

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

## *Epiphany* OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

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# ABOUT OUR PARISH



## PARISH ASSOCIATIONS

Holy Name Society/Father's Club - 8:00pm, First Monday after Second Sunday (Fr. Hopkins Hall)

Rosary & Altar Society (OLQP) - First Sunday following 9:00am Mass

Rosary & Altar Society (OLL) - 7:30pm Eve of First Friday (KofC Hall)

Sports Program - Olympic League, CYO, 8:00pm third Monday (Cafeteria)

Joe Marinaro - 917-214-9055

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful to all who contribute so generously each week, thank you for your support! We do recommend that you use parish envelopes or [Weshare](#). Please call the rectory to register.

### December 20th

Sunday Collection	\$7,468.00
Shrine Candles	\$232.00
Christmas Gift	\$1,382.00

## MARCH FOR LIFE

### 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe v. Wade Decision

On Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, Americans from throughout the country will again rally in Washington, D.C. to bear witness and petition our government to restore legal protection to our helpless pre-born brothers and sisters. A bus will leave from St. Charles Church (644 Clawson St.). There are restrictions. Please call the rectory for more information.

## Live Stream Mass

### 2-ways to view live.

**YouTube or Website: OLQP CHURCH Staten Island, Masses—click on live Mass.**

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

Sundays during Mass. Scheduling should be made as early as possible, to allow the parents to attend the preparation meetings.

### RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday | 7:30am-8:00am

Saturday | 3:00pm-3:30pm

(Our Lady of Lourdes) Sunday | Before 10:00am Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes)

### MATRIMONY

The Catholic Church takes preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously. Please contact the rectory at least one year in advance of the wedding to schedule and appointment with one of the Parish priests. Participation in the Marriage Preparation Program offered.

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK

The fourth Saturday of each month after the 4:00pm mass and on **First Fridays at 7pm Mass.**

## DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal | After morning Mass

Novena to St. Joseph | Wednesday after morning Mass

Novena to St. Peregrine | Thursday after morning Mass

Novena to the Sacred Heart | Friday after morning Mass

Divine Mercy | 7:30am on week Days

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary | After morning Mass

Legion of Mary | Thursday 7:00pm

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group | Friday 4:00pm

Charismatic Prayer Group | Second Friday of the month, 7:30pm

Eucharist Adoration | Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00am-8:00am

First Fridays | 8:00am-6:00pm

Common Holy Hour and Confession | 6:00pm-7:00pm

Healing Mass | First Friday of the month, 7:00pm

Confessions are being heard on week Days from 7am to 7:45am.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### The Blessing of the Home

#### on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

In many places it is custom to celebrate the blessing of the home by writing the numerals of the new year in chalk over the front door, as well as the initials C, M, and B, representing the traditional names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

Gather the family outside the front door or main entrance of your home.

Begin by singing “We Three Kings” and by praying together the Sign of the Cross. Then offer the following prayer of blessing:

**Loving God,  
the doors of our hearts and the doors of our home are  
open to you  
and to all who need warmth and welcome.**

**(Write the year and the initials C, M, AND B in chalk over  
the front or main entrance of your home.)**

**We give you thanks for our home,  
For the gift of family, and for the blessing of friends.**

**Keep us safe  
As we come in and as we go out  
Each and every day.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



#### VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the rectory if you know of anyone who is sick at home or in the hospital and or homebound who would like a visit from one of the priests or deacons at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Please call 718-351-1093 or email [olqp-church@verizon.net](mailto:olqp-church@verizon.net)

#### FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000, ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

### Gifts of Wisdom

The three Wise Men are depicted in catacomb scenes that show their presence at or shortly after Jesus' birth, which probably gave us that date of January 6. Legends quickly surrounded the travelers. By the sixth century, they got their traditional names, which are probably speculative. Melchior brought Jesus gold to symbolize his kingship. Gaspar brought incense to honor Jesus' divinity. Balthazar offered myrrh, a burial ointment intended to foreshadow Jesus' death and resurrection. One legend says the Wise Men reassembled in Armenia in 54 or 55 to celebrate Christmas and be baptized. They all died soon after: Melchior on January 1 at 116 years old, Balthazar on January 6 at 112, and Gaspar on January 11 at 109. Relics of their bodies were displayed in Persia in 490 and later moved to Constantinople, then to Milan, and then in 1164 to Cologne.

Adapted from Christmas Traditions: Why We Do What We Do, by Christopher M. Bellitto, PhD, © 2009

#### Create a Gift That Pays You and Leave a Legacy for Your Parish

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### First Friday's Healing Mass

here at our Lady Queen of Peace

All are invited.

Adoration after the 8AM Mass,  
Common Holy Hour at 6pm, priests are  
available for confessions

Healing Mass at 7:00PM

# WORSHIP TOGETHER

## TODAY'S READING

### FIRST READING

In late 6<sup>th</sup> century BC, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed an unimaginable future of glory for Israel in the wake of their return from seventy years of captivity in Babylon. What message of hope does our nation need today?

### SECOND READING

Paul speaks of God's "revelation" to include Gentiles as "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to those you consider outsiders?

### GOSPEL

The magi's visit to discover the "newborn king of the Jews" caused great anxiety for the religious leaders of Jerusalem, including King Herod. Why do you think some people are not open to the good news of Jesus Christ?

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, JANUARY 4—ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS**

8:00AM † Rose Rapisarda

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5—ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP**

8:00AM † Deceased members of the Seaver-Casazza Family

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6—ST. ANDRE BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS**

8:00AM † Rev. Robert Gannon, Kevin Prussing

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7—ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT, PRIEST**

8:00AM † William Cianci

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8**

8:00AM † Sophia Campo

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9**

4:00PM + James Emma, Constance Imbesi—2nd Anniversary

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 2021 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

7:00AM † Mary, Bill and Edward Scheuermann

9:00AM † Miriam Ludwig

10:00AM OLL † Helen Quagliano

11:00AM † Deceased Members of the Hasch Family, Pasquale Branchizio



**Jeanne Leone, Philip R. DeVito, Adelaide Capodanno, Lois Grasso**

Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Tara LaBarca, Baby Gabriel, Jane Miller, Jeanine Gallagher, Riyan Richard.

## 50/50 Monthly

### Drawing

The 50/50 drawing will be held on the last week of every month. Yellow 50/50 envelopes are provided in your envelope package and also at the back of the Church. The cost is \$5.00. To be eligible to win, please be sure to get your entry in soon! Good Luck to all.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question: What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?**

### Answer:

The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition.

First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people's actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As [St. John Paul II observed](#), "chastisement appears to be ... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss" (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that "has the primary aim of redressing the disorder" and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn't necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace — or for something less — depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God's Spirit within them.

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# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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## Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be bought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.  
The Word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice, and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth,

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and Sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.  
The Word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according Matthew

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*"

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

## NEWS AND EVENTS



### Christmas Flower Offering

You will find a Christmas Flower envelope in your envelope packet and in the back of the Church. Donations can be given in memory and/or in honor of your loved ones and your intentions will be remembered during each Mass throughout the Christmas Season. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

**Christmas flower donations have been made in memory of their loved ones by the following:**

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Montanti, Jr., Mr. Salvatore Distefano, Mr. & Mrs. James McGrath, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Stropoli, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Barri, Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Ippolito, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Cinelli, Ms. Debra Jensen, Susan Rapillo, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Varriano Jr., Mr. Leslie Gertner, Mrs. Catherine Lavelle, Mrs. Patricia Grabowsky, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph D'Apuzzo, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tardio, Richard McCahey, Diane Perrigo, Catherine Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Pettim Mrs. Anthony Mezzacappa, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Berte.....



### Our Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp, which is next to our Tabernacle, is a sign of the Real Presence of Jesus, the Light of the World, in our Parish Church. In accordance with tradition, this candle may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a particular person or persons, or for a special intention. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$20. There are several dates still open for dedication in 2020 Book. Anyone who would like to plan for dedicating the Sanctuary Lamp should contact the Parish Office.

### BREAD AND WINE

We are accepting offerings for the Bread and Wine for the week in memory of your loved ones. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$20. Any questions, please call the Parish office 718-351-1093.

The Bread and Wine for this week are donated in loving memory of Helen Quagliano requested by Connie Raimondi.

### **LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?

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The basic attitude of hope, on the one hand, encourages the Christian not to lose sight of the final goal which gives meaning and value to life; and on the other, it offers solid and profound reasons for a daily commitment to God's plan.

- St. John Paul II

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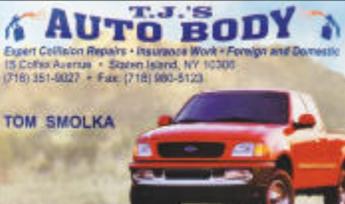
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