



*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
2617 East Avenue - Rochester, NY 14610
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.

Other times - call first to be sure we're here.

Holy Days of Obligation: as printed in bulletin

www.olqpstm.com
Confessions by appointment only

Mass Times

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

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, Lisa Reina

Available at both parishes:

Available at OLQP



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Hearing Loop Access

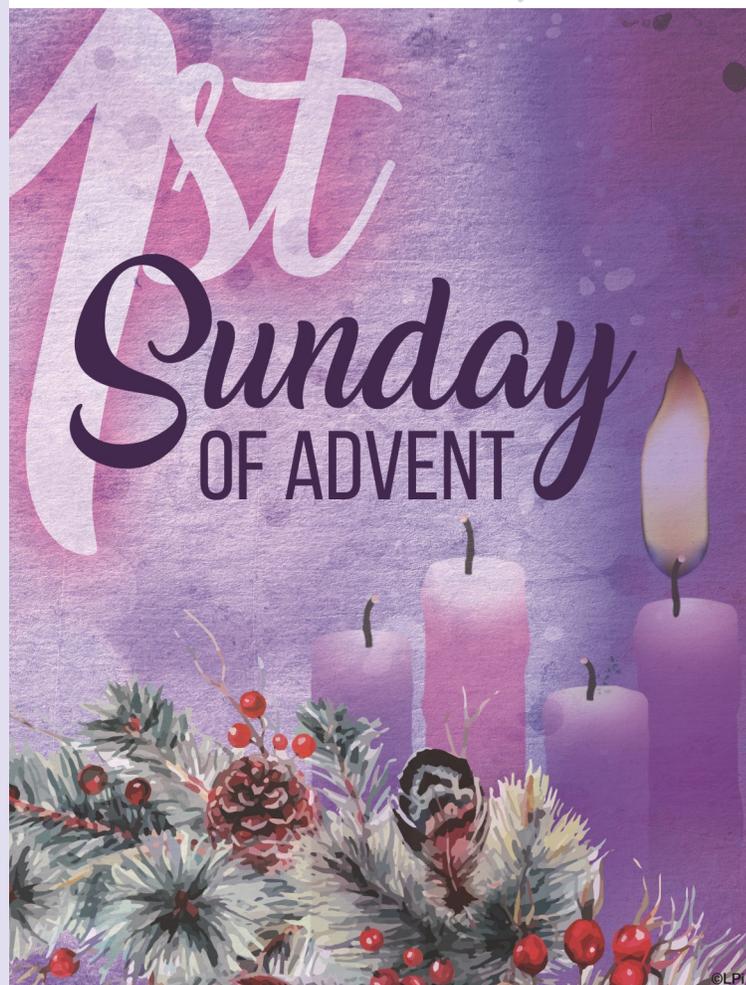


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paired.

November 27, 2022



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, November 28

Is 4:2-6 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11

OLQP 7:00 AM †Barb Gager - Tony & Nadine Compisi

Tuesday, November 29

Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Lk 10:21-24

STM 8:00 AM †Rachel LeChase

Wednesday, November 30 ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22

OLQP 7:00 AM Intentions of Debra Goodman - Linda McCauley

Thursday, December 1

Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a Mt 7:21,24-27

STM 8:00 AM †Terry Dryer

Friday, December 2

Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Mt 9:27-31

STM 8:00 AM †Roy Welkley - Joyce Welkley

Saturday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier, priest

Is 30:19-21,23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

OLQP 4:30PM †Ralph Viola & Family - Family

STM 4:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 4 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

OLQP 9:00 AM †Charles Dyring - Barb Heinle & Family

STM 11:00 AM †Michael & Carol Diodato - Sherylanne Diodato



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions this week are in Memory of:

STM Jim Cummins

OLQP Arthur Pemaselli



Prayers Requested:

Please pray for the individuals who have requested our prayers: Patrick Brennan, William J. Burns,

Mary Bush, Beth Cain, Mary Jean Castellano, Roger

Ciccarelli, Mavis Coward, Gary Feldman, Carol Foxenburgh,

Mary Helen Hiller, Ginger Ierardi, John King, Steven Kistner,

Barbara Labroi, John Lewman, Lourdes May, Ryan

Maciaszek, Cecile McDonald, Janice Milliman, Kelly Farrell

Murphy, Dolly Nolan, Quinn Oliphant, Bob O'Neill, Ellen

Pemaselli, Daniel Ploppert, Marion Robinson, Rob Smith,

Thelma Smith, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale, George

Walsh, and Peppy Walsh.



Living in the Spirit



Covid-19 and its variants have thus far sickened approximately 635,000,000 people worldwide of whom about 6,610,000 subsequently died. Clearly the rapid production of vaccines greatly reduced both the mortality and severity of the disease in those infected. While some researchers suspect that the vaccines may protect those vaccinated from lifelong consequences even with other

diseases, others still wonder whether some survivors of Covid-19 may yet experience a reduced quality of life in subsequent years.

While this new virus probably jumped from animals to humans in China in 2019 or earlier, the first confirmed case of Covid-19 in the US was reported on January 21, 2020. However, it was the January 31, 2020 declaration by the World Health Organization of a world-wide public health emergency that caused the beginning of a panic here and abroad because human-to-human transmission had already spread the virus to Germany, Japan, Vietnam and Taiwan and had, in a matter of a few days, caused 200 deaths. This emergency declaration was followed quickly by airline restrictions, business suspensions, school closings and even church shutterings. And then the crazies came out to play.

Because there have not been many pandemics in world history, when people start to fear about what is coming to their own neighborhood, they suddenly remember history describing the scourge of the Bubonic Plague. The first outbreak of plague took place during the reign of the Emperor Justinian I in the sixth century, which quickly reduced the population of Europe and Asia by 50%. Plague returned with a vengeance in the 14th century to Europe and Asia, this time reducing the population by 60%. Originating in Mongolia and spread worldwide by flea infested rats and human travel, this scourge was often blamed on God's wrath because of an increase in adultery and sodomy. As usual in times of crisis, a conspiracy was concocted to blame the pandemic on the Jewish community. Blame was also pinned on the tightness of women's clothing, the consumption of unripe fruit and vegetables and the misalignment of the planets. Since contracting the disease was almost always fatal, people sought ways to prevent infection through the frequent use of laxatives, radical quarantines (that is, bricking up all doors and windows and refusing to leave home) and flights to the countryside (if you could afford it). Religious piety increased dramatically during plague, with the general population turning to prayer and fasting, the wearing of scratchy hair shirts and the use of "the discipline," that is, scourging oneself several times a day with a metal whip which had barbs at the end to tear the flesh. Religious societies sprang up to promote penance with processions wending their way through towns and villages several times a day by groups of penitents wearing white robes with open backs allowing self-flagellation while walking along single file, chanting various prayers begging for God's intercession and mercy.

We know all too well now that fear, anxiety and even paranoia can be the by-products of a pandemic. Such states of mind can make one more vulnerable to conspiracy theories which, in another time and place, would be considered laughable. During the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic, for example, some bloggers denied the very existence of the virus blaming the ruse on a U.S. government plot to link vaccination records with passport information to achieve total control of the American population. Others asserted that the virus was engineered by the Chinese government as a biological weapon to weaken its economic rivals. Still others claimed that Bill Gates had a secret plan to use the new vaccines to implant trackable microchips in people foolish enough to be vaccinated. While some people genuinely believed and passed on one conspiracy or another, unscrupulous entrepreneurs made quick use of widespread vulnerability to sell medications, treatments or

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devices which claimed to prevent or cure the feared disease.

We have all experienced family members, work colleagues, and close friends who have been caught up in conspiracies to such extent that they have refused all vaccines that could save their lives or limit their sufferings. We all know of people who have developed a jaded view of government, health care and science in general because of what they have ingested of late on social media. We have watched our nation become more and more divided politically and socially during this pandemic, with more and more people prepared to defy authority and to reject out of hand time treasured institutions and traditions. In all of this, the family unit has suffered, the Church community has suffered, and worst of all, the practice of the teachings of Christ Jesus have suffered.

Peace to all,
Fr. Hart

The Annual Nativity Pageant at the Children's Masses

It's that time of year again! We are hoping to have a Children's Nativity Pageant at Christmas Eve Children's Masses at **St. Thomas More 3:30pm and Our Lady Queen of Peace at 4:30pm.**



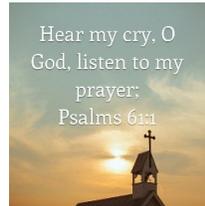
If you are interested in having your child sign up for a role at either parish, please contact Jennifer.Abdalla@dor.org today to sign up and get the rehearsal schedule.

Parish Prayer Intention Book

Lord please hear my prayer

Please just write your prayer intention on one of the lines. We will pray for the intentions written in the book at the weekend Masses on a regular basis. We invite all of our parishioners to remember these intentions during their daily prayer.

In the narthex at each church (on a table at OLQP and on a lectern at STM), there is a binder set up for anyone who wishes to ask for prayers for a particular situation.



Our Christmas Mass schedule will be as follows:

STM

Saturday, December 24th
3:30pm, 5:30pm, 10:00pm
Sunday December 25th
11:00am

OLQP

Saturday, December 24th
4:30pm
Sunday December 25th
9:00am



St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry
Presents

The *Otto A. Shults Lecture Series on Spirituality*

We are pleased to welcome this year's lecturer, **Sr. Gill Goulding, C.J., Ph.D** who will address the topic of:

"The Mystery of God at Work in the Voice of the People of God:"

The Spiritual Theology Unpinning the Synodal Process"

December 8, 2022 5:30/7:00pm

You can attend in person or online.

Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 for in person attendees, followed by our lecture series at 7:00pm for those attending online.

Go to: www.bit.ly/Shults2022 for further details and to RSVP for Zoom link.

Sr. Gill's doctoral studies were undertaken at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland where she was elected a Research Fellow on completion of her Ph.D. She lectured in Systematic Theology for the University of Edinburgh, the Roman Catholic National Seminary in Scotland and the Theological Institute of the Scottish Episcopal Church. In addition she was a regular contributor to BBC Scotland's 'Thought for the Day' and an active member of 'Church Action on Poverty' an ecumenical organization working for the alleviation of poverty in the UK. Alongside her work as a theologian she undertakes a ministry of spiritual direction and retreat work. In 2012 she was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to be a theological expert at the Synod on the New Evangelization for the transmission of the Christian Faith.

This event is free and open to the public.



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>STM</p> <p>Goal - \$74,000.00 \$24,688.00 as of 11/14 33.36% of goal 61 Donors</p>
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<p>OLQP</p> <p>Goal - \$68,000.00 \$19,774.00 as of 11/14 29.08% of goal 56 Donors</p>



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 20th.**

In Memory of _____ Name of Donor _____

WEEKLY CALENDAR

	Monday November 28	Tuesday November 28	Wednesday November 30	Thursday December 1	Friday December 2	Saturday December 3	Sunday December 4
AT OLQP	K-5 Faith Formation 6:00-7:15pm	Knit/Crochet 9:00-11:00am FF Grade 4-5 Zoom 6:00pm	Book Group 6:30 - 8:00pm	Senior Luncheon 11:30am	Stations of the Cross 10:00am Adoration 11:00-2:00	Soup Saturday 8:00am <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Last Weekend to return Mitten Tree gifts!</div>	RCIA Rite of Acceptance & Dismissal 9:00am High Sch Leadership 6:00pm
AT STM	Liturgical Choir Piano/Vocal Rehearsal 7:00pm Pastoral Council 7:00pm		Staff Meeting 10:00am			1st Reconciliation 9:00am	Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Mitten Tree Sorting 3:00pm

Soup Saturday Update

Soup Saturday has been a parish event for over 20 years. It is a wonderful ministry to the underserved in our community. There has been a core group of folks who have spearheaded this. The numbers in this group have dwindled and we need to have new people added to the ministry.



Soup Saturday takes place on Saturday mornings, the first Saturday of the month at OLQP beginning at 8:00am. There is a recipe that is followed, with meatball making, vegetable chopping, etc. Other jobs, not on Saturday mornings, include shopping, picking up produce from Giambrone's, and delivering the soup on Monday mornings.

If you would like to volunteer for this, please call the church office at 244-3010 or call Rosi Hyland at 943-3318.

Note: our next Soup Saturday will be next Saturday December 3rd

We will be collecting monetary donations for the vegetables and meat needed to make the soup. Look for the soup pot at the church entrances if you would like to contribute for this worthy cause. **We will also accept baked goods to be delivered to OLQP by Monday morning, December 5th by 8:00am.**

Lector assignments for next weekend 12/3-4

OLQP **4:30** - Margot Lutz
9:00 - David Dean
STM **4:30** - Annette Bailey
11:00 - John Refermat

Altar Flowers for next weekend

OLQP - Kathleen Cervi

Nursing Homes for next weekend

Highlands - Don Oinen
Friendly Home - Sue Bayer, Chris & Barb Colucci,
Eric Klaus, Susan Stutzman

Nominate a High School Senior

HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD



Being recognized with the *Hands of Christ Award* is both an honor and a sign of leadership among parishes and peers in our Diocese.

This is awarded to a youth who:

- Has consistently demonstrated a Christian attitude by word and example.
- Has been actively involved in the parish as well as their school or community.
- Has been a positive role model to their peers, younger children and adults.
- Is a practicing Roman Catholic in a parish in the Diocese of Rochester **and attends Mass.**
- Is currently a high school senior.

If you would like to nominate a youth for consideration, please take a form from the narthex and fill it out.

Please contact Nora Bradbury-Haehl at 244-3010 or nora.bradbury-haehl@dor.org if you have any questions.

It's Back!!

Senior Luncheon
Thursday
December 1st, 2022
Our Lady Queen of Peace

11:30am

\$6.00/person payable when you come.

**Chicken marsala, rice,
mixed vegetables, cookies.**

Staff

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Corner

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”

Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God’s active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we

Sacrificial Giving as of November 14

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)	STM - (Regular collections include ~ Sunday Offerings, Holy Days, Christmas & Easter)
Sunday Mass Collection (11/13-14)..... \$3,763.00	Sunday Mass Collection (11/13-14)..... \$8,231.00
Weekend Attendance (11/13-14)..... 221	Weekend Attendance (11/13-14)..... 266

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