appreciation of our body as male or female is also necessary for our own self-awareness in an encounter with others different from ourselves. In this way we can

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joyfully accept the specific gifts of another man or woman, the work of God the Creator, and find mutual enrichment.” The Pope’s view at that moment seemed to be entirely circumscribed by Genesis 5:2: “When God created humankind... male and female he created them.” Fortunately, the Pope hasn’t stopped there. Over the past few months, Pope Francis has met four times with groups of transgendered youth who have taken refuge in a Catholic church in suburban Rome. While we do not yet have a window on those discussions, we do know that Pope Francis is a skilled listener while he probes their Christian experience in the light of God’s grace.

Science reminds us that we are not just the full sum of our genes but also of the environment in which those genes develop, including our physical, mental and social experiences. Our faith reminds us, as children of God, that development happens best in a household of the faith where grace creates an environment where the individual is formed through a complex mixture of genetic expression, hormonal governance and social interaction to become the person God intended us to be. While we might have created a different world, God has created this world as one of beauty and complexity in which, so it seems, God made us male and female with multiple variations in between.

Peace to all,
Fr. Hart

High School Hangout & Campfire

The first one was so much fun we’re doing it again! Tuesday, August 30th, 7:30pm anyone headed for high school can join us for an evening of games & icebreakers, s’mores, and getting to know each other. We’ll play, pray, eat, and spend a little time talking and brainstorming about the year ahead in youth ministry. Bring your ideas! Friends are welcome! We’ll meet up at St. Thomas More by the basketball hoop. RSVPs are helpful but not required



The Tuesday morning knit and crochet group will pick up their needles again on September 13th.

If you are interested in joining this talented, fun group of women (men are welcome too!) on Tuesday mornings, please call Beth Watkins at 353-7231 or email her at h.elizabeth.watkins@gmail.com.

The group is always accepting yarn donations. It will certainly be put to good use as they knit warm items for the underserved in our community.



Welcome! ... to our new parishioner:

Veronice “Bonnie” Schoenheit

We are pleased to have you join our faith community!

**Enjoy the last week of
"summer" vacation!**

Mass honoring 1st Responders
on the Anniversary of 9/11
Sunday September 11, 2022
11:15am
Sacred Heart Cathedral

Please join Bishop Salvatore Matano, as, in gratitude, we pray to God for the safety of all First Responders who so selflessly serve our community, and for all who served with courage in the tragic events of September 11, 2001, especially those who gave their lives or were injured.

Prayer for the Week

O, Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
make my heart unto thine.
May I seek, always and only,
to do your will, for my good works to be seen
only by you, and most importantly,
to one day, be raised
to your heavenly banquet.

OLQP Choir and Instrumentalists ‘22-’23

It’s that time of year when we start rehearsing again! We’d love for you to share your gifts of music with us to enhance our liturgies and give glory to God.

Anyone age 12 or older are welcome. You may join and participate as much as you can. I understand there may be times of the year you are unable to commit, I just ask that you let me know in advance so I can plan accordingly.

We will begin rehearsing at OLQP on **Sunday, September 11th** from 10:15-11:30. Please contact Meghan Robinson at meghan.robinson@dor.org or 244-3010 x 107 if you would like to join for the first time or have questions.



The Liturgical Choir at STM is a volunteer vocal ensemble that enhances the worship of the 11:00am Sunday Mass. We currently rehearse on Sundays at 9:30 am. This choir is open to people of any age and we seek to foster a positive, prayerful, and welcoming atmosphere that strives

for musical excellence. There is no audition required. Past collaborations have included musicians from ESM and RPO. If interested, please contact Connor Doran, Music Director, at Cdoranmusic95@gmail.com.

We look forward to a wonderful season of singing!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

	Monday August 29	Tuesday August 30	Wednesday August 31	Thursday September 1	Friday September 2	Saturday September 3	Sunday September 4
AT OLQP					Stations of the Cross 10:00am Adoration 11:00-2:00pm		
AT STM	Bible Study 12:30-2:00pm	High School Campfire & Hangout 7:30pm					

**Altar Flowers**

Please sign up to provide altar flowers for September-December. This is for anyone who would care to arrange their own or purchase from a florist to be delivered to church in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion (wedding, anniversary, etc.)

The sign up sheets are at the church entrances, or you can call the office at 244-3010 or 381-4200. Thank you.

2023 Mass Intention Books

The Mass Intention books for 2022 will be available for scheduling **for the period of January 2023 through December 2023** on September 21st at 8:00 am at both worship sites. All requests will be honored unless there are multiple requests on any given day. In that event requests will be "pulled from a hat." All requestors will be notified if they do not get a requested date. Any questions - please call the office at 381-4200 or 244-3010.

**FAITH FORMATION**

Registration for K-12 Faith Formation is available now!

Forms are available on our website, at church entrances and through the Faith Formation Newsletter. We want to be sure that all families receive this information. Contact Jen at jennifer.abdalla@dor.org

CALLING FUTURE CATECHISTS!!

Do you feel the call to share your faith with our young people?

Do you have gifts and talents that would help inspire and encourage our families as they raise the next generation?

We are currently in need of Catechists for: Kindergarten, Grade 4, 6, 8, & 9

We also are in need of Teacher's Aides and substitute teachers who could fill in periodically.

All classroom learning is happening at Our Lady Queen of Peace, but Catechists from all four of our parishes are most welcome!

First, talk to God about it, then, email Jennifer Abdalla at: Jennifer.Abdalla@dor.org!

Let's Grow together!



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

While his "Bread of Life discourse" in John 6 helps us understand Our Lord's Presence in the Eucharist, his institution of the Blessed Sacrament at the Last Supper instructs our participation and even imitation of this Presence. In his "other" great act at the Last Supper, washing his disciples' feet, Jesus presents himself as "among you as the one who serves" (Lk. 22:27) and commands that "as I have done for you, you should also do" (Jn. 13:15). The institution narratives recounting Jesus' direction to "Do this in remembrance of me" (Lk 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24) certainly pertain directly to the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass. These words also point us to Christ's model of service. His "do this" compels us to "become what you receive" and "imitate what you celebrate" by giving our lives, our flesh, for the life of the world.

Sr. Marie Benedict Elliott, F.S.E.

Lector assignments for next weekend 9/3-4

OLQP **4:30** - Caroline Thirukumaran

9:00 - Craig Mullen

STM **4:30** - Bud Foos

11:00 - Stephanie Jackson

Nursing Homes for next weekend

Highlands at Brighton: Don Oinen

Friendly Home: Sue Bayer, Eric Klaus, Susan Stutzman,

Altar Flowers for next weekend

OLQP - Elaine Colombo

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Luke 14:13-14

Corner One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our “consumerist” culture that we live in. Our parish offertory at Holy Mass, is where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus’, renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

Sacrificial Giving as of August 22

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023

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 Sunday Mass Collection..... \$3,219.90

Weekend Attendance..... 191

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

Last Week’s Sunday Mass Collection.....\$3,400.31

Weekend Attendance..... 252

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
Mary Kate Koecheler, Principal
473-6604



St. Louis School
Grades Pre-K-5
Mrs. Eileen Schenk, Principal
586-5200