

Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022



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

**Our Lady Queen of Peace**  
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**Office Hours**  
OLQP T, & Th 8:00-11:00  
STM M & W 8:00-11:00

**St. Thomas More**  
2617 East Avenue - Rochester, NY 14610  
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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.

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**Mass Times**  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Holy Days of Obligation: as printed in bulletin

**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

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# 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 21

**2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30**

OLQP 7:00 AM † Edward & Margaret Hart

### Tuesday, March 22

**Dn 3:25,34-43 Ps 25:4-5b,6,7bc,8-9 Mt 18:21-35**

STM 8:00 AM † People of the Parish  
10:30 Highlands Mass

### Wednesday, March 23

**Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 Mt 5:17-19**

OLQP 7:00 AM † Anne Emperor - Judy Curtin

### Thursday, March 24

**Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Lk 11:14-23**

STM 8:00 AM † Emmett Boylan - Bill & Shirley Reber

### Friday, March 25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

**Is 7:10-14:8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38**

STM 8:00 AM † Virginia Wolff - Family

### Saturday, March 26

**Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4,18-21b Lk 18:9-14**

OLQP 4:30 PM † Louis Montaglione - Bill & Peggy Clark  
STM 4:30 PM † Terry Dryer

### Sunday, March 27 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7 1 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3**

**9:00 Mass 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14**

**Jn 9:1-41**

OLQP 9:00 AM † James Hart - Michael & Jim Kelliher  
STM 11:00 AM † Laura Trama - Quinlisk Family



**Sanctuary Lamp Intention this week at OLQP is in  
Memory of: Ralph Grace**

### Prayers Requested:

Please pray for the individuals who have requested our prayers: Patrick Brennan, Mary Bush, Mary Jean Castellano, Roger Ciccarella, Bud Cottier, Mavis Coward, Michael DeFranco, Gary Feldman, 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, Ellen Pemaselli, Marion Robinson, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale, and Phillippa Wilson.



### Parish Healing Mass

Sunday 3/20 3:00  
St. Thomas More

Please join us if you desire physical, emotional,  
or spiritual healing.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered.



How often within our lifetime have we heard and repeated the phrase, "God is Love" (1John 4:16)? How often the description of God as being kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion (Ps. 103) has given us a sense of comfort and put our hearts at ease? Today, on this Third Sunday of Lent, as we near the midpoint of our Lenten journey, Jesus' words provide a different message.

Jesus is presented with two stories. First, he is told how Pilate slaughtered some Galileans while they were engaged in the very act of ritual sacrifice. This is an act of gross brutality where the blood of the worshipers is mingled with the blood of the animals they were sacrificing. No doubt there were some among his followers that were waiting for Jesus to strongly denounce Pilate and the Roman oppressors in no uncertain terms. Jesus does not. The second story is a report of a Temple tower that collapsed near the pool of Siloam and people were killed. Why did this happen to them?

Whether or not these two incidents actually occurred is questioned by some, since no historical records exist. But it is not the historicity of these events that is at issue here. The people in Jesus' time often believed that there was a direct connection between the character of one's behavior and the circumstances of one's life. People would wonder what terrible things these individuals may have done to deserve such dire consequences. Jesus insists that the victims of these two events were no more guilty than anyone else. The point on which Jesus concentrates is the suddenness of these tragedies and the unpreparedness of the people involved. It appears that Jesus is more concerned with our spiritual condition than any political realities we may be facing. So, his message comes across very strong: Repent! "I tell you, if you do not repent, you will perish."

To repent is to turn around. The act of repentance is anchored in a change of thinking and behaving – it is the call to *metanoia* (Greek) – to change one's mind, heart, self, or way of life. Jesus uses the parable of the barren fig tree to make his point. God can be perceived as both the owner of the vineyard and the diligent worker tending to the tree. The owner has every right to expect his tree to bear fruit. He has been patient, waiting three years. A tree that does not bear fruit only depletes the soil and should be replaced. The worker asks for one more year. Please note, the worker does not bargain for a full pardon, he asks for only one more year to try and cultivate and bring forth fruit. There is a time limit. To turn our lives around, to follow Jesus more fully, to repent also has a time limit. During this time, every means of fostering our repentance is given. Still, we must avail ourselves of these means, for such opportunities are not endless. Final judgement is a real possibility and we do not know the day or the hour.

As one commentator expressed, Jesus' message today is twofold. "First, we never know what lies ahead for us, so we must be prepared for sudden death by being reconciled with God at all times. Second, while God may be patient with our procrastination, this patience requires that we participate with the opportunities God provides for our maturing in righteousness. We risk God's judgement if we disregard God's grace." May this week, Jesus' words bear fruit: "I tell you, if you do not repent, you will perish."

Peace and blessings, Margaret



**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.



What are these mysterious and mystical Lenten Rites? Their focus is on the Elect (Jessie Eng and Zachary Seely) who have been “elected” by Bishop Matano to the Sacraments of Initiation to be celebrated at the Easter Vigil on April 16. As we accompany Jessie and Zachary on their journey to Easter, we as a parish community, are called to participate in these rites as well. They are celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent using the Cycle A readings. These Rites call us to spend time exploring or *scrutinizing* our lives in order to identify the areas of our lives that are not pleasing to God. These are the parts of our lives and relationships when we are less than what we were created to be... sacred images of God and disciples of Christ.

These rites are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of our Elect (Jessie and Zachary) as they enter a period of purification for the Easter Sacraments. We, as a parish community, pray that they, as well as ourselves, will be delivered from the power of Satan and that all which is upright and good in us might be strengthened through Christ. The Scrutinies will be celebrated at the 11am Mass at STM on March 20, the 9am Mass at OLQP on March 27, and the 11am Mass at STM on April 3.



**OVERCOMING DISASTER**  
In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

**Second Collection - Next Weekend  
Catholic Relief Services**

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ’s Love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Saturday April 9, 2022  
8:30am-1:30pm  
STM  
Gathering Space



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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 3/14  
87.95% of goal 143 Donors

**OLQP**  
Goal - \$68,776.00  
\$55,975.00 as of 3/14  
81.39% of goal 149 Donors



**Lenten Retreat  
Find Christ in the Eucharist and Each Other**

Last Night of Retreat with Fr. Ed Palumbos  
Wednesday March 23  
7:00-8:15 at OLQP

Please join us! You do not need to have attended the other two evenings of the retreat.

**Lector assignments for next weekend 3/26-27**

OLQP 4:30 - Caroline Thirukumaran  
9:00 - Helen Moore  
STM 4:30 - Bud Foss  
11:00 - John Refermat

**Nursing Home Ministry for next weekend**

**Highlands** - Monica Weis  
**Friendly Home** - John Marszalek, Brendan McCarthy, Bill Shelly

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

	<b>Monday</b> March 21	<b>Tuesday</b> March 22	<b>Wednesday</b> March 23	<b>Thursday</b> March 24	<b>Friday</b> March 25	<b>Saturday</b> March 26	<b>Sunday</b> March 27
<b>AT OLQP</b>	K-5 Faith Formation 6:00-7:15 pm	K-5 Faith Formation 6:00-7:15 pm	Knit/Crochet Group 9:00 am  Parish Day of Penance & Reconciliation 12:30 - 6:30 pm  Lenten Retreat 7:00-8:15 pm	Interfaith Conversation on Anti-Semitism 7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross 10:00 Adoration 10:30-2:00	Supermarket Weekend	Supermarket Weekend  Choir Rehearsal 10:15am  Grade 6 & 7 Faith Formation 6:30 - 8:00 pm
<b>AT STM</b>	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 - 9:00 pm		Parish Day of Penance & Reconciliation 12:30 - 6:30 pm		Stations of the Cross 8:30 am	Supermarket Weekend  First Eucharist Camp 12:30 - 3:30 pm	Supermarket Weekend  Choir Rehearsal 9:30am

**Outreach Update - Linen Collection**

We asked, you answered! Many thanks for the mounds of linens - the sheets, blankets, comforters and towels that you donated to our recent collection. We were able to supply these items to the refugees served by Saint’s Place, the women and children helped by the Willow Domestic Violence Center and the homeless people who seek shelter at the House of Mercy. Thanks also to the volunteers who helped sort, organize and deliver the donations. Your continued support of our collections helps these agencies provide vital services to our sisters and brothers in the community.



**An Interfaith Conversation on Anti-Semitism with Fr. Joseph Hart and Larry Fine**

**Thursday March 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM**  
**Our Lady Queen of Peace**

In person or RSVP for Zoom at [Info@brennangoldman.com](mailto:Info@brennangoldman.com)



A rabbi and three congregants held hostage in their synagogue on the Sabbath.

Swastikas again being scrawled on Jewish buildings around the country.

Neo-Nazis demonstrating next to a highway in Florida – threatening “Jewish-looking” drivers and passengers with threats to “send you back to you-know-where.”

There is a long history, in the U.S. and globally, of antisemitism growing in times of chaos and confusion. This polite term for hatred of, and antagonism toward, Jewish people and Judaism elides the fear and pain of its targets– the Jews.

It is reported by the American Jewish Congress that 1 in 4 American Jews has experienced some form of antisemitism, Jew hatred and antagonism in the last year. While 82% of American Jews believe antisemitism has increased in the U.S. over the past five years, only 44% of the public agree. Similar growth of antisemitic statements, acts, threats, and violence is occurring around the world. This so-called “oldest hatred” must stop.

We at the Brennan Goldman Institute are dedicated to the idea of building bridges of understanding and paths of peace. We believe that Jews and Catholics in Rochester, New York, through dialogue, cooperation and mutual respect can, and must, work together, along with all others of good will, to turn the tide of this scourge. Together, we must speak out whenever and wherever we hear or see antisemitic words or acts. Together, we must respond whenever actions can bring support and comfort to the victims of antisemitism. Together, we must demand that local and national governments provide what is needed to protect Jewish communities and institutions.

In a recent essay on this topic in The Atlantic magazine, the brilliant writer Adam Serwer noted: “To this, we could add Jean-Paul Sartre’s observation that ‘if the Jew did not exist, the anti-Semite would invent him.’ Race allows humanity to keep inventing, in language that can bend the most rational minds, groups of people whose supposed characteristics justify whatever cruelty we might wish to indulge.” Together, we must change human nature to human nurture.

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*“...He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’” (LUKE 13:7)*

**Corner**

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

**Sacrificial Giving as of March 14**

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.....\$5,904.00  
Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$192,874.62  
Weekend Attendance.....192

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

Last Week's Regular Collections.....\$3,733.00  
Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$209,205.57  
Weekend Attendance.....289

You can go to our website at [olqpstm.com](http://olqpstm.com) to donate online. Click on Connect Now. Please contact Mary Kase 450-2999 if you have any questions. Please contact Mary Kase by phone or email at [mary.kase@dor.org](mailto:mary.kase@dor.org) **BEFORE** considering making a stock transfer to donate to your parish..

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