

**MASSes for the WEEK**  
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**Monday, September 21**

7:00pm - Marilyn Tipple - Family

**Tuesday, September 22**

9:30am - Dr. Edward Tomko - Pat Tomko

**Wednesday, September 23**

7:00pm - Ralph Brady - Larry & Dawn Rowe

**Thursday, September 24**

9:30am - Janice Rourke - Greg Younglas

**Friday, September 25**

9:30am - Jeanne Kowalski - Pauline Burke

**The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

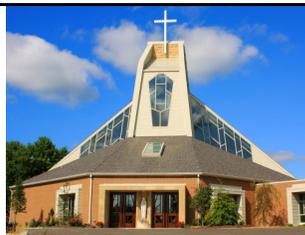
**Saturday, September 26**

4:30pm - Special Intention - Joe & Pat Diedrick

**Sunday, September 27**

8:30am - John Grasha - Family

11:00am - Clayton Cook - Family



Our Lady Queen  
of Peace Church  
708 Erie Street ~ Grafton,  
Ohio  
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**PASTOR'S CORNER:** "There is a light in this world, a healing spirit more powerful than any darkness we may encounter. We sometimes lose sight of this force when there is suffering. The pain we witness can be overwhelming. Then suddenly, the Spirit will emerge through the lives of ordinary people who hear a call and answer with extraordinary love." - Mother Teresa (as quoted in *Do Something Beautiful for God, The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa*).

Gifted with the Spirit, we are each called to respond to the call of God in our lives and show extraordinary love through our words and actions. Our Church, country, and world are in need of the healing light of God's love that is revealed through each of us by our baptism. During this period of a global pandemic, election year politics and civil unrest due to racial injustices, we need to be agents of hope and light. Unfortunately, surrounded by negativity and darkness we can become negative and bitter in our interactions with one another. Let us pray that we may be instruments of God's hope and peace, bringing His light to our wounded world.

I have witnessed this hope and peace in those who come to Mass and who are patient with the protocols that are in place to keep everyone safe. It is a very different time and coming to Mass has many restrictions that are normally not in place. Not being able to sit where you want and moving in and out by the directions of an Usher is not what we are used to doing. Keep in mind that what we are doing is to keep everyone safe and comfortable in coming to Mass, whether you agree with the restrictions or not. We are constantly evaluating our procedures to try and improve the safety of everyone. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you for your patience, and for reflecting hope and peace through your extraordinary love.

And to all those who serve as Usher as well as the other liturgical ministers I am grateful for your ministry to the parish. For those who would like to serve as Ushers, Greeters, Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers and have not been able to sign up when the schedule is posted each week, please call the office and have your name put on the schedule prior to it being posted.

May we keep each other in prayer as we seek to be agents of God's healing light to our families and community.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45  
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

**Congratulations to Gregory & Rachael Cervone** whose daughter *Lainey Elizabeth* was recently baptized. May she grow as a child of God with the support and witness of our parish community.

**Pray for the Sick: Pray for the Sick:** *David Blackburn, Jose' Magiste, Sandy Vasbinder, 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, Bryan Smith, Jacques Cote, Denny Innes, Grace Smith, Kristy Whitman and Theresa Wukie.*

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.

**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.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, Sept 13: \$	6,903.00		
E-Giving: \$	2,575.00		
Total: \$	9,478.00	\$ 11,356.00	(\$1,878.00)
Sunday Y-T-D: \$	121,901.25	\$124,918.25	(\$ 3,017.00)



**FLU SHOTS:** Pharmacist Jason Buga from Discount Drug Mart will be available to administer flu vaccines the weekend of October 10-11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Two flu vaccines will be available: the standard, quadrivalent vaccine for individuals aged 7-64 years and the new high-dose, quadrivalent vaccine for individuals aged 65 years and older. Discount Drug Mart will attempt to bill the vaccine to insurance so please bring any current insurance information. The cost of the vaccines will be \$30 for the standard vaccine (ages 7-64) and \$55 for the high-dose, quadrivalent vaccine (ages 65 and older).

In an effort to maintain social distancing, vaccines will be administered in the parish hall on an appointment basis. Appointments will be available on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm-6:00pm and on October 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am—12:30. Please reserve an appointment time on the Parish website for your family and fill out an administration form and vaccination pre-screening form for each individual receiving a vaccine prior to arriving for your appointment. Prior to receiving the vaccine, your temperature will be checked. **Masks are required to be worn.**

Please remain in your car and we will be calling individual families into the hall when it is their appointment time. Administration forms are available on the Parish website to print and will be passed out in the gathering area. Please contact Linda Wolfe-440-387-3751 or Jason Buga ([jbuga@discount-drugmart.com](mailto:jbuga@discount-drugmart.com)) if you have any questions or concerns.

**DISASTER RELIEF FUND:** There has been numerous storms that have hit the United States as well as wildfires that are destroying homes, businesses, churches and lives. The bishops of the United States have asked for a voluntary special appeal to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund. This fund will support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services as they respond to the immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care, and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. If you wish to make a donation to this emergency fund please place your donation in an envelope marked Disaster Fund and drop off at Mass or mail to the office. Please make checks payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace and we will then forward all donations received to the diocese.

**EVERYONE COUNTS!** It is not too late to be counted in the 2020 Census. If you have not already completed your 2020 census go to [my2020.census.gov](http://my2020.census.gov). or call (844) 330-2020.

**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.

**CONFIRMATION:** Please contact the parish office if you will be participating in the Confirmation program. The program is for those in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or older. The first class will be Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the parish hall. All CDC protocols will be observed. Classes will then be in person twice a month with material to do at home on alternating weeks. The celebration of Confirmation will be April 28, 2021 at 7:00pm

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are asked to call the parish office if you will be participating in the First Communion program. We are looking to see how many are interested in order to tailor the program to the number of children.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** On Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> we will continue our bible study with the in-depth study of “SALVATION”, with Session seven (7) from the FORMED LECTIO series (**no computer is required**). Meet with us at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. This study will cover “Not Simply A Moment”, “We can talk about salvation in many different ways” on pages 127-148 of the study guide. Study guides will be provided and are available in the Parish Office. You do not need a computer to participate. We will be meeting for this study the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday beginning in October through November. If anyone has questions please contact Rick Gallaher at (440) 458-6335 for comments or assistance. We will be following all the protocols to keep everyone safe

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION:** This collection provides grants to Catholic organizations that share our experience of faith, worship, and witness through social media sites, podcasts, television, radio, and print media. The special collection is scheduled for the weekend of 26-27 September 2020.

**WHERE DO YOU TURN?** For excellent resources for forming one’s conscience in preparation for this November’s general election go to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org). Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship has a video series as well as links to an online pledge “Civilize It.”