

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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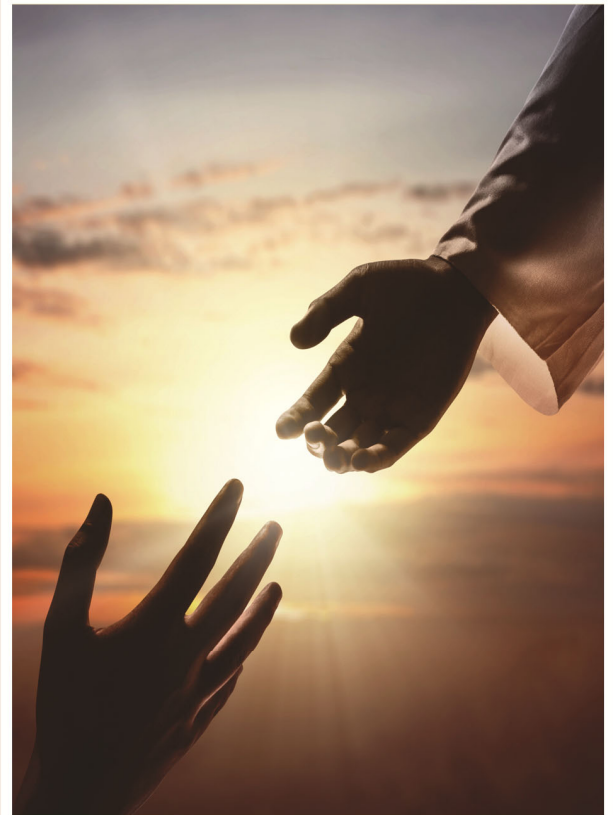
Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

Jesus said,
"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me,
even if they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and
believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26

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PARISH OFFICE

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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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Sat., March 28	Saturday in Lent Noah & Jim Rogers (L)
Sun, March 29	Fifth Sunday of Lent For the Parishioners
Mon., March 30	Lenten Weekday Ray Matthews
Tues., March 31	Lenten Weekday Charlie Votruba
Wed., April 1	Lenten Weekday Ray Matthews
Thur., April 2	Lenten Weekday Irene Romig
Fri., April 3	Lenten Weekday Ray Matthews
Sat., April 4	Lenten Weekday For the Parishioners
Sun., April 5	Palm Sunday Lester & Lillian Long

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, Bernice Watek, Richard Swift, Virginia Forehand, Lee Bernt, Alex Kallal, John Richter, Tim Zacha. **Send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**



PARISH OFFERINGS

We thank everyone who continues to send in your parish contributions. We really appreciate it! 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 get set up for e-giving at www.givecentral.org.

Thank you!

Week 37	Mar. 14-15, 2020	Total to Date
Loose	\$0.00	\$24,142.30
Envelopes	\$3,820.00	\$387,190.69
On Line Giving	\$1,108.00	\$71,631.00
Young People	\$0.00	\$575.37
Total	\$4,928.00	\$483,539.36
Operating Budget	\$13,910.25	\$528,589.50
ACSA Budget	\$1,516.98	\$57,645.24
Difference	(\$10,499.23)	(\$102,695.38)

Envelopes received: of 49 of 798
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$140.00
Other Charitable Donations: \$145.00

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that all of you are well and in good health during these unprecedented times. I know that it has to be a hardship on all of you to be cooped up at home for so long a time. I feel the same way, especially when I am saying mass and you are not there. None of us could have guessed that this Lent would have been like this. During this holy season we usually attend mass more often and have extra devotional times at church. Now we have to create those times at home. I pray that all of you are making that attempt to make these days of confinement a sort of mini-retreat. Watching the mass on EWTN, or praying a daily rosary, or reading the Bible, or all of these can be great moments of spiritual growth especially when you do it as a family.

I would also encourage you to keep up on all announcements from Bishop Paprocki by going to our diocesan website at dio.org. I will also try to keep you up to date on our parish website church@olqpbethalto.org. One pressing announcement is that this Wednesday March 25 the Holy Father has invited all Catholics around the world to pray the Our Father at noon. The intention of this united prayer effort is for the end of the pandemic. Another point that I would like to share with you is about the Sacrament of Penance. The sacrament can still be offered if the CDC guidelines of personal distance are followed. If anyone wants to go to confession please call me and we can set up a time (Rectory—377-6519; Cell—. However, please remember that the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that when confession is difficult or not possible we can still receive remission of all of our sins if we do a perfect act of contrition. This means that we are truly sorry for the sins and that we love God above all else. We then have the obligation to confess these sins at our first opportunity in the Sacrament of Penance.

Lastly I would like to ask all of you to pray for all of the health care workers and family members who are treating patients and family members who have the virus. Remembering the story of the Good Samaritan who acted out of mercy, kindness, and selflessness, may we pray that these people find strength in all of their endeavors and that their loved ones regain their good health.

What More Can We Do For Jesus)

Father Tom

Days For Life

From now thru April 5, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days For Life--40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Great opportunity for Lent. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40 day vigil in the public right of way, outside the Hope Clinic in Granite City. For more info, visit www.40daysgc.com. Our parish has adopted Thurs., April 2, to have two people adopt an hour to stand at the Clinic in peaceful prayer, from 7am-7pm. Check the church website to sign up under Upcoming Events or call Mary Terry @618-830-0104. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Hot Lunch Director Needed

Our Lady Queen of Peace School is seeking a hot lunch director for the 2020-2021 school year. This position involves picking up food from Bethalto East, bringing it to OLQP, and serving it to the students. This is typically an eight to ten hour a week involvement, from 10:40- 12:30 daily. If you are interested, inquire at the school office for more details or any questions. 618-377-6401, ere-mis@olqpbethalto.org.

PreSchool News

Due to an increase in our full day enrollment for Pre-school, our three and four year olds will no longer be combined in the afternoons. Beginning next year, Mrs. Witte (3 year old PreK teacher) will teach three full days. Presently Mrs. Witte is here three half days. So we are extremely happy to enhance our Preschool in this way! Continue to spread the news that we have both part and full time 3-year old spots available, although they are going quickly. Enrolling in our 3-year old school is the only way to absolutely insure you have a spot in the 4-year old program!

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.factsmgt.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.)

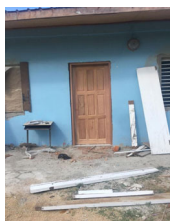
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Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live . . ." John 11:25 When two people deeply love each other, they never want their love to end. I think that's one of the best experiences we can ever have. And it's open to every one of us! Our desire for permanence, at its best, is a sign of a vibrant love, one that reaches out to heaven. It's also a sign of the way God loves us. We are so important to God that God desires to be together with us in an intimate relationship that will grow and never end. Our resurrection is the way God brings this about. Years ago, I read these words on a sign: "This life is good, but the best is yet to come!" I never forgot it. God offers us a resurrected future full of incredible beauty and joy. But then, what else would you expect a loving God to do? Thank you Lord, for your incredible, unending love.

Living Faith
January, February, March

Belize Donations

Thanks to the auction donations made for Belize - San Antonio reports windows are going in and they are currently working on putting in the doors. Principal Ermita Ozorio and her staff are super excited. Things are happening in Belize because of you!!!



Getting More Out of

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1. Before work, chores, or study, make a conscious decision to offer up whatever you are doing in love of God and in loving intercession for some person or special need.
2. Pray regularly for those whose rights and dignity are trampled and for those responsible for their pain. Look for a way to help.
3. Give thanks daily for your own cross—the trials and misfortunes in your life—with the confidence that God will turn them to good.
4. Read about the Sign of the Cross and what it really means, and begin making it less mechanically, more thoughtfully, several times per day as a renewal of your personal commitment to your Lord and Savior.



A Prayer For All Afflicted & An End to the Coronavirus

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and Fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us under the mantle of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

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