

Our Lady Queen of Peace

As the test of what the potter molds
is in the furnace,
so in tribulation is the test of the just.

Sirach 27:5



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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022

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Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 PM

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

Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM

Holy days - See Bulletin

*Livestreamed on Facebook

Reconciliation

Saturday - 1:00 PM or by
appointment

Emergency Contact

(funerals, anointings, etc.)
(201) 845-9566 ext. 3

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 the Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick

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 Intentions**

February 27, 2022 to March 6, 2022

Sunday - EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2/27 8:00 am Catherine Velardi
 10:00 am Bridget Ruane
 Noon Patricia M. Gianella

Monday - Weekday

2/28 8:30 am Margaret and Nell Frawley

Tuesday - Weekday

3/1 8:30 am Henry W. Milller

Wednesday - ASH WEDNESDAY

3/2 8:30 am Deceased Members of the Hayes Family
 7:00 pm Eloise Rodriguez

Thursday - Thursday after Ash Wednesday
[Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin]

3/3 8:30 am Margaret Arcaroli

Friday - Friday after Ash Wednesday
[Saint Casimir]

3/4 8:30 am Henry Corniel

Saturday - Saturday after Ash Wednesday

3/5 8:30 am Aniela Miltyk
 5:00 pm Ann and Thomas Lynch

Sunday - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

3/6 8:00 am People of the Parish
 10:00 am Michael Ruane
 Noon Robert Heffernan

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesdays 7 pm in the Church



February 27, 2022 - Today's Readings

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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Please Remember in Your Prayers

Rest in Peace

Deacon Anthony "Tony" Balestrieri
 Rev. William J. Halbing
 Sister Mary Anne Katlack, SC
 Rev. Monsignor Francis R. Lo Bianco

Sick Relatives and Friends

Mary Adamo	Gardenia Hounbo	Mary Pontilla
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Eileen Diverio	Gemma Olliges	Julia Whitney
Mark Diverio	Sharon Osnowitz	Joyce Wilson
Emily Ferreira	Harriet Pellicione	*Names in bold
Yancey Garcia	Mia Pensari	are new to the list
Baby Christopher	Vallie Pompilio	
Sean Hill		

Weekly Memorials

Blessed Mother Candle
 in Memory of Maria Viva
by Concetta Cascone

Daily Prayer for Pope Francis and Our Clergy



Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving-kindness, in the ways of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Jesus, Savior of the world, sanctify Thy priests and sacred ministers. Amen.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Rest In Peace, Deacon Tony Balestrieri

Dear Our Lady Queen of Peace Brothers and Sisters,

It is with sadness that we convey to our parishioners the news of the passing away of Deacon Tony Balestrieri on February 21, 2022. Deacon Tony was ordained for the Archdiocese of Newark on December 12, 1976 and served our parish faithfully for many years. The Mass of Christian Burial for him was celebrated here in our Church last Friday, February 25, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Please join me in praying for Deacon Balestrieri and his bereaved wife, Carmela, and their family in their loss. United in sure hope of the Resurrection of all who are faithful, we thank God for the gift of Deacon Balestrieri's life and ministry and we ask Him to touch our brother's loved ones with His peace.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tony

We are Known by Our Fruit

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Annual Appeal

Make your gift today.

As the season of Lent begins, kindly return your 2022 Annual Appeal envelope to the parish by **Sunday, March 6th**. Thank you very much for your generosity!

Rosary Society Meeting March 7th - 7 pm

The Rosary Society will be meeting again. The first meeting is scheduled for **Monday March 7th at 7 pm** in the Church for the recitation of the Rosary. Immediately following will be coffee and cake in the auditorium followed by the general meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Ash Wednesday Schedule



8:30 am Mass with Distribution of Ashes
3:00 pm Prayer Service
7:00 pm Mass

Archdiocese of Newark 2022 Lenten Regulations

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. **The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.**

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022.

*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

February 18, 2022
Vicar General Office

"All Generations Will Call Me Blessed!"



"St. Alphonsus invites us to be among those whom Mary prophesied would call her blessed down through the generations.

How many who were once proud have become humble by devotion to Mary! How many who were ruled by passion have become restrained! How many in the midst of darkness have found light! How many who were in despair have found confidence! How many who were lost have found salvation by the same powerful means! All this, Mary clearly foretold in the house of Elizabeth, in her own sublime canticle: "Behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed!" (Lk 1:48). And St. Bernard, interpreting her words, says "All generations call you blessed, because you have given life and glory to all nations; for in you sinners find pardon, and the righteous find perseverance in the grace of God."

For this reason, the devout monk Lanspergius has our Lord address the world this way: "Men, poor children of Adam, who live surrounded by so many enemies in the midst of so many trials! Endeavor to honor my Mother and yours in a special way. For I've given Mary to the world, so that she may be your model, and so that from her you may learn to lead good lives. I've given her also to be a refuge to which you can flee in your afflictions and trials. I've made this daughter of mine in such a way that no one need fear or have the last reluctance to turn to her. For this purpose I've created her of such a kind and compassionate disposition that she doesn't know how to despise anyone who takes refuge with her, nor can she deny her favor to anyone who seeks it. The mantle of her mercy is open to all, and she allows no one to leave her feet without consoling him." May the immense goodness of our God be ever praise and blessed for having given us such a great, such a tender, such a loving mother and advocate!

- St. Alphonsus Ligouri, *The Glories of Mary*

In God's presence, consider..,

Am I among those who call Mary blessed? Is it my frequent habit to take time to praise her for her role in my salvation, and to ask for her assistance in living a holy life?"

Excerpts from "A Year with Mary" by Paul Thigpen

Bible Study Reboot!

Mark your calendars for a Bible Study reboot. We are looking for a late February/early March start on Monday nights @7:30. We will be covering the book of James, a leader of the early church. Please confirm at the below email address so we know how many seats we need. Looking forward to seeing you and taking this faith journey together.

OLQPBibleStudy@gmail.com



Thank you, Father Paul!

Please join us today, February 27th, after Sunday mass in the auditorium to thank Father Paul for his ministry at Our Lady Queen of Peace and to wish him farewell as he begins his new ministry as Chaplain of Gates of Heaven Cemetery!

Thank
you

What is Cursillo?



The Spanish word Cursillo translates to "little course" in our case a little course in Christianity. The purpose of Cursillo is to build Christian Communities in neighborhoods, parishes, workplaces and other environments in which people live

the greatest parts of their lives. Cursillo makes it possible for anyone in the world to live a Christian life in a natural way. It provides a means by which men and women can live the Gospel every day.

The Cursillo Movement is a lay movement within the Catholic Church that shares the fundamentals of being a Christian as both an individual and in community. Cursillo helps people discover and fulfill their personal vocations while promoting groups of Christians who inspire their environments with the Gospel.

It begins with a three day experience of living Christianity... a little course in Christian community with daily Mass, communion and visits to the prayer room or chapel.

It starts Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. During those three days, those attending live and work together, listen to talks given by the spiritual directors and laypeople and participate in small group discussions.

The talks include topics that deal with real life... the Christian ideal, the Catholic faith and how we can bring Christ into the modern world

The following is a list of weekends held at the Kearny Youth Center - Cost \$150

Women's 181st Cursillo Weekend

March 31, 2022 - April 3, 2022

Men's 197th Cursillo Weekend

June 2, 2022 - June 5, 2022

Women's 182nd Cursillo Weekend

October 6, 2022 - October 9, 2022

OLQP meetings will now be in the Parish Center at 7 pm

March 22, 2022, April 26, 2022
and May 24, 2022

If you would like more information about what a Cursillo weekend is all about, please come to the group reunion and we will give you more information or you can contact Joanne Godlewski at jojowey@gmail.com. Or 201-870-3100, Rudy or Irene Schwarz at silverrs@optonline.net or 201-742-5695 Connie Szymanski at szyma843@optonline.net 201-843-1836

Devotions Before Holy Communion

An Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that by the words of consecration spoken during Mass, bread truly becomes the Body of Christ and wine His most Precious Blood, and that Thy Divine Son is offered to Thee upon the altar under appearances representing that separation of His Body and Blood which took place on Calvary. Therefore, do I believe with my whole heart, that this holy Victim is the same as that of the cross, whom I am about to receive, in order to unite my sacrifices to His own, by immolating myself with Him for Thy glory. Amen.

An Act of Hope

O my God, I place all my hope in Jesus, my loving Saviour, truly present before me on the altar. He, who on the cross offered to Thee the superabundant merits of His Divine Blood, shed for our sins. Do Thou graciously accept the offering, which I now make to Thee at the hands of Thy priests, of the holy Victim who has reconciled us to Thyself, and being fully appeased by Him, grant to my soul the graces it needs in order to receive my Lord worthily and obtain through Him all the effects of Thy Fatherly goodness. Amen.

An Act of Contrition

O my God, at the moment of receiving within myself the Divine Victim of Calvary, I confess sincerely before Thy Divine Majesty and before the whole court of heaven, that I have offended Thee by thought, word and deed. By my sins I have contributed to the death of Jesus on the cross; but Thou hast forgiven me, washing my soul in the Blood of Thy Son and clothing it with the wedding garment of Thy grace. I come, therefore, contrite and repentant, but with a heart overflowing with boundless gratitude, to the holy table which Thou hast prepared for the prodigal child, who had abandoned Thee, and whom in Thy goodness Thou wouldst nourish with Heavenly Bread. Amen.

An Act of Love

O my God, I love Thee with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my strength and with no other desire than to be inseparably united to Thee. It is through Thy Divine Son that this union is about to be realized within me. In Holy Communion I long to identify myself with Him, that it will no longer be myself, but Him, who lives in me; and when I have received Jesus within myself, then I shall love and be loved by Thee in that same measure, in which I am united to Him. Hasten then, to give me Thy Divine Son, at the hands of Thy priest, that through Jesus, I may unite myself forever to Thee, O God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

2022 LENTEN SCHEDULE

KEEP WATCH AND PRAY

The Church will be open for quiet prayer, reflection and confessions on Wednesdays starting March 9 following the OMPH Novena at 7 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 7:30 pm

Ministries Leading the Stations of the Cross

- March 4th - Eucharistic Ministers/ Funeral Ministry
- March 11th - Pastoral Council/ Finance Council/
Rosary Society
- March 18th - Music Ministry/ Human Concerns
- March 25th - Knights of Columbus/ Spiritual Life/
Perpetual Help Novena
- April 1st - Religious Education/ RCIA
- April 8th - Altar Servers/ Lectors/ Daughters of
Mary
- April 15th - Youth Ministry

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday (except Holy Saturday) at 1:00 pm;
During Keep Watch and Pray on Wednesday evenings
or by appointment.

Thanksgiving after Holy Communion



Anima Christi (Soul of Christ)

SOUL of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy Wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.
From the malignant enemy, defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me,
And bid me come to Thee.
That with Thy saints, I may praise Thee.
Forever and ever. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, may the whole world burn
with love for Thee! (x3)

Stewardship Corner

Following Jesus is the work of a Lifetime:

At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving **God's** will. Refracted through the prisms of countless individual vocations, this way of life embodies and expresses the one mission of **Christ**, to do **God's** will, to proclaim the good news of salvation, to heal the afflicted, to care for one's sister or brother, to give life - life to the full - as **Jesus** did. Following **Jesus** is the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further on accepting and loving **God's** will. Being a disciple is not just something else to do, alongside many other things suitable for Christians, it is total way of life and requires continuing conversions. *Rudy Schwarz*

Stewardship Results

	2/20/21	Weekly Goal
Offertory	5,557	5,000
Repairs	368	1,500
Total	\$5,925	\$6,500

Please Consider Donating Your Used Car

We have a family who is great need of a used vehicle. If you are interested in donating your used automobile, please contact the parish center.



Treasures from Our Tradition



The reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel
Friday: St. Casimir; First Friday; Abstinence; World Day of Prayer
Saturday: First Saturday

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
 that the course of our world
 may be directed by your peaceful rule
 and that your Church may rejoice,
 untroubled in her devotion.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I help bring about God's peaceful reign?

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THE DIFFERENCE

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.

—Henry Ward Beecher

THANKS

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.

— St. Ambrose of Milan



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

Parish Calendar

Key: AU - Auditorium, CH - Church, PC - Parish Center

- 2/28 7:00 pm - The Holy Rosary (CH)
- 3/2 8:30 am - Mass
 3:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Prayer Service (CH)
 7:00 pm - Mass and Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (CH)
- 3/3 7:00 pm - RCIA (PC), Luz Y Vida (AU)
- 3/4 7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (CH)
- 3/5 9:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (CH)
 1:00 pm - Confessions (CH)
 1:00 pm - Confirmation Retreat (AU)



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**Eighth
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February 27, 2022

PREPARING FOR LENT

As we approach the season of Lent, Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians gives us a sneak peek of Easter, waiting for us on the other side: “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” Paul’s conclusion, telling us to remain steadfast and devoted to the Lord’s work, could serve as a Lenten motto. The reading from Sirach provides a series of adages regarding discipline of the tongue, and of our speech. Maybe not a bad Lenten practice to observe. Even Jesus in Luke’s Gospel gets into the act, encouraging a cleansing of the heart (“A clean heart create for me, God” we will sing in Psalm 51 during Lent), so that from the goodness of our heart we will bring good into the world. Of course, these insights from Sirach, Paul, and Luke serve us quite well year-round. What we truly do “in the Lord” is never done in vain.

IS THIS ON THE TEST?

Today’s reading from Sirach reminds us not to praise others before they speak, “for it is then that people are tested.” Jesus, in Luke’s Gospel, takes it a step further, reminding us that we are also known by the fruit borne in our lives. It doesn’t take long to think of a person or group of people who speak beautiful, praiseworthy words, and yet their lives are unfruitful, or their lives outright contradict their speech. This is the class of people we call “hypocrites,” and it’s clear in all the Gospels that Jesus has no time for them. Our speech does test us, but the test is really to demonstrate that there is a connection between what we say and how we live. Expressed another way, this is the age-old discussion about faith and works. A truly deep-rooted faith will bear fruit in the works, in the actions of our lives. As happens so often in discipleship, we are dealing with the both/and, not either/or.

TALKING HEARTS

As disciples who follow Jesus, we believe that we are following God’s very Word-made-Flesh. The theological term for this is In-carn-ation, the “in-flesh-made” second person of the Trinity. As followers of the Word, our words are truly important. Our hearts and mouths are wired together, as Jesus tells us today: “from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.” This is yet another echo of the wisdom of Sirach: “Speech discloses the bent of a person’s heart.” Eventually, our words—and the other actions of our lives—will convey what is truly in our hearts. Perhaps the ultimate test of our discipleship is not merely our words, or even our actions, but on a deeper level the test is whether or not others will find in us God’s word “in-flesh-made.” Our mission is to be the Word-made-flesh, in the flesh again in our own place and time.

TODAY’S READINGS

Sirach 27:4–7

Psalm 92:2–3, 13–14, 15–16

1 Corinthians 15:54–58

Luke 6:39–45



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