



*A Catholic Community...
Our Lady Queen of Peace
& St. Thomas More*

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Office Hours
OLQP T, & Th 8:00-11:00
STM M & W 8:00-11:00

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Mass Times
Monday, Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: as printed in bulletin

Other times - call first to be sure we're here.

www.olqpstm.com
Confessions by appointment only

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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m.
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Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are to notify a parish office soon after they know they are expecting. A pre-baptismal program is required.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Adults seeking full initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, or those wishing to be in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church are asked to contact a parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:30 pm before evening Mass at both OLQP & STM. Also, by appointment, please call the office to schedule.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made at least six months, preferably a year, in advance of the desired date. A marriage preparation program is required.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament is available for individuals upon request and communal celebrations are periodically scheduled.

Ministry to the Sick

Please call a parish office concerning the needs of the sick, hospitalized or shut-ins. Those unable to attend Mass may have Communion brought to them.

Prayer Network

For prayer support in time of need, call Gerri Foos at 944-4888 or gfprayer@gmail.com

Business Office

Mary Kase, Racheal Stepien, Sharon Chaplain

Available at both parishes:

Available at OLQP



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March 13, 2022



Welcome...

We graciously welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our community. To register please fill out a "request card" available at church entrances. Please drop it in the collection basket or at the office. A member of our pastoral staff will contact you to complete your registration.

Mission Statement

The parishes of Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Thomas More are Roman Catholic Communities that worship and live in faith. Nourished by the Sacraments, Scripture, and a diversity of individual gifts, we understand that our mission comes from Jesus Christ who calls us to teach, to preach, to serve those in need, and to be a presence of Christ in the world.

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 14

Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Lk 6:36-38

OLQP 7:00 AM †James Hart - Chris Bonanni

Tuesday, March 15

Is 1:10,16-20 Ps 50:8-9,16b-17,21,23 Mt 23:1-12

STM 8:00 AM †Matthew Finegan - Kristin Valentine

Wednesday, March 16

Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6,14-16 Mt 20:17-28

OLQP 7:00 AM †Tom Robinson - Family

Thursday, March 17 St. Patrick, Bishop

Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31

STM 8:00 AM †Mancuso & Sparacino Families - Richard & MaryAnn Loiacano

Friday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor of the church

Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43,45-46

STM 8:00 AM †Fred Wolff - Family

Saturday, March 19 ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

OLQP 4:30 PM †John Hammele - Helga Rueckert

STM 4:30 PM †Virginia Chock - Dawn Chock

Sunday, March 20 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 Ps 103:1-4,6-8,11 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12

Lk 13:1-9

11:00 Mass Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Rom 5:1-2,5-8 Jn 4:5-42

OLQP 9:00 AM †Agnes West - Carol & Joe Schiralli

STM 11:00 AM †Philomena Colucci - Timothy & Melissa Sorge & Kelly Pearson



Sanctuary Lamp Intention this week at OLQP is in Memory of: Michael Pemaselli



Prayers Requested:

Please pray for the individuals who have requested our prayers: Patrick Brennan, Mary Bush, Mary Jean Castellano, Roger Ciccarelli, Bud Cottier, Mavis Coward, Michael DeFranco, Gary Feldman, Jerry Frantz, Mary Helen Hiller, Ginger Ierardi, Steven Kistner, Barbara Labroi, John Lewman, Lourdes May, Ryan Maciaszek, Cecile McDonald, Cathy Miccia, Janice Milliman, Kelly Farrell Murphy, Dolly Nolan, Quinn Oliphant, Bob O'Neill, Marion Robinson, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale, and Phillippa

Lector assignments for next weekend 3/19-20

OLQP 4:30 - Peter Lutz

9:00 - Craig Mullen

STM 4:30 - Bud Foos

11:00 - Dennis Regan



Living in the Spirit



Most people who have had their DNA tested through such popular firms as Ancestry and 23andme are surprised to find that they are a mixture of races and cultures—a little bit from here and a little bit from there. The truth is that we as a species are wanderers and have been so from the beginning.

According to anthropologists the fossil evidence clearly shows that all anatomically modern homo sapiens migrated from East Africa. These migrants, according to those who study mitochondrial DNA, were all descendent from one East African woman who lived between 100,000 and 200,000 years ago. The first significant movement of peoples out of Africa was toward the South Asian coast some 50,000-70,000 years ago. Later there was another significant movement toward Europe about 40,000 years ago. Why? There is no way to be certain, but climate change seems to have played a part with the resultant changes in migration patterns of the animals upon which they relied for food. But conflict between individuals, families, and tribes, especially between early settlers and those newly arrived, could also have provided a significant motive for moving on. Whatever the case, because of this ongoing pattern of migration and settlement, modern homo sapiens began to occupy all the continents of our world.

All these early migrant-settlers were hunter-gatherers until about 10,000 BC when farming suddenly began in disparate sites in river valleys—in the Middle East between the Tigris and Euphrates, in Southern Asia along the Indus and in the Far East along the Yellow River. Then, around 7,000 years ago, a further great migration from the Middle East settled peoples in central Europe, mixing with the previously settled population and bringing to them both farming and the Indo-European language which formed the basis of almost all current European tongues.

While some Germanic tribes settled in parts of northern Europe before the creation of the Roman Empire, it was as after the fall of that Empire in the West (476AD) that many Germanic and Slavic peoples, because of the increase of their populations and the infertility of their lands, pushed westward into Europe destroying the established Greco-Roman culture in their wake. These peoples included the Huns, Goths, Vandals, Bulgars, Alans, Suebi, Frisians and Franks who brought with them their own unique traditions, foods and culture.

This inadequately brief sketch is only intended to lay the groundwork for a number of basic truths. 1) As descendants of one woman, we homo sapiens are all one people no matter what the color of our eyes, skin or hair...then why do we pretend differently when we discriminate, wage war, forbid intermarriage? 2) While we might be proud of our Irish, German, Italian, Greek, Turkish, Egyptian, Indian or Chinese heritage, these are only relatively late cultural groupings which betray not only the way a particular culture evolved but, under close examination, what it borrowed from its neighbors, its trading partners or even its enemies. 3) Since all humankind has moved about much during its long history and often improved itself with every move, and since all of us in the United States are the descendants of immigrants, why do we want our borders closed? Why are we so afraid of the stranger, the refugee, the immigrant?

Peace to all, Fr. Hart



Fr. Tony Valente's Memorial Fund
 As part of the legacy of Fr. Tony Valente, pastor of OLQP from 1986-1995, each year, on the anniversary of his death, we recall his compassionate care and outreach to the poor. The impact of his example on our community has been profound.

In striving to continue Fr. Tony's care of the needy, in 1995 the parish established an endowment fund which each year disburses to the poor an amount approved by the finance council. As we marked the 27th anniversary of Fr. Tony's death on February 4th, once again, we ask that you consider making a donation to Fr. Tony's Memorial Fund so that those who come knocking at our door may never be turned away empty handed.

We thank God that the love and compassion of our Lord so wonderfully expressed by Fr. Tony continues through your generosity.



Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing

**Sunday, March 20, 2022
 At St. Thomas More at 3:00pm**

Come all who are burdened in body, mind, or spirit.



LENT IS HERE!

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from church entrances beginning on Ash Wednesday. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.

Join us for Stations of the Cross - Fridays during Lent at St. Thomas More. They will begin following 8:00am Mass. Stations of the Cross will also be held at OLQP at 10:00 on Fridays and will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



When you support the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you celebrate your faith in thanksgiving with thousands of other Catholics within the Diocese of Rochester, ensuring that our church provides richly for the faithful within our Diocese. As you can see below we are about \$9,000.00 short at STM and about \$15,700.00 short at OLQP.

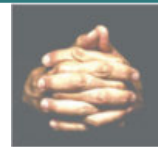
Any shortfall will come directly out of our operating budget. In this difficult time we invite you to, prayerfully, consider making your contribution to CMA. Our parishes benefit from your donation. Visit <https://www.dor.org/giving/catholic-ministries-appeal/> for more information.

STM
 Goal - \$74,300.00
 \$65,345.00 as of 3/7
 87.95% of goal 143 Donors

OLQP
 Goal - \$68,776.00
 \$53,025.00 as of 3/7
 77.10% of goal 145 Donors



The Wednesday morning knit and crochet group are always looking for new people to knit/crochet items for the underserved in our area. If you are interested in joining this talented, fun group of women (men are welcome too!) on Wednesday mornings, please call Beth Watkins at 585-353-7231 or email her at h.elizabeth.watkins@gmail.com. The group is always accepting yarn donations. It will certainly be put to good use!



**OLQP/STM
 Parish Day of Penance and Reconciliation
 March 23rd 12:30pm-6:30pm**

All are welcome to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests will be available at both churches in the confessionals. Churches will be open for prayer.



**Lenten Retreat
 Really Present?!
 Finding Christ in the Eucharist and One Another**

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our life. As we reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist, we will explore more in depth how Christ is truly present. The more we understand what is happening in the Holy sacrifice of the Mass the more we release its power to transform and nourish us, to unite us amidst polarization, to call us toward inclusion of all, and lead us to mission. By Baptism we are called, commissioned and sent with divine DNA to strengthen us. Come and hear more...

**Wednesday, March 16th, 7-8:15pm at STM
 Wednesday, March 23rd, 7-8:15pm at OLQP**

Fr. Ed Palumbos is a priest of our Diocese, and was most recently the pastor at the Church of the Assumption in Fairport, after serving numerous parishes throughout our Diocese. He attended St. Andrew's Seminary, and received his dual Masters in Theology and Divinity at St. Bernard's Seminary and the Rochester Center for Theological study.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

	Monday March 14	Tuesday March 15	Wednesday March 16	Thursday March 17	Friday March 18	Saturday March 19	Sunday March 20
AT OLQP	Book Group 10:00am K-5 Faith Formation 6:00-7:15pm	K-5 Faith Formation 6:00-7:15pm	Knit/Crochet Group 9:00am		Stations of the Cross 10:00am Adoration 10:30-2:30	Confirmation Retreat Year 2 10:00am-3:00pm	Choir Rehearsal & Mass 8:30am Grade 9 Faith Formation 6:30pm
AT STM			Staff Meeting 10:00am Lenten Retreat 7:00-8:15pm		Stations of the Cross 8:30am		Choir Rehearsal 9:30am RCIA Dismissal Rite 11:00 Mass Parish Healing Mass 3:00pm

HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD



We are happy to announce that the following youth from our faith community received the Diocesan Hands of Christ Award in ceremonies last month:

Henry Cotrupe Lucy Cotrupe Andrew Falter Lauren Maloney Andrew Shanahan

This is awarded to youth who: • Have consistently demonstrated Christian attitudes by word and example. • Have been actively involved in the parish as well as their school or community. • Have been positive role models to their peers, younger children and adults. • Are practicing Roman Catholics in a parish in the Diocese of Rochester and attend Mass. • Are currently high school seniors.

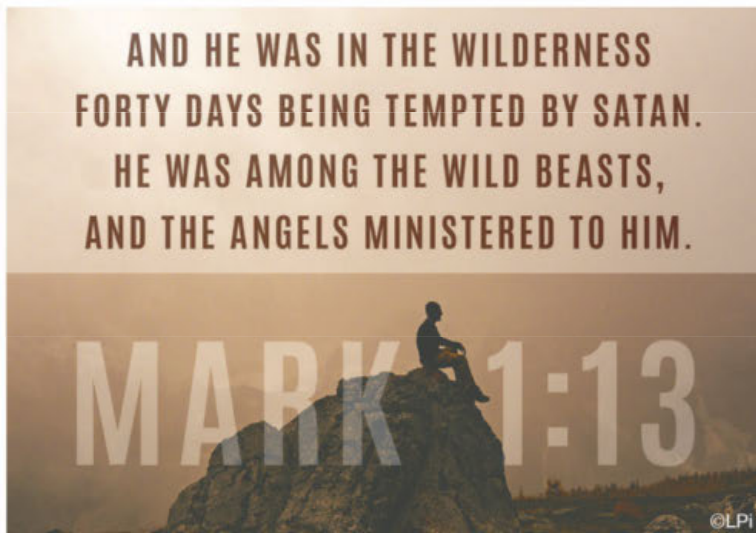
Please congratulate these seniors when you see them. This award is well-deserved by all of these young people.

WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT THAT WE REGISTER IN A PARISH? ISN'T IT GOOD ENOUGH THAT WE GO TO MASS?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious,

social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling

sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.



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Corner

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

Sacrificial Giving as of March 7

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022

Thank you for sharing your gift of treasure. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

OLQP - (Regular collections include ~ Sunday Offerings, Holy Days, Christmas & Easter)

Last Week's Regular Collections.....	\$5,317.00
Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....	\$186,970.62
Black & Native Amer. & Hispanic.....	\$781.00
Weekend Attendance.....	257

STM - (Regular collections include ~ Sunday Offerings, Holy Days, Christmas & Easter)

Last Week's Regular Collections.....	\$7,678.00
Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....	\$205,832.27
Black & Native Amer. & Hispanic.....	\$733.00
Weekend Attendance.....	261

Catholic Schools in Area:



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