Our Lady Queen of Peace

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

MARCH 19, 2023

I was blind and now I see.

John 9:25

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Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 PM Sunday - 8:00,10:00 AM* and 12:00 Noon Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM Holy days - See Bulletin *Livestreamed on Facebook

Reconciliation

Saturday - 1:00 PM or by appointment. A Catholic is obliged to confess **mortal sins** in kind and number to a priest **before** receiving the Holy Eucharist. <u>**Baptism</u>** - Please call to arrange for your child's baptism soon after birth.</u>

<u>RCIA</u>

Adults desiring to be baptized, confirmed or become a Catholic, please contact the Parish Office <u>Anointing of the Sick</u>

Please call for a priest to schedule this Sacrament of Healing and Anointing for someone who is seriously ill or in danger of death. Do **not** wait until the sick person is unconscious.

<u>Matrimony</u>

All Catholics should seek to have their marriage blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good grace and receive the Holy Eucharist. Contact a priest a year prior to the intended date of marriage to ensure proper preparation.

Parish Center Office Hours Monday through Thursday: 9AM - 12N / 1PM - 3PM; Friday: 9AM - 1PM

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Sunday - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunu	ay - FOURTH S	UNDAT OF LENT	
3/19	8:00 am	Elaine Trezza	
	10:00 am	Luis Rubio	
	12 noon	James O'Reilly	
Mon		SEPH. SPOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY Solemnity	
3/20	8:30 am	Living and Deceased Members of the Roselli Family	
Tues	day - Lenten W	eekday	
3/21	8:30 am	Dominic Jengo	
Wednesday - Lenten Weekday			
3/22	8:30 am	Siju, Manju & Abhinav John (Living)	
Thursday - Lenten Weekday [Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop]			
3/23	8:30 am	Nanene Roselli	
Frida	ay - Lenten Wee	kday	
3/24	8:30 am	Antonietta and Joseph Iacono	
Satu	rday - THE ANN Solemnity	NUNCIATION OF THE LORD	
3/25	8:30 am	Living and Deceased Members of the Roselli Family	
	5:00 pm	Rosa Osorio	
Sund	lay - FIFTH SUN	NDAY OF LENT	
3/26	8:00 am	People of the Parish	
	10:00 am	Emilio Arias	
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Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7 pm

William Martinez

Our Bible Study takes place Wednesdays at 7 pm at the Parish center. Please send a note to <u>OLQPBibleStudy@gmail.com</u> for more information.

12 noon



March 19, 2023 - Today's Readings

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).



Psalm — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see!

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Rest in Peace

Eileen Diverio; Joanne Morrisson

Sick Relatives and Friends

Mary Adamo Megan Harwood Cristina Aguilar Michael Hazuka Pauline Albarano Baby Christopher Augie Aversa Sean Hill Josefina Baldoza Gardenia Houngbo Mary Ellen Barberia Andrew Hunkele Matilde Beninca Nancy Jengo Pamela Jengo Claire Borrello Ginny Cattaneo Lauren Kaczynski Carmen Cepeda Rosemarie Kaminski Denise Chu Joan Keenan Lana Mae Ciscool Rev. Michael Kreder Carmen Maria Colon Maxine Locascio Brian Connors Diane Lohrer Javier Cruz Martha Limido Jonathan Deauna Gerry Marcincavage **Richard DeSpagna** Stephen Marengo Sally DeSpagna Sonia Medrano Emily DeStefano Andrew J. Mendez Phil Dimitri Frankie Monnecka Mark Diverio Deanna Moonev Freddie Diwa Jim Moran Jane Favorito Barbara Nelson **Emily Ferreira** Sharon Osnowitz Robert Gagliardi Laura Paddock Yancey Garcia Rose Pagano Fr. Mickey German Nicholas Pappas Harriet Pellicione

Vallie Pompilio Mary Pontillo Francis Ouinn Robert Raimo Susan Rheem Anthony Ruffino Elsy Ruiz Fran Sampson Wilbert Santos Rudy Schwarz Pat Sommers Joseph Steiner Carolyn Sobering Jacqueline Sullivan Ally Tamborini Jule Tartaglia Nick Taylor Theresa Taylor Liam Justin Torres Marianne Tracey Danielle Visconti Mary Walker Andrew Wey Julia Whitney Joyce Wilson David Zerby *Names in bold are new to the list

Names on the sick list will be removed after 4 weeks. Please contact the parish center if you wish to place the name of your loved one back on the sick list.

Weekly Memorials

Blessed Mother Candle in Memory of Edward "Bud" Keelen by Virginia Keelen

> Saint Joseph Candle for the Special Intention of the Romain Family

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
	Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
	Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
	Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
-	Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
-	Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Seeing the Light



Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's

ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus. © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition



Centuries ago, these Lenten days were a time of intense final preparation for the candidates for baptism. By now, they had already been numbered among the "elect" for Easter baptism, and were daily challenged to excel in prayer, in fasting, and in works of charity. As is true today, at a certain point in the weekly assembly for Eucharist, the nonbaptized were dismissed from the assembly for their own learning and prayer. While

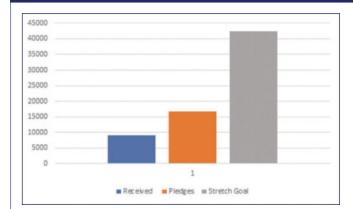
they might have had impressions about the Eucharist, they had no direct experience. The rites of the church were secret and its worship places off-limits.

For the Easter Vigil, those to be baptized arrived very hungry from long fasting, and perhaps very apprehensive as to how initiation was to be accomplished. A long night of vigil and storytelling, a shimmering pool of baptism, the anointing with oil and clothing with white robes came as something of a surprise. At the end of a long, life-changing night of embrace by Christ and the community, as the eucharistic feast ended, a final surprise was brought forward. To address the deep hunger of the newly baptized, the church offered a bowl of milk and honey, sign of promises fulfilled, sign of community, prosperity, and peace, and yet another foretaste of heaven's banquet. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Bereavement Support

It is said that death ends our life on earth, but it does not end a relationship. There is a great truth in that statement. However, the loss of a loved one can bring great pain. If you need bereavement counseling, please email Deacon Joe. DcnJMantineo@gmail.com

2023 Annual Appeal Update



Thank you to all those who have already made pledges and contributed to the 2023 Annual Appeal. To date, we have received **\$16,769** in pledges (highlighted in orange) and have received **\$9,081** in actual funds (blue).

We are currently at **39%** of our stretch goal of **\$42,525** (highlighted in gray) as a percentage of total pledges and need your support to meet our goal. Please consider making a donation today if you have not done so already.

Easter Gift Card Collection



The Human Concerns Ministry will be collecting Shoprite gift cards or monetary donations towards those gift cards **this weekend and next weekend, March 25/26.** They then

will be distributed to families and individuals in time for Easter. Those donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center during office hours or in the designated Easter Basket in the back of Church. The deadline is Sunday, March 26 at Noon Mass.

Your generosity is so greatly appreciated by those in need and we are thankful for your support in our efforts to brighten the lives of others. We wish you a blessed Easter.

Religious Education Coin Drive



Please support our **Religious Education's** Lenten Coin Drive in support of our Parish 2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Please support our efforts, every penny counts.

*Donate Online -*Scan the QR Code or TEXT "**GIVE**" to **201-733-3457**



Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Dinner 3/11





Palm Cross Sale



Palm Crosses will be on sale after each Mass the weekends of **March 19th, 26th and April 2nd**. The cost will be \$10.00 each. Should you wish to reserve your Palm Cross(es) please contact Justine at justine.garcia@olqp.org or at (201) 961-4782.

Cursillo Weekend Sponsorship Opportunity

Cursillo Weekend -Candidate Sponsorship Opportunity!



The Newark Archdiocese Women's 183th Cursillo Weekend will take place **April 20-23**, **2023**, and the Men's 198th Weekend will be **June 1-4**, **2023**.

The atmosphere of a Cursillo differs from the individual solitude of many retreats. Christ's teachings are discussed in a climate of joy. Talks and discussions are interspersed with prayer, Eucharist, songs, laughter and times of reflection. Cursillo is an excellent "next step" after attending a Cornerstone or any other Spiritual Retreat. There is no better opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and gain a better understanding of the power of the Holy Spirit. The Cursillo begins on a Thursday, and concludes Sunday afternoon,

The weekend takes place at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center in Kearny and the cost is \$175 Space is limited, all applications need to be in one month prior to the weekend so if you know anyone interested, **please email or call** Joanne Godlewski at <u>jojowey@gmail.com</u>. or 201-870-3100, Connie Szymanski at <u>szyma843@optonline.net</u> or 201-843-1836.

I have applications or you can go to <u>www.mycursilllo.com</u> and download the application. Let's start building up our Queen of Peace community. - Joanne

Daily Prayer for Pope Francis and Our Clergy

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving-kindness, in the ways of eternal salvation; that, of



Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Jesus, Savior of the world, sanctify Thy priests and sacred ministers. Amen.

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



O Immaculate Heart of Mary, refuge of sinners, I beg of you by the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and by the graces God has granted to you since your Immaculate Conception, the grace of never going astray again. Mother, keep me, a sinner, constantly bathed in the light of your Immaculate Heart. Amen.

Stations of the Cross 3/10





2023 Annual Appeal - Make Your Gift Today

The Annual Appeal funds essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins.

Now more than ever, especially during these challenging times, our ministries and programs need your support. Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2023 Annual Appeal? Kindly return your 2023 Annual Appeal envelope to the parish if you haven't done so already or donate online <u>https://www.rcan.org/sharing</u> Thank you for your generosity!

2023 LENTEN SCHEDULE

EVENING OF LENTEN PRAYER AND REFLECTION Responding to Jesus 'Invitation to Deeper Relationship March 21 - 7 pm Presented by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

EVENING OF ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION March 29 - 7 pm

Adoration, Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena and Confessions (in English, Spanish, Tagalog, and Italian)

KEEP WATCH AND PRAY

The Church will be open for quiet prayer, reflection and confessions on Wednesdays following the OMPH Novena at 7 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 7:30 pm

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday (except Holy Saturday) at 1:00 pm; During Keep Watch and Pray on Wednesday evenings or by appointment.

Archdiocese of Newark 2023 Lenten Regulations

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a **serious** obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023 to The Solemnity of the Most Holv Trinity, June 4, 2023.

*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

Stewardship Corner

Find your new heart during Lent:

The root of the word "convert" means to "change," or "transform." Think of turning from sin and evil toward grace, virtue, goodness, and God. It is the transformation of the human heart, by an act of God's grace. "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. "(Ezekiel 36:26). God desires our conversion more than we ever could. With the perfect heart of a Father, he pursues and draws us to himself. Conversion begins by offering him our whole heart so he can remake it as his own. (To be continued next week) Rudy Schwarz

Stewardship Results

	3/12/23	Weekly Goal
Sunday Offertory	4,603	6,200
Repairs	3,674	1,500
Total	\$8,277	\$7,700

Thank you for your contributions. May God reward you for your generosity!



Special Collection This Weekend

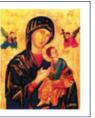


This weekend's special collection is for Black and Indian Missions, Campaign for Human Development & Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Prayer Corner

Prayer in Time of Sadness and Grief O God of compassion, your people are in pain. Send your Holy Spirit among us to dispel the fear that accompanies grief. We cry out to you in our confusion; comfort us in our affliction. Help us to travel this road of grief and sadness with our eyes fixed on the salvation promised us through the death and resurrection of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday:	St. Toribius of Mogrovejo
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	The Annunciation of the Lord

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Three Lenten Disciplines: Fasting The season of Lent is characterized by fasting and abstinence. I remember that when I was a child, my parents instilled in me the practice of give up eating sweets and abstaining from candy during Lent so I could share the bitterness of the suffering that Jesus endured for my sins. Eventually in our parish, the priest encouraged us to put aside the money saved from not buying candies in order to send it to poor children. Fasting and abstinence were not only ways to accompany Jesus in his suffering on the cross, but also means of encouraging and consoling him in his suffering children of today's world. The pastor taught me that fasting is not simply refraining from sweets and candy; fasting teaches me how to deny myself so that it is not I who live but Christ who lives in me. To fast means to deny myself certain things in order to give life to others, and thus, with my small sacrifice, to make the world a little better.

-Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

CHARITY

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire. —St. Vincent Ferrer

LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't. —Blaise Pascal

Parish Calendar

Key: AU - Auditorium, CH - Church, PC - Parish Center

Franciscan Sisters of the

3/20 7:00 pm - The Holy Rosary
3/21 7:00 pm - Evening of Lenten Prayer and Reflection (*Presented by the*)



- *Renewal)* 3/22 7:00 pm - Bible Study (PC) 7:00 pm - Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena & Keep Watch and Pray follows
- 3/23 3:30 pm Children's Choir Practice (CH)
- 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Luz Y Vida (AU)
- 3/24 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (CH)
- 3/25 1:00 pm Confessions

For our complete calendar, please visit

https://www.olqp.org/calendar.html or scan the QR code

Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Church



"I have called you friends" (John 15:15): Responding to Jesus' invitation to deeper relationship

> Our Lady Queen of Peace Invites you to an



Tuesday, March 21, 2023 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Presented by: The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

Sr. Maria Teresa, CFR

Sr. Maria Teresa is originally from Michigan and, prior to entering the convent, she attended Boston College on a tennis scholarship. Her life took an unexpected turn her sophomore year after encountering Jesus in the Eucharist and in the poor on a mission trip to Honduras. After graduating with a degree in Political Science, she spent a year as a missionary in Honduras before entering the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal in 2005. She currently resides at Our Lady Queen of Angels Convent in East Harlem.





Sr. Veronica, CFR

Sr. Veronica Cowan is from Steubenville, Ohio. She attended Franciscan University in Steubenville and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing in 2004. She entered the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal in 2006 and served for over ten years in the Sisters' mission houses in England and Ireland. Currently, Sr. Veronica lives in East Harlem at Blessed Solanus Casey Convent.



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