

Our Lady Queen of Peace

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Sunday, February 24th, 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

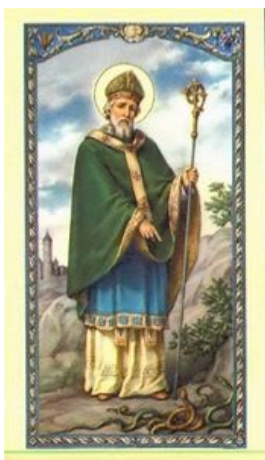
First Friday: 8:30 am Sat. 8:00 am (24 Hours)

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.

The Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time: February 24th

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

8:00 AM INTENTION OF
DANIEL T. PEVARNIK
5:00 PM NICHOLAS A. MARINO
(THE FAMILY)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

8:00 AM WILLIAM WERZEN
(THE KELLEHER FAMILY)
9:30 AM CARMEN LUIZZA
(MARYANN MILLS)
11:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY

8:00 AM INTENTIONS OF EMILY DUARTE
(BOB & FRAN MAYER)

TUESDAY

8:00 AM NINA LEONOWICH
(THE FAMILY)

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM HELEN CENTORCELLI
(THE FAMILY)

THURSDAY

8:00 AM ROCCO SALLETTE
(LUCILLE AMBLER)

FRIDAY

8:00 AM JEAN EVKO
(THE FAMILY)

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)

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 February 24th the Sanctuary Lamp burns for: **Joan Kruegar**



ALTAR FLOWERS MEMORIALS

The week of February 24th the Altar Flowers are presented for: **Ted & Fran Miltner**

Weekly Collection

Sunday Offering 2/16 & 2/17	\$ 3,077
Online Giving	\$ 270
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 1,003
Total	\$ 4,350
Estimated Weekly Expense	\$ 6,500
Shortage	\$ (2,150)

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.



Feb. 23rd & Feb. 24th

5:00 PM Marissa Tipton
8:00 AM Debbie Carter
9:30 AM Family Mass
11:00 AM Barbara Bayles

March 2nd & March 3rd

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



Altar Servers

Feb. 23rd & Feb. 24th

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

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

From the Desk of Father Ed:

Dear Parishioners,

Recently, our Bishop offered the option of allowing our religious education students to make their Confirmation in the 8th grade rather than the current policy of the 10th grade. He believes that they are more open and prepared at a younger age before their focus turns toward the requirements of high school, college, and other things. The Bishop's model includes an active youth group for the high school age students that want to advance in their learning of the faith. Next year our religious education program will make the transition to Confirm in the 8th grade.

Thinking back on my own Confirmation, which was in the 5th grade, I remember the Bishop gently tapping us on the cheek with his open right hand. This was to remind us that the gift given to us at Confirmation was a gift of the Holy Spirit to help us mature in the spiritual life. It was to reinforce what Jesus taught us and what we hear proclaimed in this weekend's Gospel, "To the person who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other one as well..." "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you". As followers of Jesus we are required to always retaliate with love. Jesus also taught, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven."

We are constantly reminded through the media of the sexual abuse crisis and infiltration of homosexuality in the hierarchy and clergy of our Church. Many people including myself are angered and disgusted by these current revelations. However, it is a fine line between knowledge and judgement. We can have knowledge of these evil dark sins and even a holy anger but we must stop short of judgement and condemnation, and practice forgiveness.

Our first reading from the First Book of Samuel traces the steps of King David as he was hunted by King Saul. Saul filled with jealousy and rage was set on murdering his successor, David. When David and his soldiers had the opportunity to take Saul's life while he was sleeping, King David told his men, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the Lord's anointed and remain unpunished?" King David reminds us that like Saul some of the clergy of the Church have committed great sins but they are God's anointed. We have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit, that gentle strike on our cheek to remind us that we are called to love and to pray...not to judge and condemn. "Forgive and you will be forgiven."

Parish Life:

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

2/24 Sunday

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

2/25 Monday

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

2/26 Tuesday

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

2/27 Wednesday

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

2/28 Thursday

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

3/1 Friday

8:00 am First Friday Mass
8:30 am– 8:00 pm First Friday Adoration
2:00 pm First Friday Mass at The Homestead

3/2 Saturday

8:00 am First Saturday Mass, Rosary, and
Breakfast
3:45 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass

3/3 Sunday

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



Healing Mass

Thursday, March 21st

**Praise & Worship Music 7:00 pm
Mass at 7:30 pm**

The healing service will take place immediately after Mass; Father Ed will be celebrating the Mass and Healing Service. Come with expectant faith and experience the Lord's healing power.

Praise & Worship Music

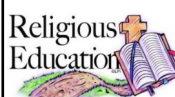
7:00-7:30 pm by: Dan Ferrari & Benjamin Yates



Dan Ferrari



Benjamin Yates



Religious Education News

Sunday Family Mass 9:30am

Sunday, March 10th (Grades 1-5)
Sunday, March 24th (Grades 6-10)

Please join us each Sunday at the 9:30 am Sunday Family Mass. It is a great privilege for us to gather as sons and daughters of the Father. Don't miss out on the many graces that He wants to give you.

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)

[5] We reap today the harvest of ideas sown in the 18th century. On its ruthless gallows, the French Revolution guillotined the Christian concept of the human person as created by God and ultimately responsible to him. With the Enlightenment that followed, reason alone became the guiding light; and, man, as the Greek philosopher Protagoras once taught, was now "the measure of all things." With the rejection of divine revelation as a source of knowledge came the demise of absolute moral values and the reign of relativism. As a result of these philosophical changes, human sexuality has become merely a social construct that can be changed at will with no reference to the design of the Creator. (cf. Gabriele Kuby, "How a rolling sexual revolution is crushing freedom," July 8, 2016).

[6] Our secular culture rejects human sexuality as a gift given by God to be enjoyed according to his plan. It denies the very distinction between man and woman. Society says that every individual can be whatever he or she chooses to be. As sex is divorced from God's design of responsible love at the service of fatherhood and motherhood, more children are born out of wedlock; cohabitation, promiscuity and infidelity are becoming commonplace; and, healthy families are more and more rare (cf. the Pontifical Council for the Family, "The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality," no. 6).

[7] The sexual revolution that began in the 1960s has changed people's attitudes about human sexuality. It has led to man-made laws that contradict the natural law inscribed in creation itself. It has trampled objective morality underfoot. It has lessened the restraints on sexual behavior. It has confused the license to indulge in sexual intimacy with the freedom to love another person.

[8] In such an environment, every follower of Jesus is called to witness to the true meaning of human sexuality by embracing the virtue of chastity. Abstinence from sexual activity is not in itself chastity. It is merely "the lamp without the oil" (St. Bonaventure). Chastity is love in action. A chaste love in accord with the Creator's design leads to personal freedom. A chaste love builds up a healthy environment for families to thrive. Chastity for the married and unmarried *is* the way of authentic love.

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

**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)

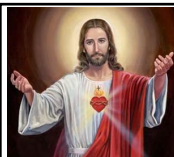
\$725.00 per person (single occupancy)

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.

**First Fridays Devotion:
Friday, March 1st**

- The First Friday's Devotion is Celebrated at the 8:00 AM Mass on the First Friday of the Month.
- Holy Mass will be Celebrated Ad Orientem.
- Prayers and Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus are said After Mass.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available for 12 Hours on the First Friday from 8:30 AM to Friday, 8:00 PM. (Winter Schedule)

**Come and Join us
on the First Saturday of Each Month:****Saturday, March 2nd @ 8:00am****The Five First Saturdays Devotion**

- Mass at 8:00 am
- The Holy Rosary is prayed after Mass with a procession and Fatima Prayers.
- Breakfast is served in the parish hall after the Rosary.



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 January: \$368.00

Gertrude Hawk

A cash and carry Gertrude Hawk Easter Chocolate sale beginning Saturday, March 23rd until Sunday, April 14th. ***If you would like to place a special order, the catalogue is available after all masses in the church hall. The last day to place a special order is Sunday, February 17th and payment is due at time of order.*** 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.