

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE—OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

New Dorp, Staten Island, N.Y. 10306

718-351-1093

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

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Mrs. Margaret O'Connor, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Barbara Orleman | 718-979-0989

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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)

Sports Program - Olympic League, CYO, 8:00pm Second Monday (Cafeteria) Anthony Vinci—Email: OLQPSI.Sports@gmail.com.

The Secular Franciscan Order—First Thursday of the Month at 7:00pm



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.

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

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal | Monday evenings at 7:30pm and 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 | Monday 5:00pm in the Convent

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group | Friday 4:00pm

Eucharist Adoration | Monday through 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From the Pastor's Desk...

Prepare our Hearts and ask for the Grace

Each morning this week, if even for a brief moment at the side of our beds, we want to light a second inner candle. We want to let it represent "a bit more hope." Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say, "**Lord, I place my trust in you.**"

Each day this week, as we encounter times that are rushed, even crazy, we can take that deep breath, and make that profound prayer. Each time we face some darkness, some experience of "parched land" or desert, some place where we feel "defeated" or "trapped," we hear the words, "Our God will come to save us!"

The grace we desire for this week is to be able to hear the promise and to invite our God to come into those real places of our lives that dearly need God's coming. We want to be able to say: "**Lord, I place my trust in your promise. Please, Lord, rouse your power and come into this place in my life, this relationship, into this deep self-defeating pattern. Please come here and save me.**"

Each night this week we can look back over the day and give thanks for the moments of deep breath, which opened a space for more trust and confidence in God's fidelity to us. No matter how difficult the challenges we are facing - from the growing realization of our personal sinfulness to any experience of emptiness or powerlessness, even in the face of death itself - we can give thanks for the two candles that faithfully push back the darkness. And we can give thanks for the graces given us to believe that "Our God will come to save us" because we were given the courageous faith to desire and ask boldly.

Our thanks go to everyone who helped and participated in our 24-hour adoration. This was a tremendous blessing for our parish family. My sincere appreciation to the parish family for being a blessing to each other. Please stop to greet and meet our fellow parishioners at the coffee and donut Sundays, next one is on the 11th of December!

**Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.**

Fr. Dominic

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8th

The Masses on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be as follows: Wednesday: Eve—OLQP 7:00PM

Thursday: OLQP 8:15AM & 12NOON

Thursday: OLL 7:00PM

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why is purple the color of Advent?

The Catholic Church uses visual aids to highlight a season of the liturgical year or a mystery of the faith. Purple – violet – represents a time of penance and preparation. During the weeks of Advent, the priest wears violet vestments and the altar is decorated with violet to remind us to prepare penitentially for Christ's coming.

On the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), rose vestments and altar cloths are used to signal that Advent is almost over. This is a happy time when we anticipate the joy of Christ's coming.

The Joy of Advent

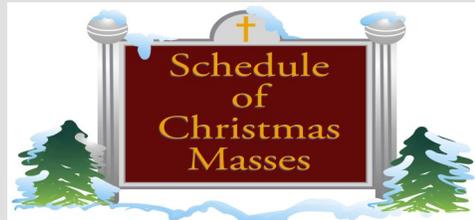
GRACE THROUGH WAITING

Patricia Livingston

Advent: A strong wind is blowing. An adventure is in the air. Someone is coming. The curious energy of Advent is that we are looking for something we know is already here. It is both right now and not yet. We sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," yet Emmanuel means "God is with us."

The days of Advent are like the intriguing little doors on an Advent calendar. Each one opens to reveal some aspect of Christmas. The reflections that follow are some of the doorways I find in the Emmanuel reality—beauty, kindness, prayer, humor, insight, memory, encounter, music, and Scripture. What doors will you open this season?

(From Catholic Update)



Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th

4:00PM and 5:30PM

9:00PM – Our Lady of Lourdes

Christmas Day, December 25th

7:00AM, 9:00AM, 10:00AM (OLL), 11:00AM
& 12:30PM

WORSHIP TOGETHER



Mass INTENTIONS

TODAY'S READING

FIRST READING

About two hundred years after the death of King David, the prophet Isaiah in around 760 BC prophesied the arrival of a new and ideal 'King David' ("a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse") that would bring about peace among people and animals. How can any of us today help make this promised future a reality?

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Roman Christians that being a welcoming and unified community of Jewish and Gentile believers was one way to glorify God. Do you think your group of friends are welcoming to others?

GOSPEL

John the Baptist taught the people that repenting of sins and producing "good fruit" was essential for preparing for the kingdom of heaven. What good works are you doing for your family and friends as we continue through the season of Advent? ©LPi

Monday, December 5

8:00AM † Catherine & Martin Donovich

Tuesday, December 6—St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00AM † Milargos Ruggiero
Vincent McDonnell—Healing

Wednesday, December 7—St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00AM † Angelo & Theresa Franconeri
Eileen Srouer

7:00PM † Marie Edelstein

Thursday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15AM † Deceased Members of the Seaver-Casazza Family

12:00PM † Cornelius F. and Nora May Purcell

7:00PM OLL † People of the Parish

Friday, December 9—St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin

8:00AM † Deceased Members of the Bluenke Family

Saturday, December 10

4:00PM † Carmine Esposito III, Linda Koseink

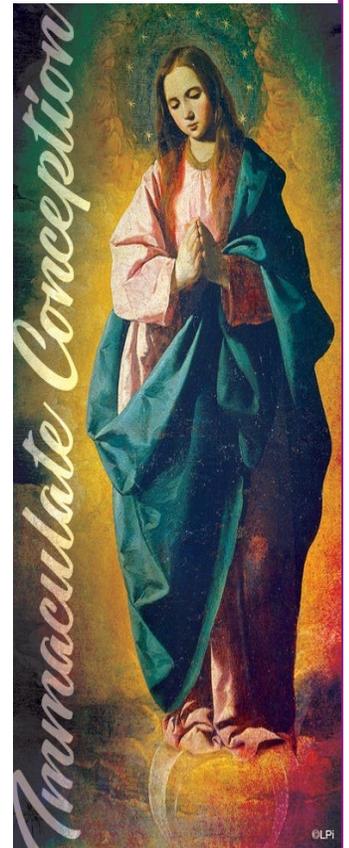
Sunday, December 11—Third Sunday of Advent

7:00AM † Carlos Martinez

9:00AM † Ann Damrau, Stephanie Gualteri

10:00AM OLL † Deceased Members of the Corella & Anastasio Family

11:00AM † Ethel & Timothy Hogan, Susan M. Bove



PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Tara LaBarca, Baby Gabriel, Gallagher, Riyan Richard, Blythe Finn, Rose Bierbaum, DMVM, Charles Pomero, Peter Orleman, Anthony Pelle, Jr., Danielle Quattrochi, Sharonlee Davino, Helena Elsa Allen, Alyssa K, Baby Riley, Peter Bellina, Jr., Christina Grigoli, Melanie Chang, Shalini D'Souza, Jim Casper, Anthony Pelle, Lisa Bolton, John Nelson, Grayce Novaro, Karen Dalgin, Juan Cerda, John Klein, Raja Rajeswari, Peter Hagon, Marissa Bochichio, Frank & Barbara Jacobacci, Ron Cognetta, Daniel Hurley.



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.

Robert Calimquin, Carmelina Tassone, Anita Capogna, Norma Bastiani, Walter F. Kitson, Peter S. Chiodo

Exciting News



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FATHER GANNON SCHOLARSHI 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.

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.

November 20th

Sunday Collection	\$5,848.00
Shrine Candles	\$182.00
Catholic Charities	\$1,372.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Weekly Expense
\$11,056.00

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Make the most of Advent

The season of Advent is designed to help us prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. Think of it: God became man, and now reigns as King of all creation.

Every Christmas is a chance to welcome Jesus as an honored guest into our hearts. Think of all the planning, cooking, and cleaning needed to have a guest over. In Advent we prepare our hearts to welcome the Savior. Below are some suggestions to make the most of your Advent:

Prioritize prayer

Spend 15 minutes daily with God. The best way to prepare to welcome the Savior at Christmas is to spend time with him. Set aside 15 minutes in your day for God and protect it. Perhaps read a chapter of Scripture, pray a decade of the Rosary, or just be still in his presence.

Know the story. Read through the accounts of Jesus' birth in Matthew 1:18-2:12 and/or Luke 2:1-20. Place yourself in the scene. Internalizing the Christmas story will give you a better appreciation of the season.

Get to know the Advent saints. One way to know God is to know his friends. There are several saints' feasts that occur this Advent, including: St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra (December 6), St. Juan Diego (December 9), St. Lucy (December 13), and St. John of the Cross (December 14). Adopt one of them to be your patron to pray for you, and to protect and encourage you.

Visit the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is Jesus Christ, present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1374). All Catholic churches have a tabernacle where the Eucharist is stored. Speak with our Lord as you would a close friend.

(Re)Discover the Mass. At Mass, Heaven comes down to Earth. When we receive the Eucharist, Christ comes into our hearts and nourishes our souls. Aim to attend daily Mass once every week during the Christmas season.



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 Lamp for this week is donated in memory of Lenny Rosko requested by Maureen Rosko.

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.

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Our Lady Queen of Peace Christmas Wreaths

This year we are offering an opportunity to memorialize your family or loved ones with evergreen Christmas wreaths to be displayed outside the Church. Those interested in a Christmas memorial should contact the rectory. Only 75 wreaths are for purchase and minimum donation for the wreath is \$75.00. Wreaths will be also be available at Our Lady of Lourdes. Wreaths will be inside on the Church wall. These will be a different size and the donation will be \$100. Please note, only 10 will be available.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The God in whom we believe is "the God of endurance and encouragement." Have you ever thought about God in those terms? Our sight can become limited by the concerns of the world and our individual lives. We can look to the past and see what is happening in the present, but the future is primarily left to our imaginations. God has a clear vision for the future. It is one where the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid." It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one. We can see the complete picture of life in God. We see what we may be, what may come, and who we can become. Preparing the way for the Lord means moving beyond the limitations of ideology, time, space, preference, and self-focused concern so that we can see as God sees. God will give us what we need to endure whatever comes, and the encouragement we need to get where we can be.

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NEWS AND EVENTS

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

December 19th

Confessions are heard from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and 6pm to 8pm in every parish. Advent gives us a wonderful opportunity to preach on the importance the Sacrament of Penance, and to remind our people that this Sacrament is the best way to prepare for the joy of Christmas and celebrating the birth of Our Savior



*We Welcomed the Newly
Baptized to our parish*

Chase Otterbeck
Leonardo Moretta



Parish Coffee and Cake Morning

**Sunday December 11th after the
9:00am and 11:00am Masses at
Our Lady Queen of Peace**

All are welcome to join us for coffee, cake, conversation and getting to know each other in our Parish family.

Vocations: The Elijah Cup

In 1 Kings 17, during a drought, Elijah tells the poor widow of Zarephath that if she makes him a small loaf of bread with the last of her flour and oil, her "jar of flour will not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the Lord sends rain upon the earth." In faith, the widow baked the bread and fed Elijah. For the next year, the widow, her son, and Elijah ate bread made from the bowl of flour and jug of oil. Like this poor widow, we pray in faith for vocations, believing that our cup will also never run dry.

Each week a parishioner will take the chalice home, put it in a prominent place, and pray daily for vocations. This is a wonderful way for families to pray for vocations and to unite the parish in perpetual prayer for priest and consecrated life. For more information or if you are interested in signing up, please call the rectory at 718-351-1093 and ask to be put in touch with Elizabeth Fennimore.



We'd like to Connect with you!

Get important updates from the parish in a timely and convenient way. This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive – via email or text message – from the various ministries and groups in the parish. You can unsubscribe any time. Visit our Parish at: <https://archny.flocknote.com> OLQOSI



100th Anniversary Celebration Cruise

Sail into Summer with family and friends to the paradise of the Atlantic – Bermuda. Enjoy iconic pink-sand beaches, crystal clear water and exquisite wonders within easy reach.

Sail from Cape Liberty, Bayonne, New Jersey Dockyard on Celebrity Summit Cruise ship to Royal Dockyard, Bermuda on Sunday, June 4th, 2023, and returning on June 11th, 2023.

Experience 21 square miles of socially distanced fun.

Balcony cabins \$1,942.00 and Ocean View No Balcony Cabins \$1,596.00 per person. Cost includes Taxes, Port Fees,

Classic Beverage Fees and Wi-Fi Service.

Call Bonnie McDermott: 718-979-3900 at Blue Ribbon Travel, 45 New Dorp Lane, Staten Island, NY to reserve your cabin.

Entertainment and Celebration is part of the 100th year of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish.

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.



