

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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"...love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5:44)



The LENTEN SEASON
Begins This Wednesday,
February 26

Mass Schedule will be:
8:30 am
6:30 pm

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Lenten Fast/Abstinence Regulations:
Everyone age 14 & older is required to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday** and **all Fridays of Lent**.

Fasting: Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 required to fast **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. On these 2 days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the regulations is modified.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bethalto Council #4688, 4th Degree #203
Grand Knight: Troy Lively
Email: bethaltoknight@gmail.com;
Website: www.bethaltoknights.org

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday...9:00 am-11:00 am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: 3:30 pm—4:15 pm & by appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 8:30 am;

Wednesdays: 6:30 pm;

Saturdays: 4:30 pm; **Sundays:** 8:30 & 10:30 am

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Holy Communion is brought to homebound & residents of Villa Rose and Bethalto Care Center on Fridays for those unable to attend Mass. Call parish office to request.

PARISH SCHOOL

Mrs. Eve Remiszewski, Principal, 618-377-6401

Fax: 618-377-6146, Email: eremis@olqpbethalto.org

Elaine Withers, School Secretary: ewithers@olqpbethalto.org

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat., Feb. 22 4:30 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time Rudy Papa
Sun., Feb. 23 8:30 am 10:30 am	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parishioners Deceased Family of Ray Tiburzi
Mon., Feb. 24 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Patricia Conreux
Tues., Feb. 25 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Jack Eccles
Wed., Feb. 26 8:30 am 6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Freda Maher Jill Lefringhouse
Thur., Feb. 27 8:30 am	Lenten Weekday Barb Cenatiempo
Fri., Feb. 28 8:30 am	Lenten Weekday Paul Gehrs
Sat., Feb. 29 4:30 pm	Lenten Weekday Noah & Jim Rogers (L)
Sun., March 1 8:30 am 10:30 am	First Sunday of Lent Penni Reeds Schreiber For the Parishioners

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Jim Friedrich, Keita Sallantai, Mary Wagner, Bob Schley, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Nelson Gregory, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Mary Friedel, Vi Perkhiser, Derek Trent, Jane Rood, Bev Randolph, Linda Leverich, Bernice Watsek, Richard Swift, Virginia Forehand, Lee Bernt, Alex Kallal, John Richter. **Send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**



Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Ray Matthews**, husband of **Gloria** and **Darlene Huebener**, wife of **Tom Huebener**. May God grant them eternal rest.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Week 33	Feb. 15-16, 2020	Total to Date
Loose	\$345.50	\$20,410.04
Envelopes	\$9,565.26	\$348,612.68
On Line Giving	\$1,948.00	\$63,066.00
Young People	\$52.00	\$501.62
Total	\$11,910.76	\$432,590.34
Operating Budget	\$13,910.25	\$459,038.25
ACSA Budget	\$1,516.98	\$50,060.34
Difference	(\$3,516.47)	(76,508.25)

Envelopes received: 190 of 798
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: .00
Other Charitable Donations: \$295.00

Dear Parishioners,

Two important days are coming up during this week... the beginning of the holy days of Lent on Ash Wednesday and the day before which is called Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras. Which one are we looking forward to the most? I hope that your answer is Lent. However, preparing for Lent by having a celebration of all that we may be giving up for forty days is also not a bad thing. It will be a reminder of all our future sacrifices. I hope that this Lent will be a blessed time for all of us here at Our Lady Queen of Peace, and at the end of the forty days we will see a vast growth in our spiritual life. May God bless us during this Lenten Season.

(What More Can We Do For Jesus)

Father Tom

POST—This Sunday

The next POST gathering will be **today, February 23**, 6:30 PM in the church basement. The topic will be: "What does it mean to be pro-life? What about the exceptions for the health of the mother, etc.?" POST is for all confirmed high school youth. No reservations needed. Snacks will be provided.

Italy Pilgrimage

Fall 2021 - 14 Day Trip to Italy—Itinerary is developing - here's a sneak preview:

- 4 nights/3.5 days in Rome
- Pompeii
- 3 nights in Amalfi Coast with visits to Positano and Island of Capri
- 1 day trip to Gagnano
- Stop in Capena for cooking class and town festival
- 2 nights in Assisi—1 night in Siena
- Day trip to Florence
- 2 nights at a castle Winery

We will fly into Rome and out of Florence. Trip will be Sep or early Oct 2021 timeframe. Cost estimate at this time is approx \$4200 per person. This includes travel, lodging and all meals except maybe 2 lunches. This is a trip that will include religious sites/experiences; culture; beauty of the countryside and guaranteed good time!! Contact Amy Frisch 444-7715.

Parishioner Needs Ride to Church

CAN YOU HELP? Parishioner Toni Stanford is in need of ride to either 4:30 Saturday Mass or 8:30 Sunday Mass. She lives in apartments located on Kansas Street, behind KFC & DQ in Bethalto. If you can help, call Toni at 618-409-8887.

Preschool Registration

We are now offering parishioners a chance to pre-register new students for three and four year old preschool for the 2020/2021 school year. For more information call the school office (377-6401) no later than Friday February 28th. After that date any remaining spots will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Auction Wrap Up!!!!!!

The OLQP Wild West Auction was a huge success. There were 275 in attendance, Over 200 auction items to bid on! Food was excellent and I believe everyone had a wonderful time. The Auction Chairs would like to thank everyone that - helped plan, collected items, donated items, created pieces of skilled artwork, decorated, set up, working event and cleaned up. And of course a special thank you to all that came, placed their bids and supported the youth and their programs at OLQP!! We raised over \$45,000 (which includes \$5060 for the STEAM program and \$4650 for BELIZE)



Attention Ladies—You Are all Invited

The Alton Deanery Council of Catholic Women cordially invite you to share and meet the ladies of our Deanery Parishes.

- DATE:** Wednesday, March 18th
TIME: 8:00 a.m. Mass
PLACE: Holy Angels Catholic Church, 345 E. Acton, Wood River
AGENDA: Mass, light refreshments, brief committee reports, guest speaker, Mary Roberts, Holy Angel President sharing her journey to the Holy Land.
QUESTIONS: Sue Schwegel @ 618-466-4208

Catholic Charities Raffle

Madison County Catholic Charities is conducting a \$10,000 raffle in conjunction with its annual fundraiser **Help On The Move** to be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Bluff City Grill in Alton. Tickets are \$25 each, or buy two and get one free. They will be available for sale after mass. The drawing for the \$10,000 will be held at the fundraiser but you do not have to be present to win. Raffle tickets and event tickets are also available by calling the Catholic Charities office in Alton, (618) 462-0634 or online at www.cc.dio.org. All proceeds from the fundraiser go to benefit the various programs that serve the poor in our communities. **Rent and utility assistance; Individual and family counseling; Food and basic necessities; Prescription medication assistance; Pro bono legal assistance.** Please help support the mission of Madison County Catholic Charities, an extension of the church, serving those in need on a daily basis.

OLQP Fish Fries Begin Soon

The season of Lent will be here soon! Please consider joining us for the most delicious fish dinner in town. Our Lady Queen of Peace's Fish Fry will begin Friday, February 28 in the school gym. This is an all you can eat meal. We offer white fish, buffalo, fried cod, baked cod, and catfish. We also have fried shrimp for an extra cost. Dinner will be served from 4-7 with carry out options available. We hope to see you there!



Save The Date!

April 2nd is our 'Adopted Day' at the abortion clinic in Granite City for prayer and fasting. Please sign up with Mary Terry, 377-5417 or Dee Oller, 254-1526.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekend of February 29-March 1, 2020

USHERS/GREETERS:

- 4:30 pm Dee Oller, Stacey Dooling
 Pat Holbrook, Angela Reilley
 8:30 am Les & Sue Tiek
 Paul & Cindy Stutz
 10:30 am Ron & Renee Harshbarger
 Brad & Brenda Goodman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 4:30 pm John Harshbarger, Liz Laurent, Dick Rogers
 Jim & Bea Albarado, Rex Petersen
 Rich & Sue Hayes
 8:30 am Justin & Renea Wilhite, Brenda Zacha
 Marie DeClue, Marce & Brenda Tebbe
 Don & Carol Beste
 10:30 am Dave Berkenbile, Tammy Sasek, Mike Inman
 Cindy Helmkamp, Lee Gonterman, Kateri Dance
 Julie Collman, Teresa Wilson

SERVERS:

- 4:30 pm Calie Bequette
 Henry Maher
 Shane Maher
 8:30 am Drew Zacha
 Nathan Viehweg
 Ava Cherry
 10:30 am Kynlee Barnett
 Josie Hagaman
 Elsie Lively

MUSIC:

- 4:30 pm Craig/Kathy
 8:30 am Barb/Jeanie
 10:30 am Praise Team

LECTORS:

- 4:30 pm Pat Beiermann
 8:30 am Ann Payne
 10:30 am Mike Inman

SCRIP Sales—Weekend of February 29 & March 1

- 4:30 Debbie Zacha
 8:30 Brenda Zacha
 10:30 Sharon & Lee Gonterman

'A Call for Prayer'

You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you ..."
Matthew 5:38-48

When there are threats to people in our world by enemies as horrific as terrorists, I feel petty trying to love an enemy of mine these days. That enemy is the apparent multitude of robocallers. Almost 30 percent of my phone calls are now those automated intruders. Some are definitely attempts to "persecute" with dangerous scams, disguising themselves as friendly neighbors by using my own area code or one I have recently called. I was waiting for important news yesterday. Every time the phone rang, I raced to answer. Ten times the caller ID showed what had to be a robocall. The only help I've found to love those enemies is to think that God sees some goodness in them that I cannot. Maybe they are just trying to feed their families or escape much worse enemies than mine.

God, strengthen me with your love to pray for these callers who persecute me. -Patricia Livingston

Living Faith

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