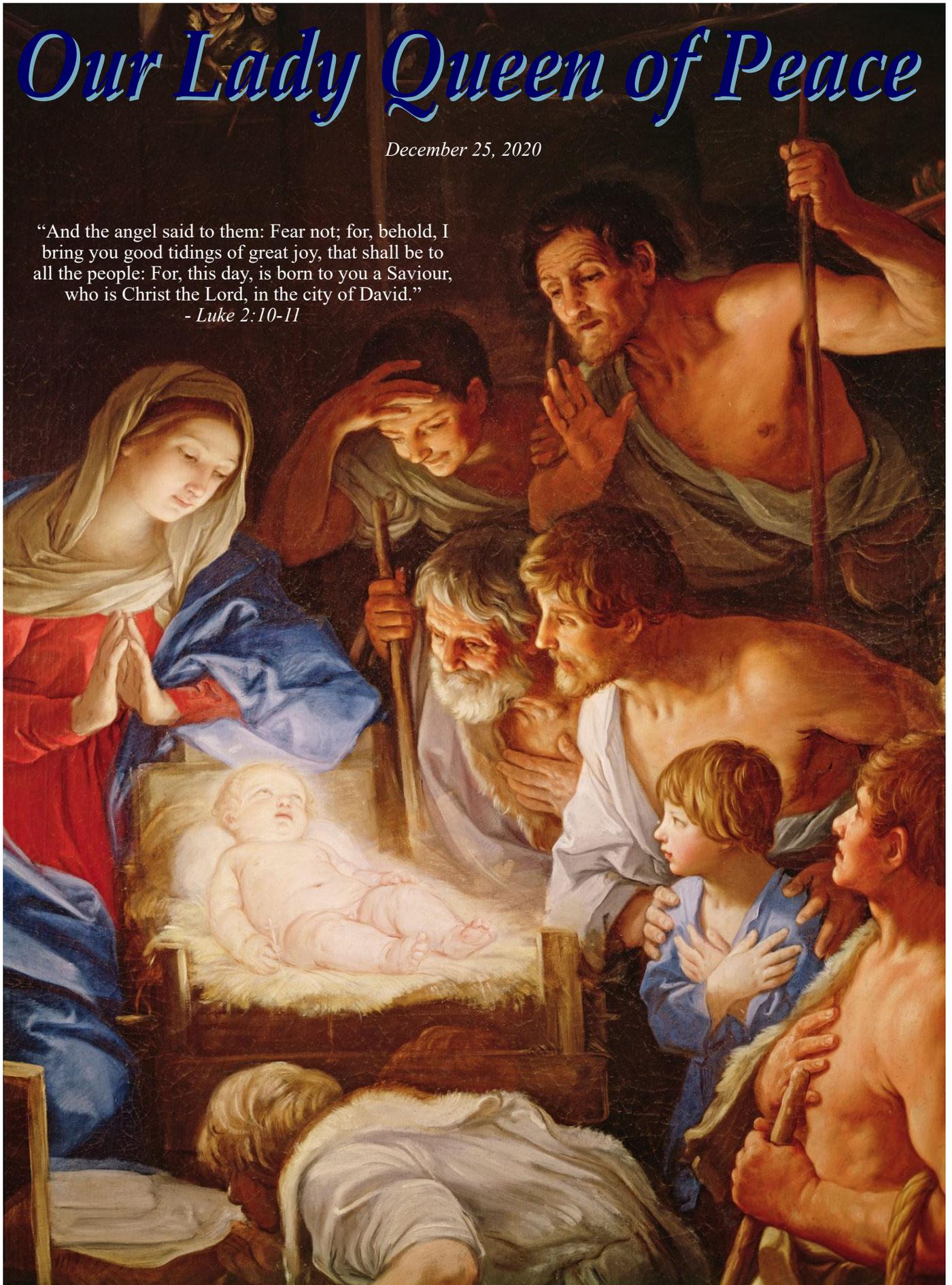


# *Our Lady Queen of Peace*

*December 25, 2020*

“And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people: For, this day, is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.”

*- Luke 2:10-11*



Dear Our Lady Queen of Peace Brothers and Sisters,

What a year it has been!

Looking back over this past year, we probably would shake our head a bit and even say out loud, "I never saw that coming"! With the Global CoVid Pandemic at the beginning of the year continuing through now, can there be any doubt that we need God more now than ever before?

When Jesus came into the world over 2,000 years ago, it was also filled with strife and turmoil. Heartache filled so much of the known world at that time. Yet in the midst of what some would call a hopeless situation was born the Savior of the World! Hope had arrived, and even today that Hope is still here, and His Name is JESUS!

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

While this year may seem a bit different than other years as far as how we as a church celebrate Christmas, and perhaps even how you as a family celebrate Christmas, we know Jesus Christ is still King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Please know that whether you can celebrate with us in person here at Our Lady Queen of Peace or online-only through live-streaming that you are in our thoughts and prayers during these challenging times.

May your Christmas be filled with the light of God's love so that you can share it with a world so in need of a relationship with Jesus!

A Blessed Christmas to you all and A Happy Healthy New Year 2021!

Sincerely in the Lord,

**Father Tony**

PS. Thank you so much for not forgetting your generous donations to our parish this Christmas! Kindly put them at the designated collection baskets. Again, a BIG Thank you!

### New Year's Mass Schedule

12/31/20 - 5 pm (Anticipated Mass)  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE  
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - Holyday of Obligation

1/1/21 - 10 am and 12:00 noon  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE  
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - Holyday of Obligation

### Our Long-Time Parishioners Lighting the Four Candles of the Advent Wreath



Thank you to All the Decoration Volunteers for Preparing Our Church and Grounds for Christmas!



## How do I Arrange my Marriage?

Archdiocesan policy requires that arrangements be made with a parish priest or Deacon at least one year before the wedding date. Please call the Parish Center to make arrangements. These arrangements must be made directly by the person to be married, not by a relative or friend. In order to make arrangements you must be a registered member of the parish. You and your future spouse must be free to marry, i.e. must never have been previously married. This is true even if your spouse is not Catholic and the first marriage took place in either a Church or before a judge. If either you or your intended spouse have been married before it is important that you talk to a priest as soon as possible about the possibility of obtaining an annulment from the first marriage.

## What Programs are Available for the Religious Education of my children?

All children must participate in the Religious Education Program if they wish to receive First Communion or Confirmation in this parish. They do this in either of two ways:

1. St. Peter Academy in River Edge is the closest Catholic school to our parish. Classes are from Pre-K through grade 8. For more information call the School Office during school hours, (201)261-3468. Registrations are in the spring.
2. Parish Religious Education Program. CCD for children of parishioners enrolled in public school is held on Sunday mornings from 8:30 am to 9:50 am for grades K through 8 during the school year.

For more information, call Justine Garcia at the Parish Center, 201-845-9566, ext. 117. Your family must be formally registered in the parish if you wish to enroll in either of these programs.

### Do You Schedule Confessions?

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) is celebrated every Saturday at 1:00 pm or by appointment. On special occasions, especially during Advent and Lent, additional confessions are scheduled for adults and for children. Consult the Parish Bulletin for the schedule.

### What if someone gets sick or dies?

In the event of serious illness or sudden death at home the Parish Center should be called any time of the day or night. For those chronically ill or shut-in, the parish has a Ministry to the Sick. Please call the Parish Center during business hours and arrangements will be made to bring Communion to the home.

### Our Sunday Mass Schedule is as follows:

Saturday at 5:00 pm  
Sunday at 8:00 am, 10:00 and 12 noon.  
Weekdays Mon.- Sat. 8:30 am

## What about Devotions?

**The Holy Rosary** is recited Mondays at 7 pm in the Church.  
**The Stations of the Cross** are prayed during Lent.  
**Adoration** is on the first Saturday following the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am concluding with Benediction.  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help** – Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Church.  
Please check the bulletin for updates on all devotions.

## I am interested in learning about the Catholic Faith. How do I go about it?

A process called R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) and a similar process for children is in place. Those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or who may be interested in becoming part of the Roman Catholic Community are invited to become part of this process. If you are interested, please call the Parish Center.

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

## How do I schedule a Baptism?

Baptisms are scheduled once a month during the year (except during Lent). Baptisms are scheduled by calling the Parish Center. Dates are effective as of December 2020 and are subject to change:

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| January 10, 2021  | August 8, 2021     |
| February 14, 2021 | September 12, 2021 |
| April 18, 2021    | October 10, 2021   |
| May 16, 2021      | November 14, 2021  |
| June 13, 2021     | December 12, 2021  |
| July 11, 2021     |                    |

Arrangements must be made in advance, by calling the Parish Center during business hours. Parents must be registered members of the parish (on our parish mailing list). Parents and Godparents are required to attend an instruction session the week before the baptism.

## Parish Contact Information

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pastor              | Rev. Antonio L. Ricarte       |
| Parochial Vicar     | Rev. Rafal T. Smola           |
| Pastor Emeritus     | Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Zaccardo  |
| Transitional Deacon | Deacon Christian Scalo        |
| Permanent Deacon    | Deacon Joseph L. Mantineo     |
| Director of Music   | Giovanni Longo                |
| Religious Education | Justine Garcia                |
| Business Manager    | Julius Pulmano                |
| Parish Secretaries  | Kathy McGowan                 |
|                     | Peggy Lubanski                |
| Telephone           | 201-845-9566 Fax 201-845-3742 |
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## New Email List Sign-Up!

 Sign Up

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