

Our Lady Queen of Peace

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Sunday, March 10, 2019

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM
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.

First Sunday Of Lent: March 10th

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY

8:00 AM MIKE & STACEY WENNING
(RITA WENNING)

TUESDAY

8:00 AM INTENTIONS OF
TYLER RODIMER
(THE DURSO FAMILY)

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM NICHOLAS LUPOMO
(NANNY & HEATHER GRANATA)

THURSDAY

8:00 AM GEORGE HAUESTEIN

FRIDAY

8:00 AM JOSEPH V. CORAZZA
(THE FAMILY)

SATURDAY MARCH 16TH

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

5:00 PM MARY PELLEK
(THE KOPYCIENSKI FAMILY)

SUNDAY MARCH 17TH

8:00 AM CARMINE & GERALDINE MELE
(THE FAMILY)

9:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:00 AM LOUIS CENTORCELLI
(THE 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 10th the Sanctuary
Lamp burns for: **Carmine & Geraldine Mele**

Weekly Collection

Sunday Offering 3/2 & 3/3	\$ 4,832
Online Giving	<u>\$ 585</u>
Total	\$ 5,417
Estimated Weekly Expense	<u>\$ 6,500</u>
Shortage	\$ (1,083)

Partners in Faith

Recently our Parish received a \$1,794.38 rebate from the Partners in Faith Campaign. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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 9th & March 10th

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

March 16th & March 17th

5:00 PM Elenor Rielly
8:00 AM Bob Mayer
9:30 AM Family Mass
11:00 AM Lorri Opitz



Altar Servers

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

March 16th & March 17th

5:00 PM Carly Studt
8:00 AM Ryan Hudock
9:30 AM Jack Lesch
11:00 AM Samantha Price

From the Desk of Father Ed:

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we begin our first Sunday in the Season of Lent. As we embark on this 40-day journey we hear in our Gospel how Jesus prepared for His public ministry by going into the desert for 40 days. He was filled with the Holy Spirit and led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

We recall when Adam was in the garden and he was tempted by the devil. He gave into the temptation of the serpent to eat of the forbidden fruit and broke the covenant between God and man. The result was the fall of humanity known forever as Original Sin where man was cast out of paradise and destined to suffer and die. In our Gospel this weekend Jesus is also tempted with food. After fasting for 40 days the devil said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Unlike Adam, Jesus did not give into the devil's temptation, rather He responded, "it is written, 'One does not live on bread alone.'" Although it was not said in this Gospel the next verse of Scripture that follows is, "But on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Mt 4:4). Jesus is the Word of God and the Bread of Life. He gives us life through the Gospel and through His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Jesus did not give into the temptation of the devil to eat even though He was hungry, rather He came to feed us.

Jesus came as the new Adam, obedient to the Father, to offer Himself for the life of the world. He did not give into the devil's temptation but rather He crushed the head of the serpent. He opened the gates of paradise to those who believe and obey Him.

The Season of Lent is a time of grace upon grace and we should not let this special time pass us by. Many graces in Lent are given to help us resist the temptations of the devil and to turn away from sin. We enter into Lent with three spiritual weapons: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. The use of these three weapons throughout Lent disposes us to the help that our Lord wants to give us, that is, the graces He won for us on the Cross.

The Lord is not asking us to fast for 40-days but rather that we turn away from sin, open our hearts and use our resources to help those in need, and to give Him our time in prayer. Stay close to the Sacraments of the Church, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist so the we will have the strength to make this a fruitful Season of Lent.

Parish Life:

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

This Sunday is the last day to purchase tickets for the St. Patrick's Day dinner party.

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

Calendar Events

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

3/11 Monday

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

3/12 Tuesday

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

3/13 Wednesday

8:00 am Mass & Rosary
4:00 pm Mass at The Sunrise House

3/14 Thursday

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

3/15 Friday

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

3/16 Saturday

8:00 am Mass, & Rosary
3:45 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm St. Patrick's Day Dinner

3/17 Sunday

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



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)

[14] As a result of original sin, there is a tension between our body and soul. "Each of us is like a charioteer who must control two steeds: one material, instinctive, unruly, and seeking only its own low pleasures; the other spiritual, brimming with nobility, honor, and courage. The charioteer's identity survives death, for it is spiritual, the rational principle, the soul. But the steed that is his body must perish" (Thomas Cahill, Heretics 2 of 4 PASTORAL LETTER 2019 and Heroes, pg. 5).

[15] The apostle St. Paul speaks about this struggle as the rebellion of the "flesh" against the "spirit" (cf. Gal 5:16-24; Eph 2:3). We experience this rebellion as concupiscence, that is, the strong desire or tendency to satisfy our sensual appetites without regard to God's plan. The waters of baptism wash away original sin. But, the effects of original sin remain.

[16] Because of concupiscence, we are inclined to indulge our desires rather than to control them. It is easier to satisfy our hunger and thirst than to fast. It is easier to lose our patience than to remain calm. It is immediately more gratifying for the moment to indulge our sexual appetites than to control them.

[17] Human sexuality cannot be separated from God's design for love. It is a gift given by God to unite a man and a woman in a faithful, exclusive and mutual love lived within the commitment of marriage open to life. Even when there is some affection and love in relationships other than that of husband and wife, these relationships are not the total giving of one person to another in faithful love according to God's plan. There is a holding back, a self-centeredness, that inhibits the authentic freedom to love. (cf. Amoris Laetitia, 292)

[18] Any sexual activity outside of marriage is outside of God's plan for our happiness (cf. 1 Cor 7:4-5). In varying degrees, adultery, fornication, masturbation, artificial birth control, in-vitro fertilization, same-sex relations, cohabitation and the use of pornography all belie the nuptial meaning of marriage that God intends for sexuality. It is for this reason that the Church urges her faithful to avoid these sins and counsels both the married and unmarried to be chaste (The Pontifical Council on the Family, "The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality," 17).

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.



Lenten Parish Mission

The Days of Elijah and the Coming Triumph

March 31st-April 3rd
7:30 pm

Come & join us for our Parish Lenten Mission. Learn a different aspect of the Triumph of Mary, specifically the Days of Elijah! See how Elijah the prophet, John the Baptist, and the Feast of Tabernacles all point toward the coming Triumph of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart!

**Sunday, March 31, 7:30 pm
Talk: Days of Elijah**

**Monday, April 1, 7:30 pm
Talk: Elijah, a Prophet for our Times?**

**Tuesday, April 2, 7:30 pm
Talk: The Prophet and the New Exodus**

**Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 pm
Talk: The Feast Tabernacles and the Coming Triumph
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction**



Fr. David W. Gunter, MIC is a member of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception located at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He was ordained in 2009 for the Archdiocese of Boston. Prior to entering the priesthood, he studied at Northeastern University receiving a BA in Economics and Geology in 1981. He went on to obtain an MBA from Babson College in 1984. He entered the Marian Fathers in July 2014, and completed his novitiate in August 2015, when he professed first vows. Over the last few years, Fr. David has been researching Marian apparitions, Marian teachings by saints and popes, and has compiled an exciting program based on a book he has written called "The Triumph."

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.