

# Our Lady Queen of Peace

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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because your  
redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28



## FIRST Sunday OF *Advent*

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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  
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### 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  
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## ✝ Mass Intentions

November 28, 2021 to December 5, 2021

### Sunday - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11/28 8:00 am Evelyn Diwa  
 10:00 am Angel Junior Montilla  
 12:00 noon People of the Parish

### Monday - Advent Weekday

11/29 8:30 am Mona and George McGowan

### Tuesday - Saint Andrew, Apostle *Feast*

11/30 8:30 am Jorge and Rosa Osorio

### Wednesday - Advent Weekday

12/01 8:30 am John Hrablook  
 7:00 pm Godofredo Areza

### Thursday - Advent Weekday

12/02 8:30 am May and Bernard Zambelli

### Friday - St. Francis Xavier, Priest *Memorial*

12/03 8:30 am Michael Nunes

### Saturday - Advent Weekday [*Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*]

12/04 8:30 am Janucz Dabrowski  
 5:00 pm People of the Parish

### Sunday - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/05 8:00 am John N. Feula, Jr.  
 10:00 am Gus Aversa  
 12:00 noon Carole and Ron Ward

## New Email List Sign-Up!

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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)!

## November 28, 2021 - Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the Lord will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).



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## Please Remember in Your Prayers

### Sick Relatives and Friends

Mary Adamo	Yancey Garcia	Mary Pontilla
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Josefina Baldoza	Richard Ivors	Francis Quinn
Mary Ellen Barberia	Dominic Jengo	Robert Raimo
Dcn. Anthony Balestrieri	Rosemarie Kaminski	Melissa Finck-Ruisch
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Phil Dimitri	Gemma Olliges	Andrew Wey
Eileen Diverio	Sharon Osnowitz	Julia Whitney
Mark Diverio	Mike Panasuik	Joyce Wilson
Mario Elia	Harriet Pellicione	<b>*Names in bold are new to the list</b>
Emily Ferreira	Vallie Pompilio	



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.

## Weekly Memorials

**Altar Bread and Wine**  
 in Memory of  
 Glenna Connolly  
*by Mary Menditto*

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
 in Memory of Nancy Schwarz  
*by Mary Menditto*

**Blessed Mother Candle**  
 in Memory of John Hrablook  
*by Lauren Hrablook*

**Advent Wreath Candle**  
 in Memory of David, Carmen  
 and William Martinez  
*By Justine Garcia*

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
**Tuesday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

## 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.

## Watchful Confidence

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Respect Life Thanks You!

**RESPECT LIFE**  
Office of the Archdiocese of Newark

November 10, 2021

Dear Justine Garcia & Our Lady Queen of Peace Church,

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office has gratefully received a generous donation of coats for Mercy House.

Thank you so much for making this generous donation. We really appreciate the time and effort you took in have a coat drive for us. The coats were given out at our annual coat giveaway to the many needy families who come to Mercy House, many of whom have been through difficulties such as abandonment and abuse. Your gift is a sign of God's compassion for people who need healing, or who lack material comforts and necessities and we are truly blessed that you have chosen to donate to our cause.

May God bless you, along with each member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, for contributing to the mission of Mercy House.

Together in Christ,

Christine Geiges-Krey

## 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.  
[OLQPBibleStudy@gmail.com](mailto:OLQPBibleStudy@gmail.com)



## 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.

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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

## 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)

## New Glory and Praise Hymnals!



Thanks to your generosity, we now have new Glory and Praise Hymnals in the pews to begin the season of Advent which contain both songs and readings for the 3 year liturgical cycle.

## 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 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 [pravershawl@olqp.org](mailto:pravershawl@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 address (410 Maywood Avenue), or hand it to Kathy or Maria at the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity!

## 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!**

## Triduum Prayer for the Immaculate Conception



All are invited and encouraged to take part in the Triduum Prayer of the Immaculate Conception. Two Monday nights remain (**Nov. 29, and Dec. 6**) leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (**Wednesday, Dec. 8**) when a special Triduum Prayer will be

held at 7 pm at our Church. Each night of the Triduum will include a Reflection. The weekly praying of the Rosary for peace and protection from sickness and Covid will follow right after the Triduum. Both the Triduum and the Rosary will be live-streamed on our Facebook Page.

Come and join us in our prayerful preparation for the celebration of the Immaculate Conception!

## Maywood & Music Tickets on Sale Now!



**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 in the auditorium.

Tickets can purchased after every mass this weekend and can be purchased at the door.

## The Rosary Society is Calling All Bakers!

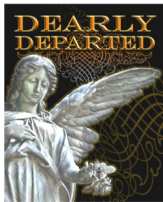


Calling all bakers! The Rosary Society will be holding a Mini Craft Boutique the weekend of **December 11th and 12th after all weekend Masses**.

Donations of **HOMEMADE** baked goods, candy, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Please email [rosarysociety@olqp.org](mailto:rosarysociety@olqp.org) to donate and to obtain additional information.

## 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.

## 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

## Advent Giving Tree

Our Advent Giving Tree will be decorated with gift tags the weekend after Thanksgiving. This year, we are requesting gift cards or monetary donations towards those cards. The following organizations have the following suggestions:



**BIRTHRIGHT** - Target and Shoprite  
**EVA'S VILLAGE** - Visa  
**DCF (DYFS)** - Target, Walmart, Visa  
**ANGEL TREE** - Target

Please return the gift card, unwrapped with the tag, to the box by the Advent Giving Tree during Masses. Donations may also be dropped off during Parish Center office hours. Please indicate the amount on the gift card. **\*\*The deadline is Sunday, December 12th after the Noon Mass.\*\***

## Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesdays 7 pm in the Church



## Advent Wreath and Grave Blanket Sale



This year's sale will again be coordinated by the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with their Christmas tree sale. You may pick up your wreaths, pillows, and/or grave blankets at the opposite end of our campus. Sales will begin on **Saturday, November 27, 2021**.

**Wreaths \$25.00**  
**Pillows \$20.00**  
**Grave Blankets \$35.00**

Cash and Checks made payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace are accepted. Should you have any questions, please contact Justine Garcia at (201) 961-4782.

## Soup Kitchen Ministry



The pantry at St John's is in dire need of help restocking. Anything you can bring is greatly appreciated. On **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.

## Stewardship Corner

**A Reflection (Continued from last week)** It just never occurred to us to try out the rest of it “and give alms,” as you say. Your words might even inspire us to match our diners out with a donation for world hunger. When we buy new clothes to stuff it in the closet and wear it twice a year we might even give alms to clothe the naked or use one of our automobiles to drive the elderly. It won’t be a drastic change to our lifestyle, Lord, because we aren’t radicals like you. On the other hand we want at least a little treasure in the bank you brag about where thieves do not come near or moths destroy. Lord, disturb our comfortable ways a little. Help us to comfort the world.

*Rudy Schwarz*



**Thank you for your faithful contributions and may God reward you for your generosity! Due to very early bulletin deadlines during the season of Advent, contribution reports will be delayed.**

## Treasures from Our Tradition



Long ago in northern Europe, the growing dark and winter weather in Advent forced people to remove the wheels from their carts and replace them with snow runners. The wheels were hung high in the rafters of the house, fitted out with lanterns, and wound tightly with evergreen boughs. The first wreaths were windows into heaven, a

source of light, a comforting sign of the victory of the light of Christ over our world’s dark wildernesses, its mountainous obstacles, its valleys of need. The Advent wreath started in the home, and only later appeared in church. Its four candles represent the four Sundays of our journey: typically three purple, one rose. Why not set a wreath in your own home as a place for Advent prayer? Don’t let a shortage of purple candles discourage you: some use a deep blue, others have white candles and weave blue and purple flowers, seashells, and pine cones into the green. When the sun sets tonight, light a single candle, sing a verse of a well-loved Advent hymn, and name a mountain to be leveled, a valley to be filled. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## The Memorare



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

## Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Advent  
**Tuesday:** St. Andrew, Apostle  
**Friday:** St. Francis Xavier, St. John Damascene; First Friday  
**Saturday:** First Saturday

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. 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 righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me if Christ returned this week?

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### GREATNESS

The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.  
—Anonymous

### THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.  
—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

## 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.”



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NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28

## A NEW BEGINNING

Today, whether at evening, morning, or midday, in many communities of different churches around the world, the first candle lighted in each Advent wreath silently but beautifully announces the beginning of a new liturgical year. This new beginning presents a grace-filled opportunity for us to resolve to live not simply according to the secular calendar of our commercialized society, but according to the spirit of the liturgy. There's nothing wrong—indeed there can be something quite holy—about planning to celebrate God's surprising gift of the Son by surprising our loved ones with thoughtful gifts at Christmas. But how important, amid the rush of holiday preparations, to take the time and to make the effort to appreciate Advent's early twilights and later sunrises, awash in the purples, deep blues, and even the dusky rose colors we associate with Advent. Thus we let nature's own "Advent" prompt reflections on the "Advent" that Jeremiah saw coming.

## IMAGES OF THE END-TIMES

How forcefully today's scriptures challenge us to attend to the ominous nature of the Kingdom's definitive in-breaking! The call echoes through Jeremiah's prophecy: "In those days, in that time" and in Paul's letter: "at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen." The theme intensifies toward a crescendo in Luke: "there will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth . . . dismay and perplexity." People will be scared to death—literally—"in anticipation of what is coming upon the world," as "seas and waves roar" and "the powers of heaven will be shaken." And all of this will be just a prelude to "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." In the face of this "awful" (that is, filled-with-awe) ending, Jesus warns his disciples to guard against two equally debilitating extremes, both of which seem to be trademarks of our contemporary culture: deadening diversion on one hand, and frantic anxiety on the other.

## PREPARATION FOR THE END-TIMES

In light of these predictions of frightening end-times, Jesus advises us to embrace his three-fold "Preparation for the End Program": (1) "Beware!" that is, be aware of what really matters, life's true priorities. (2) "Be vigilant at all times," that is, watchful for Christ's coming not only at the end but in the meantime, in family and neighbor, friend and stranger. (3) Above all, "pray." Prayer, communion with God, will help us to remember that for faithful disciples, The End of this world—or our own lives, whichever comes first—will be The Beginning of a joy no one can take from us, fullness of life that will never end. How lovely if this Advent's renewal prepared us to look forward to the moment of Jesus' coming—in his glory or our death—not as a cataclysmic disaster, but as a reason for which to "stand erect and raise (our) heads (in joyful expectation) because (our) redemption is at hand."

## TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14–16  
Psalm 25:4–5, 8–9, 10, 14  
1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2  
Luke 21:25–28, 34–36



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