

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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We come together as a community of faith to celebrate with praise and joy!

90 Third Street, New Dorp, Staten Island, N.Y. 10306

ABOUT OUR PARISH

WORSHIP

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening4:00 pm
Sunday7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am,
10:00 am at Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekdays

Monday through Friday8:00 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

SERVED BY

Rev. Dominic Thomas.....*Pastor*
Rev. Sujan Joseph.....*Parochial Vicar*
Deacon Thomas Finnerty.....*Administrative Assistant*
Dee Caraballo.....*Director of Music Ministry*
Mrs. Denise Hall-Clarke.....*Secretary*
Terence Hurson..... *Trustee*
Richard F. McCahey.....*Trustee*

CHURCH & RECTORY

90 Third Street, New Dorp, Staten Island, N.Y.
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SCHOOL-Our Lady Queen of Peace
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Mrs. Margaret O'Connor, Principal

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PARISH ASSOCIATIONS

Holy Name Society/Father's Club - 8:00pm, First Monday after Second Sunday (Fr. Hopkins Hall)

Rosary & Altar Society (OLQP) - First Sunday following 9:00am Mass

Rosary & Altar Society (OLL) - 7:30pm Eve of First Friday (KofC Hall)



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

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.

ANointing 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 through Friday 7:00am-8:00am

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

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

From the Pastor's Desk ...

Once again, Father Sujan and I wish to thank all who participated in our Christmas liturgies together. Our enormous gratitude goes to all parishioners, staff, and volunteers, for all of your ministries and grace-filled commitments, helping us to celebrate a glorious Christmas. Thanks to everyone for your most generous support.

As 2021 comes to a close and the New Year 2022 is upon us, let us reflect on the many graces and blessings we have received from our dear Lord. 2022 is a special year for our Parish as we celebrate our one hundredth year. May this New Year be a blessed, prosperous and peaceful one for our parish family. This past year has been very challenging for everyone due to the pandemic. We pray that hopefully soon it will all get better.

Let us all continue to welcome new parishioners, and encourage all, especially young families to become involved in our many ministries here. And let us bring Jesus' love and joy to the young and respected seniors alike.

Kindly continue to pray an Our Father, Glory Be, and Hail Mary every morning. As our prayers go up, blessings come down! Think of how many prayers we will receive each day!

Again, thank you for your prayers, blessings and generosity. Thank you for building up the body of Christ at Our Lady Queen of Peace by worshipping and serving with us. Love and peace to you all for a blessed New Year.

Fr. Dominic and Fr. Sujan



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

As Roman Catholics, we celebrate the awesome realization that Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth and was recognized by the Magi who traveled great distances to seek the newborn King of Kings. Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthasar represent all races of people around the world. They came to pay homage, bringing gifts. Gold represents a gift fitting for Jesus, the King of Kings. Frankincense, an aromatic substance burnt during religious ceremonies, represents a gift fitting for Jesus, the Son of God. Finally, myrrh, a fragrance typically used during burials, suggests that Jesus, as Savior, would die for our sins.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus,
As the Wise Men traveled great distances to seek you,
I, too, seek to follow your word.
Just as they gave you their finest of gifts,
I, too, give you my best – I give you my heart full of love.
Please help me to follow you always.
This I pray in praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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WORSHIP TOGETHER

TODAY'S READING FIRST READING

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

SECOND READING

It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews and Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of "coheirs" and "copartners." What does this language signal to you?

GOSPEL

The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God's revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today? ©LPI



Monday, January 3—Holy Name of Jesus

8:00AM † Rocco & Victoria D'Agostino

Tuesday, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00AM † Rose Rapisardo

Wednesday, January 5—St. John Neumann, bishop

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

Thursday, January 6—St. Andre Bessette, Religious

8:00AM † Alba & Gaetano Migliorini

Friday, January 7—St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

8:00AM † Deceased Members of the Hrasch Family

7:00PM † Rev. Robert Gannon

Saturday, January 8

4:00PM † Ethel & Timothy Hogan

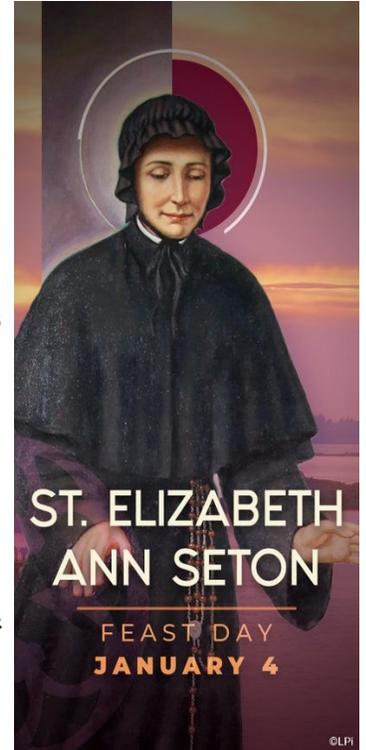
Sunday, January 9—Baptism of the Lord

7:00AM † Deceased Members of the Vento, Azzara & Morawek Family

9:00AM † Constance Imbesi, Miriam Ludwig

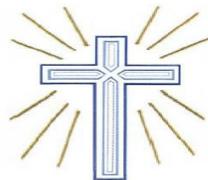
10:00AM OLL † Pauline Gardiner

11:00AM † Domenic Pensabene



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Tara LaBarca, Baby Gabriel, Gallagher, Riyan Richard, Lucille Iannella, Blythe Finn, Rose Bierbaum, DMM, Charles Pomero, Peter Orleman, Anthony Pelle, Jr., Danielle Quattrocchi, Sharonlee Davino, Helena Elsa Allen, Alyssa K, Baby Riley, Peter Bellina, Jr., Christina Grigoli, JoAnn Behrens.



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.

**Joseph Ferraro MD,
Bridget Deery,
Kevin Dugan**

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.

December 19th

Sunday Collection	\$6,951.00
Shrine Candles	\$203.00
Christmas Gift	\$2,262.00

Thank you for your generosity.



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.

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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Prayer for Our Jubilee Year

Heavenly Father, bless and strengthen our parish family as we prepare ourselves spiritually for our Jubilee Year. Fill us with an ardent desire for Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament which nourishes and heals our souls. Inspire us, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, to bring the Gospel message of love and hope to all people and help us to be good stewards of your wondrous creation, our world. Through the intercession of Mary, our beloved Mother, may our families stay united in love, our children grow in faith, our elderly and homebound be cherished and cared for and our sick be healed. May our grieving parishioners be consoled and our prayers for all the souls of our faithful departed find a place in Your Heart. Bless all Priests, Deacons and Religious who have served and are now serving the people of our parish. May their lives of prayer and service foster vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Pray for us.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.

Amen

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

April 3-12, 2022 (206—TOURS)

**Spiritual Director
Fr. Dominic Thomas**

With Visits to: Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Haifa, Stella Maris, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Mt. Tabor, Jerusalem, Ein Karem, Bethlehem, Jericho, Dead Sea, Mt. of Olives, Mt. Zion.

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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 the 2022 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 Regina Neller requested by the Marchetti Family.

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.

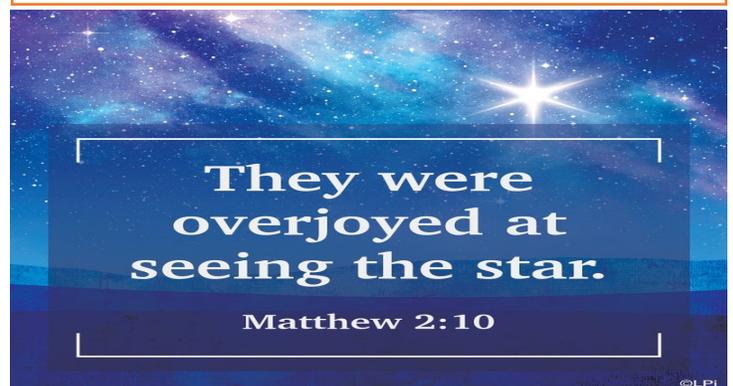
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Prayer for those who suffering with Cancer

Mary, health of the sick, you brought forth into our world Jesus Christ, our Divine Healer. In your caring goodness, intercede for (here mention name) who is truly in need of miraculous assistance

If it be God's will, I ask this day that the gift of healing from all forms of cancer be granted to (here mention name.) Comfort him/her during times of anguish, pain, confusion and despair. Ask our gracious Savior to grant him/her physical health, inner peace and patience in suffering.

May God's healing graces grant (name) a life of happiness, health and fulfillment here on earth, and one day, the joy of eternal glory in His loving embrace. Amen



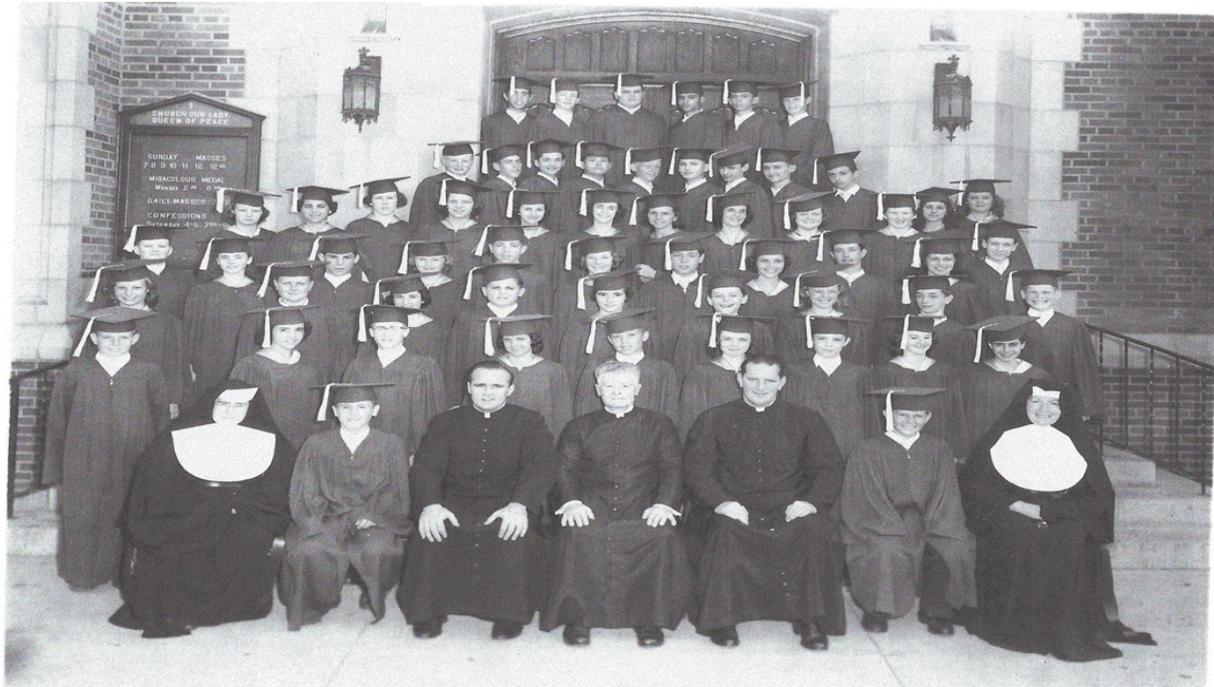
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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NEWS AND EVENTS

Through the years: 1922—2022



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.**

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.

Wedding Anniversary Blessings!

We will offer special prayers and blessings for married couples on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the 4pm Mass. Our parish family would like to honor and thank them and wish them continued love of Jesus in their heart, life and family. Invite all your beloved to join you at the blessing and renewal of your commitment.



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Christmas Flower Offering

You will find a Christmas Flower envelope in your envelope packet and in the back of the Church. Donations can be given in memory and/or in honor of your loved ones and your intentions will be remembered during each Mass throughout the Christmas Season. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

Christmas flower donations have been made in memory of their loved ones by the following:

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Hett, Mrs. Maureen Brown, Ms. Gina Ferreri, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Fanizza, Mr. & Mrs. Marguerite Salabarria, Mr. & Mrs. Vito Cannavo, Marie Edelstein, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Saccaro, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Petti, Susan Rapillo, Angela Ronan, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rizzi, Mrs. Jean Cicero. To be continued....

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