

# Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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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.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Bethalto Council #4688, 4th Degree #203, Grand Knight:

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## Easter Sunday

### Mass Intentions

Sat., April 11	<b>Holy Saturday</b> For the Parishioners
Sun, April 12	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Bob Zakrzewski
Mon., April 13	<b>Easter Monday</b> Nina Folsom
Tues., April 14	<b>Easter Tuesday</b> Baby Long
Wed., April 15	<b>Easter Wednesday</b> Ray Matthews
Thur., April 16	<b>Easter Thursday</b> Darlene Huebener
Fri., April 17	<b>Easter Friday</b> Dale Johnson
Sat., April 18	<b>Easter Saturday</b> Rudy Papa
Sun., April 19	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> For the Parishioners

### Prayer Requests

**The sick:** Conor Vogel, Jim Friedrich, 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. **Send requests to Marie at [rejoy128@gmail.com](mailto:rejoy128@gmail.com)**

### PreSchool News

Enroll your child now in our Preschool classes for next year by calling the school office, 377-6401. Messages are checked daily and we will call you back.

### PARISH OFFERINGS

**We thank everyone** who continues 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](http://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 start and stop at any time.

Week 39	Mar. 28-29, 2020	Total to Date
Loose	\$0.00	\$24,142.30
Envelopes	\$3,460.00	\$390,650.69
On Line Giving	\$1,893.00	\$73,524.00
Young People	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,353.00</b>	<b>\$488,316.99</b>
Operating Budget	\$13,910.25	\$542,499.75
ACSA Budget	\$1,516.98	\$59,162.22
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$10,074.23)</b>	<b>(\$113,344.98)</b>

**Envelopes received: 49 of 798**  
**Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$0.00**  
**Other Charitable Donations: \$100.00**

### Dear Parishioners,

I would like to offer my Easter greetings to all of you. It is a moment of great joy to recognize that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on this day to save us from the ravages of sin and separation. Jesus came into our world to experience our human condition, and through that experience to take the sins of the world upon Himself and open the gates of Heaven for all of us. For the three years of His public ministry, He opened the hearts of His disciples to the beauty of His truths. He called them to follow Him by embracing these truths and living a life of true holiness. As His disciples today, we are called to that same responsibility. On this Easter morning, let us follow the lead of those first disciples and be transformed by the power of Jesus' words. Let us renew our commitment to Jesus by living lives of true holiness, and as we do on every Easter to renew our Baptismal promises.

Dear brothers and sisters through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism so that we may walk with Him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

#### And so I ask you:

- Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God? I do.
- Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you? I do
- Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin? I do
- Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? I do
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right of the Father? I do
- Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? I do
- May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. Amen.

*May the blessings of God be with each and every one of you on this Easter Morning.  
In the Risen Christ,*

*Father Tom*

#### Please Note

**Parish Office:** We will be open on Tuesday and Thursday of this coming week.

**Church Hours:** Our church is unlocked every day by 8:00 am and locked by 7:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to go in the church for private prayer, just keeping your social distancing, if others are there also.

**Sacrament of Confession:** Father Tom is available by appointment for Confession. Call 377-6519 or his cell phone, 409-7444.

### A Message From our Principal

I hope this finds all of you healthy and staying at home! These are, indeed, unusual times for everyone, including those of us at school who are doing our best to keep our students moving forward with their learning.

Since March 13<sup>th</sup>, the faculty has done such a beautiful job of diving right in and figuring out the best way to keep OLQP students learning so this time away from the classroom proves productive and doesn't seriously interrupt the learning process. Bridging the learning gap between the last day of school, March 13<sup>th</sup>, and the first day back, whenever that will be, is our goal! I am amazed at the creativity, flexibility, and willingness to learn new technology that all of our teachers have displayed since the beginning of this!! Teachers are combining a variety of methods to insure that our students get the maximum benefit from virtual learning.... Making and sending videos of lessons, using Zoom, using Google Classroom, and sending home hard copy material in packets... these are some of the ways teachers are managing their virtual classrooms!!



I also thank all of our parents who are working so hard with the students to accomplish this same goal! Together I hope we can provide the best possible learning experience for our students during this time of uncertainty!

I want to thank our parishioners for your continued prayers and support as we all navigate our way through this pandemic, and know that we are aware that we are here because of your unending support and commitment to Catholic education!! I will keep you up to date as time goes regarding what we are doing at school, and know we keep the entire OLQP Parish community in our prayers! I pray that Easter will give you a reason to celebrate the resurrection of life!!! God bless! **Eve Remiszewski, Principal**

### Tuition Assistance—2020-2021

Families who wish to apply for financial assistance for the upcoming school year are asked to do so as soon as possible, on line at: [online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3glyj](https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3glyj) Please note that all applications are kept in the strictest of confidence. If you have questions/need assistance, call parish office, 377-6519. (Tuition assistance is offered to active, contributing members of the parish.)

### Attention School Parents Using FACTS

If you are in a position of financial hardship where you need to request an adjustment to your April payment date, FACTS has implemented a plan to offer you several options. You may reach us in the parish office on Tuesday and Thursday. If you are unable to do so, you may contact FACTS directly at 866-412-4637.

### Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Bernice Watsek**, mother of **Barb Trost and Jackie Vollmer**. May God grant her eternal rest.

### SEEDS OF FAITH

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter's speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul's letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them *kerygmata*, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these *kerygmata* began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

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### Catholic Resources Online

Listed below are links to Catholic websites that offer Masses daily, devotions, articles, prayers and more:

[dio.org https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/](https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/)  
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>  
[www.beginningCatholic.com](http://www.beginningCatholic.com) [EWTN.com](http://EWTN.com)  
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### THE EASTER OCTAVE

Eastertime lasts fifty days: seven weeks of seven days (seven equals Biblical perfection) plus one day: perfection plus! Like an eight-day Jewish wedding, or a child who can't bear to let go of Christmas, birthdays, and school vacation, the Church celebrates the Easter Octave: “the marriage of heaven and earth,” as the Vigil calls Jesus' resurrection; our new members' baptismal rebirth; our renewal of baptismal vows; our hearts' “divine vacation” (Latin *vacare*, “to be empty”), newfound time and space for love of God and neighbor. Make home an Easter garden! Adorn the dining table with a pillar candle (your “paschal candle”), a bowl full of water (ideally, from the parish's baptismal font), a vase of flowers or bowl of sprouting grain with Easter eggs. Even non-singers can handle the three-fold Gospel Alleluia! Let that be your grace before meals, perhaps with a prayer recalling Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): “Be known to us, Risen Lord Jesus, as you were to the first disciples, in your word, in the breaking of bread, and in everyone we meet.”

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### Parish Italy Trip Update

Ciao Roma will be our travel agency for this trip. Check-out [ciaoomatravel.com](https://ciaoomatravel.com) for more info. PJ Anderson (our tour guide) will update information on the site about our trip. Contact Amy Frisch 618-444-7715 to sign up. Exact date hasn't been selected yet, but will be Sep-Oct 2021 timeframe. Costs approx \$4200 that includes everything.



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