

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24, 2022



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

Our Lady Queen of Peace
601 Edgewood Ave. Rochester, NY 14618
585-244-3010 - email: rourlady@dor.org

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
585-381-4200 - email: stm@dor.org

Mass Times (as of 8/15/20)
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

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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 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

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585-450-2999

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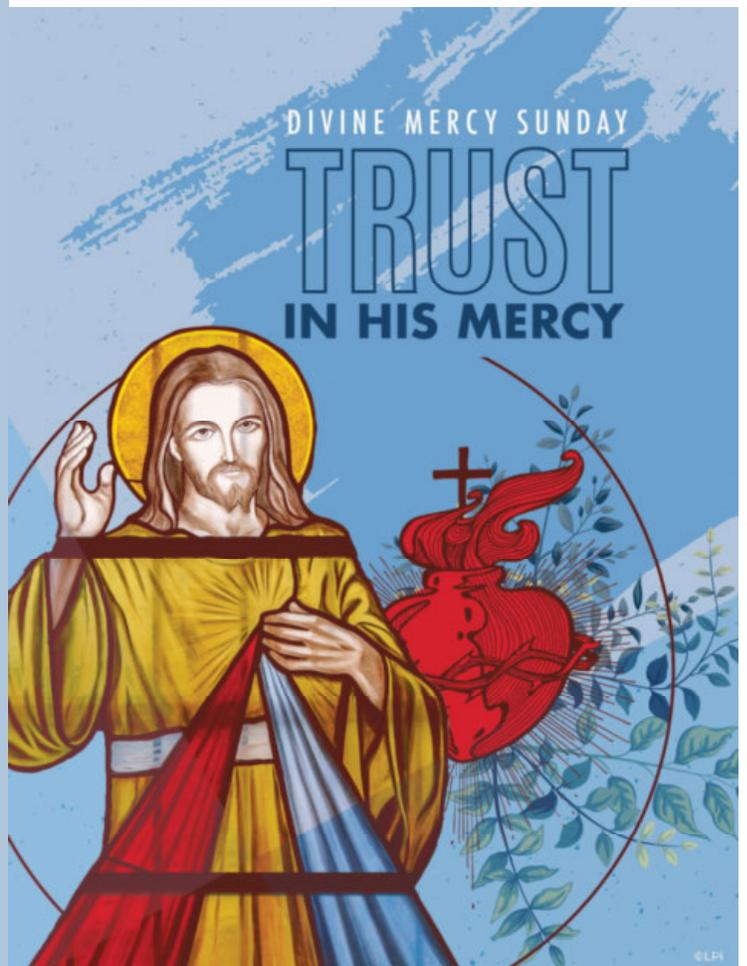


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Welcome...

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



Living in the Spirit



Monday, April 25 ST. MARK, EVANGELIST
1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17 Mk 16:15-20

OLQP 7:00 AM † James & Helen Hart

Tuesday, April 26

Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2,5 Jn 3:7b-15

STM 8:00 AM † Jelena Tanaskaski - Bernadette Trzeciecki
 10:30 AM Highlands Mass

Wednesday, April 27

Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

OLQP 7:00 AM † John O'Sullivan - Rosemary O'Sullivan

Thursday, April 28 St. Peter Chanel, priest, martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest

Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2,9,17-20 Jn 3:31-36

STM 7:00 PM People of the Parish

Friday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor of the church

Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Jn 6:1-15

STM 8:00 AM † Dorothy Cover - Paul Speranza, Jr.

Saturday, April 30 St. Pius V, pope

Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 Jn 6:16-21

OLQP 4:30PM †Melva Burgess
 STM 8:00 PM †Dr. Leonard H. Talarico - Family

Sunday, May 1 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:27-32,40b-41 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19

OLQP 9:00 AM †Terry Hannan - Michael & Jim Kelliher
 STM 11:00 AM †Dr. Anthony Mancuso - Richard & MaryAnn Loiacano

Recently I've been cleaning out some old files. Besides some junk, it has provided loads of humorous material for my friends and family. A while back I got Bishop Clark laughing by showing him the picture on my ID card for the Cambridge University library from 45 years ago. With my wrinkle-free skin and lots of dark brown hair, he suggested that I looked like an entirely different person. Sadly, such is the reality of the aging process.

But two weeks ago, a team of research scientists at Cambridge announced that they had successfully rejuvenated a 53-year-old woman's skin cells to look and behave like they belonged to a 23-year-old. Using a process pioneered for a different purpose in Japan, these scientists exposed cells taken from the woman to four special molecules for a period of 13 days to reprogram them. Then, studying collagen production in these cells, the scientist found that age-related changes to the cells had been removed and, as they continued to grow under natural conditions, the cells began behaving like normal skin cells again—but matching the profile of cells 30 years younger.

While the hopes and dreams of many men and women for an endless life of health and beauty seemed close at hand, the researchers, unfortunately, believe that this technique is not yet ready for clinical trials. They fear that this technique to rejuvenate cells might also trigger an increased likelihood of cancer due to creating lasting genetic changes in the target cells. Despite this negative talk, they do hope that someday such a method of rejuvenating cells could help speed up the healing process of those badly burned or horribly injured.

There is something within us that wants to live forever. Since ancient times, myths of a "fountain of youth" have persisted in many cultures. Some even claimed that Spanish Conquistador Ponce de León went searching for such miraculous waters when he landed in Florida in 1513. Nevertheless, despite the success of the Cambridge scientists, a new world-wide study headed up by Oxford University has concluded that human aging is inevitable due to built-in biological constraints. Their study "compared birth and death data from humans and non-human primates and found this general pattern of mortality was the same in all of them," suggesting that "biological, rather than environmental factors, ultimately control longevity."

This bad news from Oxford has not deterred the hundreds of companies world-wide or the countless investors who have poured billions of dollars into the anti-aging industry. They cite the fact that in evolution lobsters have solved some of the problems of longevity by developing an enzyme which protects its cells from aging and a type of jellyfish when its habitat is threatened has a way of returning to an earlier stage of development until the problem is solved and thus able to live on forever.

But that longing to live on forever is something planted into our hearts by our creator. It is not something simply satisfied by magic serums, wrinkle cream or artificial limbs...or finding, at last, the perfect spouse. It is a longing for a wholeness and completeness, a peacefulness and a joy which cannot be satisfied in this imperfect world. What is built in us is a longing for heaven, which can only be

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Sanctuary Lamp Intentions this week are in Memory of:

STM Rose Pisano
 OLQP 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, Betsie Heffeman, 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, Daniel Ploppert, Marion Robinson, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale, and Phillippa Wilson.



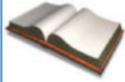
BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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satisfied in another realm for, as St. Paul puts it: “eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has the heart of anyone conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.” (1Co 2:9) That is why we rejoice at Easter for Christ Jesus has preached to us the good news that we will live forever. In rising from the dead, he confirmed for us the truth of that gospel. And now, in lives long and short, we wait in joyful anticipation of that moment when Christ shall take us home.

Peace to all,
Fr. Hart



Mother’s Day Memorial Book

Please be sure to stop at the entrance to each church to write down your mothers or other women who are/were special in your lives. These books will be presented at Masses for Mother’s Day.



THE DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING!! ALL MONEY NEEDS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE DIOCESE BY MAY 27TH TO BE COUNTED IN THIS YEAR’S CAMPAIGN.

As you can see below we are about \$7,500.00 short at STM and about \$12,300.00 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
\$66,720.00 as of 4/18
89.80% of goal 148 Donors

OLQP
Goal - \$68,776.00
\$56,410.00 as of 4/18
82.02% of goal 155 Donors



Calling anyone interested in altar serving!! (Kids and Adults)

Margaret will have training sessions for anyone interested in joining this ministry.

To be eligible you must have made your 1st Eucharist and be willing to be scheduled for weekend liturgies.

These sessions will take place at OLQP on:
April 25 & 26 from 5:00-6:00
May 2 & 3 from 5:00-6:00



For Anyone Interested in Bible Study— Faith Sharing

Would you be interested in participating in a **day-time** Bible Study that would also include an opportunity to share how the Scriptures speak to you? If so, please plan on attending an organizational meeting at STM on Thursday, April 28 in the Gathering space at St. Thomas More. Questions to be discussed: What Book of the Bible should we study? What time and day work best to meet? How often should we meet? Bring your ideas! If you are unable to make this meeting, but would like to participate, please email or call Mary Ann Obarck (Maryann.obark@dor.org /585-490-0389)

Many thanks to all of our parishioners who generously gave of their time and talent to make our Triduum and Easter liturgies so beautiful and meaningful. The list is long: RCIA coordinators, musicians, choirs, ushers, decorators, altar servers, lectors, reception preparers, and all who attended the liturgies. There was truly a community spirit throughout the weekend. Many Blessings.

May Crowning Schedule for Saturday May 14, 2022

The Faith Formation program is hosting a May Crowning at all four Brighton Regional parishes on **Saturday, May 14th from 1:00pm - 3:30pm**. We are inviting all parishioners who wish to join us to attend any or all of the Crowning services as we honor Mary, the Mother of God and ask for her intercession for Peace in our Families and in our World. A decade of the Rosary will be said at each site along with the crowning of the Marian statues at each parish. Please join us!



- 1:00pm-1:30pm St. Anne
 - 1:45pm-2:15pm Our Lady Queen of Peace
 - 2:30pm-3:00pm- Our Lady of Lourdes
 - 3:00pm-3:30pm-St. Thomas More
- A brief reception will follow at St. Thomas More

Lector assignments for next weekend 4/30-5/1

- OLQP **4:30** - Caroline Thirukumaran
- 9:00** - Jim Piampiano
- STM **4:30** - MaryAgnes McAvoy
- 11:00** - Stephanie & Gianna Jackson

Nursing Home Ministry for next weekend

- Friendly Home** - Sue Bayer, Bill Shelly, Brendan McCarthy
- Highlands** - Monica Weis



Registration for K-12 Faith Formation will be available soon.

Information regarding registration is available in the weekly newsletter from Jennifer. If you are not receiving this newsletter please let Jen know. We want to be sure that all families receive this information.

Contact Jen at jennifer.abdalla@dor.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR

	Monday April 25	Tuesday April 26	Wednesday April 27	Thursday April 28	Friday April 29	Saturday April 30	Sunday May 1
AT OLQP	New Altar server training 5:00pm K-5 Faith Formation 6:00-7:15pm	New Altar server training 5:00pm K-5 Faith Formation 6:00-7:15pm	Knit/Crochet Group 9:00-11:00am Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm			Handbell Rehearsal 2:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal & Mass 8:30am 1st Eucharist 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 10:15am Grade 6 & 7 Faith Formation 6:30pm
AT STM			Staff Meeting 10:00am	Bible Study/Faith Sharing Info Mtg 9:30am			Choir Rehearsal 9:30am 1st Eucharist 11:00am

Catholic Culture Wars featuring Michael Sean Winters - Journalist, National Catholic Reporter

Forum, Otto Shults Community Center

May 4, 2022 7:00pm

Culture Wars have distorted the Catholic intellectual and moral tradition of the Church.

Winters will address the following topics:

- Achieving a balance of the “common good” in our divided society.
 - The American tendency to reduce religion to ethics and politics and how that adds fuel to the fire of culture wars.
 - Protecting ourselves and our Church from the distortions of Culture Wars.
 - Becoming an inclusive church, one that listens, learns, and takes responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel.
- Questions and interactive discussion to follow. *Free and open to the public.*

THE WORLD IS WATCHING

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. “Yep, I did that,” you have to say. “I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working.”

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

“Christ has no body now but yours,” goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (JOHN 20:21)

Corner Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life with whom you need to reconcile. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

Sacrificial Giving as of April 18

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 Sunday Mass Collection.....\$4,634.43

Weekend Attendance.....400

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

Last Week's Sunday Mass Collection.....\$9,240.06

Weekend Attendance.....512

You can go to our website at 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 **BEFORE** considering making a stock transfer to donate to your parish..

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