



Our Lady Queen of Peace

400 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, New Jersey 07607

December 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY

of *Advent*

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Jesus said,
“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

Matthew 11:4-5

This Week at OLQP *media@olqp.org*

BUILDING KEY: (A) Auditorium / (CH) Church / (PC) Parish Center / (S) School

S	12/15	8:00a	Advent Giving Tree / Wreath Sale
		8:30a	Gr. 4 Families (CH)
		10:00a	CCD Classes (S) & (PC)
		1:00p	LWC (CH)
		7:00p	Advent Giving Tree Gifts Sorted & Delivered
M	12/16	7:30p	Youth Group Mtg. (PC)
T	12/17	4:00p	Advent Penance Service (St. Philip the Apostle, Saddle Brook)
		7:00p	Youth Choir Practice (CH)
W	12/18	7:00p	OLQP Choir Practice (CH)
			RCIA (PC)
T	12/19	7:00p	Alive in the Spirit (PC)
		7:15p	Silent Night (CH)
F	12/20	7:00p	OMPH Novena (PC)
T	12/19	7:00p	Grupo de Oración Luz y Vida (PC)
F	12/20	7:15p	BINGO (A)
F	12/20	7:00p	Simbang Gabi (CH) / (A)
S	12/21	1:00p	Confessions (CH)
S	12/22	8:30a	CCD Classes (S) & (PC)
		9:25a	Rosary Recitation (CH)
		10:00a	LWC (CH)
		4:00p	Annual Christmas Pageant (CH)
		7:00p	Youth Group Mtg. (PC)

ONLINE GIVING

For info on Online Giving check out the link on our website "Electronic Giving now Available!"

STEWARDSHIP - *What Kind of Minister Are You?:* (Moved to next week)

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

SERVED BY

- Rev. Antonio L. Ricarte, Administrator
- Rev. Rafal T. Smola, Parochial Vicar
- Rev. Jonathan Yabiliyok, In Residence
- Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Zaccardo, Pastor Emeritus
- Rev. Michael German, Weekend Assistant
- Rev. Don Hummel, Weekend Assistant
- Deacon Joseph L. Mantineo
- Deacon Anthony A. Balestrieri, Deacon Emeritus
- Angela Connelly, Director of Religious Education
- Giovanni Longo, Director of Music
- James McCarthy, Principal - St. Peter Academy
- Dorothy Feula, Lay Trustee

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**Third Sunday of Advent
 December 15, 2019**

Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

View online: usccb.org/bible

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 12/16 Penance Service (St. Philip, Saddle Brook)
- 12/20 5th Annual Simbang Gabi (Night Mass) at 7:00 PM (Pg. 5)
- 12/22 Annual Christmas Pageant
- 2/8 Movie Night - "Power in My Hands."

FOR MORE INFO ON UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETING RESCHEDULING / CANCELLATIONS, DELAYED OPENINGS / CLOSINGS DUE TO WEATHER & OTHER ISSUES / UPDATES, VISIT: WWW.OLQP.ORG

Advent Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 16 - 7:30 pm

St. Philip the Apostle Church, Saddle Brook

OUR MASS SCHEDULE

- Saturday - 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday - 8:00, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
- Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:00 AM Mass
- Daily - Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM
- Holy days - See Bulletin for Mass Schedule



RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 1:00 PM or by appointment

Parish Center Office Hours

- Monday through Thursday:
- 9AM - 12N / 1PM - 3PM / 6PM - 8PM
- Friday & Saturday: 9AM - 1PM
- Sunday - Closed



Parish Dinner of Appreciation

From Father Tony:

December 15, 2019

Dear OLQP Brothers and Sisters,

"Gaudete"... is the "in" word this Sunday! The Third Sunday of Advent is, in fact, popularly known as "Gaudete Sunday". As many of you know, "gaudete" is a Latin word which means "rejoice". And since the entrance antiphon of today's Mass begins with: "Rejoice (Latin: Gaudete) in the Lord always," we, thus, refer to this Sunday as - "Gaudete Sunday."

It is good to be reminded of this exhortation of St. Paul to the Philippians "to rejoice. The reason for our rejoicing is rooted in the truth that here and now we already have a glimpse of the Lord's presence in our lives.

Personally, I have this wonderful experience of "rejoicing" in the Lord a week ago during the Parish Dinner of Appreciation for the leaders and heads of our parish groups and organizations and the lay volunteers from our various ministries. It was truly a beautiful evening of our community of faith gathering to spend time to pray and to have dinner together. There were about one hundred and fifty who came.

Finding myself among brothers and sisters of faith that evening was, for me, a good reason to rejoice. Then, when each one wrote on a small note of paper their vision/hopes for our parish and posted them on a backdraft of our church facade, my heart was all the more rejoicing. For in that simple but meaningful act, I had a glimpse of the presence of God concretely manifested in our parish.

I hope you take the time to watch the video of the event from our parish website. I hope the few pictures can at least capture the experience we had that evening.

And then, perhaps you can understand the reason for my rejoicing.

God bless,

Fr. Tony



**SCHEDULE OF MASSES
FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 21st, 5 pm
Sunday, December 22nd, 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

**CHRISTMAS MASSES
A Holy Day of Obligation**

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24th
5 pm and 10 pm
Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25th
8 am, 10 am, and 12 noon

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31st (Vigil)

Tuesday, December 31st, 5pm

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(NEW YEAR'S MASS)
A Holy Day of Obligation**

Wednesday, January 1st, 10 am and 12 noon

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	STEWARDSHIP RESULTS
<u>Weekend of 12/08/19</u>	<u>Year-to-Date as of 12/09/19</u>
Offertory \$ 6,450	Budget \$166,750
Children \$ 63	Actual \$151,314
Immaculate Conception \$ 241	Under Target \$(15,436)
Decoration Offering \$ 359	
Retirement Fund \$ 241	
<u>Weekend of 12/08/19</u>	Ushers do not carry change, nor can they touch the money that is collected at Mass; so please do not ask them for change. Thank you for understanding and for your continued generosity.
Budget \$ 7,250	
Actual \$ 6,754	
Under Target \$ (497)	

✝ MASS SCHEDULE

Dates December 15th until December 22nd, 2019

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/15 8:00 am Juan & Remedios Rualo
 10:00 am The Georgetti Family
 12:00 n Irma Flanigan Allen

Monday

12/16 8:30 am Valerie Soentgerath

Tuesday

12/17 8:30 am Corrine Caggiano

Wednesday

12/18 8:30 am People of the Parish

Thursday

12/19 8:30 am John Ricardo, Sr.

Friday

12/20 8:30 am Jose Nunes
 Simbang Gabi 7:00 pm Intentions of the Congregation

Saturday - St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

12/21 8:30 am John Ricardo
 5:00 pm Delfin Sto. Domingo

SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/22 8:00 am Antonia Bufi
 10:00 am Mary Brandt
 12:00 n Anthony & Tom Bachia

MEMORIALS

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of Frances & Samuel Monaco
 by MaryAnn Monaco

Advent Wreath Candle

In Memory of Jose & Michael Nunes
 by the Nunes Family

Note: Please remember the Altar Bread, Wine and Candles, as well as the St. Joseph candle and BVM candle can be memorialized by calling the Parish Center at 201-845-9566

Bereavement Support | dcnjoe@olqp.org

It is said that death ends our life on earth, but it does not end a relationship. There is great truth in this statement. However, the loss of a loved one can bring great pain. If you need bereavement counseling, please contact Deacon Joe at 201-845-9566, Ext. 119.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Rest in Peace

Denise Caulfield

Sick Relatives & Friends

Cesar Aguilar	Roberta Leibowitz	Ann Marie Praino
Dcn. Anthony Balestrieri	Alice Liso	Robert Raimo
Claire Borrello	Christopher Locascio	Charlie Rojo
Theresa Bouchard	Debbie Locascio	John Ruisch
Michael Bowers	Peter Locascio	Fran Sampson
Ginny Cattaneo	Diane Lohrer	Wilbert Santos
Carmen Cepeda	Dcn. Joseph Mantineo	Joanne Sontag
Phil Dimitri	Susie McMullen	Richard Spagnuolo
Carole Ehrlich	Sonia Medrano	Joseph Steiner
Eric Hagberg	Jim Moran	Liam Justin N. Torres
Valerie Havekost	Barbara Nelson	Barbara Twidle
Jack Jordan	Nowak Family	Mary Walker
Rosemarie Kaminski	O'Leary Family	Andrew Wey
Morgan Lamareux	Sharon Osnowitz	Joyce Wilson
	Vallie Pompilio	Sue Wright

Names will remain on our sick list for four weeks unless we are notified by the family.

Anyone requesting a Prayer Shawl for a sick person is asked to call the Parish Center.

If you have a family member who is in a nursing home or rehabilitation center, please notify the Parish Center so we can arrange to visit them.

Please remember to place Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in your Will. Those who generously did this in the past have helped us to stay out of a heavy debt and help to make our many ministries a reality.

"In the time prior to celebrating our Mass, as the parish family of Our Lady Queen of Peace, you are invited to spend this time in quiet prayerful reflection, asking our Lady and her Son for peace in our world, our country, our Church, our families, and in our hearts."

PRAYERS



Please keep in your prayers all of our active military personnel here and overseas. We especially pray for our own parishioners: Joshua Ashley, Alexa Caramb, Ryan O'Connell, John Velazquez. May the Lord protect them in their service.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena will be on Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.



**LITTELST ANGELS CLASSES
FOR 3 & 4 YEAR OLD CHILDREN**

Our "Littlest Angels" program for 3 and 4 year olds is offered during the 10am Mass. Parents would bring their child to room 8 in the school before Mass begins. A trained catechist and teacher aide provide age level religious education which includes prayer, music, Bible stories and crafts.

When Mass is finished the children return to church to meet with their parents. Attendance is not mandatory if your child is not at the 10am Mass, but the program is open only to families who attend the 10:00am Sunday Mass.

It is imperative that we have at least 5 children to offer the class again this January. The cost is \$15 for the remainder of this school year (\$1 per week to cover the craft). If you have a child who is 3 or 4 years old as of January 1, 2020 please contact the religious education office to register for the class. 201-845-9545 or dre@olqp.org



*We welcome the newest members of our parish community:
Antonia Betancur, Martina Betancur
Patrick Kyle Grahn, Angel Alexander Montilla
Who received the Sacrament of Baptism last
Sunday, Dec 8, 2019. We congratulate their families!*

Simbang Gabi -The Filipino-American Maywood Apostolate invites you to its Fifth Annual Simbang Gabi (Advent Mass), to be held at **7 PM, Friday, December 20.** Fellowship to follow in our auditorium after the Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office #: 201-845-9545 / dre@olqp.org

"PARENTS ARE THE FIRST TEACHERS OF THEIR CHILDREN"

For all Religious Education inquiries please contact Angela Connelly at info above.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DECEMBER SCHEDULE

We are reminding you that we have class next Sunday, Dec. 22nd. No class on Dec. 29th.

**UPCOMING SERVICE ACTIVITIES
for grades 6 and 7 students**

(contact Mrs. Connelly)

Grade 2 Reconciliation Retreat
January 18, 2020 – 8:30am – 11:45am

*Children's activity booklets are available
in the back of the church*

**YOUTH MINISTRY
CORNER**

(201) 845-9566
justine.garcia@olqp.org



The Youth Group usually meets on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Youth Room. Any youth in grades 8-12 are invited to join us. If you have any questions, please email our Coordinator, Justine at email above.

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RCIA

If you are interested in being baptized or wish to receive the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program will prepare you for the reception of these sacraments.

If who have received the sacraments of initiation and wish to learn more about your faith, our RCIA program is also for you. The RCIA meetings are held in a friendly, relaxed, and informal setting every Tuesday at 7 pm in the Parish Center. For more information contact Dcn. Joe Mantineo at 201-845-9566 x119 or dcnjoe@olqp.org

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY / psolqp@aol.com

PRAYER SHAWL NEWS

Due to the early sunset and low turnout, we've decided there will be no Prayer Shawl Meetings until March. Thank you & God bless, Janice Cromwell



RESPECT LIFE

Any woman who is pregnant and in need can get help. She never has to feel that abortion is the only option and can find assistance at the following numbers:

Crisis Pregnancy Helpline **Post Abortion Healing**
1-888-4-OPTIONS **1-877-HOPE 4 ME**
1-888-NO-ABORT **rachelsvineyard.org**

Birthright - 1-800-550-4900 or 201-845-4646

NJ law allows a mother who cannot keep a recently born baby to leave the baby at a hospital or a police station, no questions asked. For info call 877-839-2339.

Respect Life Office at 973-497-4350 | rileyche@rcan.org

getyourcare.org | babiesinthewombfeelpain.com
https://olqp-maywood.org/respect_life.html

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - HELP WANTED

We are going to be decorating our church for Christmas on the following days and times:

THURSDAY DEC. 19

Meet at 6:30 pm in the church
(Setting up manger & decorating trees)

SATURDAY DEC. 21

Meet at 9:30am in the church for the finishing touches (Hanging garland & wreaths).

We have a shortened time period to do all this, so all help will be greatly appreciated. If you want to volunteer just come at the designated times. Thank you in advance.

The Decorating Committee

Any questions call Judy Tompkins 201-845-4097 or cell 201-994-5378



HUMAN CONCERNS NEWS

olqphumanconcerns@gmail.com



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS were given to 11 families this year. THANK YOU to all who donated in so many ways. Your generosity helped to support and to renew the spirit of those in need. Pictured with Fr Tony who blessed the baskets are some members of the Human Concerns Ministry.

The Harrison House Ministry is in need of additional volunteers to prepare and deliver a meal for up to 8 individuals housed in this program located at New Bridge Medical Center. OLQP is scheduled once a month, but cook volunteers rotate only serving a couple of times a year. Please leave a message at the Parish Center for Mary Menditto for more information. Thank you!

Eva's Village - If anyone is interested in helping to pack gift bags for the homeless to be distributed by Eva's at Christmas, please leave a message for Mary Menditto at the Parish Center. We could arrange a time slot at Eva's for an OLQP group to help out during the week of Dec. 16th.

SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

If interested in volunteering, contact Mary Flanigan at parish@olqp.org (Subject: Soup Kitchen).

CALENDARS - Our 2020 calendars are available! Once again thanks to Trinkia Faustini for their most generous donation of calendars this year! Each year our friends at Trinkia supply us with enough calendars for our entire parish family. Be sure to pick one up.

Support the Knights of Columbus!



Christmas Trees for Sale!

BY ORDER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FIRE ZONES (ALONG THE SIDES OF OUR DRIVEWAYS)!

EVERY THURSDAY – AUDITORIUM – 7:15PM – Doors open 4:45PM

BINGO

OVER A \$2000.00 IN REGULAR PAYOUTS + PROGRESSIVE

Three great ways in supporting our church. 

1. Come and play (*and you could win!*)
2. Volunteer as bingo staff (*easy way to help out*)
3. Or you can do both (*support to the fullest*)

Email us at OLQPbingo@gmail.com for more info

OLQP ADVENT GIVING TREE - The Giving Tree itself is no more than an unlit Christmas tree placed in the back of the Church, but the "Spirit of Giving" is what makes it "Shine". **Bring your gift with tag attached and place beneath the trees prior to the Noon Mass this weekend.** As the request of the agencies, gifts must be returned by that date. The gifts will be donated to Mother Teresa's Kitchen, Newark, Eva's Village, Paterson, Birthright, Maywood, New Bridge Medical Center, Paramus, DYFS, Essex County and - the Angel Tree Fellowship Program. The Giving Tree truly illuminates the meaning of Christmas. In this Advent/Christmas Season, let us open our hearts and share our blessings with those less fortunate.



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

olqprosarysociety@gmail.com



The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will be praying the Rosary at 9:25 a.m. the 4th Sunday of each Month for the intention of Peace in the World. We extend an invitation to anyone who wishes to lead us in praying the mysteries, to please contact us at justine.garcia@olqp.org or call (201) 961-4782. The Rosary is a gift to **all** the faithful.

Check out www.olqp.org and see all the ministries that are offered.

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children - which provides partial tuition scholarships for low income students in grades K-12 to attend Catholic schools - will hold its annual High School Basketball Festival on Sunday, January 5th, 2020 at the Harwood Arena in Kean University. This year's line-up includes the following games; Girls: Oak Knoll vs. Union Catholic, Boys: St. Joseph vs. St. Thomas Aquinas, Hudson Catholic vs. Union Catholic, Seton Hall Prep vs. Immaculate Conception, St. Benedict's Prep vs. Canarsie High School. For complete game times and event information on ordering tickets, please e-mail Barbara.Cortes@rcan.org or call (973) 497-4279.



PARISH MEMBERSHIP: New Parishioners are requested to register in the Parish as soon as possible. Please notify the Parish office of any changes in address and phone number.

Name _____
 Address _____
 Town _____
 Phone # _____
 Email _____

Check

- I wish to receive a registration form
- I have a change of address
- I am moving out of the parish

Please cut out and return to the Parish Center or place in the basket.

SILENT NIGHTS

The Season of Advent is a time of expectation, preparing for the re-birth of the Christ child in our hearts. The Season of Advent is often lost and frequently becomes a time for shopping. We are trying to regain something of that which has been lost. The Quiet! Silence! Times for Prayer! So, we invite you to come here to join us for Advent Silent Nights. What is a Silent Night? Silent Nights are nights of reflection, quiet, solitude right here at Our Lady Queen of Peace. We invite you to come to church where there will be sacred music and candlelight and time to get in touch with our Divine Lord. Come pray! Come read the Bible! Come and just be alone for a while. Silent Nights will be here in church from 7 to 9 PM on Wednesday evenings during Advent. All are invited!



ANNUAL WREATH & GRAVE BLANKET SALE
 Wreath \$25
 Grave Pillow \$30
 Grave Blanket \$40

OLQP BREAKING NEWS



We've started using a new tool to communicate with you; consequently, we'll be able to via email, communicate parish time-sensitive information to you. To Opt-In, email notifications@olqp.org, drop a note in the collection basket with your name and email address or contact the Parish Center.