

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 8:30 am;
Wednesdays: 6:30 pm
Saturdays: 4:30 pm; **Sundays:** 8:30 & 10:30 am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: 3:30-4:15 pm & by appointment

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

HOSPITAL VISITS/ SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

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



Second Sunday of

Advent

December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children gathered
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 3:5

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PARISH OFFICE

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Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat., Dec. 8 4:30 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time Don Lexow & Taylor Pile
Sun., Dec. 9 8:30 am 10:30 am	Second Sunday of Advent For the Parishioners Joseph Perrine
Mon., Dec. 10 8:30 am	Weekday in Advent Paul Gehrs
Tues., Dec. 11	Weekday in Advent Ruth Haug
Wed., Dec. 12 6:30 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Betty Bast
Thurs., Dec. 13 8:30 am	St. Lucy Bob Meehan
Fri., Dec. 14 8:30 am	St. John of the Cross Eileen Graham
Sat., Dec. 15 4:30 pm	Weekday in Advent Tom Connoyer
Sun., Dec. 16 8:30 am 10:30 am	Third Sunday of Advent Jerry Durbin For the Parishioners

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Jim Friedrich, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Janet Yates, Bob Schley, Jean Greer, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Darlene Huebener, Randall Oldham, Nelson Gregory, Kayden Spurgeon, Bob Zakrzewski, Terry Tellefson, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Dan Kitzmann, Linda Anderson, Mike Byers, Lee Burnt, Maxine Calhoon, John and Jeanette Medlock, Dan Connoyer, Gloria Matthews, Dorothy Wittig, Dave Gibbons, Bill Jones. **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 the parish office. Jot down the name for which the memorial is being made and by whom and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Usual offering, \$10.

Buy SCRIP For The Perfect Christmas Gift!!

We keep over 50 different retailers on hand, and there are hundreds more available to order. 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. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to view a complete list. In addition, we offer SCRIP for several local restaurants. To purchase, come by or call the parish office Monday thru Friday, 377-6519 or consider using the online purchase program, Shopwithscrip.com. Orders can be placed on line and then included in the parish office's order on Monday, to be delivered by Thursday of same week. SCRIP will be available to purchase in the parish office through Friday, December 21. However, the deadline to order to ensure Christmas delivery is December 14th.

Post Class

We meet **Wed., Dec. 12** at 6:30 PM in the gym kitchen. We will be discussing incense and offering up prayers. We will be participating in the Luke 18 retreat Dec. 28-30.

Dear Parishioners,

This coming Wednesday, November 12, is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, has been declared as the Patroness of the Americas. That means she is the special patroness of South, Central, and North America. During this time of great tension over the question of immigration, it is an important time for all of us to ask for Mary's special intercession for all of us in the Americas. As citizens of the USA we have the right to have safe and secure borders, and as citizens of the Americas we have the obligation to see all Americans as our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is an unbelievable balancing act. However, Mary can handle it if we let her. Let us pray for a peaceful and just conclusion to what is happening on our southern border through the special intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



(What More Can We Do For Jesus)

Father Tom

OLQP Dinner Auction



Mark your calendar for **February 2, 2019**—OLQP Dinner Auction supporting ALL youth (School and Youth Group). **This week's challenge is: Restaurants—give a letter to your favorite restaurant or ask for a donation, ad or sponsorship.** These are our biggest earnings!! To help with this event please contact Amy Frisch 618-444-7715 or Dana Aronin 618-978-4305. Absolute deadline to submit donation is January 18, 2019. Tickets will be on sale soon. \$50 each.

Opportunities for Confession & Local Penance Services

Father Tom will be available for Confessions on the following dates: As always, every Saturday, 3:30-4:15 pm; Dec. 17, 18, 20, 21 at 8:00 am; Dec. 19, 5:30 pm. Also, local Penance Services will be offered at parishes in our area as listed below:

12/12 6:30 pm St. Mary, Edwardsville
12/16 7:00 pm St. Jerome, Troy

Mass Schedule

Christmas:
Monday, Dec. 24
4:30 pm
9:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 25
9:00 am

Solemnity of Mary (New Years):
Monday, Dec. 31
4:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 1
9:00 am

December 9, 2018

Germany Pilgrimage



OLQP is looking at our next adventure to be a 10 day Germany Pilgrimage- Fall of 2020. The draft itinerary is: *Day 1 - depart; *Day 2 - Arrival & overnight in Frankfurt; Day 3 - *Frankfurt/Eltville/Rudesheim - Ebebach monastery, wine tasting, walking tour along the Rhine, overnight in Frankfurt. Day 4 - *Frankfurt/Walldurn/Kloster Kreuzberg/Wurzburg - Eucharist Miracle at

Walldrun, Franciscan Monastery famous for its brewery, overnight in Wurzburg; Day 5 - *Wurzburg/Rothenburg ob der Tauber/Ulm - Visit medieval city of Rothenburg, onto Ulm (birthplace of Albert Einstein), visit church with tallest steeple in the world; Day 6 - Ulm/Dachau/Neuschwanstein/Fussen area - Visit Dachau concentration camp, visit fairytale castle at Neuschwanstein. overnight in Fussen; Day 7 - Fussen/Liechtenstein/Freiburg - Visit microstate, Liechtenstein, within Austria then scenic drive onto Freiburg (Black Forest); Day 8 - Freiburg/Black Forest/Stuttgart - Day in the black forest area, visit the wonderful waterfalls in Freiburg, overnight in Stuttgart; Day 9 - Free day in Stuttgart (hoping to be able to attend Stuttgart's October fest. Day 10 - Depart; Minimum of 35 travelers - \$4200 per person. Please call Amy Frisch by Dec 15th if interested (payments wouldn't start until after new year. Just need a count for now.

Job Opportunity

St. Mary's Middle School in Alton is seeking a full-time Science Teacher. An Endorsement in Science or teaching experience in this field is required. Interested candidates should send resumes and letters of interest to kschwegel@smsalton.com. Please contact the main school office with any questions (618)465-8523.

Luke 18

Food crew needed! 7 meals are prepared during this retreat. We need help cooking, donations of snacks & grocery items. If you can help, call Paula Mattix-Wand at 972-1522.

March For Life

January 16-20, 2019 - Leave Wednesday evening January 16, 8:00 pm, return January 20, in the evening. Cost: \$350 per person. Open to Families, junior high and older. Contact Mike Poulsen 618-616-5580 or Norm Frisch 618-363-3020.

Parishioner Information

(New Members & Changes)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner Send Envelopes

New Phone—Email New Baby

Change of Address Leaving Parish

Wish Father to call Illness in Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekend of December 15-16, 2018

USHERS/GREETERS:

- 4:30 pm Dan Perkhiser, Mike Magee
Dave & Susan Marth
- 8:30 am Loren & Raeann Summers
Barb Cenatiempo, Janet Gross
- 10:30am Kathy Murphy, Jennifer Stout
Carol O'Toole, Deana McDonough

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 4:30 pm Marcella DiPaolo, Mindy DeClue, Joe Gulash
Liz Laurent, Carmen Graham, Jean Johnson
Bob Sulsberger, Marjo Flaherty
- 8:30 am Don & Carol Beste, Patricia Johnson
Ray Meyer, Tim Zacha, Sharon Pritchett
James & Kelli Stutz
- 10:30 am Tammy Sasek, Jackie Braatz, Carol O'Toole
Teresa Dubbledo, Kateri Frisch, Marge Kirby
Loren & Raeann Summers

SERVERS:

- 4:30 pm Mason Meyer
Olivia Tinsley
Gavin Tinsley
- 8:30 am Ben Werts
Drew Zacha
Nicholas Werts
- 10:30 am Samantha Pritchett
Somona Acheson
Jackson Collman

MUSIC:

- 4:30 pm Adult Choir
- 8:30 am Craig/Kathy
- 10:30 am Praise Team

LECTORS:

- 4:30 pm Becky Gray
- 8:30 am Mary Ann Klunk
- 10:30 am Alyssa Smith

SCRIP Sales—Weekend of December 15,16, 2018

- 4:30 Marilee Webb
- 8:30 Mary Cain
- 10:30 Mike & Jayne Poulsen

A Reflection on Today's Readings

God is leading Israel in joy. (Baruch 5:9)

When was the last time you saw Jesus in another person? Not just in a vague "I suppose so" way, but in a specific inspiring "Hey! I just felt the Lord!" way?

While it may not seem so at first, this is the kind of vision that Baruch gives his people in today's first reading. Baruch is speaking to the people of Jerusalem—a people who have survived a devastating military assault and who are now living hand to mouth in their city of ruins. Most of their fellow Israelites were carted off to exile in Babylon, leaving behind them a dreary and war-torn landscape.

Seeing his people's distress, Baruch gave them an unexpected message from God. Rather than telling them to look up and fix their eyes on the Lord, he directed their gaze out, where they would ultimately see their exiled brothers and sisters coming home in joyful procession. He promised that if they looked closely enough, they would see God's presence in the midst of these returnees. They would see it for the miracle that it was, and that vision would fill them with joy.

What Baruch told the Israelites the Holy Spirit wants to tell you: *If you want to see Jesus, don't just look up to heaven. Look out at the people around you as well.*

Try an experiment at Mass. Every time you stand, look at the people standing with you. Tell yourself, "These are my brothers and sisters. Jesus has given them to me so that I could find him more easily. Each one of them reveals a different facet of God's love and faithfulness."

All these people surrounding you are precious to the Lord. Together with you, they make up the body of Christ. This means that Jesus is present in them, just as he is present in the Host and the chalice. So don't just look up. Look out as well, and marvel that Jesus is coming to you in a personal way.

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