

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023



*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
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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
Confessions before 4:30 Mass or by appointment

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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 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

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
585-450-2999

Available at both parishes:



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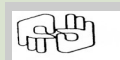


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Interpreter for the hearing impaired.

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4th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



"Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God."
- Mt 5:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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



Living in the Spirit



Monday, January 30

Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20

OLQP 7:00 AM †Bonanni & Mastantone Families - Family

Tuesday, January 31 St. John Bosco, priest

Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28,30-32 Mk 5:21-43

STM 8:00 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 1

Heb 12:4-7,11-15 Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a Mk 6:1-6

OLQP 7:00 AM †Nancy Heffernan

Thursday, February 2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

STM 8:00 AM †Rachel LeChase

Friday, February 3 St. Blaise, bishop, martyr; St Ansgar, bishop

Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1,3,5,8-9 Mk 6:14-29

STM 8:00 AM †George Rodak - Bick Burkhartzmeyer

Saturday, February 4

Heb 13:15-17,20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34

OLQP 4:30PM †Fr. Tony Valente

STM 4:30 PM †Diana Bergeson - Lorene Walter & Family

Sunday, February 5 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

OLQP 9:00 AM †Barbara Gager - Family

STM 11:00 AM †Saroj Figueiredo - Family



Sanctuary Lamp Intention at OLQP this week is in Memory of: *Marguerite Traugott*



Prayers Requested:

Please pray for the individuals who have requested our prayers: Lynell Ashford, Patrick Brennan, William J. Burns, Beth Cain, 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, Kathleen Mancuso, Cecile McDonald, Janice Milliman, Kelly Farrell Murphy, Dolly Nolan, Quinn Oliphant, Bob O'Neill, Ellen Pernaselli, Daniel Ploppert, Marion Robinson, Rob Smith, Thelma Smith, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, George Walsh, and Peppy Walsh.

Lector assignments for next weekend 2/4-5

OLQP 4:30 - Peter Lutz 9:00 - Rob Hutter
STM 4:30 - Jerry Frantz 11:00 - Mary Scardetta

Nursing Homes Next Weekend

Highlands - Monica Weis
Friendly Home - Sue Bayer, Chris & Barb Colucci,
Eric Klaus, Susan Stutzman

I remember pulling up behind a car at a traffic light one day and doing that creeping forward thing so I could read the whole bumper sticker. "GOD LOVES EVERYONE" it declared in big bold letters. As I inched closer though, I could make out the fine print, "but I'm his favorite." I laughed out loud in the moment, but it does seem sometimes that we're in a contest. Somehow it's not enough to be loved unconditionally and infinitely, we also want to be loved the best. Some Christian churches have even developed a misguided theology around the idea, that God will love you more (and consequently "bless" you with wealth and success) if you pray at the right church and, most importantly, pay tithes to the right preacher. Our readings this weekend though remind us that the ways of the world are not God's ways. The powerful, proud, celebrated, and successful—the ones who seem to be blessed in the eyes of the world—are not necessarily the favorites.

It appears as the opposite of blessed-ness doesn't it? To be meek, persecuted, or mourning doesn't seem to be cause for rejoicing. But the beatitudes are a guide to living lives of love, service, selflessness, and holiness. We participate in making God's kingdom come about whenever we live the beatitudes. Also, none of us should make the mistake of thinking that because we are struggling, that God loves us any less. Today's readings tell us that the ones that the world rejects--the captive, the stranger--are the ones that God is close to (and so should we be.) And the ones that the world thinks are naïve--the merciful, the peacemaker--they are the ones who are getting it right. Next week's reading from the same section of Matthew's Gospel will remind us that we are the light of the world.

Fr. Hart will say more next week about the legacy of Bishop Matthew Clark. But since I have this space this week I will say what a gift he has been in my life and ministry, and I know that's true for countless others. His leadership and support in interfaith efforts, lay ministry, and women's leadership have continued--even after his retirement--to help our diocese. I could (and probably will at some point soon) go on for a while about his amazing connection to young people. For now I will just say I always felt blessed that he was our Bishop. He walked with and among his people.

Peace and God Bless,
Nora

PS I have a favor to ask. Youth group starts Sunday, January 29th! Could you share this with a high schooler you know...

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Brighton Regional Catholic Youth Ministry
Our Lady of Lourdes – St. Anne – St. Thomas More – Our Lady Queen of Peace

Hi!

I'm writing to invite you to try out our new youth group. The four Brighton area churches are teaming up to offer Sunday night youth group for 9th – 12th graders and we're hoping that YOU will join us.

Our youth ministry team made up of peer leaders and caring
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adults has been meeting, training, and planning since the fall and we're so excited to welcome you, get to know you, and have you get involved in the youth community here. Some people come to youth group because they're curious about spirituality and want to grow in their faith. Others come because they want to be around people who can offer them support as they go through a difficult time like losing someone they love or parents splitting up. Some people like youth group because it's a place to meet new people and just relax and have some fun. As we talked about why people might want to come, one of our peer leaders said, "I always feel better after I come here. Less stressed and happier." Whatever's going on with you, youth group is safe space to bring your questions and problems but also to share the good stuff that's happening in your life!

Every week we'll have games and icebreakers to help you get to know people and we'll talk about things that matter to you like relationships, friendship, mental health, and having hope for the future. You can be yourself, just as you are, and take some time to tend to whole self: body, mind, and spirit. There'll be opportunities for you to help others too through outreach, service, and becoming a peer leader yourself if you'd like to.

Friends are always welcome; they don't have to be Catholic. So if you know someone who could use a few more caring people in their life, we hope you'll bring them along. If you're thinking about it but you've got questions (I mean who wouldn't right?) Give me a call, or make your mom do it, and we'll do our best to let you know what to expect. You can call me at my office at OLQP at 585-244-3010 x106 or email nora.bradbury@dor.org
Nora



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.

STM

Goal - \$74,000.00
\$72,963.00 as of 1/23
98.60% of goal 118 Donors

OLQP

Goal - \$68,000.00
\$53,089.00 as of 1/23
78.07% of goal 120 Donors



National Catholic Schools Week begins on the last Sunday in January and runs for an entire week. This year it is celebrated from January 29 to February 4. It is annually celebrated in the United States to promote the exceptional education that comes with functioning as a Catholic school. Education has always been a vital part of decision-making for every family and parent and with this week-long occasion, people can have a glimpse of the excellent standards, formation, programs, and teachings Catholic schools can offer.



A Valentine Senior Lunch

Thursday February 9
11:30am
OLQP/Slattery Hall
\$6.00/person

Pork roast/potatoes/ vegetables/
salad/dessert

Sign up at church entrances. Pay when you come.

SOUP SATURDAY (on Friday) February 3

Please bring in your baked goods to OLQP next week for Soup "Saturday." We will be collecting monetary donations this weekend and next for the vegetables and meat needed to make the soup. Your generosity for this outreach is greatly appreciated by all of those who will benefit from a good meal during these winter months. Thanks to all who donate their time and treasure for this worthy project. We are still looking for people who would be interested in this important ministry to provide sustenance to the less fortunate people in our community during the cold winter months. Please contact Gail Kindlon if you are interested. You can call her at 309-6050 or call the office.



Annual Pre-Super Bowl Party Knights of Columbus To Benefit K of C Charity Fund



Dinner - All are welcome
Friday February 10th 5-9pm
\$25 per person
St. Anne's Church Hall
Contact John @ 406-7774



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday March 11, 2023
8:30am-1:30pm
STM
Gathering Space



APPOINTMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED

Go to redcrossblood.org and enter StThomasMoreChurchRochester to schedule an appointment or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

All donors are required to wear masks throughout the donation. All donors will receive \$10 Amazon gift card.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

	Monday January 30	Tuesday January 31	Wednesday February 1	Thursday February 2	Friday February 3	Saturday February 4	Sunday February 5
AT OLQP	Faith Formation K-5 6:00-7:15pm	Knit/Crochet Group 9:00-11:00 am Handbell Rehearsal 7:00-8:30pm	Book Group 6:30-8:00pm		Stations of the Cross with rosary following 10:00am Adoration 11:00am-2:00pm Soup Saturday 12:30-3:00pm		Choir Warm up and Mass 8:30am FF Grade 6 Zoom 3:00pm FF Grade 7 Zoom 4:00pm FF grade 6-12 Class 6:00-8:00pm
AT STM				Blessing of Candles at Mass 8:00am RCIA Session 6:00pm	Blessing of throats at Mass 8:00am		Choir Rehearsal & Mass 9:30am RCIA Session 1:00pm

LIVE THE EUCHARIST

"Transubstantiation" is defined by the Catechism as "the change of the whole substance of bread into the substance of the Body of Christ and of the whole substance of wine into the substance of his Blood. This change is brought about in the eucharistic prayer through the efficacy of the word of Christ and by the action of the Holy Spirit. However, the outward characteristics of bread and wine, that is the "eucharistic species," remain unaltered" (CCC 283).



Similarly, when we participate in the Eucharist, we are transformed! OUR outward characteristics might remain the same, but our substance is changed by the love of Christ and we become more like Christ at work in the world! Live the Eucharist this week by being his hands and feet in all settings!

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

1st Eucharist Camps will be held on
April 15th & April 22nd

First Eucharist is scheduled to be celebrated on
May 7, 2023

Faith Formation News



Attention all Year 2 Confirmation students
The Confirmation Retreat for Year 2 Confirmation Students for both Catholic School and Non-Catholic school Youth
Will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023
Our Lady Queen of Peace
10:00-3:00pm

Completed Confirmation Packets are due at the retreat.

Confirmation for our parish cluster will be held on
Wednesday, April 26, 2023

At Sacred Heart Cathedral at 6:30pm

Information and Schedule for completing the Immediate preparation will be going out in an email this week.

Grade 6-12 Community Event:

The Community Bag of Hope Event that was originally schedule for February 11th will now be moved to Sunday March 5th. Information about this event will go out in the weekly Faith Formation Newsletter.



K-5 St. Valentine Bible Bingo!

The K-5 Faith Formation St. Valentine Bible Bingo Game will be held on Monday, February 13th from 6:00-7:15pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace. This will occur during normal class time, so no need to register. Students will win prizes and test their Bible and Sacramental knowledge that evening! Parents are welcome, but also may drop off as normal for this event. More information will be forth coming in the weekly newsletter.

Grade 6-12 students who would like to be a volunteer to help with this event (and also those in need of Community Service hours toward Confirmation) please email Jennifer.Abdalla@dor.org or Nora.Bradbury@dor.org



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Corner

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase “poor in spirit” can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God’s providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

Sacrificial Giving as of January 23

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..... \$4,349.00

Weekend Attendance..... 209

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

Last Week's Sunday Mass Collection.....\$4,139.00

Weekend Attendance..... 318

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