PARISH MISSION

“DARE TO BE HOLY”

Join us on February 22/23 weekend and Sunday Feb 23, Monday Feb 24 and Tuesday Feb 25 and Ash Wednesday February 26 for our pre-Lent experience of God’s Mercy and Love! Evenings at 7pm—Don’t miss this opportunity to begin Lent with joy!

“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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Deacon Gregory Bizzoco Jr.
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Emergency Sick Calls Anytime

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1-800-273-8255
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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

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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

February 23rd, 2020
A Message from the Pastor

Today is Quinquegesima Sunday, fifty days before the Great Feast of Easter. The Holy Season of Lent begins this Wednesday as Catholics (and more and more other Christians) mark their foreheads with ashes made from last Palm Sunday’s palm.

Lent is taken from an Anglo-Saxon word for Springtime, as the days begin to lengthen (lencten) and the season of the re-birth of nature approaches. In all of the Romance Languages the season is called simply The Forty Days; next Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent, is called Quadragesima Sunday, forty days before Easter!

Please do not try to figure out how there are 40 days in Lent (Sundays do not count and you must include 1st and last day). The number 40 is a biblical number—it rained for 40 days and forty nights in the Book of Genesis (The Great Flood); Moses spent 40 days and 40 nights on Mt. Sinai fasting in preparation for receiving the Commandments; Elijah walked 40 days and 40 nights to Mt. Horeb, the mountain of the Lord; and, of course, Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights in the desert at the start of His public ministry. (The Israelites wandered for forty years in the desert; Jesus spent 40 days with His disciples between the Resurrection and the Ascension; 40 is, as I said, a Biblical number and it basically means a long, long time.

According to the teaching of The Second Vatican Council; “The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent [are] the recalling of (our own) baptism or the preparation for it, and penance.” Prayer, fasting, and giving alms (donations to the poor) are at the heart of our Lenten observances. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday the Church requires us to abstain from meat and fast (only one full meal and two lighter meals) but that doesn’t mean one can’t fast on their own more frequently, like on Wednesdays and Fridays every week as will someone I know very well. We’re also required to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent (and the Church encourages us to abstain from meat on all Fridays as a way of reminding ourselves of Jesus’ sacrificial death on Good Friday).

Also, Stations of the Cross, Mass more than just on Sundays, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, a daily or weekly Holy Hour, the Rosary, reading Sacred Scripture (the Passion in each of the 4 Gospels is a good place to start) with your imagination, other spiritual reading and (the Passion in each of the 4 Gospels is a good place to start) with your imagination, other spiritual reading and quiet time for prayer, alone or with family members.

Lent is not meant to be an onerous or burden-some time for Christians. It’s supposed to be a joyous time of renewal and rebirth! Have a blessed Lent! God bless.

Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us

MJH

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Readings for the week of February 23, 2020

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2 Mt 5:38-48
Monday: Jas 3:13-18 Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10 Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15- Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9 Mt 4:1-11
Is God calling you or someone you know to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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

“IT IS FINISHED”
Sunday March 15 at 3pm
Queen of Peace will be hosting a presentation of an original theatre piece for singers and actors: ”It is Finished”

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ARE YOU READY FOR LENT?

So the next few days is all we have left to prayerfully consider what you (and your family, perhaps) will adopt as Lenten practices this year. Goole—"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!

Lent at Queen of Peace

Bi-lingual (English-Spanish) Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6.30pm.

Stations of the Cross Sundays following the 11am Mass and Weekdays following the 8.30 Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Confessions will be heard following the 8.30am Mass on Thursdays until 10am and from 3pm to 4.45pm on Saturday

Monsignor Hardiman will be offering a series of presentations on The Psalms on Saturday mornings at 10am in the Parish Center (Convent Basement) and repeated on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in the CHURCH BASEMENT.

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.

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn Gives Back

For each car, truck, or van running or not the associated Vincentian Charities will give back to your parish $75/$200 per vehicle. If you, a family member, or friend have an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call (718) 491-2525 SVDPAUTO-BROOKLYNQUEENS.ORG

Census Day is April 1, 2020

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.

Lent has done it again!!

Lent snuck up on us! If you haven’t yet made a plan for LENT do it NOW! You should have your blueprint ready now because ASH WEDNESDAY is this Wednesday. Pray about how you will spend those 40 days! Don’t get caught by “Sneaky Lent”! It will happen if you don’t act now!

The Great Hour of Divine Mercy

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Dear Parishioners:

The St. Nicholas of Tolentine Catholic Academy is the Catholic School that serves Queen of Peace Parish as well as St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish. The principal of the academy is a friend and former colleague of mine, Mr. Robert Lowenberg. Mr. Lowenberg was a high school teacher for many years before becoming principal of St. Sebastian Elementary School in Woodside where we worked together. He also served as principal of St. Dominic’s High School in Oyster Bay and as one of the Associate Superintendents of Schools for the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens.

Queen of Peace Parish has a really fine Religious Education Program but once a week is hardly enough time for the children to learn about their faith. I am inviting you to consider whether you might be interested in thinking about St. Nicholas as your child’s elementary school instead of the Public School she or he is now attending.

Students who enroll for primary grades at St. Nicholas Catholic Academy score higher on the NY State Tests by an average of 22% in Math and 16% in ELA. These student’s score 13% higher than NY State, 11% higher than NYC Public Schools and 5% higher than other Catholic Schools in Queens and Brooklyn.

Students in Grades K to 4 have IPads and Chromebook for students for the upper grades. The school offers a STEM program that includes robotics.

Financial assistance is available for qualified families.

Please feel free to call Mr. Lowenberg at 718.380.1900 or visit their website www.sntschoolny.org.

Blessings!
Msgr. Michael J. Hardiman, Pastor

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