

# Our Lady Queen of Peace

The Third-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 7, 2021



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## *Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Passed Away This Past Year*

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**Mass Intentions**

**November 7, 2021 to November 14, 2021**

**Sunday - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

11/7 8:00 am All Souls Novena  
 10:00 am All Souls Novena  
 12:00 noon All Souls Novena - Mass of Remembrance

**Monday - Weekday**

11/8 8:30 am For All Souls

**Tuesday - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

11/9 8:30 am Joseph Tompkins

**Wednesday - Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

11/10 8:30 am Howard McDonald

**Thursday - Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**

11/11 8:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Fitzgerald and Sullivan Families

**Friday - Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**

11/12 8:30 am All Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday - Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

11/13 8:30 am Memorial Mass  
 5:00 pm People of the Parish

**Sunday - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

11/14 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 10:00 am Jack and Betty Lyons  
 12:00 noon Dean Faustini

**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena**

Wednesdays 7 pm in the Church



**November 7, 2021 - Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

**Gospel** — Beware of those who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces and places of honor at banquets (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

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**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

**Rest in Peace**

Concetta Darmochwal, Robert Franceschini, Cesar Rubio, and Richard Saporito

**Sick Relatives and Friends**

Mary Adamo	Yancey Garcia	Christopher Quinn
Cristina Aguilar	Gardenia Hougbo	Francis Quinn
Josefina Baldoza	Richard Ivors	Robert Raimo
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Mark Diverio	Harriet Pellicione	Joyce Wilson
Mario Elia	Vallie Pompilio	<b>*Names in bold are new to the list</b>
Emily Ferreira	Mary Pontilla	

**Memorial Mass - Saturday, November 13th 8:30 am**

Manuel Nicholas Acosta	David, Carmen and William Martinez
Deceased Members of the Balderas Family	Fred Mongubardi
Deceased Members of the Beninca & Scuccimarrri Families	Deceased Members of the Moran and Cudia Families
Cathy Cordasco	Bob O'Neill
Deceased Members of the Cox and Murray Families	Frank Papale
Bridget Cullinane	Margie Parks
John Drobik	Deceased Members fo the Parodi and Zambelli Families
Aris Francisco	Kathy Puzifferri
Kay Federico	Deceased Members of the OLQP Rosary Altar Society
Leo Gilligan	Nanene & Anthony Roselli
Deceased Members of the Gilligan and Giordano Families	Theresa Slomback
John Hrablook	John and Norma Tamborini
Jack Jordan	Dennis Valenza
Paula Krokus	Deceased Members of the Velky Family

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19  
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25  
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37  
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8  
 Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

## Thank You!

Thank you for your generous donations supporting the Religious Education "coat drive" which will benefit those who frequent Mercy House. Many thanks to HUMC "Compassion Cubby" for also partnering with us in keeping many warm this winter. Together we can do much!!!



## The Beatitudes- Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

..."Each beatitude begins with Makarios ("Blessed are..."), which is the blessedness that is sufficient unto itself, complete, and the first taste of life eternal. As a whole, they describe the spirit of the one who lives in the Person of Christ. Let's examine each contour of this new life.

1. "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs." That is the first and most fundamental condition for belonging to Christ, and thus the first condition for entering into the joy of the kingdom of God. Those who are poor in terms of material wealth are deeply aware of their lack. Similarly, those who are poor in spirit are aware of their spiritual lack, that is, they are aware of their utter need for God; thus, they open themselves up to Him. The result of that simple act of openness is the gift of the kingdom of heaven. Mental illness is a very painful condition to have to deal with, but what I have found over the years is that many of those who suffer from mental illness have an acute awareness of their radical need for God, their poverty of spirit, and this has led them to call out to God in the midst of their darkness, which in turn has led to very intense moments of prayer. These are people selected by Christ to keep him company in Gethsemane where he experienced a heavy weight of mental anguish. Mental illness is a difficult cross, a painful gift, but if we consider those who live in prosperity, who are rarely sick and are so well off that their days are spent fulfilling their every whim, we notice that many of them have no awareness of their need for God and so they do not pray, and because of that they do not know makarios.

2. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." It seems rather counterintuitive that the mournful can be called 'happy', but this beatitude refers to a special kind of mourning. If we love God, we will love all those who belong to God, and every human being without exception comes from God and is loved by God with an incomprehensible love. And so the more we enter into the heart of God, the more we discover our neighbor there, and so we are moved to return to earth, so to speak, and we go looking for him or her, because we know that there we will find the God we have begun to love: we discover our neighbor in God, and we rediscover God in our neighbor. Now when we truly love others, their happiness becomes our own, because we have begun to love them as "another self", and yet for the most part, we find them in pain, suffering, and struggling to be happy. Because we love them as "another self", their suffering too becomes our own. We mourn for them, for it is so hard to remain indifferent to the sufferings of others after we have discovered and entered into the heart of God. It is the sins of human beings, the cold indifference of others towards God and neighbor that fills us with sorrow. This, however, is a blessed sorrow, a sorrow that is not incompatible with joy, but exists with it, for it is the joy of having been invited into Christ's sorrow, which is a joy filled sorrow.

3. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." A meek spirit is a gentle spirit. The poor in spirit who mourn the misery of others because they really know that misery and are moved to share in it are gentle towards those who are suffering. The meek are not quick to take offense at others; they are very patient with others because they know that God has always been patient with them. When we take a good hard look at how often we have been wrong over the years, how..."  
*(read the rest on <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/the-beatitudes-a-concise-summary.html>)*

## 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.

## 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.

## Maywood & Music Returns This Fall!

**Maywood & Music** is returning this fall. In a memorial to its creator, Tom Wright, the production, "I'm Gonna Make You a Star", will be on **December 3 & 4 at 8:00 pm**. It will be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church on Maywood Ave. Tickets can be bought at the door.

## Bible Study Reboot Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars for a Bible Study reboot coming soon! Please reply to Paul to the below email to get more information.  
[OLOPBibleStudy@gmail.com](mailto:OLOPBibleStudy@gmail.com)



## Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

*This novena prayer was recited every day by Padre Pio for all those who asked for prayers.*



**I. O my Jesus**, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of [insert your intention.] Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father... Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

**II. O my Jesus**, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask any thing of the Father in my name, He will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of [insert your intention.] Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father... Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

**III. O my Jesus**, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of [insert your intention.] Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father... Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender mother and ours.

Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



If you are adding someone to our Parish sick list, please consider the healing power of these beautiful shawls. They are prayed over by the Prayer Shawl Ministry and blessed by our Pastor.

If you know of someone you think is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact the Parish Center: 201-845-9566 or email [prayershawl@olqp.org](mailto:prayershawl@olqp.org)

## Luz Y Vida (Light and Life)



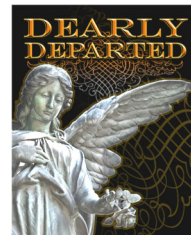
The Luz y Vida prayer group invites the Hispanic community to hear the word of God and receive His blessings every Thursday at 7 pm in the Auditorium. If you have a questions, please call Susana (201) 403-6319.

Él Grupo de Oración Luz y Vida . Invita a la comunidad Hispana a escuchar la Palabra de Dios y recibir sus bendiciones cada Jueves a partir de las 7pm en el Auditorio de la iglesia. Él Señor les espera con los brazos abiertos. Preguntas, (201) 403-6319.

## Prayer for Our Dearly Departed

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
R. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



## 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)!

## Thank You for Your Support of Our Parish During These Challenging Times

For those of you who would like to continue to give through envelopes or cash, please place it in the designated collection boxes in the church, mail your donation to the Parish Center (410 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, NJ 07607), or drop it off at the white mailbox located to the right of the side door of the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity!



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

## The Poor



As Christians, we hear a lot about the witness and service that we are called to render to the poor among us. However, the poor also have a witness and a service to render to us. Like the actions of the widow in today's Gospel, the openness and generosity of many of those who are poor, even in the midst of their own poverty, bear witness to the fact that, ultimately, we can depend only on God. Giving one's all witnesses that God will give all to anyone who trusts in divine goodness.

The poor or disadvantaged also serve. They serve judgment on our individual and corporate ways of acting. If people are sleeping in our streets, that is a judgment on our priorities regarding others. At the same time, the poor can act as mediators of salvation. When they care for others they can redeem our indifference and insensibility, lead us to care as well, and save us from ourselves.  
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## Why should I register in the parish?

All members of the parish should be formally registered as members of the parish. You must be formally registered if you wish to arrange a Baptism, a Confirmation, or a Wedding in the parish Church or wish to register in the Parish School or the Religious Education (CCD) Program. You must also 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.

*Please call the Parish Center at 201-845-9566 to register or visit our home page at [www.olqp.org](http://www.olqp.org), scroll down to the middle of the page and click where it states "Parish Registration" to download the form. Thank you and welcome to Our Lady Queen of Peace!*

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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

## Human Concerns News

The Human Concerns Ministry is preparing for the upcoming holidays.

### Thanksgiving Food Baskets

The Human Concerns Ministry will be collecting Shoprite gift cards or monetary donations towards those gift cards this year. They then will be distributed to families and individuals in time for Thanksgiving.



As we did last year, those donations could be dropped off at the Parish Center during office hours or in the designated Thanksgiving Basket in the back of Church. **The deadline is Sunday, November 14th.** Please indicate the amount on the gift card.

Your generosity is so greatly appreciated by those in need and we are thankful for your support in our efforts to brighten the lives of others. A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to you and those you hold dear.

### Advent Giving Tree

We look forward to putting up the Giving Tree this year with tags requesting gift cards! More information will follow. Due to an influx of Christmas cards so generously donated, we do not need any used cards. For any questions, please leave a message for Mary Menditto at the Parish Center office.

## Soup Kitchen Ministry



The pantry at St John's is in dire need of help restocking. Anything you can bring is greatly appreciated. On **November 20th & December 18th from 8:30-9:00am**, we will be collecting the following items for St John's Soup Kitchen in Newark: canned vegetables, canned fruit, individually wrapped snacks (chips, etc), cereal bars, bags of rice & paper towels. We'll be collecting used coats too and will be doing this until the end of the year! For questions, please leave a message for Mary Flanigan at the Parish Center. Thank you.

## On-Line Giving Program



Please consider participating in our on-line giving program. Registering takes just a few minutes. Please visit:

[www.olqp.org/parish-giving.html](http://www.olqp.org/parish-giving.html)  
or call 1-866-307-7140



Please park in designated parking spaces only. To ensure everyone's safety, please do not park on the fire lanes by the driveway. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Stewardship Corner

### *Is He Here yet? Matthew 24:37-44*

Next month we celebrate Jesus; coming at Christmas. Saint Mark quoted the parable of the master's mysterious return to remind us that Jesus will come when we least expect it. We have no way of knowing when the Second Coming will be, or even when our own lives will end. Jesus reminds us to be watchful, sweep off the layer of dust from our souls and be ready to welcome Him when He comes for us. *(To be continued next week)*

*Rudy Schwarz*

## Stewardship Results

	10/31/21	Weekly Goal
Offertory	6,167	5,000
Repairs	753	1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,920</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>

**We reached our total goal last week.  
Thank you for your faithful contributions and  
may God reward you for your generosity!**

## Treasures from Our Tradition



Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the "Great War") on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier's cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church capella or "chapel," the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostela, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as "Saint Martin's Lent" or "Martinmas," that later developed into the season of Advent. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time ends; National Vocation Awareness Week
Tuesday:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Wednesday:	St. Leo the Great
Thursday:	St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
Friday:	St. Josaphat
Saturday:	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

### **FEAST OF FAITH Concluding Rites**

The Prayer after Communion gives us a glimpse of the heavenly banquet, of which we have had a foretaste in the Eucharist. The concluding rites speak of what we are to do with this great gift of God. That includes the parish announcements, which are usually given following the Prayer after Communion. Believe it or not, the announcements, which are not an "official" part of the Mass, have been included in the Mass from as early as the fifth century! The deacon or the homilist—even the bishop—would announce coming liturgical celebrations and encourage the people to participate. Today's parish announcements include opportunities for prayer, service, learning, and community building. They should be succinct and should include only significant events and activities in the life of the parish. But even when they are long and tedious, the announcements (and the parish bulletin) flow out of the concluding rites of the Mass. They offer us ways to live the Eucharist, to become what we have received—the Body of Christ, living and active in our local community. —Corinna Laughlin

### **DO ANYTHING**

I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know him or have forgotten him. —St. Frances Xavier Cabrini


## St. Leo the Great

"Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh."



Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ."



Jesus observed how the crowd  
put money into the treasury.  
Many rich people put in large sums.  
A poor widow also came  
and put in two small coins  
worth a few cents.

MARK 12:41-42

# THIRTY-SECOND

Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 7, 2021

## MOVING TOWARD THE END OF HISTORY

This year, it seems the Lectionary's scriptures not only reinforce the Catholic tradition of November prayer for our beloved departed, but also join with nature's storms and the pandemic as well as humanity's violent disasters to remind us that we are moving inexorably toward the end of history, both the world's and our own. Today's Old Testament reading prepares us for a fruitful hearing of the Gospel. The primary challenge set before us is an undoubted faith that prompts the total giving of self. That lesson is offered to us with an urgency matching November's eschatological motif: the End and the Judgment. Two widows are presented, the Old Testament's widow of Zarephath and the Gospel's widow of the temple. Both exemplify faith-filled people who quietly give what they cannot afford: their all, for the glory of God and in the service of others.

### GREAT FAITH IS DEMANDED

We quickly come to admire the Old Testament widow whom Elijah asks for help. The Zarephath widow is carrying only "a couple of sticks," to cook her limited resources, "a handful of flour and a little oil," fulfilling her personal responsibility, "for myself and my son" (1 Kings 17:12). Elijah's request demands great faith and self-sacrifice of this poor widow, because providing such life-sustaining care to a "foreign" prophet puts the widow's survival and her son's at great risk: her religion is worshipping paganism's false idol, Baal; her king is father of Jezebel, now wife of Elijah's king Ahab. Elijah is fleeing the death-threatening wrath of both Jezebel and Ahab, whom Elijah infuriated by declaring that God had decreed a drought to punish them for corrupting Israel with Jezebel's Baal-worship. Elijah makes the widow's risk explicit by promising that her flour and oil will not fail by power of "the Lord, the God of Israel (not her god, Baal!)" (17:14). Therefore, faith is demanded both of the one who gives, the widow, and of the one who asks, Elijah.

### SELF-SACRIFICING GIFT

Today's Gospel episode takes place just after Jesus enters Jerusalem immediately before his Passion. Trustfully and with self-sacrifice, like Zarephath's widow and the widow whom Jesus sees at the temple, Jesus will give his all for our redemption. Thus Jesus emphasizes of the widow he sees that her gift is unreserved: "from her poverty, all she had, her whole livelihood" (Mark 12:44). And, doubtlessly, Jesus saw himself and his self-giving in her and her self-giving. In Mark's next chapter Jesus predicts the downfall of this very temple. So the widow's unreserved giving from what she could not afford must have struck Jesus both as a victimization by others and, in the end, as a useless gift: the building controlled by the scribes' manipulation was destined for destruction. Her giving became a vivid prefiguring of his own victimization by others in the unreserved giving of his very life, which would seem to many a useless gift, for Jesus would die and be buried. Only Jesus' true disciples—are we?—believe that, by his resurrection, Jesus has become the Cornerstone of the new building, the Church, that replaces that torn-down temple. Therefore, we are to make our own gift of self to God in our unceasing gift of self-sacrificing love to others until Jesus comes again.

## TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 17:10-16  
Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]



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