

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 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  
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](http://www.olqpstm.com)  
Confessions before 4:30 Mass or by appointment

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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 [gfpayer@gmail.com](mailto:gfpayer@gmail.com)

**Business Office**

Mary Kase, Racheal Stepien, Lisa Reina  
585-450-2999

Available at both parishes:

Available at OLQP



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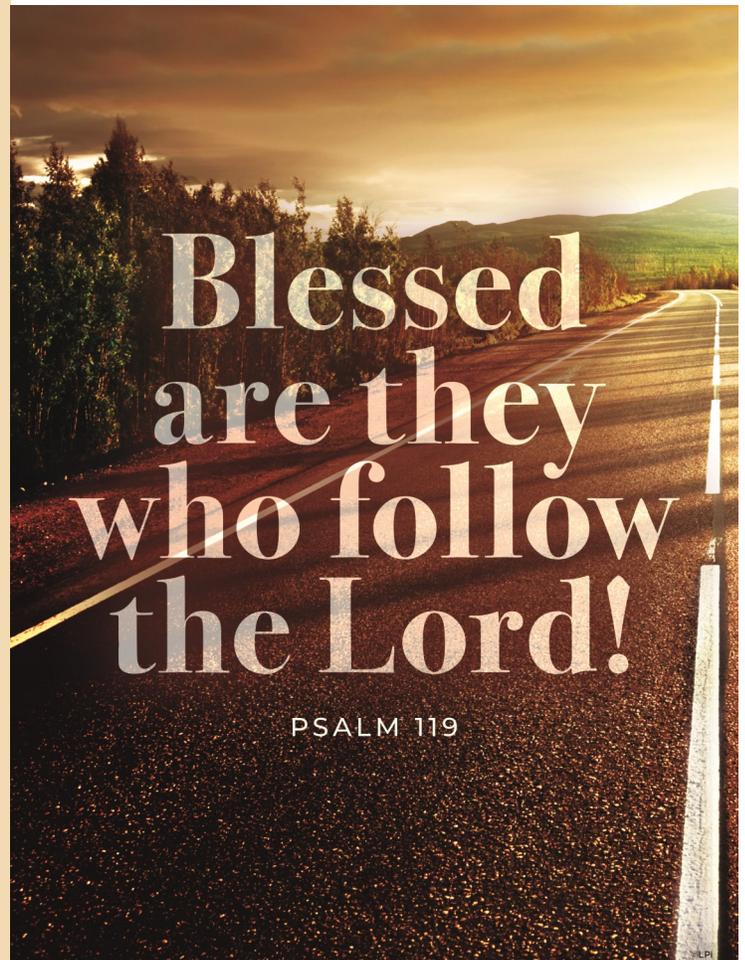


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# Welcome...

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, February 13

Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1,8,16bc-17,20-21 Mk 8:11-13

OLQP 7:00 AM †James G. McCauley - Linda McCauley

### Tuesday, February 14 Sts. Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop

Gn 6:5-8;7:1-5,10 Ps 29:1a,2,3ac-4,9c-10 Mk 8:14-21

STM 8:00 AM †Menotti Ciccone - Jack & Ann McIntyre

10:30 AM Friendly Home Mass - George Downer - Jane Hammele

### Wednesday, February 15

Gn 8:6-13,20-22 Ps 116:12-15,18-19 Mk 8:22-26

OLQP 7:00 AM †Katherine Hart

### Thursday, February 16

Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18,19-23,29 Mk 8:27-33

STM 8:00 AM People of the Parish

### Friday, February 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34--9:1

STM 8:00 AM †Rachel LeChase

### Saturday, February 18

Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-5,10-11 Mk 9:2-13

OLQP 4:30PM †Donald Hammond - Knit/Crochet Group

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

### Sunday, February 19 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lv 19:1-2,17-18 Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

OLQP 9:00 AM †Paul Kusak - Carolyn Vacanti

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



### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions this week are in Memory of:

STM Elton Critchlow  
OLQP Mary Seidel



### 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 Pemaselli, Daniel Ploppert, Marion Robinson, Rob Smith, Thelma Smith, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, George Walsh, and Peppy Walsh.

Mass on President's Day, February 20th, will be at 8:00 at Our Lady Queen of Peace.



## Living in the Spirit



As both a mother of a teenager and someone who works with teenagers often, I frequently get a front seat (albeit a hot seat at times) to the "questioning of everything." While on most days I appreciate it for the gift that it is, I must admit that it can be a bit daunting. Daunting in all the right ways, of course, and in all the ways that matter. For, we don't really know what we believe until we are prepared to apply it, from every angle, mood and circumstance that comes our way.

Over the years I have had all of my life choices scrutinized by a young audience. How we live our lives and why we live them the way we do helps them build their own moral compass. And even if they look uninterested and roll their eyes, I promise you, they are taking it all in. So it is good to live our Faith "out loud." The good and the bad! They need to know how to rejoice in the blessings and make u-turns from the messes. They learn that by watching how we do it and not by how we say to do it. It keeps us humble and helps them gain wisdom. Soon enough it will be their turn to do the same.

In the readings from Sirach today, Ben Sira presents the problem of free will and personal responsibility. This is always a popular discussion with our young people. How can we be the choosers of good or evil for our lives? Are we really free to choose our actions, but not be free from the consequences of them?"

Nothing is more perplexing than a God who loves us enough to give us free will. It is both amazing and terrifying to think about at any age. It means that God is not pulling strings like a celestial puppeteer causing every detail in our lives to unfold. Nothing is predestined. Neither is God the cause or occasion of sin. We ourselves, are responsible for how we respond to what happens to us. We can either choose to live life with God, or choose to turn away.

When we understand the power of our choices we may want to default to things that are concrete. Rules, laws and commandments come to mind. They seem solid. They seem tested. They give us a false sense of certainty. While they serve a good intention, life cares little for the "black and white" of rules. Our lives are abundantly grey. The older we get, the more we find things don't expressly fall into one category or the other. It can be rather difficult to make good choices if based solely on what "the rules" say. Especially when so many of our earthly laws tend to be flawed.

Thankfully, Jesus comes to fulfill the law. Jesus invites us to use our free will to love God in a way that loves LIKE God. A love that exceeds the boxes and boundaries the world has set before us. A love that is motivated, not by fear, but by choices that multiply mercy. A life that has endless possibilities for growth. Choices that are born of love, not judgement; with compassion, not severity. These are the paths that lead to life with God. It, is not perfect. It is not easily clear. But in making our life choices from a place of love, and learning how to seek mercy in the "u-turns" of life, we are well on our way to using our free will correctly.

Truthfully, Jesus came to push the boundaries and make us question everything. Surely many of the elders of His day were daunted by His new way of thinking. Perhaps our young people are more like Jesus than we give them credit for!

Many Blessings,  
Jennifer



Magnificat Rochester invites all Women to a breakfast at the Brook Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley Rd, (off Chili Ave) on Saturday, March 11th; the program begins at 9:30am until noon. Seating begins at 8:30am.

Our speaker is Louise Carson. Louise has dedicated herself to serving God through many ministries in the Catholic Church. She is the Coordinator of the Rochester Chapter of Magnificat, trained as a Pastoral Minister in the Rochester Diocese and worked in that role for several years. In the midst of this service, Louise has experienced job loss, divorce, teen pregnancy, and the death of a grandchild. Yet, her trust in God and her dependence on the goodness of God and His promises have been her solace and strength.

Reservations \$30.00; after March 4: \$32.00; Student \$20.00; Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. Deadline March 7th. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal (\$32.00) on our website at [www.MagnificatRochester.org](http://www.MagnificatRochester.org). For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: [MagnificatRochester@frontier.com](mailto:MagnificatRochester@frontier.com)



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.

As you can see below, St. Thomas More has surpassed their goal for this campaign. Thank you so much for your generosity. Donations are still welcomed, as STM

STM
Goal - \$74,000.00
\$74,198.00 as of 2/6
100.34% of goal 122 Donors

OLQP
Goal - \$68,000.00
\$53,514.00 as of 2/6
79.15% of goal 126 Donors

Our Tuesday morning knitters and crocheters have been hard at work since September. The fruits of their labors are being realized by migrant workers in Marion and Sodus. Recently Ken & Linda Kusak delivered 6 big bags of handmade scarves, hats, mitten, gloves, & blankets to migrant dairy workers in those two communities. Fr. John Posiadlo, SJ was beyond excited when he saw the bags that he was then able to distribute to the men, women and children in those communities.



These women who gather on Tuesdays are very dedicated to this ministry - even purchasing yarn on their own to make the items. Donations of skeins of yarn are most appreciated and they also welcome anyone interested in joining their ministry. Call Beth Watkins if interested: 353-7231.



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

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



**APPOINTMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED**

Go to [redcrossnblood.org](http://redcrossnblood.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.

Save time by using RapidPass® to complete your pre-donation reading and health history online before you come to your appointment. Get started at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or by using the Blood Donor App. For detailed donor eligibility questions, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

# 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.



**Lector assignments for next weekend 2/18-19**

OLQP **4:30** - Sheila Dalzell **9:00** - Rob Hutter  
STM **4:30** - Dennis Regan **11:00** - Kathleen Hurley  
**Nursing Homes Next Weekend**  
Highlands - Mary Attridge

**Altar Flowers for next weekend:**

STM - Annette & John Bailey  
OLQP - Kay Hammond

**Prayer of the Week**

To your beloved you give rest; may we experience the deep safety that can only be found in your love.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

	<b>Monday</b> February 13	<b>Tuesday</b> February 14	<b>Wednesday</b> February 15	<b>Thursday</b> February 16	<b>Friday</b> February 17	<b>Saturday</b> February 18	<b>Sunday</b> February 19
<b>AT OLQP</b>	FF K-5 Valentine Bingo 6:00-7:15	Knit/Crochet Group  FF Grade 2/3 Zoom 6:00pm	Book Group 6:30-8:00pm  Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm	Young Adult Dinner 6:00pm	RCIA Session 9:00am		Handbell Warm up & Mass 8:30am  Choir Rehearsal 10:15am  High School Youth Group 6:00-8:00pm
<b>AT STM</b>	Bible Study 12:30-2:00pm			RCIA Session 6:00pm			Choir Rehearsal & Mass 9:30am  RCIA Session 1:00pm



### Young Adult Ministry

Our next **Young Adult Ministry** event is coming up on **Thursday, February 16th**. We hope you can join us for dinner & discussion from 6:15-8:15pm (dinner at 6:30) at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Build into your week some time for a shared meal and community, an opportunity to learn about and experience a particular kind of prayer/spirituality from our tradition, and engage in reflection together. Please let Nora know if you can come! [nora.bradbury@dor.org](mailto:nora.bradbury@dor.org)



**Let's get together and  
celebrate Fr. Hart's 50th  
anniversary of ordination to the  
priesthood.**



We are in the beginning stages of planning a celebration. What we know is the following: (details could change)

Dates: **April 28th** (actual anniversary)

Mass at OLQP and Dinner at Oak Hill CC

**April 30th**

Reception at STM after Masses - time TBD

We are looking for donations of time, talent & treasure.

Please contact Margaret or Robin for more information:

[mmostromecki@gmail.com](mailto:mmostromecki@gmail.com) [robin.levy2534@gmail.com](mailto:robin.levy2534@gmail.com)

### January Financial Report

#### **Our Lady Queen of Peace**

#### **Week Ending for: Sunday Mass Collection**

January 1	\$6,781
January 8	\$6,330
January 15	\$3,803
January 22	\$4,329
January 29	\$4,517

**January EFT gifts \$7,633**

#### **January Totals**

Attendance	1012
Sunday Collection	\$33,393
Sunday Collection Budget	\$31,720 (\$1,673 favorable)

#### **Year-to-Date Totals**

Sunday Collection	\$203,306
Sunday Collection Budget	\$196,664 (\$6,642 favorable)

#### **St. Thomas More**

#### **Week Ending for: Sunday Mass Collection**

January 1	\$5,123
January 8	\$7,123
January 15	\$3,817
January 22	\$4,334
January 29	\$5,455

**January EFT gifts \$5,173**

#### **January Totals**

Attendance	1532
Sunday Collection	\$31,025
Sunday Collection Budget	\$33,335 (\$2,310 unfavorable)

#### **Year-to-Date Totals**

Sunday Collection	\$203,493
Sunday Collection Budget	\$206,677 (\$3,184 unfavorable)

#### **Christmas Collections:**

Our Lady Queen of Peace	\$7,001	St. Thomas More	\$13,198
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"An unfavorable monthly variance indicates the total "weeklies" donated during January 2023 do not meet budgeted expectations and our financial obligations may not be met."

**Staff**

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**Mary Kase** Regional Finance Director  
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**Corner**

*“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”*  
MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern day Pharisee.

**Sacrificial Giving as of February 6**

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)

Last Week’s Sunday Mass Collection..... \$7,363.00

Last Week’s Sunday Mass Collection.....\$7,058.00

Weekend Attendance ..... 203

Weekend Attendance ..... 250

Please go to our website at [olqpstm.com](http://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](mailto: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