

Our Lady Queen of Peace

SEPTEMBER

4

2022

Fill us at daybreak
with your kindness,
that we may shout for
joy and gladness all our days.

Psalm 90:14

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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. A Catholic is
obliged to confess **mortal**
sins in kind and number to
a priest **before** receiving the
Holy Eucharist.

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 Anointing for someone who is
seriously ill or in danger of death. Do **not** wait
until the sick person is unconscious.

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All Catholics should seek to have their marriage
blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good
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 **Mass Intentions**

September 4, 2022 to September 11, 2022

Sunday - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9/4 8:00 am Mark A. Tracey
 10:00 am People of the Parish
 12 noon Rose and Frank Marotta

Monday - Weekday

9/5 8:30 am Pamela Duggan

Tuesday - Weekday

9/6 8:30 am James McDonald

Wednesday - Weekday

9/7 8:30 am Theresa Slomback
 7:00 pm Genaro Villegas

Thursday - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary *Feast*

9/8 8:30 am Joshua Deauna (Living)
 Birthday Thanksgiving

Friday - Saint Peter Claver, Priest *Memorial*

9/9 8:30 am Maria and Vincenzo Napoleone

Saturday - Weekday [BVM]

9/10 8:30 am Memorial Mass
 5:00 pm Andy Nunziato

Sunday - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9/11 8:00 am Carmine and Luisa Migliaccio
 10:00 am George McGowan
 12 noon People of the Parish



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.

September 4, 2022 - Today's Readings

First Reading — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

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Please Remember in Your Prayers

Rest in Peace

Deacon Victor J. Peterson; Cecilia Wilson

Sick Relatives and Friends

Mary Adamo	Megan Harwood	Vallie Pompilio
Cristina Aguilar	Baby Christopher	Mary Pontillo
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Mark Diverio	Frankie Monnecka	Joseph Turchyn
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Nancy Focarino	Jim Moran	Andrew Wey
Emily Ferreira	Barbara Nelson	Julia Whitney
Mary Flanigan	Gemma Olliges	Joyce Wilson
Yancey Garcia	Sharon Osnowitz	David Zerby
Fr. Mickey German	Nicholas Pappas	*Names in bold
	Harriet Pellicione	are new to the list

Weekly Memorials

Blessed Mother Candle

in Celebration of 90 years Marilyn Tanghino
By Michael Hopkins

Sanctuary Lamp

in Memory of Samuel, Sr. and Frances Monaco
By Maryann Monaco

Memorial Mass - Saturday, September 10th, 8:30

Manuel Nicholas Acosta	Mercedes Ilog
Escolastica Almadovar	John "Jack" Jordan
Anthony Bachia	Robert M. Makey
MaryAnne Bachia	William, David and
Arlene Balderas	Carmen Martinez
Mary Ellen Bell	Bob O'Neill
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Beninca and Scuccimarri	Deceased Members of the Parodi
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Lucy Buchich	Deceased Members of the
Deceased Members of the	Rosary Altar Society
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Mary Dovatich	Terencio Rubio
Sophie Drobik	Lucy Runco
Deceased Members of the	Tony Runco
Gilligan and Giordano Families	Theresa Slomback
John A. Hrablook	Norma and John Tamborini
Elmer Ilog	Geuseppena Trotta

A Message from Father Tony

Dear OLQP Brothers and Sisters

Our Missionary Appeal last weekend was a great success thanks to all your prayers and generosity! We were blessed by the presence of Fr. Jonathan Yabiliyok. He celebrated the Masses with us and shared the many challenges of his home diocese in Nigeria, the Diocese of Zaria. Listening to Fr. Jonathan, I was reminded that in some parts of the world, many Catholics live out their faith with significant risk. Some don't even have the luxury of a church building where they could gather to worship and celebrate Mass. I am so happy and grateful, therefore, that our Second Collection to benefit the Diocese of Zaira reached over Three Thousand Dollars. May we never forget to continue to pray for the church in Nigeria!

The summer days are winding down! In fact, Labor Day Weekend is considered the "unofficial" end of summer, and it also ushers the beginning of the school year. For this reason, we have a Special Blessing for the Students and Teachers at the Masses this weekend.

On Saturday, September 10, starting at 9:30 am, the leaders of our various ministries and organizations will gather and meet together for a time of prayer, sharing, and discussion. Since the beginning of CoVid, we did not have the opportunity to meet, so I find this upcoming gathering very important.

I ask all of you to pray for the success of the OLQP Ministry/Organization Leaders' Meeting and that it will be a "grace-filled" event! May the Holy Spirit rekindle the fire of our faith so we grow into a community of dynamic disciples of Our Lord Jesus!

God bless,
Fr. Tony

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

Limits



Today's readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none. The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: "For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns." Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon's free will. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive—and the families we love—we acknowledge that they are temporary, and humbly cling to God.
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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 you've received the sacraments of initiation and wish to learn more about your faith, our RCIA program is also for you. For more information, please contact the parish center at (201) 845-9566

Upcoming Bible Study!

Advance notice on the next Bible Study starting in the Fall. The study of James went well in the Spring. Please send a note to OLQPBibleStudy@gmail.com for more information.



Religious Education - Please Register Today



Religious Education Registration is Open!

Scan the QR code above to register or visit our website at: <https://www.olqp.org/registration-form.html>

Classes begin: Sunday, September 11, 2022
8:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

The Registration Deadline has passed. Please register today. Questions: Contact Justine Garcia at (201) 845-9566 or ReED@olqp.org

The Sermons of St. Alphonsus Liguori

"SERMON XXXVIII... - ON THE DEATH OF THE SINNER. "Thy enemies shall cast a trench about thee." LUKE xix. 43.

SEEING from a distance the city of Jerusalem, in which the Jews were soon to put him to death, Jesus Christ wept over it. "*Videns civitatem flevit super illam.*" Our merciful Redeemer wept at the consideration of the chastisement which was soon to be inflicted on the city, and which he foretold to her inhabitants. "*Thy enemies shall cast a trench about thee.*" Unhappy city! thou shalt one day see thyself encompassed by enemies, who shall beat thee flat to the ground, and thy children in thee, and shall not leave in thee a stone upon a stone. Most beloved brethren, this unhappy city is a figure of the soul of a sinner, who, at the hour of death, shall find himself surrounded by his enemies first, by remorse of conscience; secondly, by the assaults of the devils; and thirdly, by the fears of eternal death.

First Point. The sinner at death shall be tortured by remorse of conscience.

1. "*Their soul shall die in a storm.*" (Job xxxvi. 14.) The unhappy sinners who remain in sin die in a tempest, with which God has beforehand threatened them. "A tempest shall break out and come upon the head of the wicked." (Jer. xxiii. 19.) At the commencement of his illness the sinner is not troubled by remorse or fear; because his relatives, friends, physicians, and all tell him that his sickness is not dangerous; thus he is deceived and hopes to recover. But when his illness increases, and malignant symptoms, the harbingers of approaching death, begin to appear, then the storm with which the Lord has threatened the wicked shall commence. "*When sudden calamity shall fall on you, and destruction as a tempest shall be at hand.*" (Prov. i. 27.) This tempest shall be formed as well by the pains of sickness as by the fear of being obliged to depart from this earth, and to leave all things; but still more by the remorse of conscience, which shall place before his eyes all the irregularities of his past life. "*They shall come with fear at the thought of their sins, and their iniquities shall stand against them to convict them.*" (Wis. iv. 20.) Then shall his sins rush upon his mind, and fill him with terror. His iniquities shall stand against him to convict him, and, without the aid of other testimony, shall assail him, and prove that he deserves hell.

2. The dying sinner will confess his sins; but, according to St. Augustine, "*The repentance which is sought from a sick man is infirm.*" (Serm. xxxvii., de Temp.) And St. Jerome says, that *of a hundred thousand sinners who continue till death in the state of sin, scarcely one shall be saved.* "*Vix de centum milibus, quorum mala vita fuit, meretur in morte a Deo indulgentiam, unus.*" (Epis. de Mort. Eus.) St. Vincent Ferrer writes, that *it is a greater miracle to save such sinners, than to*

raise the dead to life. "*Majus miraculum est, quod male viventes faciant bonum finem, quam suscitare mortuos.*" (Serm. i., de Nativ. Virgin.) They shall feel convinced of the evil they have done; they will wish, but shall not be able, to detest it. Antiochus understood the malice of his sins when he said: "*Now I remember the evils that I have done in Jerusalem.*" (1 Mach. vi. 12.) He remembered his sins, but did not detest them. He died in despair and oppressed with great sadness, saying: "*Behold, I perish with great grief in a strange land*" (v. 13). According to St. Fulgentius, the same happened to Saul at the hour of death: he remembered his sins; *he dreaded the punishment which they deserved; but he did not detest them.* "*Non odit quid fecerat, sed timuit quod nolebat.*"

3. Oh! how difficult is it for a sinner, who has slept many years in sin, to repent sincerely at the hour of death, when his mind is darkened, and his heart hardened! "*His heart shall be as hard as a stone, and as firm as a smiths anvil.*" (Job xli. 15.) During life, instead of yielding to the graces and calls of God, he became more obdurate, as the anvil is hardened by repeated strokes of the hammer. "*A hard heart shall fare evil at the last.*" (Eccl. iii. 27.) By loving sin till death, he has loved the danger of his damnation, and therefore God will justly permit him to perish in the danger in which he wished to live till death.

4. St. Augustine says, *that he who is abandoned by sin before he abandons it, will scarcely detest it as he ought at the hour of death; for he will then detest it, not through a hatred of sin, but through necessity.* "*Qui prius a peccato relinquitur, quam ipse relinquit, non libere, sed quasi ex necessitate condemnatur.*" But how shall he be able to hate from his heart the sins which he has loved till death? He must love the enemy whom till then he has hated, and he must hate the person whom he has till that moment loved. Oh! what mountains must he pass! He shall probably meet with a fate similar to that of a certain person, who kept in confinement a great number of wild beasts in order to let them loose on the enemies who might assail him. But the wild beasts, as soon as he unchained them, instead of attacking his enemies, devoured himself. When the sinner will wish to drive away his iniquities, they shall cause his destruction, either by complacency in objects till then loved, or by despair of pardon at the sight of their numbers and enormity. "*Evils shall catch the unjust man unto destruction.*" (Ps. cxxxix. 12.) St. Bernard says, that at death the sinner shall see himself chained and bound by his sins. "*We are your works; we will not desert you.*" *We will not leave you; we will accompany you to judgment, and will be your companions for all eternity in hell.*

Second Point. The dying sinner shall be tortured by the assaults of the devils. 5. "*The devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time.*" (Apoc. xii. 12.) At death the devil exerts all his powers to secure the soul that is about to leave this world; for he knows, from the symptoms of the disease.. "*(Excerpts from the "Sermons of St. Alphonsus Liguori")*

OLQP MINISTRY AND ORGANIZATION LEADERS'

MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022
STARTING AT 9:30 AM
OLQP AUDITORIUM

ALL OUR OLQP MINISTRY AND ORGANIZATION LEADERS
ARE REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT FOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT

WE PRAY FOR THE REKINDLING OF OUR FAITH

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Rosary Society Meeting September 12



The first meeting of the Rosary Society will take place **Monday September 12th**. All parishioners, both male and female are welcome to join this Ministry.

Recitation of the Rosary starts at **7 pm**, either in the **Rosary Garden** or in the **Church**, weather permitting. After the recitation, coffee and cake will be served in the auditorium. The General Meeting will start at **7:45 pm** followed by the program. Meetings are usually held the first Monday of the month. For more information, please email rosarysociety@olqp.org or call the Parish Center at 201-845-9566.

Christmas Pageant Volunteers Needed

Plans are already underway for this year's Christmas Pageant. This year's event will take place in the Church on Sunday December 18th at 4 pm. This is a large undertaking and **we need volunteers**, both children, teens and adults to make it successful. **Any child from kindergarten thru 8th grade** can choose to dress up as a character in the Nativity Story and participate in the event. They do not have to speak nor sing a musical solo.



The story will be told through music and the entire audience will participate by singing along to old, familiar Christmas songs. For further information, please email email christmaspageant@olqp.org or call the Parish Center at 201-845-9566. Please do not wait until December to sign up as the roles for the favorite characters will be filled quickly.

Cursillo Weekend - October 6-9

Cursillo Weekend - Candidate Sponsorship Opportunity!



The Newark Archdiocese Women's 182th Cursillo Weekend will take place **October 6-9, 2022**. The atmosphere of a Cursillo differs from the individual solitude of many retreats. Christ's teachings are discussed in a climate of joy. Talks and discussions are interspersed with prayer, Eucharist, songs, laughter and times of reflection. There is no better opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and gain a better understanding of the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Cursillo begins on Thursday, October 6th at 7 pm and concludes Sunday afternoon, October 9th. The weekend takes place at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center in Kearny and the cost is \$175

Space is limited, all applications need to be in by **September 15, 2022** so if you are interested, please email or call 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.

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Stewardship Corner

Stewardship of Time and Talent:

Frequently both young and old question concerning which pastimes are right or wrong for the Christian, Picture a father and son driving into town. The young son asks, "Father, is it O.K. for a person to daydream? The father replied, "it sure is Billy, you not only can, but you ought to daydream. It's good for you because it lets your imagination grow by exploring a world of awe and wonder." *(To be continued next week)*

Rudy Schwarz

Stewardship Results

	8/28/22	Weekly Goal
Sunday Offertory	5,479	5,000
Repairs	32	1,500
Total	\$5,511	\$6,500

Mission Appeal	\$3,472
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Thank you for your contributions last Sunday.
May God reward you for your generosity!

Treasures from Our Tradition



In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

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Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Thursday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Peter Claver
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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:

What would be true freedom for me?

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TO LOVE GOD

To love God as He ought to be loved, we must be detached from all temporal love. We must love nothing but Him, or if we love anything else, we must love it only for His sake. — St. Peter Claver

BEHOLD THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to thy word.

— The Blessed Virgin Mary

HUMILITY

Humility is a divine veil that covers our good deeds and hides them from our eyes.

— St. John Climacus

Act of Contrition



O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

Parish Calendar

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

9/5 Labor Day - Parish Center Closed
9/7 7:00 pm - Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
9/8 7:00 pm - Luz Y Vida (AU)
9/10 1:00 pm - Confessions (CH)



Anyone of you who does not renounce all your possessions cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

HELP US COMPREHEND

Wisdom asks us “Who can know God’s counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends?” If we put this in contemporary language, we might say “You haven’t got a clue!” There are times when none of us knows what is going on. Life is beyond our understanding. We seek loved ones, mentors, friends, spiritual directors, and therapists to help us comprehend. This is a common theme through all of today’s scriptures. Wisdom reminds us, “scarce do we guess these things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty.” Psalm 90 pleads, “Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.” Saint Paul is speaking on behalf of Onesimus, and begging Philemon to welcome him. Luke’s Gospel is very challenging to hear. Today we see that not all the lessons we need to learn are pleasant or joyful, but they are timely.

MINISTRIES AND CALLS—VOCATIONS AND AVOCATIONS

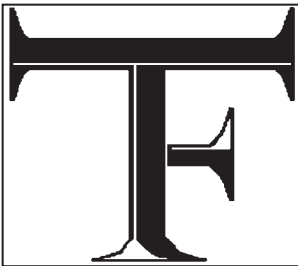
Prior to this week’s Gospel, great crowds were beginning to follow Jesus. Excitement was building, as there were whispered conversations wondering if this were the long-awaited King that the Hebrews were hoping for. The crowds’ idea of a king was very different, however, from what Jesus was offering. The king they were waiting for was a high priest, a Messiah. This was not the kingdom that Jesus was preaching, but rather one of pain, of carrying one’s cross and burdens—a kingdom that one must not approach lightly, but make serious plans and efforts to help build. Too often we see this passage, thinking it harsh and referring only to those called to religious life. The truth is that we are all called to charity. Taking up our cross is not a call to suffer for the sake of suffering, but to pursue goodness and righteousness.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Cost of Discipleship is the name of the powerful book written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the theologian who was killed in a Nazi death camp. Today we see breakdowns in family relationships over religion and politics. We see those who forget how to forgive, and those who were never taught how to love. Bonhoeffer offered a message that could be applied to any story right out of the evening news. He said that Christian love doesn’t distinguish between enemies, except that those who hate more bitterly are in greater need of love. Indeed, they should expect only unqualified love from a Christian. Bonhoeffer concludes that if one is not willing to love indiscriminately as a disciple of Christ, then one is not a Christian at all. When Jesus asks us today to take up our cross, he is asking us to take up the discipline of Christian love.

TODAY’S READINGS

Wisdom 9:13–18b
Psalm 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14 and 17
Philemon 9–10, 12–17
Luke 14:25–33



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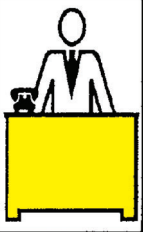
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