

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022



*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 (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.

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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

Business Office

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.
I give you a new commandment: love one another."
- Jn 13:33a, 34a

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 16

Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4,15-16 Jn 14:21-26

OLQP 7:00 AM †Mary Ann Nichols - Chris Bonanni

Tuesday, May 17

Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13b,21 Jn 14:27-31a

STM 8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, May 18 St. John I, pope, martyr

Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

OLQP 7:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, May 19

Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3,10 Jn 15:9-11

STM 8:00 AM †Geraldine DelMonache - George & Mary Scardetta

Friday, May 20 St. Bernardine of Siena, priest

Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10,12 Jn 15:12-17

STM 8:00 AM †Adams & Guest Families - Margaret Guest

Saturday, May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes, priest, and companions, martyrs

Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-3,5 Jn 15:18-21

OLQP 4:30PM †Diana & Michael Pabrinkas - Rosemary O'Sullivan

STM 4:30 PM †Jake Whitmore - Bud & Gerri Foos

Sunday, May 22 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Rv 21:10-14,22-23 Jn 14:23-29

OLQP 9:00 AM †Sr. M. Antonita Sikorski - Susan Ross

STM 11:00 AM †Michael Pino - Jerry & Carole Frantz



Sanctuary Lamp Intention this week at OLQP is in Memory of: Theresa Hannan



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 Ilerardi, Steven Kistner, Barbara Labroi, John Lewman, Lourdes May, Ryan Maciaszek, Cecile McDonald, Cathy Miccia, Janice Milliman, Kelly Farrell Murphy, Marcia Mundrick, Dolly Nolan, Quinn Oliphant, Bob O'Neill, Ellen Pernaselli, Daniel Ploppert, Marion Robinson, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale, and Phillippa Wilson.

Lector assignments for next weekend 5/21-22

OLQP 4:30 - Sheila Dalzell

9:00 - Mary Attridge

STM 4:30 - Bill Shelly

11:00 - Mary Scardetta

Flowers for Next weekend at STM - Sheila Mason



Living in the Spirit



One of the commentators for this weekend's readings recalls a story in the autobiography of the music legend Ray Charles. Charles tells the story of Ma Beck: "I wasn't quite 15 when my mama died. That was the most devastating thing in my whole experience—bar nothing, period. I couldn't get the sorrow out of my system . . . Ma Beck saw the trauma I was going through. So, she took me aside and said, 'Son, you know that I knew your mama. And I know she always taught you to carry on. . . Didn't she tell you that?' "I said, 'Yes ma'am' and started to tear up. And Ma Beck kept after me. 'Well, then, you also know that your mama didn't want you going around just doing nothing and feeling sorry for yourself, 'cause that's not the way she brought you up. Isn't that right?' . . . That episode with Ma Beck shook me out of my depression. It really started me on my way. After that I told myself that I must do what my mom would have expected me to do."

During the Last Supper, Jesus made known to his disciples that he would be with them for only a little while longer, and so he gave them a new commandment: "love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Just like Ray Charles' mama, Jesus didn't want his disciples "going around just doing nothing." Through his words and actions, he taught them and showed them what he expected.

Just as in the past, so today, Jesus expects his disciples to "carry on," to love as he loved, and "to do this, in remembrance of me." How do we accomplish this great commandment?

First, through study of scripture and tradition, we learn about the life and teachings of Jesus. Through prayer we draw closer and form a deep relationship with him.

Secondly, we learn to love as he loved. On this topic a well-known commentator, William Barclay, offers some insights that may be helpful. Barclay states that Jesus loved *selflessly*. Not thinking of what we can get out of a particular relationship, but to give all we have for those we love is to love selflessly; by loving *sacrificially*: Jesus was willing to die on the cross rather than abandon his love for us. The question is, are we willing to do the same for others? Jesus loved *understandingly*: He knew the strengths and weaknesses of his disciples because he spent time with them. He accepted them as they were and who they were. To love as Jesus loved is to see the beauty and wonder of each person, to know of their faults but to love them anyway. Jesus loved *forgivingly*. His disciples often misunderstood him, were slow to learn, and abandoned him in his hour of need – but he forgave them. Like Jesus' love ours must be built on forgiveness or it will shrivel and die. Loving as Jesus loved and loves doesn't make life easier, it makes life worth living for us and for others.

Thirdly, in the Gospel of John, Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and said, "I have given you a model to follow, . . . as I have done for you, you should also do." (13: 15) By his action, Jesus calls us to be servants of one another.

Finally, at the Last Supper, Jesus took bread, blessed and

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broke it and gave it to his disciples. Then he took the cup, gave thanks and shared it with his disciples. The Gospel of Luke states very clearly, we are to “do this” in memory of Jesus. The Eucharist is a way for us to “carry on.” It is part of what Jesus expects of us. It should be central in our Christian life. Perhaps that is one reason why the USCCB has initiated the National Eucharistic Revival. It will begin on the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and will extend until June of 2025. There will be more information forthcoming or consider going to eucharisticrevival.dor.org to find out more.

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 5/9
90.47% of goal 149 Donors

OLQP

Goal - \$68,776.00
\$59,725.00 as of 5/9
86.84% of goal 159 Donors



This past week, 35 members of our combined Faith Formation community of STM, OLQP, OLOL & SA were Confirmed by Bishop Matano at Sacred Heart Cathedral. We are so very proud of their hard work, the gifts they have shared, and the spiritual depth they possess.

Please make sure to congratulate them and continue to support them in their faith journey!

Stella Bauschard
Daniel Benacci
Athena Boev
Madelyn Brown
Janisse Cabrera
Martina Calabrese
Isabel D'Angelo
Rachel Dean
Giada DeMarco
Nina DiMarco
Malena Distasio
Mia Distasio
CJ Eber
Richard Essan
Gianluca Fallone
Stephen Gomes
Leo Jenerious
Luke Jenerious

Will Lutz
Hannah Marangola
Adelaide Matzky
Connor McDonough
Madeline McMahon
Adam Mevs
Mason Mevs
John Peartree
Cecilia Samper
Ella Sconfietti
Aidan Sheehan
Maura Sheehan
Maeve Sullivan
Lauren Thurston
Santiago Vazquez-Otero
Julia Winter
Teigan Zdanowski

Mission Appeal next weekend, May 21-22:

The Mission of Office of our diocese each Summer invites a missionary group to share about their mission work in all the parishes. Next weekend, May 21-22, we will have a guest speaker at all the masses offering the annual mission appeal. Foundation for Children in Need is a Catholic lay organization based in Arlington Heights, IL. Dr. Geetha Yeruva, Founder of FCN is very happy to visit us and share about their mission work in the interior villages of India. FCN sponsors 2000 children and college students. They have been responsible for building several schools, boarding homes, a community health center and two homes for the elderly. 2000 children born with Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate are helped with free corrective surgeries in the past 8 years. We welcome Dr. Geetha and encourage you to support their mission work generously. **There will be a second collection taken up on next weekend.** To know more about their mission work, please visit: www.fcn-usa.org.

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.



Young Adult Gathering Taco Dinner

Thursday May 19 from 6:30-8:30
Slattery Hall - Our Lady Queen of Peace

The Face of Mercy

After dinner we will focus on the theme of Mercy/Forgiveness and reflect on questions such as :

- Are there limits to human forgiveness?
- How do the Scriptures address Mercy?
- What are the corporal/spiritual works of mercy?
- What is the difference between righteousness and mercy?
- Who is forgiveness for?
- How do you experience the mercy of God?

Can we see our "life embraced by a God whose name is Mercy, a God always ready to turn our failings and sins into a capacity for deepened compassion?" -Elaine Prevallet, S.L.

Our guest for the evening will be Dr. Christine Bochen who will give out copies of the book she edited, "The Way of Mercy."

VIRTUAL OPTION:

Please join us from 7:30pm-8:30pm.


The link will be sent out a few days before the gathering

Contact Meghan at meghan.robinson@dor.org to RSVP



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

	Monday May 16	Tuesday May 17	Wednesday May 18	Thursday May 19	Friday May 20	Saturday May 21	Sunday May 22
AT OLQP			Knit/Crochet Group 9:00-11:00am	Young Adult Gathering 6:30-8:30pm	Faith Formation Picnic Buckland Park 6:00pm	Missionary at Mass	Missionary at Mass Choir Rehearsal & Mass 8:30am
AT STM	Bible Study 1:00-2:30pm					Missionary at Mass	Missionary at Mass 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 or 585-490-0389.

April Financial Report

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Week Ending for: Sunday Mass Collection

April 3	\$4,112
April 10	\$4,590
April 17 (A)	\$920
April 24	\$4,812

April EFT gifts \$5,986

April Totals

Attendance	1096
Sunday Collection	\$20,420
Sunday Collection Budget	\$18,480 (\$1,940 favorable)

Year-to-Date Totals

Sunday Collection	\$272,281
Sunday Collection Budget	\$258,720 (\$13,561 favorable)

St. Thomas More

Week Ending for: Sunday Mass Collection

April 3	\$6,479
April 10	\$5,903
April 17 (A)	\$2,205
April 24	\$2,479

April EFT gifts \$4,546

April Totals

Attendance	1254
Sunday Collection	\$21,612
Sunday Collection Budget	\$20,001 (\$1,611 favorable)

Year-to-Date Totals

Sunday Collection	\$269,262
Sunday Collection Budget	\$280,014 (\$10,752 unfavorable)

"An unfavorable monthly variance indicates the total "weeklies" donated during April 2022 do not meet budgeted expectations and our financial obligations may not be met."

Note A: To comply with DOR accounting policy, April 17th, Easter Sunday is excluded from the Sunday collection figures and is accounted for separately.

As of 4/30/22:

OLQP Easter Collection: \$6,015

STM Easter Collection: \$8,145

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"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone that doesn't look like you.

Sacrificial Giving as of May 9

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.....\$5,605.98

Weekend Attendance.....219

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

Last Week's Sunday Mass Collection.....\$6,118.00

Weekend Attendance.....271

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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