“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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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

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

The Presentation Of The Lord  
February 2nd, 2020
This past Tuesday, on the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, I celebrated the 42nd anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. I remember it was a cold day in a month of snowstorms: it would start to snow on Mondays and stop on Thursday or Friday with just enough time to clean up and get ready for the weekend. Bishop Francis J. Mugavero celebrated 18 or 20 individual ordination ceremonies since each man was ordained to the priesthood in the parish he had served his deacon year. Just before the ceremony began we were all vested in the rectory and the Bishop said to me “Michael, if you forget all the theology, all the scripture, and everything else you learned in the seminary yet remember this one thing you will have a happy and fruitful priesthood: Be nice to the people!” I have always tried to follow his advice, even when it has been difficult; I hope the people I have served think I have. My first four and a half years in St. Pius V in South Jamaica (Queens) were years of such great excitement for me (one year full time as a deacon and the rest as a priest). Masses in Spanish, Portuguese (I said the Mass in Portuguese and gave the homily in Spanish), Italian (used a text for the homily), ultimately, a bilingual Spanish and Italian Mass, (Oh yes, I did get to say Mass in English as well!) So many great memories of the parishioners, the other priests, and staff that I still fondly recall; they formed me early in my priesthood. Then the call to work in the Education Office and live in Bishop Mugavero’s house, a house that would be my home from 1981 to 1997. After Education, directing the Diocesan Synod and later the Immaculate Conception Center, I finally was back at a parish as pastor for 12 years at St. Sebastian (although I served as Vicar for Education for four years during that time) and then to St. Patrick and finally here, at Queen of Peace, last July. I thank God every day for the gift of priesthood; it is a great life, rich, full, and rewarding! I highly recommend it!

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Our POWERHOUSE WEEK of PRAYER began Saturday at the Vigil Mass at 5pm and will end next Saturday at the 8:30am Mass. Prayer intention sheets are available at the doors of the church and the Prayer Intentions Basket is in the Sanctuary. Remember, the concept is for all the members of Queen of Peace Parish to join in prayer together for these intentions. “Prayer does not change God, it changes us.”

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Today the Church gives thanks to the countless Religious Women and Men who have offered their lives in service to the People of God through the years. Here at Queen of Peace we are blessed to have Religious Sisters from four different Communities living in our Convent. When you see them, please thank them for their many years of service to the Church. Do you know anyone whom you think God might be calling to a life of service? Have you ever thought someone might be being called to the priesthood or religious life? Have you ever asked them if they were interested?

The Prayer Corner

O flaming Mountain,
O chosen Sun,
O full Moon,
O bottomless Well,
O unattainable Height,
O Brightness beyond compare,
O Wisdom without measure,
O Mercy unsurpassed,
O Might irresistible,
O Crown of all glory,
Your lowly creature sings Your praises.

Mechtild of Magdeburg

Is God calling you or someone you know?

“Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Passion Play “IT IS FINISHED”
Sunday March 15 at 3pm

We are pleased to announce that Queen of Peace will be hosting a presentation of an original theatre piece for singers and actors called “It is Finished” Glenn Mohr is an old friend and his productions are just wonderful. Mark your calendars now, you do not want to miss this!

“The Glenn Mohr Chorale is a group of singers and actors who, through the years, have become a family… united in faith and friendship. We have dedicated ourselves to bringing our music and productions to churches from Brooklyn to Boston, the great Basilica’s of Rome, where we met and performed for Blessed John Paul II and finally to the stage of Lincoln Center’s Alice Tully Hall. It has been our mission to “touch hearts and celebrate spirit” by bringing the great stories of our faith to life in prayerful, spiritually uplifting and yes, entertaining ways.”
Pastor’s column continued

The 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision anniversary was also last week. More than 60 million children killed since 1973. What were their “unique and unrepeatable contributions” that were never made?

Every Catholic home should have Holy Water and two blessed candles and Holy Water should be in every Catholic home as well, either in a small fount at the front door where it can be used to bless yourself as you enter or leave the house or in some other place where it is visible and convenient; in my home in Woodside, it was just outside the dining room. It can also be used by parents to bless their children in the morning or at bedtime. The two candles are used should it be necessary for a sick person to be visited by a priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion bringing them Holy Communion. Traditionally candles are blessed today on Candlemas Day, February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (the end of the Christmas Season in Rome). Candles are available for sale today, a box of 2 for $5; ask a priest to bless them before going home. Tomorrow is the memorial of St. Blaise and throats will be blessed at all Masses.

Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us.

God bless,

MJH

OZANAM HALL NURSING HOME NEEDS HELP

OZANAM HALL IS A Catholic Nursing Home administered by the Carmelite Sisters. Located in Bayside (4241 201 St.) is looking for 3 part-time Activity Leaders. 1. Tuesday – Saturday 1:30 to 4:30; 2. Monday – Friday 10 to 11:30 and 2 to 4; Saturday and Sunday 2 to 4:30 and 6:30 to 8:30. Please call Ms. Victoria Auriemmo 718 971 2707 or vauriemmo@ozanamhall.org.

Welcome to Queen of Peace Parish!

We joyfully welcome all who have joined our community for worship and praise to God. We are grateful to our faithful parishioners who pray with us every week and ask you to consider officially registering to be a part of the parish as well. You, our neighbors and guests are always welcome; and, we hope you find a peaceful-home here with us when visiting the area.

Census Day is April 1, 2020

Every ten years our country takes up a census to determine representation in the House of Representatives along with the percentages for the distribution of federal dollars. 2020 is the year for this, our national census. Catholic Charities, Brooklyn and Queens has been selected to work on the New York City Census 2020. They will assist in getting all our residents to be counted and to ensure that our communities are accurately represented in Congress and the allotment of federal government funds for needed services such as, education, housing, social services, and aid for seniors, etc.

In the last 2010 national census, New York State lost two House of Representatives seats and significant loss of federal funding due to undercounting. Studies have attributed the undercount to the lack of active participation in the census by members of low-income and immigrant communities. Catholic Charities is cooperating with the NYC Census 2020 to encourage and facilitate active participation by all in the 2020 census.
\textbf{Looking Ahead}

Two weeks from today is what used to be called Septuagesima Sunday, seventy days before Easter. It began and begins a sort of warm up time of about 3 weeks prior to Ash Wednesday, the actual start of the Lenten Season. Septuagesima (70), Sexagesima (60), and Quinquegesima (50), Sundays form a mini-Lent, a time to start thinking about what this Lent will be for each of us and how we will use those 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, to deepen our friendship with Jesus.

\textbf{Music at Queen of Peace}

You may have noticed that our wonderful Queen of Peace Choir is singing a hymn in Latin after the Communion Song. It is one is the seasonal Marian anthems. The four great seasonal Marian antiphons come from the Liturgy of the Hours, which priests, deacons, and religious women and men pray throughout each day on behalf of the Church, the People of God -- \textit{on behalf of you}! These four seasonal Marian prayers are: \textit{Alma Redemptoris Mater (Hail, Mother of the Redeemer)}, \textit{Ave Regina Caelorum (Hail, Queen of Heaven)}, \textit{Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven)}, and \textit{Salve Regina (Hail, Holy Queen)}. In a parish dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, Queen of Peace, it is most appropriate that we sing the seasonal anthem on Sundays and Marian feasts throughout the year.

\textbf{Alma Redemptoris Mater (Hail, Mother of the Redeemer) Sung during Advent and Christmas}

This prayer tells of Gabriel’s announcement, and of Mary’s divine motherhood.

\textit{Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli porta manes et stella maris, succurre cadenti, surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum genitorem, Virgo prius, ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens ilud ave, peccatorum miserere.}

O loving Mother of our Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea; hasten to aid your fallen people who strive to rise once more. You who brought forth your holy Creator, all creation wond’ring, Yet remained a virgin as before, taking from Gabriel’s lips that joyful “Hail”: be merciful to us sinners.

\textbf{Ave Regina Caelorum (Hail, Queen of Heaven) Sung during the First part of Ordinary Time and Lent}

\textit{Ave regina caelorum, ave domina angelorum: salve radix, salve porta, ex qua mundo lux est orta: Gaude Virgo, gloria, super omnes speciosa, vale o valde decora, et pro nobis Christum exora.}

Hail, queen of heaven, hail lady of the angels. Hail, root, hail the door through which the Light of the world is risen. Rejoice, glorious Virgin, beautiful above all. Hail, O very fair one, and plead for us to Christ.

\textbf{Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) Sung during the Easter Season}

\textit{Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia; quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia; resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia; ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.}

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia; for He whom you were chosen to bear, alleluia; has risen as He said, alleluia; pray for us to God, alleluia.

\textbf{Salve Regina (Hail Holy Queen) Sung during the second part of Ordinary Time}

The \textit{Salve Regina}, as a spoken prayer, is prayed at the conclusion of the Rosary, so it is perhaps the most familiar of these four anthems.

\textit{Salve Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes, in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos, ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.}

Hail holy queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.