“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.”

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Emergency Sick Calls Anytime

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

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

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 to register.

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.

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.

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

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Pray for us

The Baptism of the Lord

Kew Gardens Hills, NY

Queen of Peace
Roman Catholic Church

January 12th, 2020
A Message from The Pastor

The Christmas Season in the Church since the liturgical revisions following the Second Vatican Council ends today with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and Ordinary Time begins on tomorrow. However, before the Council the Christmas Season extended until the Feast of the Presentation, February 2nd. This year, since our beautiful poinsettias are still so healthy and our church so beautifully decorated, we will continue with our Christmas decorations until close to the Feast of the Presentation but the first “nice” day we will take the outside crèche down. Enjoy the spirit of Christmas a little longer!

I discovered this again recently and recognized it as something I had read in the early grades at St. Teresa School. It was composed by Saint Jean de Brebeuf, SJ one of the North American Martyrs.

The Huron Carol

Twas in the moon of wintertime
When all the birds had fled,
That mighty Gitchi Manitou
Sent angel choirs instead;
Before their light the stars grew dim,
And wond’ring hunters heard the hymn:
Jesus, your King is born,
In excelsis gloria.
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.

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.
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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.

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.

Persecuted Christians

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.

"VOCATIONS are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit." ~ Pope Francis

By Baptism, Catholic families are holy families and are the seed beds for the vocations of their children. Pray generously as a family for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from among your children. Should God be calling one among you, contact the Vocation Office 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

“God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts.” If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life,

“God chose us before the world began to be holy.” God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

Sincere thanks to Marie Poulard and her husband Frantz Mayard for the donation of the rolls that we blessed at Thanksgiving. The way we have had to prepare the bulletin since then has prevented me from acknowledging them; I asked and they were more than willing to help make our Thanksgiving extra special this year.
Pope Francis spoke with his closest collaborators in the Central Government of the Church, the ROMAN CURIA, just before Christmas. His words are both of praise and challenge, sometimes seemingly even harsh, but always said with great love even as Jesus saved some of His harshest words for those closest to Him.

Once again this year, the Lord gives us the opportunity to gather for this moment of fellowship which strengthens our fraternity and is grounded in our contemplation of God’s love revealed at Christmas. A contemporary mystic has written that “the birth of Christ is the greatest and most eloquent witness of how much God loved man. He loved him with a personal love. That is why he took a human body, united it to himself and made it his own forever. The birth of Christ is itself a ‘covenant of love’, sealed for all time between God and man”. As Saint Clement of Alexandria writes, “Christ came down and assumed our humanity, willingly sharing in our human sufferings, for this reason: so that, having experienced the frailty of those whom he loves, he could then make us experience his great power”.

In the light of this boundless benevolence and love, our exchange of Christmas greetings is yet another chance to respond to Christ’s new commandment: “Even as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”. Jesus does not ask us to love him in response to his love for us; rather, he asks us to love one another as he does. In other words, he asks us to become like him, since he became like us. As Saint John Henry Newman prayed: “May each Christmas, as it comes, find us more and more like Him, who at this time became a little child for our sake, more simple-minded, more humble, more holy, more affectionate, more resigned, more happy, more full of God”. And he went on to say: “[Christmas] is a time for innocence, and purity, and gentleness, and mildness, and contentment, and peace”.

This mention of Newman brings to mind his well-known words in his Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine, a book that coincided chronologically and spiritually with his entry into the Catholic Church: “Here below to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often”. Naturally, he is not speaking about changing for change’s sake, or following every new fashion, but rather about the conviction that development and growth are a normal part of human life, even as believers we know that God remains the unchanging center of all things.

For Newman change was conversion, in other words, interior transformation. Christian life is a journey, a pilgrimage. The history of the Bible is a journey, marked by constantly new beginnings. So it was with Abraham. So it was too with those Galileans who two thousand years ago set out to follow Jesus: “When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him”. From that time forward, the history of God’s people – the history of the Church – has always been marked by new beginnings, displacements and changes. This journey, of course, is not just geographical, but above all symbolic: it is a summons to discover the movement of the heart, which, paradoxically, has to set out in order to remain, to change in order to be faithful. All of this has particular importance for our time, because what we are experiencing is not simply an epoch of changes, but an epochal change. We find ourselves living at a time when change is no longer linear, but epochal. It entails decisions that rapidly transform our ways of living, of relating to one another, of communicating and thinking, of how different generations relate to one another and how we understand and experience faith and science. Often we approach change as if were a matter of simply putting on new clothes, but remaining exactly as we were before. I think of the enigmatic expression found in a famous Italian novel: “If we want everything to stay the same, then everything has to change” (The Leopard by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa).

The more healthy approach is to let oneself be challenged by the questions of the day and to approach them with the virtues of discernment, parrhesia and hypomoné. Seen in this light, change takes on a very different aspect: from something marginal, incidental or merely external, it would become something more human and more Christian. Change would still take place, but beginning with man as its center: an anthropological conversion. We need to initiate processes and not just occupy spaces: “God manifests himself in historical revelation, in history. Time initiates processes and space crystallizes them. God is in history, in the processes. We must not focus on occupying the spaces where power is exercised, but rather on starting long-run historical processes. We must initiate processes rather than occupy spaces. God manifests himself in time and is present in the processes of history. This gives priority to actions that give birth to new historical dynamics. And it requires patience, waiting”. In this sense, we are urged to read the signs of the times with the eyes of faith, so that the direction of this change should “raise new and old questions which it is right that we should face”.

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