

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE



## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.  
And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may  
be consecrated in truth.” - Jn 17:18-19

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# ABOUT OUR PARISH

## From the Pastor's Desk...

Christian love resulting in the unity of all Christian denominations is the main theme of today's Scripture lessons. We need to understand, appreciate, cooperate with, and pray with and for each other: The denominations are a reality. There is no use in our blaming each other for the historical events which caused these divisions in Christ's Body. What we can do is to learn sympathetically about the doctrinal similarities and differences of the members of our Christian community, learn to love each one, and seek to cooperate with the members of all denominations in all way possible. Let us pray fervently that God may show us how to work with Him in building true and lasting Christian unity without sacrificing the basic Christian principles and teachings.

I want to thank all for heeding my recent message limiting conversations while in our church. People appreciate the quiet as they center themselves in prayer to prepare for the Mass. Thank you! It is so lovely to see more and more people back to worship with their family to thank God on weekends as covid situation improving. It would also be wonderful to see more people during the weekdays and I encourage them to begin their day receiving Jesus in the Eucharist.

Congratulations to all of our First Communicants, their teachers, friends, and families!

Again, let us all offer prayers for our parish family – a Hail Mary, Glory Be, and Our Father. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Fr. Dominic.



## SERVED BY

Rev. Dominic Thomas.....*Pastor*  
Rev. Sujan Joseph.....*Parochial Vicar*  
Deacon Thomas Finnerty ..*Administrative Assistant*  
Deacon Dennis Hogan.....*Pastoral Associate*  
Dee Caraballo.....*Director of Music Ministry*  
Mrs. Denise Hall-Clarke.....*Secretary*  
John Fusco.....*Trustee*  
Frank Scafuri ..... *Trustee*  
Dan Clifford .....*Parish Council Chairman*

## CHURCH & RECTORY

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Mrs. Margaret O'Connor, Principal

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Barbara Orleman | 90 Third Street | 718-979-0989



## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

Sundays during Mass. Scheduling should be made as early as possible, to allow the parents to attend the preparation meetings.

### RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday | 7:30am-8:00am

Saturday | 3:00pm-3:30pm

(Our Lady of Lourdes) Sunday | Before 10:00am Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes)

### MATRIMONY

The Catholic Church takes preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously. Please contact the rectory at least one year in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with one of the Parish priests.

Participation in the Marriage Preparation Program offered.

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK

The fourth Saturday of each month after the 4:00pm mass and on **First Fridays at 7pm Mass.**

## DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal | After morning Mass

Novena to St. Joseph | Wednesday after morning Mass

Novena to St. Peregrine | Thursday after morning Mass

Novena to the Sacred Heart | Friday after morning Mass

Divine Mercy | 7:30am on week Days

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary | After morning Mass

Legion of Mary | Thursday 7:00pm

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group | Friday 4:00pm

Charismatic Prayer Group | Second Friday of the month, 7:30pm

Eucharist Adoration | Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00am-8:00am

First Fridays | 8:00am-6:00pm

Common Holy Hour and Confession | 6:00pm-7:00pm

Healing Mass | First Friday of the month, 7:00pm

Confessions are being heard on week Days from 7am to 7:45am.

# HAPPENING THIS WEEK

## WORSHIP

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening .....4:00 pm  
 Sunday .....7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am,  
 10:00 am at Our Lady of Lourdes

### Weekdays

Monday through Friday .....8:00 am

### Holy Days of Obligation

Eve of Holy Day ..... 7:00 pm  
 Holy Day..... 8:00, 12:00 noon  
 At Our Lady of Lourdes ..... 7:00 pm  
 Cedar Grove Avenue

As you are likely aware, the state of New York has begun to lift or rollback many COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Governor Cuomo announced the following changes to these restrictions. The full news release from the governor can be found

- Effective May 19, 2021, there will be no capacity restriction on houses of worship. However, the six-foot social distance requirement will remain in effect;
- Effective May 19, 2021, capacity for indoor non-essential gatherings is 250 persons, subject to physical distancing guidelines;
- Effective May 10, 2021, capacity for outdoor non-essential gatherings is 500 persons, subject to physical distancing guidelines (two meters). Note that if you are planning a festival or feast and seek to exceed the 500-person outdoor gathering restriction, you may consider contacting your county health department for a final determination as to whether your event may exceed the 500-person occupancy limit;
- Mask restrictions are to remain in place for the time being.

It is encouraging that, with each month, we move closer to our pre-pandemic existence and we hope your parishes will be able to expand procedures in obedience with these new guidelines.

You may call me or any of the other offices at the Catholic Center with questions about the permissibility of conducting specific activities in compliance with the changing advisory landscape during this pandemic.

And thank you for wearing masks, sanitizing, getting vaccinated, staying home when sick and reminding your faithful parishioners to do the same.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful to all who contribute so generously each week, thank you for your support! We do recommend that you use parish envelopes or Weshare. Please call the rectory to register.

### May 2nd

Sunday Collection	\$5,684.00
Shrine Candles	\$138.00
School Support	\$1,655.00

Thank you for your support and generosity.

## 2021 Cardinal's Appeal

The 2021 Annual Cardinal's Appeal is up and running. All our Parishioners are sent Cardinal's Appeal request envelopes from the Archdiocese. Please prayerfully consider your gift. Please make checks payable to The Cardinal's Appeal and remember to include the Parish #307.

**Our Goal: \$94,500.00    Pledge: \$67,644.00**  
**Paid: 58,234.00                      # of Gifts: 257**

## FATHER GANNON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This Fund helps students who attend OLQP School to remain in school when their family suffers a long term set back. Please make checks payable to: **OLQP/ Father Gannon Scholarship Fund.**

## Keeping His Word, Slowly but Surely

If you do a good deed, be it ever so simple, and do it out of love and charity, this is most pleasing to God; for though it may be a little, it is indeed very pleasing to him. But he does wish in truth that you proceed from good to better. I once saw a man who [was always] performing good deeds, and each time he would say: "I wish that I might begin to do a little good." Though he was already doing it, yet for all this he did not seem to himself to be doing good. And I saw his soul attain to such an estate of perfection that it was a wonderful thing.

And therefore I have greater faith in him who proceeds little by little, from good to better, than in him who leaps all of a sudden into every great undertaking. As said a holy father, admonishing and teaching: "If you had a thousand years to live in the service of God, see always that you go from good to better; and in like manner if you had to live but for a day, go always from good to better."

Do you wish to have an example of this? Have you seen great riches come all of a sudden, and as quickly as they come so quickly do they depart? Therefore I say it is better that you should proceed little by little from virtue to virtue.

Lo! Consider water....If you would heat it, first it rises to such a degree that it becomes lukewarm. And leaving it still longer on the fire it passes from the lukewarm stage to heat....So doth a soul which is cold, and wishes to attain to the heat of the love of God.

Saint Bernardine of Siena



# WORSHIP TOGETHER



## TODAY'S READING

### FIRST READING

In the immediate aftermath of Jesus' ascension, and as a means for healing within the group, Peter and the apostles discerned Matthias as the replacement for Judas. What are some areas in your faith life that need healing in order to feel whole?

### SECOND READING

John testifies that his community has "come to know and to believe in the love God has for us." Do you think your faith community shares a similar conviction of faith in the love of God?

### GOSPEL

We hear Jesus' prayer to his Father for the protection of the disciples, especially against "the evil one" in the world. Where do you personally experience evil in the world today?

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## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Tara LaBarca, Baby Gabriel, Gallagher, Riyan Richard, Lucille Iannella, Blythe Finn, Rose Bierbaum, Michelle LaBove, Charles Pomeroy, Carmen Haynes, Peter Orleman.

## 50/50 Monthly Drawing

The 50/50 drawing will be held on the last week of every month.

Yellow 50/50 envelopes are provided in your envelope package and also at the back of the Church. The cost is \$5.00. To be eligible to win, please be sure to get your entry in soon! Good Luck to all.

### Monday, May 17

8:00AM † Deceased Members of the Seaver-Casazza Family

### Tuesday, May 18—St. John I, Pope and Martyr

8:00AM † Mother's Day Novena, Vincent McDonnell – Healing

### Wednesday, May 19

8:00AM † Sr. Mary De Salles & Sr. Regina Gibbons

### Thursday, May 20—St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00AM † Mary E. Tracy

### Friday, May 21—St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00AM † Mother's Day Novena, Catherine and Kenneth Hansen

### Saturday, May 22—St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

4:00PM † Julian D. Ayres, Kathleen Mackie & Deceased family members

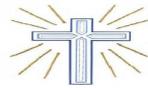
### Sunday, May 23—Pentecost Sunday

7:00AM † Mona & Daniel Boylan and Margaret Keenan

9:00AM † Lillian Scala, Dennis Barrett

10:00AM OLL † Deceased Members of the Marshall Family

11:00AM † Bob D'Arpa, Arlene Donovan



*Rest In Peace*

Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**Andrew Pizza, Maria Hernandez**

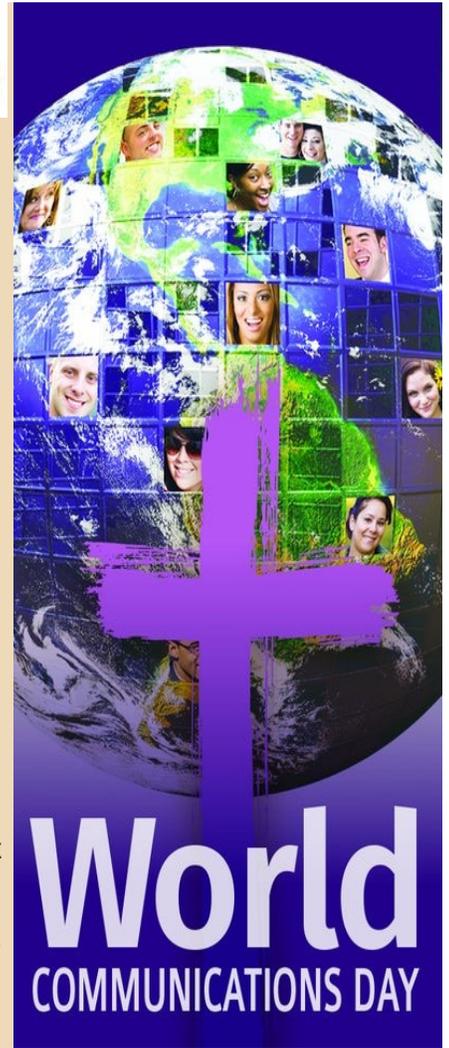
## THE 2022 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

Mass offering is to be made when the Mass is arranged in the Rectory during office hours. Weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation Masses are still \$25 and Monday through Friday morning Masses are \$15.

## VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND



Please contact the rectory if you know of anyone who is sick at home or in the hospital and or homebound who would like a visit from one of the priests or deacons at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Please call 718-351-1093 or email: [olqpchurch@verizon.net](mailto:olqpchurch@verizon.net)



## First Friday's Healing Mass

**All are invited. Adoration after the 8AM Mass, Common Holy Hour at 6pm, priests are available for confessions. Healing Mass at 7:00PM—Here at Our Lady Queen of Peace.**

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

## FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place —. He said, “My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry.

“For it is written in the Book of Psalms:

*May another take his office.*

“Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

## The Word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, all you his angels, you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

## SECOND READING:

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

## The Word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

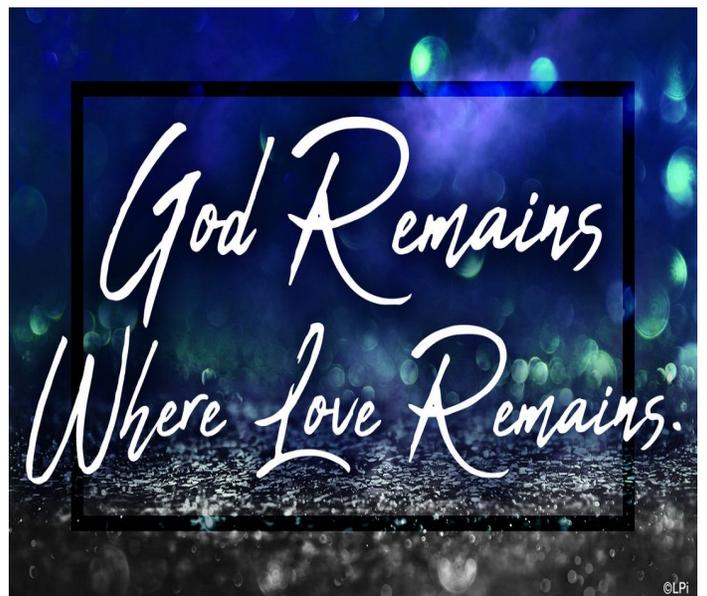
Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: “Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”

## The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer to St. Joseph

O our beloved Saint Joseph, adopt us as your children and take charge of our salvation. Watch over us day and night and preserve us from all occasions of sin. Obtain for us purity of body and soul, and the spirit of prayer, through your intercession with Jesus. Grant us a spirit of sacrifice, humility, and self-denial. Obtain for us a burning love for Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and a tender love for Mary, our Mother. Saint Joseph, be with us in life, be with us in death, and obtain for us a favorable judgement from Jesus, our merciful Savior.

Amen.



## NEWS AND EVENTS

### OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE SCHOOL

#### Where Great Things Are Happening

**NEW FREE Pre-K 3 Program—Free Pre-K 4 Program—**

**ROBOTICS**—Early morning drop off @ 7 A.M. and After School until 6 P.M.—

OT and Speech Services Available in School—

Technology infused curriculum—iPads and Chrome-books in the classrooms—Smart Board and Smart TV technology in the classrooms—National Junior Honor Society—Physical Education, Art, Dance, Spanish—Band, CYO Sports, Girl Scouts—Hot Lunch Program

#### Prepared for the Future!

**Seamless Online Learning Environment (S.O.L.E.) & Robotics Program** in cooperation with St. Joseph by the Sea HS providing a weekly prep program for 7th and 8th graders to prepare them for high school and college courses with a focus on technology.

**APPLY ONLINE FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8th**

**GRADE— [www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org)**

#### THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Considering a Catholic Elementary School for your child for Grades PreK to 8th Grade? To learn more about Online Admissions for the 2021-2022 School year and Financial Assistance for new incoming K-8 students offered at many schools

**Financial Assistance program - available to new students entering K-8th grades—[www.OLQPsi.com](http://www.OLQPsi.com)**

3K/PreK For All Registration is Opened—Ways TO Apply: Call us for assistance at 718-351-0370—Online at [WWW.MYSCHOOLS.NYC](http://WWW.MYSCHOOLS.NYC)—Call NYC Department of Education Enrollment office at 718-935-2067

Please use the school code for our location: **District and Site ID: 31RABD**

NYC families with children born in **2018** will be able to apply to **3-K**, and children born in **2017** can apply to **Pre-K**.



#### **Our Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp, which is next to our Tabernacle, is a sign of the Real Presence of Jesus, the Light of the World, in our Parish Church. In accordance with tradition, this candle may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a particular person or persons, or for a special intention. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$20. There are several dates still open for dedication in 2021 Book. Anyone who would like to plan for dedicating the Sanctuary Lamp should contact the Parish Office.

The Sanctuary Light for this week is donated in memory of Joseph and Elizabeth Murray requested by Mr. & Mrs. John Ciccarelli.

#### **BREAD AND WINE**

We are accepting offerings for the Bread and Wine for the week in memory of your loved ones. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$20. Any questions, please call the Parish office 718-351-1093.

The Bread and Wine for this week are donated in memory of Charles and Frances Ciccarelli requested by Mr. & Mrs. John Ciccarelli.



***We Welcomed the Newly Baptized  
to our parish***

***Lorenzo Eugene Bergen***

***&***

***Lucas Carmelo Bergen***

#### **LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.

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