

AS THE EARTH BRINGS FORTH ITS PLANTS,  
AND A GARDEN MAKES ITS GROWTH SPRING UP,  
SO WILL THE LORD GOD MAKE JUSTICE AND PRAISE  
SPRING UP BEFORE ALL THE NATIONS.

ISAIAH 61:11

# Our Lady Queen of Peace



THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 13, 2020

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 PM

(Anticipated Mass)\*

Sunday - 8:00, 10:00 AM and  
12:00 Noon\*

Daily - Monday-Saturday  
8:30 AM

Holy days - See Bulletin for  
Mass Schedule

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## Reconciliation

Saturday - 1:00 PM or by  
appointment

## Baptism

Please call to arrange for your child's baptism  
soon after birth

## RCIA

Adults desiring to be baptized, confirmed or  
become a Catholic, please contact Deacon Joe  
Mantineo

## Anointing of the Sick (973.567.7424)

Please call for a priest to schedule this Sacrament  
of healing and forgiveness for someone who is  
seriously ill or in danger of death. Do not wait  
until the sick person is unconscious.

## Matrimony

All Catholics should seek to have their marriage  
blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good  
grace and receive the Holy Eucharist. Contact a  
priest a year prior to the intended date of marriage  
to ensure proper preparation.

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## Mass Intensions

December 13 until December 20, 2020

### Sunday - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/13 8:00 am Angelo Casale  
 10:00 am Jack Jordan  
 12:00 noon Barbara Connor

### Monday - Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12/14 8:30 am People of the Parish

### Tuesday - Advent Weekday

12/15 8:30 am Daniel Fox

### Wednesday - Advent Weekday

12/16 8:30 am Valerie Soentgerath

### Thursday - Advent Weekday

12/17 8:30 am Marie Loizzi

### Friday - Advent Weekday

12/18 8:30 am James G. Cox

### Saturday - Advent Weekday

12/19 8:30 am Angel Montilla, Jr.  
 5:00 pm John Hrablook

### Sunday - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/20 8:00 am Norma Claudio  
 10:00 am Delfin Sto. Domingo  
 12:00 noon Alexander Cea

## December 13, 2020 - Today's Readings

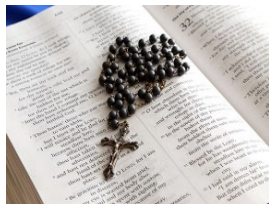
**First Reading** - As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

**Second Reading** - Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances.

Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).



## Please Remember in Your Prayers

### Rest in Peace

Marlena Graffin	Artemio Gatchalian
Evan Pen Fomilda	Aquilino Munoz
	Luis Villamar

### Sick Relatives & Friends

Cristina Aguilar	Rosemarie Kaminski	Elsy Ruiz
Gus Aversa	Roberta Leibowitz	John Ruisch
Josefina Baldoza	Alice Liso	Fran Sampson
Mary Ellen Barberia	Diane Lohrer	Wilbert Santos
Dcn. Anthony Balestrieri	Dcn. Joseph Mantineo	Pat Sommers
Claire Borrello	Gerry Marcincavage	Joanne Sontag
Michael Bowers	Sonia Medrano	Richard Spagnuolo
Michael Bowers	Sara Melisi	Joseph Steiner
Ginny Cattaneo	Andrew J. Mendez	Brian Taleo
Carmen Cepeda	Jim Moran	Gary Taras
Carmen Maria Colon	Barbara Nelson	Patricia Tempio
Paul DiGrazia	Sharon Osnowitz	Liam Justin N. Torres
Phil Dimitri	Harriet Pellicione	Connie Vitale
Eileen Diverio	Larry Purcell	Mary Walker
Emily Ferreira	Vallie Pompilio	Andrew Wey
Yancey Garcia	Francis Quinn	Joyce Wilson
Eric Hagberg	Robert Raimo	
Dominic Jengo		

## Memorials

### Altar Bread and Wine

in Memory of Antonio Graziano  
by Mr. and Mrs. Iggy Graziano

### Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp

in Memory of Maria and Vincenzo Napoleone  
by Mr. and Mrs. Iggy Graziano

### Blessed Mother Candle

in Memory of John Hrablook by Lauren Hrablook

### St. Joseph Candle

in Memory of Antoinette and Joseph Iacono  
by Mr. and Mrs. Iggy Graziano

## Youth Ministry (201) 845-9566, ext 117

Any youth in grades 8-12 are invited to join us.  
Please email justine.garcia@olqp.org

Dear Our Lady Queen of Peace Brothers and Sisters,

As you may already know, the Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. The Latin word Gaudete means Rejoice.

With all the things going on around us especially with the CoVid situation, it is easy to be caught up with the negative and forget the fact that, despite all these, there are still many blessings to be thankful for. Perhaps, this is one of the biggest challenges we have in these difficult times – to always recognize our small and big blessings and be thankful for each of them. When we experience being blessed, of course, we rejoice!

Speaking of blessings, I would count the wedding of Christopher and Katlyn (see the beautiful photo opposite) at our church last week as one. Even though there was a looming possibility that their wedding reception might be cancelled due to CoVid restrictions, Katlyn and Christopher were committed to do their wedding vows within the Mass. And so, they did. Joyfully, they were also able to have a reception banquet.

There are also the blessings of many kind-hearted and generous parishioners who support all our initiatives to help the needy and the less fortunate; parishioners who volunteer to help sanitize our church; parishioners who are willing to give their time, talent, and treasure to make our faith family here at OLQP alive in the Spirit; and the list could go on and on.

I am thankful, I am blessed, and I rejoice with you!

Sincerely in the Lord,

**Father Tony**

*PS We need volunteers to help us make our church and grounds more beautiful and festive for Christmas. That would be another blessing I could mention soon.*

### The Decorations Committee Needs Your Help!

We will be decorating our church for **Christmas** on **Saturday Dec. 19 @ 9:30 am.**

If you would like to volunteer and lend a hand, please come at the designated time. Thank you in advance. Any questions call Judy Tompkins @ 201-845-4097



### Newlyweds Christopher and Katlyn Rivera



### Soup Kitchen Coat Drive Update



Thank you to all who donated to the Soup Kitchen Coat Drive on 12/5/20. Two van loads of coats were collected and given to St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark where they will be distributed to the needy. Our Soup Kitchen Ministry will continue to collect coats (new or used) throughout the winter season. If you would like to donate a coat, please contact the Parish Center.

## The Choir Returns to Sing at Holy Mass



## Parish Children and Youth Lighting the Candles for the Second Sunday of Advent



## New Email List Sign-Up!

**Sign Up** ▶

For announcements, bulletin updates, and the latest news happening at Our Lady Queen of Peace, please sign up for our email mailing list by visiting [www.olqp.org](http://www.olqp.org)!

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

New Parishioners are requested to register in the Parish as soon as possible. Active parishioners should notify the Parish office of any changes in address & phone number.

## Readings for the Week

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

## Silent Night Wednesday Evenings

Silent Night will take place at approximately 7:45 pm every Wednesday during Advent after the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena. During this Advent season, it is an opportune time to pray, reflect and adore Him. The Holy Sacrament of Confession will also be available.



## 2021 Calendars

# 2021

2021 calendars are now available at the doors of the Church. Thank you to Trinka Faustini for their most generous donation of calendars this year!

Every year our friends at Trinka supply us with enough calendars for our entire parish family.

## Advent Giving Tree

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In lieu of gifts, organizations will accept gift cards to pass to those in need. Gift cards may be dropped off at the Parish Center or in the box located in the rear of Church during Sunday Masses. Monetary donations will also be gladly accepted. **The deadline is this weekend - Sunday, Dec. 13th by Noon.**



## Stewardship Results

	11/22/20 to 12/6/20	GOAL (3 weeks)
Offertory	19,939	15,000
Repairs	5,816	4,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,755</b>	<b>\$19,500</b>

Thank you for your generosity in helping us meet our stewardship goal for the past 3 weeks. God bless you!

## Advent Wreath and Grave Blanket Sale



This year's sale will be coordinated by the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with their Christmas tree sale. You may pick up your wreaths, pillows, and/or grave blankets at the opposite end of our campus. Sales continue through Advent.

**Wreaths \$25.00**

**Pillows \$30.00**

**Grave Blankets \$40.00**

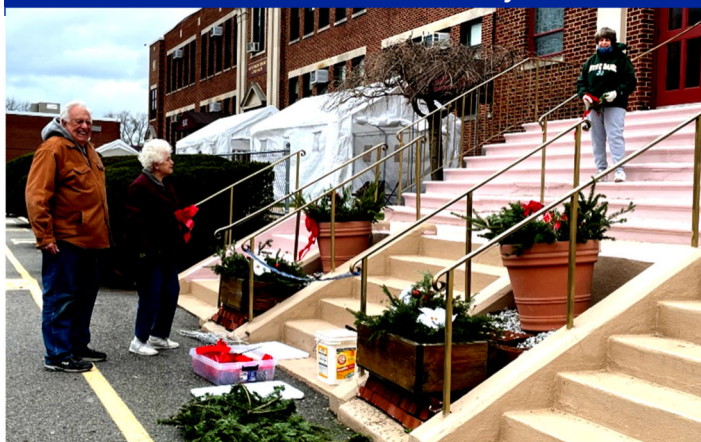
Cash and Checks made payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace are accepted. Should you have any questions, please contact Justine Garcia at (201) 961-4782.

## Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass")

The devotees of the novena of Our Mother of Perpetual Help invite you to its 6th Annual "Simbang Gabi" (Filipino for "Night Mass") at **7:00 pm on Friday, December 18.** Mass offerings for the Simbang Gabi are available and can be requested through the Parish Center and/or through the devotees of the novena. Due to current restrictions, there is no fellowship scheduled after the mass.



## Grounds Beautification Ministry in Action



## Third Sunday of Advent

### JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team."

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad."

It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.



## Saints and Special Observances

Monday: St. John of the Cross

Wednesday: *Las Posadas* begins

**St. John of the Cross - Spanish mystic, Carmelite friar and priest.** Born in Spain in 1542, John learned the importance of self-sacrificing love from his parents. His father gave up wealth, status, and comfort when he married a weaver's daughter and was disowned by his noble family. After his father died, his mother kept the destitute family together as they wandered homeless in search of work. These were the examples of sacrifice that John followed with his own great love -- God.

When the family finally found work, John still went hungry in the middle of the wealthiest city in Spain. At fourteen, John took a job caring for hospital patients who suffered from incurable diseases and madness. It was out of this poverty and suffering, that John learned to search for beauty and happiness not in the world, but in God.

After John joined the Carmelite order, Saint Teresa of Avila asked him to help her reform movement. John supported her belief that the order should return to its life of prayer. But many Carmelites felt threatened by this reform, and some members of John's own order kidnapped him. He was locked in a cell six feet by ten feet and beaten three times a week by the monks. There was only one tiny window high up near the ceiling. Yet in that unbearable dark, cold, and desolation, his love and faith were like fire and light. He had nothing left but God -- and God brought John his greatest joys in that tiny cell.

After nine months, John escaped by unscrewing the lock on his door and creeping past the guard. Taking only the mystical poetry he had written in his cell, he climbed out a window using a rope made of strips of blankets. With no idea where he was, he followed a dog to civilization. He hid from pursuers in a convent infirmary where he read his poetry to the nuns. From then on his life was devoted to sharing and explaining his experience of God's love.

His life of poverty and persecution could have produced a bitter cynic. Instead it gave birth to a compassionate mystic, who lived by the beliefs that "Who has ever seen people persuaded to love God by harshness?" and "Where there is no love, put love -- and you will find love."

John left us many books of practical advice on spiritual growth and prayer that are just as relevant today as they were then. These books include: *Ascent of Mount Carmel*, *Dark Night of the Soul* and *A Spiritual Canticle of the Soul and the Bridegroom Christ*.

## Show Me the Money

*(Continued from last week)* If we look at a housewife, we see a position that comes with almost no monetary gain. A very labor-intensive job requiring heavy lifting and moving of heavy objects. Responsibilities include picking up and cleaning after others, cooking for everyone and being the last to eat, cleaning all pots and pans and other dishes from the meal, washing, drying, folding and ironing clothes, shopping for food and other items for the family and forgetting what you needed. *(To be continued next week)*

## Treasures from Our Tradition

Today there is an abrupt shift in the season of Advent. From here on the tone is more joyful and expectant and the tug of the Christmas message is irresistible. At daily Mass on December 17 we begin to unfold the story of Jesus' birth. Who can resist the beauty of the first reading today—deserts aflame with flowers, arthritics set to dancing, the tone-deaf singing hymns? So we don't miss the change, the parish may take rose-colored vestments out of mothballs, we may light rose-colored candles on the wreath, or fill in our wreaths with desert flowers, pink seashells, seed pods, cones and berries. The seeds of God's kingdom have been sown in us. In these shining days of Advent they are sprouting in many ways. How do we bring the promise to light? This is the week to prepare gifts for the poor. It is the week to invite a lonely neighbor to your Christmas dinner, the week to write a note forgiving a lost friend, the week to shatter a family grudge so that even in the desert places of your heart, Christ's life may blossom.

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## The Angelus

**R/.** The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

**V/.** And she conceived of the Holy Ghost

Hail Mary...

**R/.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

**V/.** Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

**R/.** And the Word was made Flesh:

**V/.** And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

**R/.** Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

**V/.** that we may be made worthy of the promises of

Christ. Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

## Statement of the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey on the Reproductive Freedom Act

The Catholic Church believes and teaches that all human life is sacred from conception to natural death. For that reason, we, the Bishops of each of the dioceses in New Jersey, join in voicing the strongest possible opposition to the "Reproductive Freedom Act."



Without minimizing other serious threats to human life and dignity evident in contemporary American society, the Catholic Church consistently maintains that "the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed" (USCCB, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, "Introductory Letter," 2020).

When informed of the text of the USCCB document early in 2020, Pope Francis observed that the right to life of the unborn "is the most fundamental right. This is not first a religious issue; it is a human rights issue. (Pope Francis to American Catholic Bishops, USCCB Region IX, January 16, 2020)."

As the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, we urge all Catholics and people of good will to reject this proposed legislative initiative in our state and to contact your State legislators to vigorously express opposition to its passage.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.  
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Newark

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.  
Bishop, Diocese of Trenton

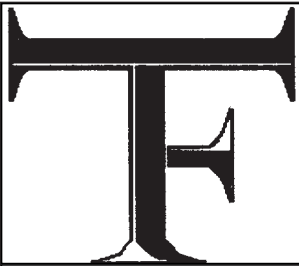
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