

Our Lady Queen of Peace

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Sunday, March 3, 2019

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM
8:00 AM
Sunday: 9:30 AM Family Mass
11:00 AM

Daily: 8:00 AM (Monday-Saturday)
Holydays: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Healing Mass 3rd Thursday 7:00 PM
(Of the Month)

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:45 PM-4:45PM
After All Masses
During Eucharistic Adoration (Mon & Fri)
Anytime by Appointment

Devotions:

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday morning before the 8:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays: 7:30 PM-8:30 PM, Fridays: 8:30-9:30 AM

First Friday: 8:30 am Sat. 8:00 am (24 Hours)

Rosary: After every morning Mass (Mon-Sat)

First Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Mother:

First Saturday of every month after the 8:00 AM Mass.
Rosary Procession and Breakfast.

We have been a Roman Catholic parish family since 1951, with a call to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in both word and deed, and in all our relationships and responsibilities. We encourage our members to embrace a lifestyle marked by Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure, engaging in active support of our ministries of the Word, Worship, and Service. We welcome visitors and all who wish to join us as new members; please call the parish office for more information on becoming a member of our parish family.



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 16th, 2019

6:00 pm

Our Lady Queen of Peace Pavilion

Cost:

\$15.00 per Adult

\$7.00 per Child (Chicken Fingers and Fries)



Adult Dinner Includes: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread, Hot/Cold Beverages, and Dessert.

Tickets are Available after all Masses in the Parish Hall and the Office. Tickets for Dinner must be Purchased in Advance. (Limited Amount of Tickets Available) 50/50 Tickets will be Sold at the Night of the Dinner.

The Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time: March 3rd

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY MARCH 2ND

8:00 AM INTENTION OF
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(THE SHAW FAMILY)

5:00 PM JOSEPH KENNEDY
(RUTH KENNEDY)

SUNDAY MARCH 3RD

8:00 AM MADELINE SWISS
(THE FAMILY)

9:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:00 AM JOAQUIM DIAS
(THE KELLEHER FAMILY)

MONDAY

8:00 AM CLAIRE MCALLISTER
(BARBARA BAYLES)

TUESDAY

8:00 AM CARL & LOUISE FLEXER
(THE VANDER PLOOG FAMILY)

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

7:00 PM THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THURSDAY

8:00 AM CONCETTA LIGI
(ARNOLD & FRANCESCA LIGI)

FRIDAY

8:00 AM PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

SATURDAY MARCH 9TH

8:00 AM INTENTION OF
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(THE SHAW FAMILY)

5:00 PM NICHOLAS A. MARINO
(THE FAMILY)

SUNDAY MARCH 10TH

8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

9:30 AM DICK BURCHFIELD
(THE FAMILY)

11:00 AM FRED LIPSKY
(THE STOCKS FAMILY)

Please remember in your prayers



Monica Carrico, Hap Rowan, Patricia Poole, Patricia Fiss, Clarence Roberts, Joe Foster, Susanne Fernicola, Lisa Dorans, William Pagano, Molly Russo, John Crisman, Philip Baccari, Kathy Flores, Laura Schaefer, Dottie Hilt, Angelo Appice, Miryam Rodriguez, Peggy Mahon, Janice Miglin, Theresa Barrett, Bradley Burchfield, Pete Lozar, Aylssa Morgan, Eileen Andes, Ann Romyns, Nathan Toland, Samantha Hofmann, Richard Kopycienski, Tyler Rodimer



MEMORIALS

The week of March 3rd the Sanctuary Lamp burns for: **Sal & Connie Romano**



ALTAR FLOWERS MEMORIALS

The week of March 3rd the Altar Flowers are presented for: **George & Josephine Fisher**

Weekly Collection

Sunday Offering 2/23 & 2/24	\$ 3,770
Online Giving	\$ 347
Total	\$ 4,117
Estimated Weekly Expense	<u>\$ 6,500</u>
Shortage	\$ (2,383)

Thank you for your generosity.

Please Consider "Online Giving"

*If you are not already doing so, please use your envelopes each week. Only contributions in your numbered envelope are recorded for documentation required by the IRS.

Please remember our Parish in your will.



Online Giving

Thank you to the families that have signed up for Online Giving! You can decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. You can even view your giving history and pledge progress at any time, just by logging in. Please visit www.olqpbranchville.org and click the Online Giving link to get started.



March 2nd & March 3rd

5:00 PM JoAnn Maio
8:00 AM John Iacopelli
9:30 AM Family Mass
11:00 AM Barbara Bayles

March 9th & March 10th

5:00 PM Debbie Carter
8:00 AM Anita Schweizer
9:30 AM Family Mass
11:00 AM Ric Hahn



Altar Servers

March 2nd & March 3rd

5:00 PM Matt & Paul Corazza
8:00 AM Chris Pirrello
9:30 AM Carly Studt
11:00 AM Ryan Hudock

March 9th & March 10th

5:00 PM Brian O'Connor
8:00 AM Ryan Hudock
9:30 AM Jack Lesch
11:00 AM Samantha Price

From the Desk of Father Ed:

Dear Parishioners,

Often we have heard the expression, "The blind leading the blind". And it leaves us with an image of foolishness and hopelessness; individuals that don't listen to reason and are led astray.

Jesus is the one who coins the phrase in our Gospel this weekend, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" Faith in the Gospels is often equated with physical sight, and having little or no faith as one who is physically blind. Jesus wanted to equip His disciples with strong faith and knowledge of His ways so that they could lead others to grow in faith. In order for them to be successful they too had to grow in holiness and virtue by following the example of Jesus' life.

We don't have to search or look far to see the spiritual blindness, that is, that lack of faith all around us. As disciples of Jesus we must grow stronger in our faith and in knowledge of His ways, that is, the teachings of His Church. We don't want to be blind guides but rather filled with the light of the Holy Spirit, courageously leading others to the truth. Once again the Season of Lent is upon us and the call to grow in faith and holiness is here.

Parish Life:

Our construction project that began in November to enclose the existing parish pavilion is almost complete. We now have an adequate parish hall with heating and air conditioning that can be used all year round. The building was extended some 8 feet so that the bathrooms can be accessed from inside the building. Before enclosing the pavilion we renovated the existing kitchen and provided it with the necessary fire suppression system and a new commercial grade gas stove. The exterior walls of the newly enclosed space are lined with glass sliding windows and doors so that there is a clear view of the pond and rear grass meadow area. We are currently scheduling our next year's religious education classes to be held in the newly enclosed pavilion. This new beautiful hall space will serve the parish's needs for many years to come.

Several parishioners have generously donated to help with the additional cost of some of the upgrades and unforeseen costs such as a new tv, upgrading of the vinyl flooring material, the sound system, window treatments, etc. Please consider making a donation to help us cover the additional costs of the project. The newly enclosed pavilion will provide us the opportunity to have many joyful future events where we can gather as God's family in faith.

Please consider joining us in prayer this Season of Lent in our 40 days for Life Campaign.

Be sure to purchase a ticket for our St. Patrick's Day dinner party.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us,
Father Ed,
Pastor

Calendar Events

3/3 Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am (Family Mass) 11:00 am Mass
9:00 am Rosary

3/4 Monday

8:00 am Morning Mass
7:30 pm Adoration & Benediction

3/5 Tuesday

8:00 am Mass & Rosary
7:00 pm OA Meeting

3/6 Ash Wednesday

8:00 am Mass with Ashes & Rosary
3:30 pm Service with Ashes
7:00 pm Mass with Ashes

3/7 Thursday

8:00 am Mass & Rosary
9:30 am Mass at The Bentley

3/8 Friday

8:00 am Mass
7:30 pm Stations of The Cross

3/9 Saturday

8:00 am Mass, & Rosary
3:45 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass

3/10 Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am (Family Mass) 11:00 am Mass
9:00 am Rosary
6:00 pm-8:00 pm Catholic Teens



Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

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



Welcome Home To Healing

"Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, from March 11th– April 8th, from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided.

Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God.

www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org



Lenten Regulations on Fast & Abstinence

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. 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. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) – 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) extends from the First Sunday of Lent to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity.



Parish Pilgrimage to Canada

Monday June 10th- Friday June 14th

We will leave Monday morning from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish by bus and arrive in Three Rivers, Canada. We will be staying at The Shrine of Our Lady of The Cape for 4 nights. The Pilgrimage will include a day trip to Montreal & St. Joseph's Oratory along with a stop in Quebec City and The Basilica of St. Ann de Beaupre.

\$590.00 per person (double occupancy)
\$725.00 per person (single occupancy)

Breakfast & Dinner meals in Canada, hotel room, & transportation is included.

*Brochures in the back of the Church
Pilgrimage Chaplain: Father Ed*

Come & join us this summer for Our Parish Pilgrimage to Canada. (You will need a passport). Visit our website www.OLQPBranchville.org to register. Registration deadline: April 10th, 2019.

Catholic Teens Youth Group

Grades 7-12 are Invited .

**Sunday, March 10th
6:00 pm –8:00 pm**



Join us for an Evening of Music, Food, Fun, and Prayer

Stations Of The Cross

**Every Friday in Lent
7:30 pm –8:15 pm**



Come join us for Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adoration. Let us enter into the Season of Lent by walking with Jesus, the way of the Cross.

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LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER 2019

Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.

Chastity: The School of Love

To all the faithful, religious, deacons and priests:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.
(2 Cor 13:13)

[9] Sadly, some individuals do not see chastity as something good or attainable. Rather, they portray chastity as harmful to the psychological and emotional well-being of the individual. They argue that sexual desires are so essential a part of human nature that denying them is unnatural. For these individuals, chastity is a repressive attitude that limits one's development. As C. S. Lewis once remarked, "Chastity is the most unpopular of the Christian virtues." But, not so for those who faithfully follow the teaching of Jesus!

[10] God has imprinted the fundamental capacity to love on our very bodies. Creating us either male or female, God has inscribed a nuptial meaning on human sexuality, leading man and woman to find fulfillment in the gift of self to the other. Truly, "it is not good that man should be alone" (Gn 2:18). Man and woman realize their full potential by loving each other.

[11] Sexuality, therefore, is not something purely biological. It touches the intimate nucleus of the person (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2332). Sexuality affects all aspects of the human person. It concerns affectivity, the capacity to love and the ability to form bonds of communion with others. By fashioning us in his own image, God who is love gives every individual the fundamental vocation to enter into communion with others by loving them (cf. 1 Jn 4:8).

[12] In God, love is the total and complete self-giving of each person of the Blessed Trinity to the other. So, too, for each of us. Love is the gift of self to another. But, no individual can truly give himself or herself to another if that person has not achieved a possession of self. One cannot give away what one does not possess. An individual who has not mastered his or her passions remains dominated by them and is not in full control of self. In such a case, the individual lacks the self-giving necessary for love. (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2338-2339; 2346)

[13] This side of the Garden of Eden, self-mastery means a daily struggle. Our human nature suffers the results of Adam and Eve's rejection of God's plan for our happiness. In committing original sin, our first parents rejected their dependence on God. They cast off the moral norms that God had established for the authentic use of freedom. Their sin not only shattered the harmony of creation but also destroyed "the control of the soul's spiritual faculties over the body" (cf. *ibid*, 400).

Read the entire Pastoral Letter on our website at www.OLQPBranchville.org



40 Days For Life Campaign

**Monday's during Lent
March 11th– April 15th
9:15 am to 10: 15 am**

Come & Join us for an hour of prayer each Monday in the Season of Lent. We will gather at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish at 9:00 am and car pool to Planned Parenthood in Newton to pray The Rosary and then return to Our Lady Queen of Peace.

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. It draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: Prayer and fasting, constant vigil, Community outreach

The 40-day campaign tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities ... and the entire world. From Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Christ's resurrection, it is clear that God sees the transformative value of His people accepting and meeting a 40-day challenge.

It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. It also serves as a call to repentance for those who work at the abortion center and those who patronize the facility.

See sign up sheet at Church entrance. Sign up for attending prayer service at Planned Parenthood and for those who cannot join us but will support us and 40 Days For Life with prayer.

Parish Fundraiser

SHOP-RITE, WEIS & OTHER GIFT CARDS



Please consider supporting our Parish Fundraiser. There is no extra fee for these cards. The Parish makes 2%-5% profit with each card purchased. Gift Cards are generally sold after each of the weekend Masses in the Parish Hall.

Gift Cards are also available in the Parish Office from Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am –2:00 pm.

Approximate Profit for February \$414.00

Gertrude Hawk

A cash and carry Gertrude Hawk Easter Chocolate sale beginning Saturday, March 23rd until Sunday, April 14th. . Thank you for your support!



Sacraments of the Church:

Baptism:

Infant Baptisms (Private & Communal) are celebrated on Saturdays at 11:30 AM & Sundays at 12:30 PM. An instruction class on Baptism will be provided in advance. Please call in advance to make an appointment and to ensure that the Church's requirements especially for Godparents are satisfied.

Eucharist:

If you are seriously ill or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact Father Ed.

Adult Confirmation:

Please call the office and ask about our religious education program for adults.

Reconciliation:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available Saturday 3:45pm-4:45pm, after weekday Masses 8:30am, during Adoration Monday evening 7:30pm-8:30pm and Friday morning 8:30am-9:30am, and anytime by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick:

Anyone who wishes to receive this healing sacrament, the Anointing of the Sick, should contact Father Ed.

Marriage:

Couples contemplating marriage are asked to call the office for an appointment to discuss the Marriage Preparation Program. Arrangements should normally be made one year in advance and before any wedding dates are finalized.