

Chapel

Monday, September 7

7:00pm - No Mass

Tuesday, September 8

9:30am - Linda Diedrick - Family

Wednesday, September 9

7:00pm - Lea Fuller - Family

Thursday, September 10

9:30am - Freda Murtaugh - Dick & Freda Smith

Friday, September 11

9:30am - Anne Semo - (Family)

Church

The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 12

4:30pm - Freda Murtaugh - Charlie & Linda Avarello

Sunday, September 13

8:30am - Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

11:00am - Phil & Mary Nowfel - (Kay Jacob)



Our Lady Queen  
of Peace Church  
708 Erie Street ~ Grafton,  
Ohio  
Established ~ October 29, 2006

**PASTOR'S CORNER:** I thought the beginning of a new month, and Labor Day weekend, would be a good time to return to providing a bulletin. At the same time, I was hoping that returning to some kind of normality would make the pandemic go away!

It has been a busy summer even without all the normal activities. There are still some First Communion that have not been scheduled and one Confirmation which will take place this week. For those families that have not celebrated your child's First Communion please let me know when you feel comfortable in scheduling it. The First Communion can take place at any Mass on the weekend or weekday. I'm still trying to catch up on baptisms but there is progress being made there. There are five more scheduled in the next month.

There has also been some changes in the parish staff. Grace Ogonek, our Parish Catechetical Director is transitioning into retirement. I am currently looking to hire her replacement. I am deeply grateful for all that Grace has done for the parish and wish her the best as she spends more time with her grandchildren and family.

With the changes in Grace's role, and the uncertainty and anxiety of the coronavirus pandemic, there is not a set plan for the return of the faith formation program for our children. We are working on it, and in the meantime can provide families with resources to use at home. The sacramental preparation programs for First Communion and Confirmation are being addressed first. If you have a child that is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or a freshman in High School, please contact the parish office so that we have a better idea of the number of candidates we are preparing for.

I wish to thank everyone for your continued financial support of the parish during these unsettling months. I also wish to thank our parish gardeners who have done a spectacular job in maintaining the flower beds on the grounds and for our parish florists who have used the flowers to make all the arrangements in the church. And I wish to thank you for all your prayers and support and be assured of my prayers for you.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911  
 Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38  
 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49  
 Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**C**ongratulations to Michael & Teresa Stallard whose son *Michael Steven* was recently baptized. May he grow as a child of God with the support and witness of our parish community.

**Sympathy** to the families of Manuel Castillo who recently died. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

**Thank you** for your generous support of our Parish, and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries. The numbers below are actuals through August 31, 2020

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday Y-T-D:	\$ 99,447.25	\$102,206.00	(\$ 2,758.75)

Mortgage  
Principal: \$469,370.13

We are now at 113 parishioners signed up and using our E-Giving system. What a great way to send in your gifts without having to remember to bring your envelopes or to continue your gift while you are away.

If you would like to learn more or sign up for E-Giving, just give the office a call and they will help set you up.

We are now below \$500,000 on the principal owed on the mortgage. In ten years we have paid off over \$900,000 in principal. Thank you for your extra gifts to help us pay down the principal.

**50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The coronavirus pandemic, as with all other diocesan events, has greatly disrupted our plans. At this time, bringing together couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary is not possible. However, we do not want the year to pass by without marking this very special occasion. To honor all couples married in 1970, we would like to send a diocesan certificate as a keepsake. We ask all jubilarians to complete this [form](#). Catholic couples celebrating a significant anniversary, or those close to them, may also wish to consider ordering a parchment marking a Papal Blessing, [via the website of the Office of Papal Charities](#).

If circumstances change and make it possible for us to safely gather for a Mass to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of couples married in 1970, we will then notify all those who completed the diocesan form. Visit our [website](#) or [contact](#) the Marriage & Family Ministry office for more information.

**Pray for the Sick: Pray for the Sick:** *David Blackburn, Herb Kuepfer, Jose' Magiste, Sandy Vashbinder, Leon Denomme, David Myers, Kathy Borowy, Jerry & Lee Severns, Bille Updegrove, Al Machovina, Jim & Pat Wracker, Cathy Buckland, Don Gates, Ken Schroeder, Shayne Reisinger, Dennis Frabotta, Albert Bessey, Pastora Galarza, Ann Bring, Craig Nirosky, Bob Lewis, Alex Krutowskis and Bryan Smith.*

Please call the Parish Office 440-926-2364, or email us at [info@olqpgrafton.org](mailto:info@olqpgrafton.org) to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

**SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Will return this Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the parish hall. We will be reading and reflecting upon the gospel readings for the coming month. It is a great way to prepare for Mass and it enables one to hear the message that God has for them. We will be following all the protocols to keep everyone safe.

**MEN'S FAITH SHARING:** Will meet Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the parish hall. We have a lot of catching up to do since our last gathering in February. These informal gatherings consist of prayer, scripture and reflection. At a time when isolation is necessary it can also create stress and challenges to one's faith. We will be following all the protocols to keep everyone safe while at the same time strengthening our faith life. All men are welcome.



Thank you! Your support of the **CATHOLIC CHARITIES** Annual Appeal has made a difference, especially as the needs of our communities continue to grow during COVID-19. Because of your generosity, people who are hungry and homeless, addicted and struggling, lonely, sick and hurting will have the services available to assist them during the pandemic and have hope for the future. You can find stories of hope and faith when you visit [www.CatholicCommunity.org/COVIDVideo](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/COVIDVideo).

As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, a total of 39,002 faithful donors from across the Diocese have pledged more than \$12.3 million towards the Annual Appeal goal of \$13.5 million.

Here at Our Lady Queen of Peach, parishioners have pledged \$52,218 toward our parish goal of \$53,843. That is 97% of our overall goal! Your financial support makes a difference and transforms lives. Thank you on behalf of those served by Catholic Charities.

If you have not yet made your gift, contact Karen Joyce at 216-696-6525 x1910 to give by phone or make a secure online gift at [www.CatholicCommunity.org/donate](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/donate).

**PARKING LOT:** The east parking lot is completed and the west parking lot will be sealed next week. Next week starting on Tuesday the entrance off of Rt. 57 will be closed until Friday evening. Please use the Erie Street entrance until then.