April 18, 2021

The Parish Family of

Our Lady Queen of Peace

And The UConn Catholic Community

http://stmary-stthomas.community

New Mass Times as of 04/12/2021

St. Mary

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. **Sunday Mass**: 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesdays - Fridays
6:00 p.m. - *Mass Tuesdays nights only

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 p.m. or by appointment

St. Mary Main Line 860-742-0681
Emergency Anointing call: 860-336-9179

St. Thomas Aquinas

***Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 p.m. & ***Sunday Mass:** 8:30 a.m.
Masses are streamed live

Reconciliation: Sunday 8:00 a.m. or by appointment

St. Thomas Main Line: 860-429-6436
Emergency Anointing call: 860-336-9179

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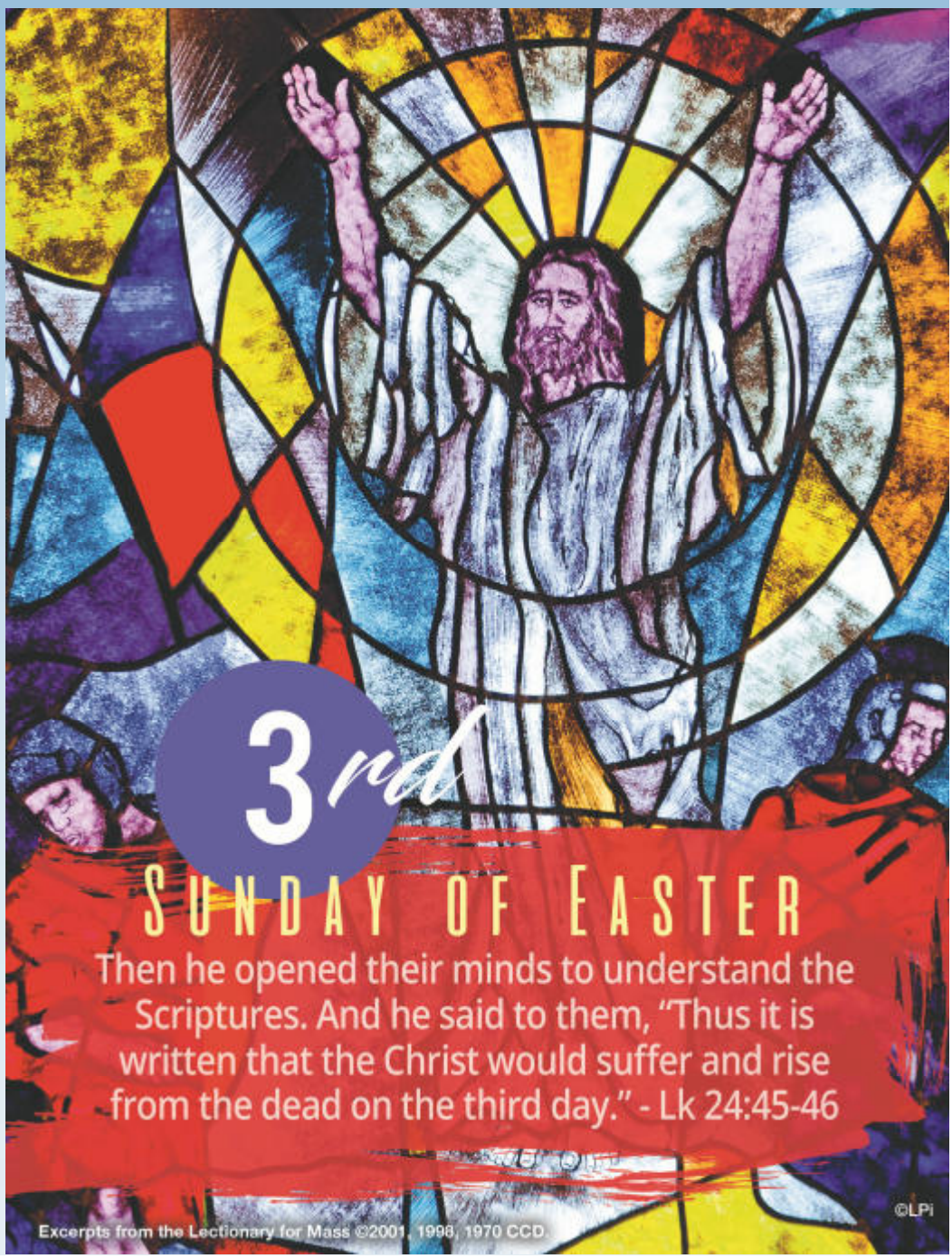

Our Lady Queen of Peace

We are a Catholic Community comprised of St. Mary Church in Coventry, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs, and the University of Connecticut.

We are committed to serving God and His people as we continue our journey of faith. We are grateful to the Lord for your presence with us and look forward to including you in all areas of our life together.

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Administrator,
Campus Minister

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Office hours for both churches: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Submissions to Bulletin Deadline is Monday by 3 p.m.

Sacrament Certificates For St. Thomas Aquinas

Since we are joined with St. Mary Church as Our Lady Queen of Peace, all records are required to be at one address.

Therefore, all sacramental records ***(Baptism, First Holy Communion, etc.)*** will be kept at **the St. Mary Church office**.

If you need a sacramental certificate, please call St. Mary church at 860-742-0681 or email Eileen at: ***secretarystmarycoventry@gmail.com***.

Engaged Couples

Couples are requested to contact the Parish office at least six months prior to the wedding.

If You are a New Parent

Please contact Eileen at the office of St. Mary (860-742-1092) to register for baptism class.

For Emergency Anointing Call 860-336-9179

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Donations

For the weekend of 04/10/2021 & 04/11/2021

Weekly	$ 6,429.00
Other	$ 2,411.00
TOTAL	**$ 8,840.00**

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candles at St. Mary and St. Thomas are available for one week, Saturday to Saturday, for $15.00. Please contact Eileen at St. Mary or Joyce at St. Thomas to have the candle lit in remembrance of your beloved deceased.

Ways to give Electronically to OLQOP Parish

1. **WeShare - Online Giving site:** ***www.olqop.com*** go to **Resources** then **Online Giving**. Set up a recurring donation and link it to your bank account or a debit/credit card.
2. **Personal Online Banking/Bill Pay:** Manage your donation through your own bank account. Pay your parish the same way you pay your electric bill! Setup a recurring payment (weekly or monthly) to: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish and setup the mailing address as either St. Mary or St. Thomas:

Sharon Albert, Mary Attardo, Craig Barnes, Lorraine Bassett, Suzy Bender, Nancy Caye, Andrew Cullen, Gary Demko, Sandra Floer, Jerome Gaspar, Joan Gianelli, **Alma Graham,** Trudy Johnson, Tom Koepke, Teresa Larsen, Debbie Lincavicks, Jeremy McKee, Kathy McKee, Dorothia Mercier, John Oshman, Mary Ann Pawlina, Anthime Pelletier, Celeste Perno, John Riedel Jr., Barbara Rychilin, Barbara Temm, Steve Tripp, Marianne Petr-Wall, Victor Zetterstrom Jr.

Homebound: Marilyn Turner.

If you know someone who is sick and in need of prayer, please call the offices of St. Mary or St. Thomas.

Prayer Requests

Need prayers for loved ones, friends, or even for your own intentions? Who do you call? Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Network!

We are your fellow parishioners who have formed a prayer phone chain to pray along with you through sickness, loss of loved ones, financial problems, and for anything that brings worry or sorrows.

These prayerful petitions are also added to the prayer intentions at First Friday Devotions at 7pm at St. Mary's Church.
To start the prayer network simply call the Church offices either at St. Thomas Aquinas or St. Mary; or call the coordinator Laurie Felix- 860-742-9495. You can always leave a message. If you would like to be one of our Prayer Warriors, call Laurie Felix.

New to the Bulletin

Rosary and Novena LIVE

Beginning on Monday, May 3rd, the Monday night Rosary and Novena prayers will be live at St. Mary's church. The Rosary will start promptly at 7:00 PM, so please arrive a little earlier. Masks and social distancing are required. If you have any questions please contact Rick Parr at ***rick.parr@hotmail.com***

The St. Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus

will be meeting live in the hall at St. Mary's beginning on Thursday, May 6th. This is the Officer's Planning meeting, and all members are welcome to attend. The regular monthly meeting will be on Thursday, May 20th. Both meetings will start promptly at 7:30 PM. Masks and social distancing are required. If you have any questions please contact Rick Parr at ***rick.parr@hotmail.com.***

Knights of Columbus Benefits Seminar topic -Stress Free Retirement Planning

When: 5/3/21 7 PM

Who: open to all members of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish and their families.

How: Register at ***https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rrOHg8c-Q4avXNqEylO0wg*** or scan the code below.

Details: Join us for an informative **Webinar** by inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert **Joe Jordan**. Joe will discuss "Stress-Free Retirement Planning," including how to plan for your financial future and a secure retirement. Joe believes in the mission of the Knights to protect families by providing economic security and stability. Only by helping others can we truly "Live a Significant Life."

Any questions or problems, please contact Dave Imhof at: ***imhofda@aol.com***

(Scan to Register)

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections

April 18, 2021
3rd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened…"
Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

Bulletin Submissions:

If you have something that you want to go into the bulletin, please send wording as a .DOC or .TXT document. I can not open text as a .PDF. Also, when sending a photo or logo, please send it as a .JPG or .PNG and not a .PDF as well.

If you have any questions on how to convert your documents, please give me a call at: 860-429-6436 ext. #103 and I will be happy to walk you through it.

Thank you,

Joyce Wiggins
Graphic Designer/ Bulletin Editor

Immediate Vacancy:

Saint Vincent de Paul Place, Norwich is searching for a Full-time Food Pantry Manager. This position is responsible for all aspects of food procurement and distribution of food, including pickup, receipt, storage, and distribution of food to community members in need.
The manager trains and manages staff and volunteers to ensure that patrons' needs are met, 2+ Years operations food management experience and min. 2-year degree preferred. Bilingual with English and Spanish or French/Creole desired. Interested parties, please email your resume to Jill Corbin at ***jcsvdpp@gmail.com.***

School Supplies Needed:

Catholic Charities is collecting school supplies and backpacks for children who will be attending summer school. If you can help, please drop off Items such as pens, folders, pencils, crayons, markers, notebooks, backpacks, rulers, glue sticks and book covers at one of our Catholic Charities locations:

- 331 Main Street in Norwich
- 28 Huntington Street in New London
- 151 Broad Street in Middletown
- 88 Jackson Street in Willimantic.

For questions or more information, please contact Terri Fontaine at 860-889-8346 extension 263 or email ***terrifontaine@ccfsn.org***.

Adorer's needed for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady Queen of Peace parish community is looking to continue Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the summer months at St. Mary's church. Our goal is to start Adoration on May 3rd and continue until the end of August. We will need Adorer's for the following days and times: ***Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 2pm to 7pm Tuesday: 2pm to 6pm.***

We will need a minimum of 2 adorer's per hour, however more than 2 people per hour is acceptable as well. When signing up, you must be committed to cover your hour(s) from May to August If you are interested in signing up as an Adorer, please contact John Tyszka at ***tyszkaj@charter.net*** or Rick Parr at ***rick.parr@hotmail.com*** with the day and time you want to cover. Thank you!

With Sympathy

We commend to the risen Lord:
William Curtin, who passed away into eternal life. We express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Upcoming Events

ATTENTION ST. MARY'S GARDENERS

We will gather at St. Mary's on Saturday April 24th, 9 am to 12:00 pm, we will be cleaning the gardens and edging them.
All those who have helped us in the past please let me know if you will still be able to help. We always need more helpers!! 1 hour a week would be great.

Call me : Mary Cross. 860-872-3511. Thanks and God Bless

New Weekday Mass times to Start Monday April 12th

Starting on Monday April 12th, there will be new Mass times during the week and they will run until the Fall 2021 until the UConn Fall semester begins:

Mondays	No Masses at either churches
Tuesdays	6 pm Mass at St. Mary/No day Mass anywhere
Wednesdays	9 am Mass at St. Mary only
Thursdays	9 am Mass at St. Mary only
Fridays	9 am Mass at St. Mary only

Weekend Masses at both churches will remain the same except for no more 7pm Student Mass at St. Thomas.

Project Rachel Rosary

Please join the Office of Faith Events staff online the third Tuesday of each month as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary for an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion.
The next Rosary will be Tuesday, April 20, 2021.
Contact Liza Roach at ***lroach@norwichdiocese.net*** to receive a link for the Rosary.

American Red Cross | SleevesUp

Blood Drive at St. Thomas Church in the STACC hall

Thursday & Friday, April 29th & 30th, 2021

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations during this coronavirus outbreak.

Go to **redcross.org**, put in the zip code 06268-Storrs, then choose St. Thomas and make your appointment today.

Walk-ins will be accepted also.

Donating blood is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give or receive blood. Right now, eligible and healthy donors are strongly urged to make an appointment to give soon.

COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Shortage

E-Gift Card Giveaway
Come to give blood in April & receive automatic entry for a chance to win a $1,000 e-gift card.

Religious Education

Faith Formation Information:

April Class Schedule:
(Our Class ZOOM Sessions will not meet until After the Easter. Classes will resume Sunday April 11th)

April:

4/11-Sunday Session 8 (Tentatively No Go Tell Presentation)

4/12-Monday Session 8 (Tentatively No Go Tell Presentation)

4/19-Monday- Sacramental Prep Extra Class Session:
3rd Grade 1st Communion- 6pm

4/25-Sunday Session 9: Confirmation Phase 2 Sacramental Parent Info Session- 4:45pm

4/26-Monday Session 9: 3rd Grade Sacrament of 1st Communion Parent Info Session 6:15pm

Sacramental Reminders:

May:

5/1-Saturday CONFIRMATION PHASE 2:
Confirmation Reconciliation Service - 2pm

5/14-Friday 3RD GRADE:
(1 of 2) First Communion Practice and Reconciliation-
Group 1 - 4:00pm - 5:30pm
(2 of 2) First Communion Practice and Reconciliation-
Group 2 - 6:00pm - 7:30pm

5/15-Saturday 3RD GRADE:
(1 of 2) Sacrament of First Communion Group 1 - 11:00pm
(2 of 2) Sacrament of First Communion Group 2 - 1:00pm

5/28-Friday CONFIRMATION PHASE 2:
(1 of 2) Sacrament of Confirmation- 7pm
* Practice held at 5:30pm prior to Mass.

5/29-Saturday CONFIRMATION PHASE 2:
(2 of 2) Sacrament of Confirmation - 11:30am
* Practice held at 10:00am prior to Mass.

2021 - 2022 Registration: Please keep an eye out for next year's 2021- 2022 Faith Formation Registration Information. The Faith Formation Office will be doing its best to send out information towards the end of the month/ beginning of next month as to what next year will look like for classes. It will include registrations, tentative dates for sacramental classes, the proposed plan for classroom/remote learning, and registration forms.

Catechist needed: The Faith Formation Office is looking to get classes for next year. We are looking for some more catechists to help teach our students! If you are interested in being part of our parishes Catechetical team, please let Contact the Office by emailing ***rebecca@olqop.com***! If you are not interested but know of someone who would be an excellent teacher of the faith, please send referrals! All help in providing for our children's Religious Education is GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Celebrate Earth Day! April 22nd, 2021

Do your part to keep it clean; especially now, with all of the disposal masks and gloves.
Thank you!

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It

was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Q. Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

A. For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make

an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

Mass Intentions

Saturday April 17

4:00 p.m. ✞ Timothy C. Murphy r/b family

5:30 p.m. ✞ Josephine Richards r/b the Richards Family

Sunday April 18

8:30 a.m. Vincenzo DiNenno r/b the Richards Family

10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Monday April 19

NO MASSES at either church

Tuesday April 20

*6:00 p.m. Birthday Blessing for Vincent Defilippo r/b Dina and Dan

Wednesday April 21

*9:00 a.m. For the health of all the parishioners

Thursday April 22

*9:00 a.m. ✞ Al Sequeira r/b his wife

Friday April 23

*9:00 a.m. ✞ Margaret Krawetzky r/b Pacholski family

Saturday April 24

4 p.m. ✞ May Trickett r/b Mickey and Ray

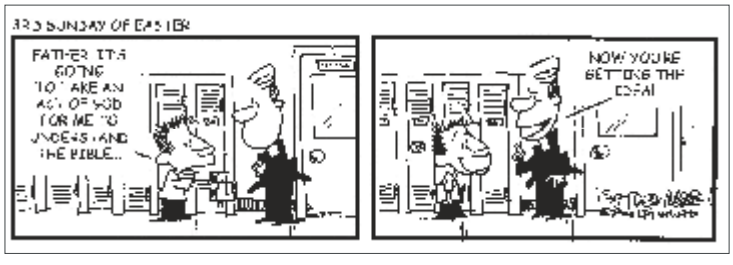
5:30 p.m. ✞ Jane Marie Hilbie r/b Dana Moses

Sunday April 25

8:30 a.m. ✞ Denise Frances Sydlars r/b Jean Kenny

10:30 a.m. ✞ Jane Marie Hilbie r/b Dana Moses

**The 9 am Masses and the 6:00pm Mass are all at St. Mary.*



Our Lady Queen of Peace Happenings

Saturday April 17

No Events

Sunday April 18

12 p.m. AA meeting

Monday April 19

7:00 p.m. Online - Rosary and Novena

Tuesday April 20

No Events

Wednesday April 21

5:30 p.m. AA

Thursday April 22

No Events

Friday April 23

No Events

Saturday April 24

No Events

Sunday April 25

12 p.m. AA meeting

****See Bulletin for any "Via Zoom" event information***

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Observances for the Week

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals' Day

Thursday: Earth Day

Friday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

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