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“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.”

Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Hardiman, - Pastor
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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.

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

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

February 16th , 2020
**QUEEN OF PEACE R.C. CHURCH**

**Kew Gardens Hills, New York**

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**Mess Intention**

**SUNDAY**  February 16th Glorious Mysteries  
8:30 A.M.  Pacita Maravilla  
11:00 A.M.  Hylla Rebello  
**MONDAY**  February 17th Joyful Mysteries  
Collective Intention  
8:30 A.M.  People of Queen of Peace Parish  
Kate Abrafi Owusu  
Open  
Open  
Open  
**TUESDAY**  February 18th Sorrowful Mysteries  
8:30 A.M.  Hernando Diaz  
**WEDNESDAY**  February 19th Glorious Mysteries  
8:30 A.M.  Christina Nguyen & family  
**THURSDAY**  February 20th Luminous Mysteries  
8:30 A.M.  Henry Malon  
**FRIDAY**  February 21st Sorrowful Mysteries  
8:30 A.M.  Angie Colletti  
7:30 P.M.  Spanish Mass  
**SATURDAY**  February 22nd Glorious Mysteries  
8:30 A.M.  Simon Salwa Jr.-6th Birthday  
5:00 P.M.  Cathy Nguyen & Family  
**SUNDAY**  February 23rd Glorious Mysteries  
8:30 A.M.  John Thanickal  
11:00 A.M.  Hylla Rebello

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**Readings for the week of February 16, 2020**

**Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20  
**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19 Mk 8:22-26  
**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9 Mk 8:27-33  
**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24 Mk 8:34—9:1  
**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19  
**Next Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2 Mt 5:38-48

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“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, ‘Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”  
— Mt 5:33-37

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**A Message from the Pastor**

Today is Sexagesima Sunday, sixty days before the Great Feast of Easter, a week and a half before the start of Lent. One practice you might consider making a part of your Lent this year is called “Lectio Divina” or “Divine/ Sacred Reading.” This is a spiritual practice with roots in the Benedictine tradition and consists of four moments: read, meditate, pray, contemplate, and it’s easy, and maybe even fun.

Find a place and time where you can be alone for 15 or 20 minutes. Get into a comfortable position (not too comfortable lest you begin the practice of horizontal meditation—a nap) and try to quiet all the noise both inside you and inside as well. My suggestion is that you begin with St. Mark’s Gospel; it was the first to be written down as is the shortest of the four. Read five or six verses or a paragraph. Read it slowly a second time, and more slowly a third or a fourth time. Take in the flavor of the words; a word, phrase, or even a sentence may reach out to you and really grab hold of you. Spend time with that word, phrase, or even a sentence (some write it down on an index card and use it as a source of prayer throughout the day. Think of a cow, a ruminant animal, quietly chewing its cud all day long—one that’s what you want to do with that word, phrase of sentence. St. Benedict speaks about hearing the word, phrase of sentence “with the ear of our hearts” and let it be for you the focus of your prayer. Let the word, phrase or sentence become a part of your world and let it interact with your ideas, memories, imagination, even with your anxieties and worries. The formal word to describe is meditation.

Now speak to God and listen for His word of response or the silence of His response, but, make sure that you are quiet enough to be able to hear Him when He speaks. This is truly prayer, entering into a conversation with God.

The last moments of Lectio Divina has the name contemplation but its best described as resting in the arms of Our Loving Father and allowing His love to flow over us and fill us with His Life.

So Read, Meditate, Pray, Contemplate, four steps that can lead you to an entirely wonderful experience of prayer.

Our Lady Undoer of Knots, pray for us.

God bless!

MJH

P.S. We recently programmed our Church bells to peal each day at 3:00 pm The Great Hour of Divine Mercy. You might want to adopt the practice of reciting “Jesus, I trust in You” everyday during the pealing of the bells. Saying those four little words and the Sacred Name over and over as the bells peal can be a great source of comfort and a reaffirmation of our trust in Jesus’ love for each of us.

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Looking Ahead

Today is Sexagesima Sunday, sixty days before Easter. It is part of warm up time prior to Ash Wednesday, the actual start of the Lenten Season. Septuagesima (70), Sexagesima (60), and Quinquagesima (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.

Marian Anthem After Communion

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.

St. John’s University Speech and Hearing Center is offering FREE HEARING AID HELP through May 4th, 2020. This FREE service is available for anyone who has a hearing aid and may be experiencing some difficulty caring for it or using it. Please call 718.990.6480 to schedule an appointment. The Center is located at 15211 Union Turnpike, really just down the block.

The Prayer Corner

Prayer that Jesus will pervade our society

O Jesus, pervade our society, our family life, and our souls — and rule as our peaceful Leader. Let those who labor for the good of Your people and the poor be enlightened with the radiance of faith and the love of Your kind Heart. Infuse them with Your own Spirit, the Spirit of discipline, order, and mildness, and let the flame of enthusiasm burn ever brightly in their hearts... May we soon see the day when You are once more the Center of civic life and carried a loft by Your joyful people.

Pope Saint John XXIII

Is God calling you or someone you know?

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.” Mark your calendars now, you do not want to miss this!

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ARE YOU READY FOR LENT?

Today is 60 days before the Great Feast of Easter! In the years before the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council, today was called Sexagesima Sunday; the word is Latin for 60. Just so next Sunday is known as Quinquegesima (50) The First Sunday of Lent, then, 15 Quadragesima Sunday, 40 days before Easter and “The 40 days” is what Lent is called in most languages other than English.

So the next week and a half week can be an opportunity to prayerfully consider what you (and your family, perhaps) will adopt as Lenten practices this year. Consider Googling—Composition of Place or Scriptural Rosary or what about taking one Station of the Cross per day and writing it on an index card that you keep in your pocket, near your keys, or some place that you will see it often during the day; you could do the same thing with the Mysteries of the Rosary! Try something new; be creative!

Sneaky Lent

Have you noticed how many times Lent has been mentioned in today’s Bulletin?

Lent sneaks up on us if we’re not thinking and praying about it in advance! Don’t get caught by “Sneaky Lent”!

OZANAM HALL NURSING HOME NEEDS HELP

OZANAM HALL IS A Catholic Nursing Home administered by the Carmelite Sisters. Located in Bayside (4241 201st 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.

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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.
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