

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

132 Butcher Street, Bethalto, IL 62010 (618) 377-6519

Website: <https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parish/>

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER



We welcome **Colin Maher**, as the newest member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Colin joined the parish on Holy Saturday, through the OCIA Program. Colin attended OLQP School and now attends Marquette Catholic High School.



### MASS SCHEDULE

-Mondays, Tuesdays,  
Thursdays, Fridays: 8:30 am;  
-Wednesdays: 6:30 pm;  
-Saturdays: 4:30 pm;  
Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 am

### PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday—Thursday,  
8:30—4:00 pm (Lunch 12-1)  
Email: [church@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:church@olqpbethalto.org)  
618-377-6519 Fax: 618-377-9550  
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Secretary/SCRIP Coordinator: Bea Albarado

### PARISH SCHOOL

Mrs. Kim Knight, Principal, [kknight@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:kknight@olqpbethalto.org)  
618-377-6401 Fax: 618-377-6146  
Chrissy Woodiel, Secretary:  
[cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)  
School website:  
<https://www.olqpbethalto.org>

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bethalto Council #4688,  
4th Degree #203  
Grand Knight: Blake Marth  
[bethaltoknight@gmail.com](mailto:bethaltoknight@gmail.com) [www.bethaltoknights.org](http://www.bethaltoknights.org)

### COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

1st Friday of each month.  
Call the parish office to request .

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm,  
And by appointment.

## COMING OUR WAY....

Ladies Sewing Group.....	April 15
PSR Classes.....	April 15
OLQP/St. Ambrose Men's Group.....	April 15
Evening of Evangelization.....	April 18
KC Chicken Dinner.....	April 19
<i>It's All About the Blessings Concert</i> .....	April 19
Men's Bible Study.....	April 21
Morning Bible Study.....	April 22
Mother/Son Night.....	April 25
OLQP School Spring Fling.....	May 3
Fr. Tom's Steak, Scotch & Cigar Night.....	May 3
'Believers in Belize' Golf Tournament.....	May 31

## Divine Mercy Sunday

### Mass Intentions

<b>Sat., April 11</b> 4:30 pm	<b>Saturday within Octave of Easter</b> Vi Perkhiser
<b>Sun., April 12</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> Joy Lamar For the Parishioners
<b>Mon., April 13</b> 8:30 am	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Communion Service
<b>Tues., April 14</b> 8:30 am	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Communion Service
<b>Wed., April 15</b> 6:30 pm	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Communion Service
<b>Thur., April 16</b> 8:30 am	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Julie Stutz Weindell
<b>Fri., April 17</b> 8:30 am	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Martha Smith
<b>Sat., April 18</b> 4:30 pm	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Joseph "Jody" Batson
<b>Sun., April 19</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Joy Lamar For the Parishioners

### Prayer Requests

**The sick:** . Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Brooke Randolph Carden, , Greg Weber, Kristin Brunstein, Jim Begnel, Mike Toner, Liz Stutz, Rob Helmkamp, Don Laird, Lynn Bertels, Norm Frisch, Thelma Kochan, Tim Barton, Emilee Baalman, Bob Randolph, William Richter, Daryl Walker, Bill Timpe, Neil Friedel, Dale Werner, Chris Schmidt, Jim Laurent, Lindy Camardella, Father Tom Liebler, Jim Johnson, Bill Johnson, Mike McKeever, Lucie Hale, Jerry Avery, Ray



Meyer, Cindy Jacobs, Peggy Jo Batson, Tom Bandy, Theo McAfoos. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call parish office, 377-6519. Prayer requests email prayer chain, Marie at rejoy128@gmail**

### Father Tom's Steak/Scotch/Cigar Night

**May 3:** This is always a fun night for all and the proceeds go to Fr. Tom to assist struggling members of our church with financial needs. Fr. Tom disperses these funds at his discretion. Please donate \$100 to this fundraiser. The cost is well over \$50/person. As in the past, the dinner includes steak, Castelli's salad with bread and pasta! Please bring your favorite scotch (or whatever spirit you prefer) to share. The event will be held at Rich & Sue Hayes's house, 668 Monaco Drive, Edwardsville (Holiday Shores), beginning at 5:30 pm. Please park in the driveway if possible. To reserve your place, email Rich at: richardhayesllc@gmail.com or text 618-407-5400. If you are unable to attend, please consider putting a check in an envelope and place it in the collection basket with Fr. Tom's name on the envelope. Thank you and please join us! **Rich Hayes**

### Missionaries Still Needed

Be part of a team that **"Makes A Difference"**! We will be heading back to Belize this July and will be making travel arrangements very soon. Please contact Norm Frisch 618-363-3020 or Amy Frisch 618-444-7715 (text, call) to sign up or for more information.

### You Are Invited Next Weekend

The parish Spiritual Life Ministry is sponsoring Sister Allison Gioli, author and evangelist for an evening on helping us to evangelize others. Her topic: **"Is there any soul not worth saving"**. She will autograph books after her talk. This will take place on **Saturday, April 18, 7 pm** in the church.

### "It's All About The Blessings"

**Concert Series—Sunday April 19, 2026** 6:30 pm, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church is pleased to invite you to the inaugural concert series, **It's All About the Blessings**. Liturgist and Music Director Craig Stark will lead this evening through music and thoughtful reflection, sharing personal experiences of the many ways music has served as a profound blessing and instrument of faith. Parishioners and guests alike are warmly invited for an evening of music, prayer, and praise as we give thanks for the abundant blessings the Lord continues to bestow upon all of our lives, even when we don't. Indeed, *it's all about the blessings!* This event is free of charge. Doors open, 6 pm. Refreshments, served by The Knights of Columbus, following the concert in the parish hall.

### Many Thanks

The 2026 fish fry season has come to a close and our dinner was **voted #1 in the metro-east area for a 2nd year in a row!** The event brought in a profit of \$20,459.66 this year. The OLQP school PSA and fish fry committee would like to extend their appreciation to the Knights of Columbus organization, parishioners, and school families for volunteering during this fundraiser. Thank you to the Thursday night and Friday morning prep crew of volunteers who showed up every week. A very special thank you goes out to the generosity of the KC members who fried a record breaking 3,600lbs of fish and 1,450lbs of sides throughout Lent. The success of this event does not happen without our wonderful volunteers - Thank you!

### Attention Men of the Parish

All men, 18 y/o and up, who are looking to deepen your faith—St. Ambrose along with OLQP Parish are looking to start a men's group, Wednesdays, 7 pm-8:15 pm. The purpose of this group is: 1) Provide men a place to pursue virtue and holiness; 2) Provide a place for men to be welcomed and accepted and a place of confidentiality; 3) Provide a place where men can have authentic friendships. If you are interested, contact Rick Eveans: [rweasley@yahoo.com](mailto:rweasley@yahoo.com), 618-246-6746. **Next gathering:** Wed., April 15, church basement, 7 pm.

### Sunday Offerings

Weeks 40	4/04/26-4/05/26	Total to Date
Loose	\$1,732.77	\$23,970.91
Envelopes	\$16,128.00	\$453,901.28
On Line Giving	\$4,250.09	\$135,089.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,110.86</b>	<b>\$612,961.40</b>
Operating Budget	\$15,937.15	\$637,486.00
Tithe to Diocese	1,500.00	\$60,000.00
Difference	\$4,673.71	<b>(\$84,524.60)</b>

**Total Envelopes Received: 136**  
**Online Donations: 65**  
**Centennial Campaign Donations: \$590.00**  
**Other Charitable Donations: \$1,670.22**

*Liturgical Ministers*

**April 18-19, 2026**

**4:30 pm**

Rosary Liz Laurent  
 Lector JoEllyn Patterson  
 E. Ministers Pat Beiermann, Jim Albarado  
 Ushers Rich & Sue Hayes  
 Sandy Wilson, Dee Zakrzewski  
 Servers Abe & Levi Woodiel  
 Music Craig/Kris/Becky/Bob

**8:30 am**

Rosary Joe Grabowski  
 Lector Ann Payne  
 E. Ministers Carol Beste, Susie Davis  
 Ushers Loren & Raeann Summers  
 Steve Norris, Joe Grabowski  
 Servers Abe & Duke Diericx  
 Music Barb/Kathy/Tami

**10:30 am**

Lector Noah Crump  
 E. Ministers Carey Price, Brad Fulk  
 Ushers Mary Terry, Seth Terry  
 Brad & Brenda Goodman  
 Servers Elowynn & Everly Olmsted  
 Music Praise Team

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**SCRIP Sellers, April 18-19**

4:30 Sheryl Saboff  
 8:30 Cindy Stutz  
 10:30 Brenda Zacha

**KC Chicken Dinner**

**Sunday, 4/19, 11:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.** Dine In, All-You-Care-to-Eat: \$14 Adults, \$6 Children (ages 5-10) \$14 for half chicken or five (5) chicken strips, and choice of three (3) sides. *No custom orders available for drive thru.* Side Options: Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy. Cash or Credit Card Accepted. **For Carry Out or Drive Thru:** Enter from Prairie Street.

**Catholic Charities Fundraiser**

**April 18,** Dinner Dance at Julia's in East Alton, \$50/person. To purchase tickets, call Ruth Baugh, 618-973-6786.

**4:30 Rosary Leaders Needed**

We are in need of volunteers to lead the Rosary before 4:30 Mass on the weekends. This can be done from your pew, if you choose. Please call the parish office if you can help.

**Kings House Retreats**

**5/11—5/18 and 6/15—6/22:** Directed retreats that offer a sacred, quiet space to pause from daily life and deepen your relationship with God. Through daily, personalized meetings with a director, scripture study, and optional prayer, this experience helps you recognize God's presence. Call 618-397-0584 for more info.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

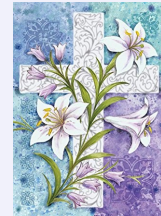
Parish Rummage Sale in July! More info to come!

**Unplanned pregnancy?**

Contact Thrive Metro East! Their services are no cost and kept confidential. No insurance needed. Call 618-466-1690 or text: **FREETEST4U** to **(618) 280-2040**

**Easter Lily Memorials**

*Jeffrey Gonterman,  
 John & Thelma Gonterman,  
 Edmund & Betsy Bartosiak  
 By Lee & Sharon Gonterman  
 Living Members of the  
 Gonterman & Bartosiak Families  
 By Lee & Sharon Gonterman  
 Herman, Bertha, Charlie, Edith & Paul Gehrs,  
 Menard, Pauline and Baby Kathy Etter  
 By Judy Gehrs*



**Mother/Son Night**

**Saturday, 4/25, 5:30PM,** school gym. Enjoy a fun evening with your son. Tickets: \$40/ couple, \$5 each additional child. Ticket includes: Dinner by Moonlight , craft, souvenir picture, games, and a safari expedition. Email the school office ( [cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)) to RSVP.

**“Believers in Belize” Golf Tournament**

**May 31,** Woodlands Golf Club, 1:30 pm, 4 person scramble, \$400/team—we invite all golfers to the **“Believers in Belize”** Golf Tournament, sponsored by *OLQP Family Life*. More info: Tim Zacha @618-567-4468, Norm Frisch @ 618-363-3020 or Amy Frisch @ 618-444-7715. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just getting into the swing of things, this tournament is for you.

**OLQP School Spring Fling**

**Sunday, May 3, 12 pm—3 pm**

Come join the fun for an afternoon of games, food and prizes! There will be a Gaming Truck from 12 pm—3 pm. There will also be Chuck-A-Duck, I Dood It, Corn Hole & Bags games. We will have DELICIOUS food and drinks as well! This event is open to the entire community, so bring your family and friends! The infamous 'Cash/Tuition Raffle Drawing' will take place at 3:00 pm, and you do not need to be present to win.

**“Give A Little” Envelope Fundraiser**

Win FREE tuition for next year OR a CASH PRIZE! Select an envelope from Number 1 through 250. This can be done at the school office, on the school website or after Masses beginning mid-April or during the last fish fry. You pay the dollar value that corresponds to the number you pick. For every \$10 donated, you will receive 1 raffle ticket to the Tuition/Cash Raffle. Drawing will take place May 3 at 3:00 pm.

**The 3 O'clock Prayer:  
 The Hour of Great Mercy**

This prayer is dedicated to meditating on Jesus's passion and death on the cross, as requested by St. Faustina.

*-"You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.  
 -O Fountain of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, cover the whole world and empty yourself out upon us.  
 -O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as fountain of mercy for us, I trust in you. (3 times)  
 -Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (3 times)  
 Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in You!"*

To pray the full Chaplet of Divine Mercy, go to:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/chaplet-divine-mercy>