“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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Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Pray for us

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

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

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 19th, 2020
QUEEN OF PEACE R. C. CHURCH

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Mass Intentsions

SUNDAY January 19th Glorious Mysteries
8:30 A.M. Hylla Rebello
11:00 A.M. Ana & Felix Ruiz
MONDAY January 20th Joyful Mysteries
8:30 A.M. Collective Intention
People of the Parish
Arek Borkowski
Open
Open
TUESDAY January 21st Sorrowful Mysteries
8:30 A.M. Florecita Hoersch-6th Anniversary
WEDNESDAY January 22nd Glorious Mysteries
8:30 A.M. Joe Randazzo
THURSDAY January 23rd Luminous Mysteries
8:30 A.M. Anne Uhl
FRIDAY January 24th Sorrowful Mysteries
8:30 A.M. People of the Parish
7:30 P.M. Spanish Mass
SATURDAY January 25th Glorious Mysteries
8:30 A.M. People of the Parish
5:00 P.M. John Pham Dinh Khoi
SUNDAY January 26th Glorious Mysteries
8:30 A.M. Hylla Rebello
11:00 A.M. Ercilia Calderon

Readings for the week of January 19, 2020

Sunday:
Is 49:3Jn 1:29-34
Monday: 1 Sm 15:1-16-23 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9 Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Acts 22:3 Mk 16:15-18

John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.” – Jn 1:31-34

A Message from The Pastor

January 28th will be my 42nd anniversary of ordination to the priesthood! As this day approaches each year, my thoughts and memories are drawn not only to the actual ordination day but also to the many moments of priesthood since then.

Twenty years of my priesthood has been in diocesan administration, and that half had my youth as well. St. Pius V in South Jamaica Queens was completely unknown to me when I received my diaconal assignment in January 1977. It was, and continues to be, one of the poorest parishes in the diocese in terms of financial resources, but it was a rich place for a young deacon and priest to learn how to minister to the needs of people. The neighborhood was 50% black, 20% Portuguese, 20% Spanish speaking, and 10% other including Italian, Irish, German, and you name it. I celebrated Mass in Spanish and Italian and, eventually, even in Portuguese. I was ordained a priest there one year after I arrived and stayed for another three and a half years.

I turned 30 years of age two days after I started in the Office of Catholic Education. I was a part-time student for a couple of years in addition to my 9am to sometimes 10pm Monday through Friday work week and I offered Mass at different churches or convents on weekdays and on Sundays at St. Edmund and later, when I was afraid I was getting out of practice in Spanish, St. Martin of Tours church here in Brooklyn. Oh the places I went and the people I met during my 12 years in the Office and the privilege of living with Bishop Francis Mugavero (a great teacher) and later Bishop Thomas Daily (from whom I also learned so much).
In 1993, Bishop Daily asked me to be the director of the Seventh Diocesan Synod a task which occupied my time until the Synod was completed in January 1997. I then became the Director of the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, a building that had been Cathedral College, from which I had graduated, and a building that I literally loved.

The sexual abuse crisis claimed the pastor of St. Kevin in Flushing and Msgr. D.J. Finnerty was named pastor there leaving St. Sebastian open and I asked the bishop if I could apply and he said OK but no promises; I got the parish!

After 12 years (pastors have to move after 12) I asked the Bishop, now Bishop DiMarzio to come to St. Patrick in Fort Hamilton. I was there for 6 years and I loved it, but the need to raise and additional $2.5 million (I had raised that much during the Generations of Faith Campaign) for repairs to the parish buildings was just beyond my energy level and my age. I came back to Queens, my home borough (I grew up in St. Teresa in Woodside), to Queen of Peace and I must confess that I am so happy here!

For those 20 years in diocesan administration I have so many great memories, and funny ones as well, but I longed to be a parish priest again. The priest is with people at birth and baptism, and at wakes and funerals. He helps prepare couples for marriage and many times, helps them with annulments which recognize that there was never a sacramental marriage there in the first place. Pope Francis, the first Jesuit Pope, in the line of St. Ignatius teaches that the priest accompanies people on their life journey and for 40 years it has been my deep honor to do that in 4 parishes and in others as well.

I’ve said it before but it still remains true I have not had a single unhappy day in 42 years as a priest! I recall not even being a deacon, and saying a few words at my father’s funeral but at my mother’s I recall preaching and offering Words of Remembrance and thanking God for the gift of priesthood. I do that every day!

Sunday February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, traditionally called Candlemas Day. Every Catholic home should have two blessed candles to be used if a priest or Eucharistic Minister is called to bring Holy Communion to the sick. Candle sets will be available for sale in the sacristy before Mass on Saturday and Sunday; the offering is $5.

There are Masses available in February; it is a tradition in our Church to offer Masses for our deceased relatives and friends.

Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us!

God bless, MJH

PRAYING for PRIESTS and SEMINARIANS

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

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.

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/.

Census 2020

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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.

St. Sebastian—Dr. King

Tomorrow is the feast of St Sebastian the Martyr (a parish in Woodside where I spent 12 wonderful years as pastor) It is also the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and the parish office is closed.

Flu Season

We have discontinued the distribution of the Precious Blood for FLU SEASON. Also please refrain from offering the “Kiss of Peace” by touching the other parishioners. These common sense precautions will help all of us to keep healthy. If you are sick, or the weather is treacherous, please stay home and make a Spiritual Communion.

ANNUAL PRO VITA MASS/AWARD

Join the Knights of Columbus of Kings and Queens Counties as 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, Martha Hernandez at (718) 281-9540 or m hernandez@diobrook.org by January 17, 2020.

Please make checks payable to Diocese of Brooklyn.
NOEL

Grim was the world and grey last night:  
The moon and stars were fled,  
The hall was dark without song or light,  
The fires were fallen dead.  
The wind in the trees was like to the sea,  
And over the mountains' teeth  
It whistled bitter-cold and free,  
As a sword leapt from its sheath.

The lord of snows upreared his head;  
His mantle long and pale  
Upon the bitter blast was spread  
And hung o'er hill and dale.  
The world was blind, the boughs were bent,  
All ways and paths were wild:  
Then the veil of cloud apart was rent,  
And here was born a Child.

The ancient dome of heaven sheer  
Was pricked with distant light;  
A star came shining white and clear  
Alone above the night.  
In the dale of dark in that hour of birth  
One voice on a sudden sang:  
Then all the bells in Heaven and Earth  
Together at midnight rang.

Mary sang in this world below:  
They heard her song arise  
O'er mist and over mountain snow  
To the walls of Paradise,  
And the tongue of many bells was stirred  
in Heaven's towers to ring  
When the voice of mortal maid was heard,  
That was mother of Heaven's King.

Glad is the world and fair this night  
With stars about its head,  
And the hall is filled with laughter and light,  
And fires are burning red.  
The bells of Paradise now ring  
With bells of Christendom,  
And Gloria, Gloria we will sing  
That God on earth is come.

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