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Jesus breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are
forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

John 20:22-23

*O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul; I adore you.
Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me.
Give me your orders, tell me what I should do. I promise to
submit myself to all that you desire of me, and to accept all that you
permit to happen to me. Let me only know your will. Amen.*

PARISH OFFICE

Temporary Hours:

Tues. & Thurs., 8:30 am—4:30 pm
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Office Manager: Terri Zykan

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Father Tom is available for Confession
by appointment.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Currently suspended.

HOSPITAL VISITS/ SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call parish office to request a
hospital visit or the Sacrament of Anointing
by Fr. Tom.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call the parish office to request
a meeting with Fr. Tom.

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Please Note

Our parish office is now open Mondays through Thurs-
days, and closed every Friday during the summer. The
church is unlocked every day by 8:00 am and locked by
7:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to go in the church for pri-
vate prayer, just keeping your social distancing, if others
are there also. The 10:30 Sunday Mass is live streamed on
the church's Facebook page, “OLQP Catholic Church,
Bethalto”, and Holy Communion is offered after Mass in
the church parking lots.

PARISH SCHOOL

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Pentecost Sunday

Mass Intentions

Sat., May 30	Easter Weekday Edna Sears
Sun., May 31	Pentecost Sunday For the Parishioners
Mon., June 1	Blessed Virgin Mary Dorothy Nagy
Tues., June 2	Weekday in Ordinary Time Ray Matthews
Wed., June 3	St. Charles Lwanga Bernice Watsek
Thur., June 4	Weekday in Ordinary Time Bonnie McLean
Fri., June 5	St. Boniface Ray Matthews
Sat., June 6	Weekday in Ordinary Time Rudy Papa
Sun., June 7	Most Holy Trinity For the Parishioners

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Bob Schley, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Nelson Gregory, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoun, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Mary Friedel, Vi Perkhiser, Derek Trent, Jane Rood, Bev Randolph, Linda Leverich, Richard Swift, Virginia Forehand, Lee Bernt, Alex Kallal, John Richter, Tim Zacha, Brenda Wieneke, Ben Schwandner.



Send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com

PARISH OFFERINGS

Many, Many Thanks to all who continue to send in your parish contributions!! They are greatly needed to keep our parish and school running! **There is a mail slot** on the outside of the office door for anyone who would like to drop their donation off. We are in the parish office on Tuesday and Thursday. Also, you can **make donations on-line** by setting up an account at www.givecentral.org Click on 'Find Your Charity' and enter 62010. Once you set an account up, you have complete control of every donation you make. You can

Week 47	May 23 & 24	Total to Date
Loose	\$200.00	\$27,313.30
Envelopes	\$7,351.64	\$466,110.33
On Line Giving	\$2,128.00	\$90,045.00
Young People	\$6.00	\$595.37
Total	\$9,685.64	\$584,064.00
Operating Budget	\$13,910.25	\$653,781.75
ACSA Budget	\$1,516.98	\$71,298.06
Difference	(\$5,741.59)	(\$141,015.81)

Envelopes received: 81 of 798
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$140.00
Other Charitable Donations: \$365.00

Dear Parishioners,

For over thirty years Our Lady Queen of Peace School has been blessed with having Mrs. Eve Remiszewski at the helm. Mrs. R. has truly built a great Catholic school environment for our parish children over the years. After all these years of faithful service, she has decided to retire from the position of principal. I want to thank Eve for all the many years of dedicated service to the children of our parish family. I think I can speak for the entire parish in wishing Eve all the happiness in the years to come.

Stepping into Eve's shoes is someone that many of you already know. Steve Menke, the son of Jim and Kathy Menke of our parish family, will be taking over as our new principal. Steve grew up here and we are so happy that he has decided to return to OLQP. I hope that he will receive the prayers and support of the entire parish family as he begins a new chapter in the life of our parish school. I would also like to ask all parents of grade school students to think and pray about sending your child to our parish school. There are so many aspects of our school that are exceptional, not the least of being the gift of having our faith taught every day. Please think very seriously about giving your child the unique gift of a CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

May the Holy Spirit of God keep all of you in His loving care,

Father Tom

Military Mass

We have decided to postpone any Military Masses until September. There are so many uncertainties surrounding this COVID19 situation that we thought it best to see where the land lies in the Fall. Hope you and all your families are well! Thanks!

Dioc. Victim Assistance Coordinator

And liaison between the Diocese and anyone with an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, Alison Smith, **217-321-1155**.

Protecting God's Children Class Update

Listed below are the classes tentatively scheduled in the coming months for *The Protecting God's Children Program*. The classes are 2 hours long. Be sure to check the Diocesan website (www.dio.org) or contact the parish where the class is being held to confirm it will still be offered:

-St. Paul's Parish, Highland: June 7, 1 pm; July 2, 6:30 pm; August 6, 6:30 pm; September 3, 6:30 pm; October 1, 6:30 pm; November 5, 6:30 pm.

-St. Boniface, Edwardsville: June 11, 6:30 pm

-St. Francis Solanus, Quincy: June 1, 6:30 pm

May 31, 2020

OLQP School Job Openings

Playground Supervisor: This involves every school day from 12:15-1:00 on the playground (pay negotiable).

Music Teacher: This is a 2 ½ day position. For more information or questions about either position, contact: Eve Remiszewski at: eremis@olqpbethalto.org

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

We participate again in this very worthwhile fundraiser to assist **Thrive Metro East** (formerly **Options Now Ministries**) in the work they do for moms and babies in need. Every donation to this ministry helps in reaching women at risk for abortion and save more babies. (The cost to save the life of 1 baby is \$1,200.) Bottles are in the main entrance of the church or in the church office. Pick up of filled bottles will be **June 20-21**.



Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Pastor Chas. West**, father of **Kim Lehnen**. May God grant him eternal rest.

Catholic Charities Reschedules Dinner/Dance

To all of our wonderful parishioners:

Catholic Charities has rescheduled their dinner/dance to August 15, 2020 at Bluff City Grill. The drawing for the \$10,000.00 will take place that evening. If you need raffle tickets or dinner tickets, Martha Smith can get them for you. Many, many thanks to everyone who bought tickets they were impressed with the number sold in Bethalto. Please keep Catholic Charities in your prayers!

PENTECOST JOY

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And, he breathed on them . . . John 20:21-22

Have you ever felt a surge of joy and hope that flowed out in your body? Into a dance or song, an embrace of someone, the fling of a football or maybe just the pouring forth of words from joyful lips? Pentecost overflows with joy like that and more. Pentecost invites us to be boundless and free. The joy of Pentecost can melt fear and division like butter on a hot day.

What's all the Pentecost joy about? John reports a single sentence of Jesus that says it all. He is here with us, and so the Father is here, and so the Spirit is here. Church teaching names this the three persons of the Divine Trinity. We know the Trinity in our lives as Christians because we are invited into this eternal love—embrace—this overflowing joy and power. The life of the Spirit of God breaks the barriers between humans and allows real relationship, exactly what we long for most. It is the life of the Church. Fill us with your Spirit, O Lord.

Mary Marrocco

Living Faith

April, May, June Issue

10 Ways to Grow in Friendship with Jesus & Mary

Fr. Ed Broom, OMV

(continued from last week)

8. Seek to Serve Others.

Do not seek to be served; rather, seek out opportunities to be of service and to serve others. Saint Paul once again reminds us: "There is more joy in giving than in receiving." The Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the Foundress of the Missionaries of Charity encourages us to do the same in a challenging short statement: "Give until it hurts!" Of course looking up at Jesus on the cross and contemplating His wounds is the most sublime example of giving; He gave all even up to the last drop of His Precious Blood for love of you and for love of me! Either we choose a Christocentric life of service or an egocentric life of self-glorification. Once a Protestant Pastor chimed in with these words: "It is either theology or *me-ology*!" Read Mt 25:31-46—in this powerful passage you have the Corporal works of mercy listed. Which one of these Corporal works of mercy do you think God is challenging you to live out right now?



9. Thanksgiving.

One of the most pleasing sentiments that can flow from the human heart is that of thanksgiving. The Psalmist commands us frequently: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His mercy endures forever." At the Last Supper Jesus took bread and gave thanks. Actually the Greek word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving." How much Jesus suffered after healing ten lepers and only one came back to render Him thanksgiving. (Lk. 17:1-9) Shakespeare in Macbeth offers his words of wisdom on ingratitude: "More painful than a serpent's tooth is that of an ungrateful child." The famous medieval writer Meister Eckhart puts it succinctly: "If the only prayer we ever did were that of thanksgiving to God that would be sufficient." Therefore it is not surprising that Saint Ignatius of Loyola stated that the essence of sin is ingratitude. May God fill our hearts with an overflowing expression of gratitude.

10. Learn to Walk with Mary.

In the prayers we say to conclude the most Holy Rosary, the Hail Holy Queen, we pray: "Hail Holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope..." In the midst of the trials, afflictions, uncertainties and insecurities of life, immersed in times of moral confusion and political upheaval, submerged in times of war, suffering and constant bloodshed, we must lift up our eyes with great hope and trust toward the Star of the Sea. This beautiful image and poem penned by the mellifluous Doctor, Saint Bernard, encourages us to trust that Our Lady is there for us to help us through the storms of life and make it safely to heaven. Therefore, as a pilgrim on your journey to heaven do not walk alone. Walk with Mary, talk to Mary, imitate Mary and love Mary. Indeed she will be your life, your sweetness and your hope."

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