“Queen of Peace is a parish of many cultures, living one Catholic faith, united to glorify God, and striving to provide a spiritual home for the members of our diverse community.”

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**
- Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM
- Sunday: 8:30AM & 11:00AM

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**
- 8:30 AM Monday- Saturday
- Mass in Spanish every Friday

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**
- Monday to Friday:
  - 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
  - 1:00PM TO 4:00PM
- Office closed Saturday & Sunday

**LEGION OF MARY**
- Tuesday 10:30AM
  - Parish Center
  - Novenas & Rosary follow the 8:30 Mass
  - Mon. Miraculous Medal
  - Tues. St. Anthony
  - Wed. St. Jude
  - Thurs. St. Ann
  - Fri. Sacred Heart
  - Sat. Queen of Peace

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:**
- Wednesdays at Noon

**EVENING HOURS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**BAPTISMS** In English at 2pm on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Baptisms in Spanish on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:00pm. Please call the Rectory to register.

**PENANCE** Confessions are heard each Saturday 4:00- 4:45. Confessions anytime by appointment.

**MARRIAGES** Arrangements should be made at least (9) months in advance. Please call the Rectory for an appointment with a Priest/Deacon.

**CARE OF THE SICK** Communion is regularly brought to the sick by our Eucharistic Ministers, Deacons and Priests. Please let us know when a parishioner is unable to come to church due to serious illness or age. Anointing of the sick is celebrated on the first Saturday of each month during the 8:30 Mass.

**Eucharistic Adoration** Wednesday 9AM-Noon First Friday 9AM - Noon concludes with Midday Prayer & Novena

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**Kew Gardens Hills, NY**

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Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Hardiman, - Pastor
Rev. James L. Tighe Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Michael Ugbor Parochial Vicar
Deacon Gregory Bizzoco Jr.
Deacon Jose M. Fernandez

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**Catholic Cemeteries** 718 894-4888

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National suicide prevention hotline 24/7
1-800-273-8255
Samaritans NYC 24/7
212-673-3000

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In addition to our Parish Office, the rectory is also home to the Priests of the parish. Please respect their home by calling in advance to make an appointment with a priest or deacon

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Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Pray for us

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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January 5th, 2020
A Message from The Pastor

At Queen of Peace we encourage the lovely tradition of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany. It is in the home that the first experience of love occurs; it is there that love is nurtured and grows to maturity. The blessing of our homes encourages us to dedicate our lives at home to God and to others.

Today, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the Magi coming to the home of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. As we celebrate, we pray for blessings on our own homes and all those of our parish asking God’s blessing on them and those who live in or visit them. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk blessed during the Epiphany liturgy and write above the home’s entryway, $20 + C + M + B + 20$. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus mansionem benedicat, “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross and 2019 is the year.

Readings for the week of January 5, 2020

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:118 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Mt 3:13-17
At all Masses today we will bless chalk and all are invited to take a piece and mark their homes as they say a prayer for blessing. (The priests are also very happy to visit homes and do a blessing. Please call the Rectory for an appointment.)

These prayers are used in our parish at a blessing of a home:

Loving God, visit our homes. May there be no evil here. May your holy angels dwell here. And keep all who live here in peace. May you bless us evermore. Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this home and all who live in it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ who dwells among us. Amen.

Loving God, may all who come to our home this year rejoice to find the love of Christ here; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

We wish you a Happy, Healthy and Blessed 2020!

Our Lady Undoer of Knots, pray for us!

God bless,
MJH

BLOOD CRISIS
HELP!!! New York City continues to experience a critical shortage in the BLOOD SUPPLY at the New York Blood Center. Please consider becoming a blood donor this week. More information is available at www.nybloodcenter.org/blood or 1-800-933-2566.

PRAYING for PRIESTS and SEMINARIANS
Bishop DiMarzio has asked that we pray for all priests and seminarians on every Thursday throughout the year.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL
St Nicholas of Tolentine Catholic Academy is the Catholic elementary school affiliated with Queen of Peace Parish. It offers an exemplary and rigorous educational program and may be ideal for your child/grandchild. For more information please call the school at 718 380 1900 or visit their website http://sntschoolny.org./

Legion of Mary
Did you know that the Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with about 3 million active members in 160 countries? It was founded in 1921 by Irishman Frank Duff and the object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation in the work of the Church under the patronage of Our Lady. The Legion of Mary at Queen of Peace meets every Tuesday at 10.30 in the Parish Center. Please come and find out more about this wonderful apostolate of evangelization.
Persecuted Christians

Even though the Red Ribbons of Solidarity Campaign ends today, Queen of Peace Parish invites you to continue to pray in solidarity with those Christians, in many nations throughout the world, who are experiencing persecution because of their religious faith.

Mass in Spanish/Misa en Español

This Friday, January 10, we will have Mass in Spanish at 7:30pm. Este Viernes a las 7:30pm habrá Misa en Español.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Sunday following the 11am Mass we expose the Blessed Sacrament on our altar and it remains exposed for Eucharistic Adoration until 3pm when we pray a Novena to St. Peregrine, patron saint of persons with cancer, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Every Wednesday, following the 8:30am Mass the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration until 12 Noon when we pray Midday Prayer and a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, followed by Benediction.

Powerhouse Week of Prayer

POWERHOUSE WEEK OF PRAYER BEGINS TODAY AND ENDS January 11th. Prayer Intention Slips have been revised with additional categories of intentions and space for you to write your own intentions. Please place the slips in the basket in the sanctuary. Remember, the whole parish is asked to join in praying for these intentions.

Orthodox Christmas

Our Orthodox Christian sisters and brothers celebrate Christmas this Tuesday, January 7th. Please pray with them as they now celebrate the Savior’s Birth!

Blessing of Chalk/Blessing of Homes

Today at all our Sunday Masses we will bless chalk for the Feast of the Epiphany and invite you to bless your homes with the chalk. My column explains the procedure you should follow.

ANNUAL PRO VITA MASS/AWARD

Join the Knights of Columbus of Kings and Queens Counties and we celebrate the gift of life and pray for a respect for life at all its stages as it leads to a natural death. Saturday, January 25, 2020 Mass will be celebrated at 5pm at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. James. For more information kofc@diobrook.org.
"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit." ~ Pope Francis

Are you called to be “A herald’s voice in the desert” preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people?
If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

“I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you.” Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

“When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him.” Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life?

“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you may be called to share the Father’s love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

March for Life

Many people in Queens have begun preparations to travel to Washington in January to mournfully remember forty-seven years of legalized abortion, to advocate for the overturning of Roe v. Wade, and to pray that God will help our nation embrace a culture of life.
Join the faithful from across the Diocese of Brooklyn And Queens on Friday, January 24, 2020, in Washington DC to the March for Life. The Diocese is sponsoring one bus leaving from the Diocesan Offices in Brooklyn 310 Prospect Park West, 11215. Parking is extremely limited. The bus leaves promptly at 6:30 am. The bus will leave Washington, DC after the March and return to Brooklyn in the evening. The cost for roundtrip bus transportation to Washington, DC is $25. To reserve your seat, please contact Martha Hernandez at (718) 281-9540 or email her at mhernandez@diobrook.org by January 17, 2020. Please make checks payable to Diocese of Brooklyn.

NATIONAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE, JANUARY 23-24, 2020

The National Prayer Vigil for Life will be held from Thursday afternoon, January 23, through Friday morning, January 24, 2020. The Opening Mass begins Thursday, January 23 at 5:30 p.m. The National Rosary for Life begins at 8:00 p.m. Night Prayer (Byzantine Rite) begins at 9:30 p.m. Holy Hours begin at 11:00 p.m. and end at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, January 24. The Closing Mass begins Friday at 7:30 a.m.
