

Our Lady Queen of Peace

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Fr. Tom Liebler, Pastor

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday—8:30 am; Wednesday—6:30 pm.

Saturday—4:30 pm Sunday—8:30 & 10:30 am

To contact Fr. Tom cell: 409-7444 or email: tliebler@aol.com

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday.....3:30-4:15 pm
& by appointment

Hospital Visits/ Sacrament of Anointing

Call parish office to request a hospital visit or the Sacrament of Anointing by Fr. Tom.

Knights of Columbus Contact Info

Bethalto Council #4688,
4th Degree Assembly #203
Grand Knight: Chris DeClue,
Email: bethaltoknight@gmail.com
Website: www.bethaltoknights.org

Communion to the Homebound

Holy Communion is brought to homebound and residents of Villa Rose Retirement Living and Bethalto Care Center on Fridays for those unable to attend Mass. Call office to request.

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

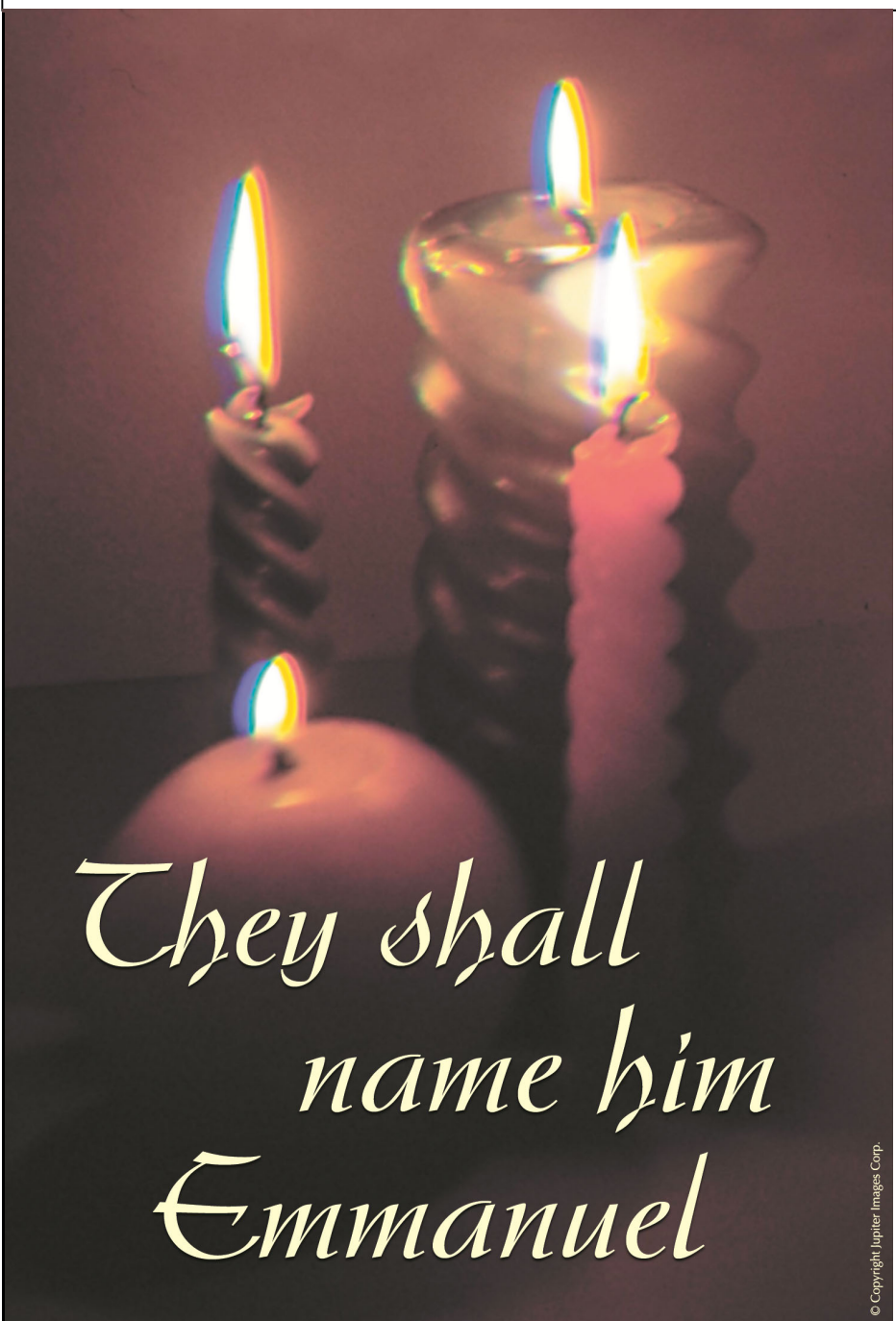
Saturday.....9:00 am-11:00 am

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents of infants to be baptized should call the parish office to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.

Parish Office Hours (December)

Dec. 19—22: 8:30 am—4:30 pm
(closed Dec. 23, 26, 27)
Dec. 28-29: 8:30 am—4:30 pm
(closed Dec. 30, Jan. 2)
Re-Open Jan. 3



*They shall
name him
Emmanuel*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule & Intentions



Sat., Dec. 17 Advent Weekday
4:30 pm Kurt, Grace & Ed Boerner

Sun, Dec. 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Gerrie Krummelbein
10:30 am For the Parishioners

Mon., Dec. 19 Advent Weekday
8:30 am Dale Johnson

Tues., Dec. 20 Advent Weekday
8:30 am Steve & Virginia Ostanick

Wed., Dec. 21 Advent Weekday
6:30 pm Al Baiter

Thurs., Dec. 22 Advent Weekday
8:30 am Regina Collins

Fri., Dec. 23 Advent Weekday
8:30 am Charles Calhoon

Sat., Dec. 24 Advent Weekday
4:30 pm For the Parishioners
9:00 pm Bill Jones Sr.

Sun., Dec. 25 Nativity of the Lord
9:00 am Anthony Ventimiglia

Prayer Requests

The sick: Darlene Fox, Conor Vogel, Mary Oldham, Jim Budde, Julie Stutz-Weindel, Jim Friedrich, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Janet Yates, Bob Schley, Pat Ricci, Jean Greer, Cathy Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Baby Corbin, Mackenzie Robinson, Marguerite Hufker, Gary Trimm, Darlene Huebener, Vera Langenneckert, Becky Hunt, Betty Bast, Bobby & Jared Evans, Randall Oldham, Amy Bernhard, Bonnie Ritzheimer, Nelson Gregory, Bill Jones, Dorothy Wittig, Paul Schroeder.
Parish E-Mail Prayer Chain: Send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com



Flower Memorials

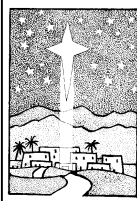
Memorial donations to purchase poinsettias for the altar may be made to parish office or placed in collection basket. Jot down the name for which the memorial is being made and by whom. Usual offering, \$10.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gilda Fulgenzi**, former Chancellor of Diocese. May God grant her eternal rest.

Pro Life March

Our parish Youth Group will again attend the 2017 March for Life in Washington DC. They will leave Wednesday, January 25 and return Sunday, January 29th. They will also be going to Philadelphia. More info, call Norm/Amy, 377-9373.



Christmas & Holy Day

Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve, 12/24: 4:30 pm, 9:30 pm
Christmas Day, 12/25: 9:30 am
Solemnity of Mary, 12/31: 4:30 pm
Solemnity of Mary, 1/1: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, Deacon John Murphy is going to be assigned to Queen of Peace for an indefinite period of time. Deacon John and his wife Leta are planning to move to Texas after they sell their farm. So we do not know how long they will be here. However, since he is here right now I think that a little information on what the role of a deacon is would be helpful. A deacon is an ordained minister just as a priest is. So he should be addressed as Deacon John. A deacon can baptize, marry couples outside of mass, read the Gospel and give homilies. I look forward to working with Deacon John in the coming months and I hope that all of you will make him feel at home once again.

Fr. Tom

Still Time to Buy SCRIP For Christmas!!

We still have an ample supply of SCRIP available. And, if you just don't know what type of SCRIP to buy someone, **we offer generic SCRIP gift certificates in any amount you choose.** To purchase, come by/call parish office this week.

Luke 18 Food Team Needs Help!

Our retreat will be **December 27-29.** We are in need of volunteers to help cook and serve snacks, lunch, dinner, or breakfast. We also need food items such as brownies, cookies, ice cream, ground beef, milk, juice, and fruit. If you can help, contact Paula Mattix-Wand at 618-972-1522

Wild Game Feed!

Saturday, Feb 18, 2017 6-9 pm – OLQP, St. Mary's Alton and Ss Peter & Paul youth groups are hosting a wild game dinner at Suddes Hall of St. Mary's Alton. Wild game donations needed. Advance dinner reservations \$25 each. Contact Norm 363-3020 or Amy 444-7715 to donate and/or reserve your ticket. **We are also seeking donations of bottles of wine (\$10 - \$100). We will be having a "blind wine pull" table at the event.**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

We will be taking a break over the holidays and resume January 10 of next year. Thanks!

Military Mass

Please join us to celebrate a Mass for the Military on Wednesday, December 21st. at 6:00 PM at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton. Come wish our active Military and our veterans a Merry Christmas!!

PARISH OFFERINGS

Week 24	Dec. 10 & 11	Total to Date
Loose	\$836.00	\$12,795.04
Envelopes	\$9,620.00	\$215,374.00
On Line Giving	\$1,725.00	\$43,191.00
Young People	\$14.50	\$341.07
Total	\$12,195.50	\$271,701.11
Operating Budget	\$13,114.77	\$314,754.48
ACSA Budget	\$1,153.85	\$27,692.40
Difference	(\$2,073.12)	(\$70,745.77)

Average weekly envelopes received: 202 of 824
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$55.00
Other Charitable Donations: \$320.00

December 18, 2016

A Message from our Principal

We, at the school, have had such a busy year, which must be why time is flying by so quickly! It was great seeing so many parishioners at the Fall play, Willy Wonka, Jr, last month. Once again, I am always amazed at the talent we have here in our own school!! In addition, it was great having an OLQP graduate, Grace Costello, direct the play. We also had the opportunity of seeing some of our parishioners as well as many of our students' family members at our Veteran's Thank You Program! This is always such a special event, and our 8th graders, the choir, and our drill team do such a wonderful job presenting this program! The students get the chance to talk to these Veterans, thank them for their service, and learn from their interesting stories and experiences. Our 8th graders continue to celebrate Mass with the residents of Villa Rose Retirement Community every month. In addition, this month they celebrate a Christmas party with the residents at the Bethalto Care Center. At OLQP, the value of serving others by doing whatever we can to make a difference in someone's life, is something we stress from the early grades, all the way through eighth grade. Our students truly do make differences in many lives!! Advent began on November 27th. Every Wednesday morning our upper grade students lead weekly Advent prayer services for the rest of the student body. In addition, Mrs. Admire, and her first grade students put an "Act of Kindness" Advent wreath in the school lobby, and each day all the students try to incorporate these acts of kindness into their daily lives. We teach the students about the importance of Advent through numerous activities and discussion throughout the Advent Season. December is full of Christmas joy and activity! Our students already had the opportunity to shop for family members at our Santa's Kottage in early December. The Preschoolers had their Christmas Program which is always so fun and cute! Breakfast with Santa took place on Dec. 10th in the gym, and the K-8 Christmas Program will take place on Monday, December 19th, at 6:30 PM. As always, all are welcome to join us! The students will be on Christmas break from noon on December 20th, until January 3rd. Then, on Sunday, January 29th, we will kick off Catholic School's Week with our open house. Make sure to put this on your calendar and plan on coming to school after Masses on that day. We love the opportunity for parishioners to come through the school. You can enjoy doughnuts and coffee as you see the students' Educational Fair Projects in the classrooms. All of us at the school wish everyone a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support of all we do at Our Lady Queen of Peace School.

Eve Remiszewski, Principal

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University

St. Mary's Parish in Edwardsville will be offering the Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University course January 11 - March 8. Video viewing begins at 6:30pm, discussion at 7:30-8:30pm. Cost is \$75 per kit, scholarships available. Contact St. Mary's Parish Office at 618-656-4857 to register.

OLQP is going to Ireland!

Complete details within next couple weeks. But here's a brief description - It will be a 10-11 day itinerary in approximately June - July 2018. Cost approximately \$3800 - \$4000 per person/double occupancy, includes airfare, lodging, ground transportation, entry fees, most meals. It will be a balanced trip of faith, culture and downright fun. We will hit the highlights of Dublin, Blarney Castle, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Killarney and so much more. Recommended age 18 and above. This trip will require a lot of walking and hiking (Ireland is not flat!). Registration will begin in January, payment plans can be arranged. Contact Amy Frisch 444-7715.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekend of December 24-25, 2016

USHERS/GREETERS:

4:30 pm Dale Osborne, Dan Rogers
Loren & Raeann Summers
9:00 pm Dan & Marth Smith
Jim & Judy Griffith
9:00 am Don & Terri Militello
Chris & Suprina Schmidt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:30 pm Tim Zacha, Mindy DeClue, Bob Sulsberger
Mary Stewart, Joe Gulash, Jean Johnson
Dick Rogers, Marcella Dipaolo
9:00 pm JoEllyn Patterson, Dianne Morin, Jim Menke
Andy & Mary Kerkemeyer, Paula Mattix-Wand
Marce & Brenda Tebbe
9:00 am John & Sandy Platter, Sam Waldo
Linda Heinz, John Torrez, Marge Kirby
John Forrester, Teresa Wilson

SERVERS:

4:30 pm Brennan Flaherty
Olivia Tinsley
Nick Newton
9:00 pm Chris DeClue
Emily DeClue
Ashleigh Dooling
9:00 am Will Talbot

MUSIC:

4:30pm
8:30am
10:30 am

LECTORS:

4:30 pm School Children
9:00 pm Gerry Mattix-Wand
9:00 am Rebecca Gra

No SCRIP Sales Weekend of Dec. 24-25

Retrouvaille

YOU Can Help Your Marriage - Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with each other? Constantly fighting? Thought about separation or divorce? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. **Next Program begins FEBRUARY 3, 2017.**

A Message from the Catholic Children's Home

The Catholic Children's Home has a proud and deep-rooted tradition of serving children's needs since 1879. Today the Catholic Children's Home continues its mission by providing: Special Education Day School for children with learning disabilities, developmental and behavioral disorders. Also, they have residential services, which consist of long-term, diagnostic and emergency shelter care programs for children who have been severely abused and neglected. These programs are involved with teaching and training social, academic and independent living skill. Transitional and Independent living programs are also offered, which teach older adolescents to transition successfully into the community as positive citizens. Our school and residential programs serve more than 150 children per year, and we are dedicated to continued improvements and expansion of our services and programs to meet the ever-changing needs of the children in our communities. Construction and renovation of our buildings is part of our commitment to ensure that quality education and programs will continue at the Catholic Children's Home.

Every year we depend on the Christmas Day collection as the most important part of our fundraising. What better day to remember the children who, through no fault of their own, are less fortunate than our own. Your monetary donation to the Catholic Children's Home is a wonderful way to ensure that we will continue to bring help to the most needy children and to ensure that they have a brighter hope for the future.

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