

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 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**  
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**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](http://www.olqpstm.com)

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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  
585-450-2999

**Available at both parishes:**

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Happy  
Mother's Day

Dear Lord, Bless every mother and every grandmother with the finest of your spiritual blessings today. Confirm in her heart and spirit the work of her hands and the love that she has so freely given to those children under Your care.

Validate her worth daily so she has no reason to doubt whether she is loved, valued, and cherished in the eyes of her Heavenly Father.

Let her joy be contagious; let her passion be pure; and let her life overflow with all the blessings she deserves—on special days, and on every day of her life.

In Jesus's name, Amen

Rebecca Barlow Jordan



# 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, May 9

Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10

OLQP 7:00 AM Intentions of Debbie Goodman - Marcy Schaarschmidt

### Tuesday, May 10 St. John of Avila, priest, doctor of the church; St. Damien de Veuster, priest

Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30

STM 8:00 AM †Bro. Philip Robert, F.M.S - Bernadette Trzeczieski  
10:30 AM Friendly Home Mass

### Wednesday, May 11

Acts 12:24--13:5a Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Jn 12:44-50

OLQP 7:00 AM †Fr. James Slattery

### Thursday, May 12 Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr

Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27 Jn 13:16-20

STM 8:00 AM †Dr. Joe Geary - George & Mary Scardetta

### Friday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11b Jn 14:1-6

STM 8:00 AM People of the Parish

### Saturday, May 14 ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

OLQP 4:30PM †Dorothy Montaglione - Bill & Peggy Clark  
STM 4:30 PM †Lawrence Amico - Joe & Joyce DeRosa

### Sunday, May 15 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a,34-35

OLQP 9:00 AM †Jo Tuohey - Family  
STM 11:00 AM †Albert & Margaret D'Amanda - Elaine D'Amanda



### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions this week are in Memory of:

STM Marilyn Strong Noronha  
OLQP Antonio Galbier



### 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 Heffernan, 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 Permaselli, Daniel Ploppert, Marion Robinson, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale, and Phillippa Wilson.

### Lector assignments for next weekend 5/14-15

OLQP 4:30 - Margo Lutz 9:00 - Rob Hutter  
STM 4:30 - Annette Bailey 11:00 - Dennis Regan

### Nursing Home Ministry for next weekend Highlands - Monica Weis



## Living in the Spirit



For years now, the Fourth Sunday of Easter has been designated as Good Shepherd Sunday. If you have a Catholic Calendar, you will also notice it is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and of course, it is Mother's Day. There are many themes to focus on, many areas calling for our attention. Every year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter we hear some portion of the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of John's Gospel. Sometimes we hear Jesus saying that he is the gate and the gatekeeper, who calls his own by name (Jn. 10:1-10.) Sometimes Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for his sheep (v. 11.) Sometimes, as we hear this weekend in verse 27, Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

But how do we hear the voice of God?

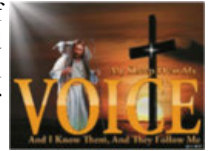
How do our children, youth, and young adults hear the voice of God and follow?

This past week the pastoral staff was conducting interviews of our Confirmation candidates as directed by the diocesan guidelines. Speaking strictly for myself, these interviews provide insightful and privileged moments. I fully enjoy hearing the voices of the young members of our community as they reflect and strive to verbalize the significance of the sacrament they are about to celebrate, the value of sacraments in their life, and faith in general. This year I was deeply struck by some of their responses. Some see Confirmation as a steppingstone in their overall education and formation in the process of growing up. Many do well in school, most are engaged in sports which are placed at a high priority above everything else. With great support from family, extended family and friends, they have a clear vision of where they are heading and what they would like to become. Some can provide clear answers to questions about sacraments and the gifts of the Holy Spirit but admit quite frankly, "my family doesn't go to church very often." Some, too many in my estimation and more than in previous years, face numerous challenges in their capacity to learn, in the ability to form close relationships and friendships, and in experiencing life in a faith filled community. Some grieve the loss of a parent or close relative that has impacted their life. Others struggle with relationships in blended families and their own gender identity. The mother and grandmother in me wishes I could just hug these kids and let them know how special they are and what a precious gift from God.

Today, I believe as a community of faith we have a special mission, a duty and an obligation, more than that, a vocation, a call, to which we must respond. All the baptized answer one and the same call: to bring the presence of Christ into the world – in other words, to be Christ for others, especially for our young people. We are called to give witness to all those whose lives we touch, so that through our words and actions Christ's love may be revealed. Our common vocation is to overcome the challenges distress of this world in every act of love, heart by heart and moment by moment.

May our hearts be filled with the voice of Christ who calls us and bids us to follow – to love as Christ loves.

Peace and blessings,  
Margaret





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 \$7,000.00 short at STM and about \$9,000.00 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  
\$67,220.00 as of 5/2  
90.47% of goal 149 Donors

**OLQP**  
Goal - \$68,776.00  
\$59,725.00 as of 5/2  
86.84% of goal 159 Donors



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Wednesday May 25, 2022

2:00pm-7:00pm

OLQP

Slattery Hall



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**Mercy Spirituality Center**

Mercy Spirituality Center, located at 65 Highland Avenue has many programs and retreats running starting this month. These may be of interest to some of you. See the listing below and go to [www.mercyspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.mercyspiritualitycenter.org) for more information or to register.

Rochester - A Tale of Two Cities:  
Perspectives From Catholic Social Teaching  
May 12 - Deacon David Palma

Art & Spirituality  
The Creative Spirit and Art of Van Gogh  
May 19-22 - Joyce Martelli

Day to Call Your Own  
April 21, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 18

**Heads up!!**

Due to the Priests' Convocation, there will be no Masses on May 17th and 18th. We will have Communion Services on those days.



**LAUDATO SI'**  
Action Platform

In his encyclical Laudato Si', Pope Francis makes clear our moral obligation to care for the Earth. Through an initiative entitled the Laudato Si' Platform, Pope Francis and the Holy See are calling Catholics around the world to "learn and grow together as we journey towards full sustainability in the holistic spirit of integral ecology."

The Laudato Si' Action Platform is a seven-year effort inviting all sectors of the Church, including families, parishes, schools, religious congregations and other institutions, to participate in this crucial work.

**Let's pray for this mission using some of the words from Laudato Si':**

*O God of the poor help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.*



**Registration for K-12 Faith Formation is available now!**

Forms are available on our website, at church entrances and through the Faith Formation Newsletter. We want to be sure that all families receive this information. Contact Jen at [jennifer.abdalla@dor.org](mailto:jennifer.abdalla@dor.org)


**OUTREACH COLLECTION**

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a toiletries collection in honor of the Fathers and Mothers (and children) in need of these health essentials. The donations will be distributed to Mary's Place, Dimitri House, St. Joseph's House and House of Mercy. Items requested include shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and tooth brushes, hand soaps and feminine hygiene products. A complete list of items (unopened please) will be available at church and on the parish website. Items can be dropped off at either location through May 22.



We'll be organizing and sorting the donations on Monday, 5/23/2022 at 3:30 PM at St. Thomas More. Please join us if you can.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

	<b>Monday</b> May 9	<b>Tuesday</b> May 10	<b>Wednesday</b> May 11	<b>Thursday</b> May 12	<b>Friday</b> May 13	<b>Saturday</b> May 14	<b>Sunday</b> May 15
AT OLQP		Confirmation 7:00 pm Sacred Heart Cathedral	Knit Crochet Group 9:00-11:00am			May Crowning  1:00-3:30	Choir Rehearsal 10:15am
AT STM	OLQP Finance Council 5:30pm  Pastoral Council 7:00pm					Begins at St. Anne → OLQP → OLOL → ending at STM with brief reception	Choir Rehearsal 9:30am

### Answering God's Call: Becoming Catholic



God has placed within each human heart, the desire to come to know, love, and serve God. Roman Catholics have responded to this divine call by embracing the Catholic faith. For us, to be all that God created us to be means that we live a life of faith based on the Gospels and we do so as members of the Catholic Church.

There are others, as their lives unfold, that begin to wonder if God is not calling them to come to know God through the Catholic faith. The Church calls these people "Seekers" or "Inquirers" and has established a process by which they may discern if God is calling them to be Catholic. This process is named the **R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**. It is a journey that involves learning about Catholicism and the community of faith they wish to join. Members of the community of faith or parish have an important role in accompanying these Seekers on this journey. Parishioners are asked to pray for them, to role model what it means to be a Catholic

disciple of Christ, and to take an active role (when possible) in the process by attending sessions and volunteering to help the Seekers discuss the readings/Gospel from our Sunday liturgy during our Dismissal Rites.

The R.C.I.A. process is for anyone who is

- baptized in the Catholic Church, but may not have made First Communion or been Confirmed;
- baptized in another Christian Church, but now desires to become a member of our faith community;
- someone who has not been baptized.

Please pray about whether you are being nudged to explore the Catholic Faith or to invite someone to consider this process. You might even be called to take an active role in helping prepare those who come forward as Seekers. If this sounds like something you may want to be involved in or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Obark at [Maryann.Obark@dor.org](mailto:Maryann.Obark@dor.org) or 585-490-0389.

#### Second Collection - Next Weekend

##### Diocesan Missions Collection (Propagation of the Faith)

We believe that our mandate to bring the "good news" to all people constitutes the essential mission of the church.

"Go therefore making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." – Matthew 28:19-20

In light of Christ's mandate, the Diocesan Mission Office supports missionaries and their work of proclaiming and witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in developing countries, especially those missionaries from the Diocese of Rochester. The Mission Office works to include the local Church in missionary activity by mission education and inviting the ministries of the diocese to both contribute to and learn from the missions. It also encourages area parishes to form parish to parish relationships, which unite the people of God from different nations. Thank you for your generosity.

### Bible Study/Faith Sharing Group at STM

Everyone is invited to join a group at STM in the Gathering Space on Mondays from 1-2:30pm to explore the Gospel of John. The first sessions are May 16, May 23, June 6.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Obark, [Maryann.obark@dor.org](mailto:Maryann.obark@dor.org), 585-490-0389.

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*“The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.”*

*(ACTS 13:52)*

**Corner** The disciples heard Our Lord’s call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

**Sacrificial Giving as of May 2**

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.....\$3,496.46

Weekend Attendance.....260

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

Last Week’s Sunday Mass Collection.....\$4,675.00

Weekend Attendance.....275

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..

**Catholic Schools in Area:**



**Seton Catholic School**  
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Mrs. Patty Selig, Principal  
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