

# Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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## Weekly Prayer

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said,

"It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.

Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:2-4)

#### Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Or Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

#### Gospel:

Jesus said to him,

"I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, then you will also know my Father."

(Jn 14:6-7)

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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

To those who persist in faith, the truth is a living stone, strong enough to support the weight of real joy. To those who despair of faith, it is a stumbling block. The truth will always be in their way.

### Observances for the week of May 7, 2023

**Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter

**Wednesday:** St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

**Friday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;  
St. Pancras, Martyr

**Saturday:** Our Lady of Fatima

**Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day



### Saint of the week

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich made it her short life's mission in early 1900s New Jersey, to educate everyone about humanity's universal call to holiness. Her writings can be found in a book called *The Greater Perfection*. She lived a life of contemplation and charity.

### Prayer

*Official Prayer for the Canonization of  
Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich*

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, whom Blessed Miriam Teresa loved so ardently, grant that we like her may become ever more conscious of Your Divine Presence within our souls. We implore You to continue to show signs that Your humble servant enjoys glory with You in Heaven, and to hasten the day when we may render her a lasting tribute of our veneration and love. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

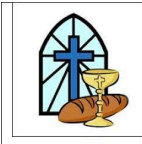
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.scnj.org/blessed-miriam-teresa>)

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Mass Intentions

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| <b>Sat., May 6</b><br>4:30 pm              | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>Tom Connoyer & Joan Huck                              |
| <b>Sun., May 7</b><br>8:30 am<br>10:30 am  | <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b><br>For the Parishioners<br>Lester & Lillian Long |
| <b>Mon., May 8</b><br>8:30 am              | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>Gloria Matthews                                       |
| <b>Tues., May 9</b><br>8:30 am             | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>Dale Johnson  |
| <b>Wed., May 10</b><br>6:30 pm             | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>Randall Holbrook                                      |
| <b>Thur., May 11</b><br>8:30 am            | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>Loraine Pohlman                                       |
| <b>Fri., May 12</b><br>8:30 am             | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>Jean Pilgrim  |
| <b>Sat., May 13</b><br>4:30 pm             | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>Agnes, George & Rhonda Gulash                         |
| <b>Sun., May 14</b><br>8:30 am<br>10:30 am | <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b><br>For the Parishioners<br>Mary Kaufman          |



### Do You Know Your Faith?

(All answers begin with D)

1. What prophet was thrown into a lion's den?
2. What kind of sin is pride?
3. What is the title of a priest who has jurisdiction over a group of parishes in a certain geographical area? (i.e. the Alton area)?
4. What is the mass vestment worn by a Deacon?  
A. Discalced B. Dalmatic C. Dress
5. What are the 7 sets of prayers that every priest is obligated to say each day?  
A. Daily Prayers B. Divine Office C. Dominus Vobiscum

**Fr. Tom**

### Prayer Requests

**The sick:** Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Maxine Calhoon, Vi Perkhiser, Elli Wiemers, Toni Stanford, Peggy Ruhmann, Audrey Wolff, Lisa Curtis, Brooke Randolph Carden, Brittany Witt, Greg Weber, Ken Mauro, Pat Friedel, Nancy Tiek, Kristin Brunstein, Mark Jordan, Deborah Walker, Joyce Ventimiglia, Babe Eschbah, Jim Begnel, Rita Dana Smith, Bill Johnson, Janet Gross, Christine Carlison, Mike Toner, Susan Hilker, Kenzie Dixon, Jim Johnson. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests in the email prayer chain, send to Marie at [rejoy128@gmail.com](mailto:rejoy128@gmail.com).**



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#### 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

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#### PARISH SCHOOL

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#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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### Rest In Peace

Please pray for the soul of  
**Fr. Ben Meyer**, retired priest  
of our Diocese. May God grant  
him eternal rest.



### 'Dinner for 6'

You are invited to participate in 'Dinner for 6'! This is a monthly fellowship event to meet new people and develop a stronger community within our parish. Participants meet for dinner once/month in groups of 6 having different dinner mates each month. The purpose is to have fun and get to know one another. For more info/to sign up, contact Teri or Brad Fulk, 618-979-0184.

### Fr. Tom's Steak & Cigar Night

Fr. Tom's steak, scotch and cigar night will be May 21, 6:00 pm this year. This is a fun night and ALL the proceeds go to Fr. Tom for help to the people from our parish in financial need, this money is for Fr. Tom to dispense without approval from anyone. Please donate \$100.00 to Fr. Tom's fundraiser. If you cannot donate \$100.00, donate what you can but keep in mind the cost per person for this event is over \$50.00. Dinner will include steak, Castelli's salad with bread and pasta. Please bring your favorite scotch (or whatever spirit you prefer) to share. The event will be at Rich and Sue Hayes home in Holiday Shores 668 Monaco Drive. Please park in the driveway when possible. To reserve your place please e-mail [richardhayesllc@gmail.com](mailto:richardhayesllc@gmail.com) or text Rich at 618-407-5400. If you are unable to attend, please put a check in an envelope and drop in the collection basket with Fr. Tom's name on the envelope.

### Community 55

This group has not met for a year. We have many who are willing to help but **WE NEED A LEADER!!!** All information needed is in the parish office. Call 377-6519 if interested.

May 7, 2023

# Liturgical Roles

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4:30 pm

Rosary  
Lector  
E. Ministers  
Ushers

May 13

Bill Stutz  
Tim Zacha  
Tom Huebener, Jean Johnson  
Stacy Dooling, Dee Oller  
Joe & Cathy Gulash

Servers

Music

Text Kristin to sign up, 618-978-2371

Craig/Kathy/Tami

8:30 am

Rosary  
Lector  
E. Ministers  
Ushers

May 14

Marie DeClue  
Marce Tebbe  
Sharon Pritchett, Marie DeClue  
John & Dan Stutz  
Paul & Cindy Stutz

Servers

Music

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Craig/Brenda

10:30 am

Lector  
E. Ministers  
Ushers

May 14

Noah Crump  
Brenda Zacha, Marge Kirby  
Don & Terri Militello  
Kathy Murphy, Deana McDonough

Servers

Music

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Praise Team

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## SCRIP Sellers, May 13 & 14

4:30 Bea Albarado

8:30 Mary Cain

10:30 Amy Frisch

## Vacation Bible School

June 26—June 30. Signup coming soon! In addition to the regular VBS program that will be held from 9 am—12 Noon, we are offering childcare, both before and after the regular program. **Morning childcare:** 7 am—9 am, \$10/day; **VBS:** 9-12 FREE; **Hot Lunch:** served daily \$3/day. **Afternoon Childcare:** 12 Noon—5 pm, \$20/day

## Military Mass

Thursday, May 11, 6 pm, St. Peter and Paul Church, Alton. Join us to pray for our active Military, Veterans, and their families and our nation.

## Sunday Offerings

| Week 44          | 4/29/23—4/30/23 | Total to Date  |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Loose            | \$531.00        | \$23,433.78    |
| Envelopes        | \$7,783.00      | \$408,473.50   |
| On Line Giving   | \$2,070.00      | \$139,841.00   |
| Young People     | \$1.38          | \$91.81        |
| Total            | \$10,385.38     | \$571,840.09   |
| Operating Budget | \$14,545.47     | \$640,000.68   |
| Tithe to Diocese | \$1,384.62      | \$60,923.28    |
| Difference       | (\$5,544.71)    | (\$129,083.87) |

Total Envelopes Received: 144  
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$50.00  
Other Charitable Donations: \$182.50

## A Meditation on the Readings

The following reflection is from One Bread, One Body courtesy of Presentation Ministries © 2023

**"If you really knew Me,  
you would know My Father also."  
—John 14:7**

## The Only Way Home to Abba

We have been created by and for God the Father. Our happiness will not be complete until we are home with our Father. Every person has a hole in his heart that only God the Father can fill.

However, all human beings have a fallen, wounded nature by which we are alienated from God the Father. This puts us in an impossible situation. We cannot relate properly to the very Person Whom we cannot live without. Consequently, we are cut off from life, love, joy, peace, hope, etc.

Considering our innate desire for God the Father and yet our alienation from Him, we are shocked and filled with joy to hear the words of Jesus: "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me (Jn 14:6). Jesus is the Way to the Father, because He "is the Reflection of the Father's glory, the exact Representation of the Father's being" (Heb 1:3). In fact, Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Him (Jn 14:11). Therefore, to see Jesus is to see the Father (Jn 14:9).

Jesus is the Way to overcome our alienation from the Father. He is our Savior. In Jesus, we are not separated from the Father but baptized into Him (see Mt 28:19). Jesus is our Hope, our Life, our only Way to the Father.

*Abba, I live in You and for You.*

## Parish Prayer Group

Please join us! We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 pm in the church.

**Next gathering, May 9**

## Save the Date—Ladies!

**Ladies ACTS Retreat: June 15-18.**

Registration forms in back of church.

## Are you or is someone you know facing an unplanned pregnancy?

Thrive Metro East can help! They have a team of medical staff and advocates that can walk with you step by step. Their services are no cost and can be kept confidential. No insurance needed. Great care and support fast. Call 618-466-1690 or text: FREETEST4U to (618) 280-2040 .

## Do You Know Your Faith Answers

1. Daniel
2. Deadly
3. Dean
4. B. Dalmatic
5. B. Divine Office

## SCRIP News

**Last Week's Sales: \$3,260.00**

**SCRIP Featured this week: Disney**

Available to order in \$25, \$100 or \$1,000 cards.