



Our Lady Queen of Peace

400 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, New Jersey 07607

December 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY

of *Advent*

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Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23

This Week at OLQP		media@olqp.org	
BUILDING KEY: (A) Auditorium / (CH) Church / (PC) Parish Center / (S) School			
S	12/22	8:30a 9:25a 10:00a 4:00p 7:00p	CCD Classes (S) & (PC) Rosary Recitation (CH) LWC (CH) Annual Christmas Pageant (CH) Youth Group Mtg. (PC)
M	12/23	4:00p 7:00p	Youth Choir (CH) OLQP Choir (CH)
T	12/24	5:00p 10:00p	PARISH CENTER CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE (VIGIL) MASS (CH) MASS (CH)
CHRISTMAS DAY - A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION			
W	12/25	8:00a 10:00a 12:00n	PARISH CENTER CLOSED MASS (CH) MASS (CH) MASS (CH)
T	12/26		PARISH CENTER CLOSED NO BINGO
F	12/27		
S	12/28	1:00p	Confessions (CH)
S	12/29	10:00a 7:00p	NO CCD / NO LWC K of C Mass (CH) / Breakfast (A) Youth Group Mtg. (PC)



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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019**

The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Mt 1:18-24).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

View online: usccb.org/bible

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 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

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



Closed
Dec.
24, 25, 26

From Father Tony:

December 22, 2019

Dear OLQP Brothers and Sisters,

We are now on the last Sunday before Christmas!

Being that Christmas is but a few days away, it is very timely to read and reflect on the latest Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis released December 1, 2019 entitled "**ADMIRABLE SIGNUM**" on the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene (or what we commonly call *the crèche*).

Here are some important points that Pope Francis wrote in his letter:

"With this Letter, I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons, and town squares. Great imagination and creativity are always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition, which encapsulates a wealth of popular piety. It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be rediscovered and revived."

"Setting up the Christmas crèche in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. Naturally, the Gospels remain our source for understanding and reflecting on that event. At the same time, its portrayal in the crèche helps us to imagine the scene. It touches our hearts and makes us enter into salvation history...the nativity scene has invited us to "feel" and "touch" the poverty that God's Son took upon himself in the Incarnation. Implicitly, it summons us to follow him along the path of humility, poverty and self-denial that leads from the manger of Bethlehem to the cross."

"It does not matter how the nativity scene is arranged: it can always be the same or it can change from year to year. What matters is that it speaks to our lives. Wherever it is, and whatever form it takes, the Christmas crèche speaks to us of the love of God, the God who became a child in order to make us know how close he is to every man, woman, and child, regardless of their condition."

Dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas crèche is part of the precious yet demanding process of passing on the faith. Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, it teaches us to contemplate Jesus, to experience God's love for us, to feel and believe that God is with us and that we are with him, his children, brothers and sisters all, thanks to that Child who is the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. And to realize that in that knowledge we find true happiness."

My hope is that this letter of Pope Francis will encourage us all to continue the tradition of setting up the Nativity Scene for Christmas each year!

God bless,

Fr. Tony

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?:

(Continued from 2 weeks ago) I believe the laity has been given a precious ministry too often ignored. I call you to seek your unique, necessary task of making **God in Christ known** to those who need you. We have all kinds of ministries - some very effective, some indifferent and lethargic. We exist as a congregation not only to give glory to **God** in true and life-changing worship, but we exist to draw others and to serve them, as they need to be served. We can and must do a far better job of training and equipping ourselves to become the effective ministers **God** intends us to be! Are you willing to consciously grow as the ministers you are?

2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Did you know that there is still time to support the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal?

Our Lady Queen of Peace has received \$26,479 in pledges. Thank you to those parishioners who have already shown your support and generosity. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark? Our Goal, \$41,361 can only be achieved through **YOUR** generosity! If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

YOUR gift will truly make a difference.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

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

✚ MASS SCHEDULE

Dates December 22nd until December 29th, 2019

SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Monday - St. John of Kanty, Priest

12/23 8:30 am Stephen & Bridget O'Callaghan

Tuesday

12/24 8:30 am Cathy Cordasco
 5:00 pm Buddy O'Connell
 (10th Anniversary)
 10:00 pm Anthony & Nanene Roselli

Wednesday - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

12/25 8:00 am Mary & Daniel O'Callaghan
 10:00 am John L. Tamborini
 12:00 n Jackie, Jack, & Maureen Taylor

Thursday - St. Stephen, The First Martyr

12/26 8:30 am People of the Parish

Friday - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

12/27 8:30 am Evienne James Razal
 (2nd Birthday - Living)

Saturday - The Holy Innocents

12/28 8:30 am Frank Romano
 5:00 pm John Hrablook

SUNDAY - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

12/29 8:00 am Mary Brandt
 10:00 am Living & Deceased Members of
 OLQP Knights of Columbus
 12:00 n Lawrence Lyons

MEMORIALS

Altar Bread, Wine, Candles, Sanctuary Lamp,
 BVM Candle, & St. Joseph Candle

In Memory of Buddy O'Connell
 by Karen O'Connell & Family

Advent Wreath Candle

In Memory of Mary Brandt by the McGowan 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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Rest in Peace

Alfred Tufo

Sick Relatives & Friends

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

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.

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.

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 CLASSES

POSTPONED DECEMBER 29TH

Classes resume on January 5, 2020. Liturgy of the Word for Children will also not take place on December 29th. It will resume on January 5th.

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*

LITTLEST 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

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

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Have you been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Have you forgotten how to go to Confession? Our website (olqp.org) has a "How to Go to Confession Guide", as well as several examples of an examination of conscience. Confessions are heard every Saturday at 1 PM or by appointment.



***May the Peace and Joy
of the Infant Savior
be with you
and your family
this Christmas.***

**The Clergy & Staff
of the parish**

OLQP



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



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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

www.maywoodkofc.org

TO THE MEN OF OLQP FROM DEACON JOE

As you may know, I'm a member of the Knights of Columbus and here at our parish, I am the Chaplain of Our Lady Queen of Peace Council 3426.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Council is a Catholic men's organization that supports our parish, builds up Catholic family life, and reaches out to those in need. That means if you are an adult male, and are sitting in this church, you can join today.

The Knights of Columbus now have a webpage called "kofc.org/joinus" - where you can join in seconds with just a few clicks. Or you can talk to me, or any of my brother Knights in the parish.

Save the Date OLQP Knights of Columbus Is Celebrating it's 25th Annual Comedy Night

Saturday, January 25, 2020

OLQP Auditorium, starts 8:00 PM
(doors open 7:00 PM)

\$30 Per Person

3 Great Comedians Door Prizes
BYOB, DJ AND DANCING

FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT
PGK ROCKY CONFORTI AT 201-712-1046
or PGK Joe Mellone 201-906-4580
18 AND OLDER ONLY



HUMAN CONCERNS NEWS

olqphumanconcerns@gmail.com

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!

GRATITUDE

So many people to thank for making our Advent Giving Tree a success this year! The Spirit of Christmas was alive in all those who donated cards, prepared the tags (including our Religious Ed Youth), dressed the tree, collected, counted, bagged and delivered the gifts. Thanks also to Joe and Mark for setting up the trees and Mark for also keeping a watchful eye on the numerous bags that multiplied in two weeks!

The compassion of our Parish family helps spread God's message of love, hope and peace to those in need. The Human Concerns Ministry wishes the same to you and yours in the New Year!
Mary Menditto

SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

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

HOW SHOULD WE DRESS FOR MASS?

Each Sunday the Lord invites us to His House. Are you dressed properly for this important Sacred Sacrificial Meal?

FOLLOW US ON:

	Like/Follow this Facebook page. It's updated w/important parish info.	332 Likes!
	Our Lady Queen of Peace Church	357 Follows!
	Instagram at OLQPCH_Maywood	64 Followers 7 Following
	OLQPCH Maywood 50 Videos	Subscribers - 45

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

NO BINGO THIS WEEK !

Bingo resumes on Thursday, January 9th. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

OVER A \$2000.00 IN REGULAR PAYOUTS + PROGRESSIVE

Three great ways in supporting our church.

1. Come and play (and you could win!)
2. Or you can do both (support to help out)
3. Or you can do both (support to the fullest)

Email us at OLQPbingo@gmail.com for more info

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

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

rosarysociety@olqp.org



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.

CATHOLIC ADVOCATE ONLINE

<https://www.rcan.org/the-catholic-advocate>

CATHOLIC RADIO - TV - ONLINE STREAMING

Relevant Radio 1430 AM / relevantradio.com

Optimum: EWTN 135 & CFN 137

Fios: EWTN 285 & Catholic Faith Network 296
ewtn.com > Television > Watch Live

Why should I register in the parish? - All members of the parish should be formally registered as members of the parish. However, you **MUST** be formally registered if you wish to arrange a Baptism, a Confirmation, or a Wedding in the parish Church. You **MUST** also be formally registered if you wish to register in the Parish School or the Religious Education (CCD) Program. You **MUST** be a registered member of the parish for at least three months before you can obtain a Sponsor Certificate or schedule a Baptism or a Wedding.



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.

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church; no matter what your family or marital status is; no matter where you are in the practice of faith; no matter what your personal history, age, or background is; no matter what your self-image may be; **YOU** are invited, welcomed and loved at **Our Lady Queen of Peace Church.**

Scams- Please be wary that anyone who demands payment by cash/gift card by text/email is always a scammer. Be aware that the priests and staff of OLQP **would never** make a request such as this.

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

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.

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.