

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

132 Butcher Street, Bethalto, IL 62010

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

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Fr. Tom Liebler, Pastor

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**As for me
and my
household,
we will serve
the Lord**

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Mass Schedule

Monday.....8:30 am
Tuesday.....8:30 am
Wednesday.....6:30 pm
Thursday.....8:30 am
Friday.....8:30 am
Saturday.....4:30 pm
Sunday...8:30/10:30 am

Confession

Saturday.....3:30 pm
Also, by appointment

Baptism

Parents of infants to be baptized, call parish office to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.



Parish Office

Hours:

Monday through
Thursday
8:30 am—4:00 pm
(Closed 12-1, Lunch)
618-377-6519
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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sat., Aug. 21	St. Pius X
4:30 pm	Louis Rexing
Sun., Aug. 22	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	George Wilson
10:30 am	For the Parishioners
Mon., Aug. 23	Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Fr. Kevin Sullivan (L) 50th Ordination Anniversary
Tues., Aug. 24	St. Bartholomew
8:30 am	Steve & Virginia Ostanik
Wed., Aug. 25	Weekday in Ordinary Time
6:30 pm	Don Beste
Thur., Aug. 26	Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Timothy Stinnett
Fri., Aug. 27	St. Monica
8:30 am	Ed Pilgrim
Sat., Aug. 28	St. Augustine
4:30 pm	Daniel Merli, Sr.
Sun., Aug. 29	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Virginia Metzger
10:30 am	For the Parishioners

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Vi Perkhiser, Bev Randolph, John Richter, Jennifer Price, Robert and Pauline Lange, Elli Wiemers, Christine Scheffel, Toni Stanford, Tim Phillips, Kennedy Stalcup, William Henderson, Helen Nagy, Peggy & Ralph Ruhmann, Kathy Menke, Mike Byers, JoAnn Laird. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to be added to the email prayer chain, send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**



Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **John, Missy and Dominic Cafazza**—father, mother and brother to Nick, A.J. and Vinnie and son-in-law, daughter and grandson to Lynn Ann Linton. May God grant them eternal rest.



When Mental Illness Hits Home-

Surviving/Thriving in These Turbulent Times
Friday, August 27, 9 am - 4 pm, National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center (IN PERSON) Presenters: Dr. Bart Andrews, Ph.D., Dr. Olivia Johnson and Mike Bushman. This annual conference is to help those journeying with people with mental illness. Presenters will speak on understanding suicide and suicide prevention. Cost is \$40. Register online at snows.org/illness, visit snows.org/illness for a printable registration form or call 618-394-6281 to register.

Dear Parishioners, Do You Know Your Faith? (All answers begin with 'L')

1. What season of the Church year begins with L?
2. What is another name for St. Teresa of the Child Jesus?
A. Little Bird B. Little Flower C. Little Snail
3. Who has the title of an Evangelist?
A. St. Luke B. St Lawrence C. St. Levy
4. What is another name for the Mass?
5. What is another term for Extreme Unction (Anointing) and Viaticum(Last communion/food for the journey)?
A. Last Supper B. Last Sacraments C. Last Blessings

Father Tom

RCIA

In celebrating this month of Our Lady's final journey to God in her glorious Assumption, let us ask her motherly intercession to draw souls to the Sacred Heart of her Son. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey too – of conversion to - and what He intends for us. RCIA is the process by which persons who were never baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition, become members of the Church, a people on pilgrimage to our Heavenly Father. Classes begin: September 8, 2021. If you know someone who might be interested please contact: Church office @ 377- 6519; **Tim Zacha**, 567-4468, Tzac54@sbcglobal.net or contact **Jay McCurdy**, 217-827-1406, jay@allied.construction.com

OLQP Adult Choir Returns

Adult Choir will begin singing at weekend Masses on September 11th. Due to the space in the sanctuary, we are limited to 9 singers. Practices will begin 45 minutes before the scheduled Mass. If you are interested in returning to the choir, it will be on a first come/ first serve basis. Please talk with Craig Stark to reserve your spot. 618-954-8263.

Sunday Offerings

Week 7	Aug. 14-15, 2021	Total to Date
Loose	\$366.40	\$2,630.00
Envelopes	\$9,855.00	\$60,628.25
On Line Giving	\$2,388.00	\$19,371.00
Young People	\$6.00	\$20.00
Total	\$12,615.40	\$82,649.25
Operating Budget	\$14,477.83	\$101,344.81
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,384.62	\$9,692.34
Difference	(\$3,247.05)	(\$28,387.90)

**Total Envelopes received: 153 of 763
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$95.00
Other Charitable Donations: \$265.00**

Liturgical Ministries

4:30 pm	Saturday, August 28
Lector	JoEllyn Patterson
E.Ministers	Mary Stewart, Rosemary Dorsey Liz Laurent
Ushers	Dale Osborne, Dan Rogers Pat Holbrook, Angie Reilley
Rosary	Kathy Weber
Music	Craig/Kathy, Tami, Becky
8:30 am	Sunday, August 29
Lector	Joe Grabowski
E. Ministers	Marie DeClue, Marce Tebbe Brenda Tebbe
Ushers	Sue & Les Tieck Raeann & Loren Summers
Rosary	Carol Beste
Music	Craig/Kris
10:30 am	Sunday, August 29
Lector	Carrie Albarado
E. Ministers	Justin Wilhite, Marci Stein Sonya Hagaman
Ushers	Ron & Renee Harshbarger Brad & Brenda Goodman
Music	Praise Team



Hog Roast

Saturday, October 2, we will host annual Hog Roast Dinner. Free to the entire parish family, with a smoked, pulled pork dinner with all the fixings and beer, margaritas and music following Saturday night Mass.

Do You Know Your Faith Answers

1. Lent
2. B. Little Flower
3. A. St. Luke
4. Liturgy
5. B. Last Sacraments

Attention Youth Tie Dye Battle

Today, August 22, 12 pm, in the grassy area by the parking lot. Please wear a white tshirt, girls need to wear dark tank top underneath. Pants should be something that you don't mind being dyed. Open to all 7th grade thru college age youth. Cost is \$10.00.

Attention Youth Mystery Trip

Aug 29th (tentative) - Mystery Trip - always a fun adventure. Sign up is a must for youth! Adult driver volunteers needed!!! (call/text) Kateri to RSVP 618-530-5652 if interested.

40 Days for Life -Granite City Abortion facility - Peaceful Prayer to end Abortion

Informational Meeting, **Tuesday, August 31st** at 6:30 PM at Grace Baptist Church, 2600 Edwards St. Granite City, IL 62040. RSVP to info@40daysgc.com. Learn more about 40 Days for Life or to adopt a day go to 40daysgc.com All are invited to come and learn about the up-coming "40 Days for Life" campaign at the Granite City Abortion facility starting Sept. 22nd and ending Oct. 31st.

A Reflection

The following reflection is courtesy of Don Schwager © 2021. Don's website is located at Dailyscripture.net

Why do some find it easier while others find it harder to accept the claims which Jesus made? Many were attracted to Jesus because he offered them something irresistible - a visible sign of God's mercy and favor which Jesus demonstrated in his wonderful works of healing, deliverance, and miraculous signs, including the multiplication of the loaves and fish when he feed the five thousand who had gathered to hear him speak. Many stumbled, however, when Jesus made claims which only God can make. Jesus' discourse on "eating his flesh and drinking his blood" (see John 6:51-59) which pointed to the Last Supper, caused offence to many of his followers. **The blessing of full union with God through Christ** Jesus claimed to be the bread of heaven, the very life of God given to us as spiritual food to sustain us on our journey to our promised homeland with the Father in heaven. Jesus did not leave any middle ground for his hearers. They must either accept his word as divine or reject it as the claim of an imposter. Even the apostles admitted that this was a "hard saying". This expression meant that it was not just hard to understand, but hard to accept. Jesus pressed the issue with his beloved disciples because he wanted to test their faith and loyalty to him as the Holy One sent from the Father in heaven. Jesus promised his disciples nothing less than the full blessing of eternal life and union with God. Jesus assures his disciples that it is his heavenly Father who gives the invitation and the grace to believe and follow even in the "hard sayings". Jesus knew that some would not only reject him and his word, but would do so with violence fueled by hatred, envy, and even betrayal by one of his own disciples. **"My words are spirit and life"** Jesus told his disciples that his words were "spirit and life" (John 6:63) - his words came from the heavenly Father who is the Author of life and the One who breathes his Spirit into those who believe in him. Through the gift of faith Peter was able to receive spiritual revelation of who Jesus truly is - the Holy One of God, the eternal Son sent from the Father in heaven to redeem a fallen human race and reconcile them with God. **Faith is a gift and a personal response to God's revelation of himself** How does God help us grow in faith and trust in his word, even the hard sayings which are difficult to understand? Faith is a gift which God freely gives to those who listen to his word and who put their trust in him. Faith is a personal response to God's revelation of himself. Faith is neither blind nor ignorant. It is based on the truth and reliability of God's word. True faith seeks understanding. Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) said, "I believe in order to understand, and I understand the better to believe." The Lord Jesus offers all of his followers his life-giving word and Spirit to help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of God. **We can know God personally through his word** Paul the Apostle tells us that it is the work of the Holy Spirit who enlightens the eyes of our heart and mind to understand the truth and wisdom which comes from God (Ephesians 1:17-18). Faith is the key to understanding and experiencing God's action and work in our personal lives. Paul the Apostle tells us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). We can know God personally, and we grow in recognizing his voice as we listen to his word and obey his instruction. Do you believe, as Peter did, that Jesus has the words of everlasting life and the power to change and transform your life? Ask the Lord Jesus to increase your faith that you may grow in knowing, loving, and serving him as your Lord and Redeemer, Teacher and Healer, Master and Savior.

"Lord Jesus, you have the words of everlasting life. Help me to cast aside all doubt and fear so that I may freely embrace your word with complete trust and joy. I surrender all to you. Be the Lord of my life and the Ruler of my heart. May there be nothing which hinders me from trusting in your love and following your will."

