

Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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Mission Statement *Closer to God, Closer to One Another*

We, the people
of Mary Queen of Peace Church,
are called by God to live in community
as disciples.

Through the sacraments,
God nourishes and empowers us
to follow the example
of our namesake,
Mary Queen of Peace.
With the help of God's love and grace,
our mission is to build up
the kingdom of God on earth,
bringing our Community
closer to the Lord
and closer to one another
as we worship together,
educate and serve.



Schedule of Services

Sunday Masses

5:00 pm on Saturday
7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am
2nd & 4th Sunday 5 pm

Weekday Masses

6:45 and 8:00 am

Saturday Mass

8:00 am

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesday after 8 am Mass

Confession

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:45 pm
Anytime by calling the rectory.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Monday, 8:30 am— 9:00 pm
Third Monday, 8:30 am— 9:00 pm

Marriage

To be arranged with one of the parish priests as soon as the decision to marry has been made or at least six months before the wedding date.

Baptism

Sunday-12:00 pm with arrangement made by calling the Parish Office.

Preparation Class for Parents every first Tuesday at 7:00 pm.
in the Parish Office 962-2311

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Phone 314-962-2311

Website: www.mqpwg.org

School - 680 W. Lockwood, 63119

Phone 314-961-2891

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www.archstl.org

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A NEW WEEK — FR. JOHN VIEN

The Twenty-fifth Day of December,

when ages beyond number had run their course
from the creation of the world,

when God in the beginning created heaven and earth,
and formed man and woman in his own likeness;

when century upon century had passed
since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood,
as a sign of covenant and peace;

in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith,
came out of Ur of the Chaldees;

in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses
in the Exodus from Egypt;

around the thousandth year since David was anointed King;

in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel;

in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;

in the year seven hundred and fifty-two
since the foundation of the City of Rome;

in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus,
the whole world being at peace,

**JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,
desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence,
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**and when nine months had passed since his conception,
was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah,
and was made man:**

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

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Welcome to all who are joining us for our Christmas Masses this weekend! Welcome back to our college students and young adults who are home for the holidays. Welcome to those who do not regularly attend Mary Queen of Peace and those who do not share our Catholic faith. Welcome to all the guests of our parishioners and our visitors from across the area. And of course, welcome to all the familiar faces who make our parish bright week after week. It is good for all of us to be here and I hope that you will return to MQP often in the New Year!

On behalf of Father Aaron Nord, Monsignor Robert Jovanovic, seminarian Philip Rathinam, and all our parish staff, I extend our greetings and wishes to our parish family for a very Merry Christmas! Thanks to many of you who have been so generous and kind to us during these Christmas days, and a special word of thanks to all of you who have been so generous with your outreach to those less fortunate, helping to make Christmas bright for so many of our neighbors in need.

I extend to the parish family of MQP our love, the pledge of our continued service to you, and our wishes for a Merry Christmas. May the Christ-child bless us all with peace!

STEWARDSHIP-COLUMN

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory Summary

Last 4 Weeks' Offertory	11/27 thru 12/19	\$	131,834
Four Weeks' Offertory Budget		\$	136,000
Surplus/ (Shortfall)		\$	(4,166)
Weekly Goal		\$	34,000
Last four weeks' average		\$	32,959

If interested in enrolling with OSV Online Giving for ACH, credit / debit card, call Barb at the Parish Office, 962-2311.

AN INVITATION

You're invited to a beONE Resource Day on Sat, Jan 28, 2017 at the Cardinal Rigali Center, 8:30am to 12:00pm. Experience a practical look at the four beONE priorities with a special emphasis on how each priority leads to missionary discipleship. Find answers to these questions:

- ** How can I work towards unity and peace in everything I do?
- ** How can I grow in relationship with Christ by showing mercy, forgiveness, and compassion to others?
- ** How can I use my own spiritual gifts & talents as a leader?
- ** What does beONE look like in all aspects of my life?

On the registration form, you are asked to indicate the beONE priority breakout session that you would like to attend. Visit archstl.org/resourceday to register.

Online Giving

Who Uses Electronic Online Giving? Many parishioners — both young and old — appreciate the convenience of an online giving program. These may be people who receive payroll or social security checks online, pay utility bills online or even keep up with family and friends online. Additionally, many other parishioners also attend Mass at other local parishes due to family celebrations of sacraments or anniversaries, convenience of Mass times or weekend work schedules. All of these factors can lead to a situation where parishioners would want to take advantage of making their Offertory gift online.

Visit <http://www.mqpwg.org/Giving/Online-Giving> or call Barb at the Parish Office, 962-2311 to learn more.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24
Masses at 4 PM, 6 PM, 10 PM

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25
Masses at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM
NO 5:00 PM MASS



New Year's Eve and New Year's Day will follow the usual Saturday and Sunday schedule.



Mary Queen of Peace is dedicated to fostering missionary discipleship, which is the process of encountering Jesus, growing in our relationship & knowledge of Him and sharing Him constantly. We offer the following program to help you take one step closer to Jesus.

CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

Please join The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study as we continue our 2016-17 study of the book of Exodus. The Cornerstone is a Catholic Bible study group that leads you on a faith journey that can transform your heart and mind.

- Meetings resume in January at each of our locations:
 Monday 11-12:45 St. Cletus (St. Charles)
 Tuesday 9:30-11:30 St. Monica
 Wednesday 9:30-11:30 Mary, Mother of the Church
 Thursday 9:30-11:15 Annunziata
 Thursday 7-8:45pm Mary Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Lourdes
 Metro East—Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 St. Clare of Assisi (Belleville)

For more information please call Mary Reitz 314-971-1772, Kathleen DuMontier 618-398-5122 or visit our website www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org

The ONE STEP CLOSER initiative is brought to you by the Adult Faith Formation Ministry: We are faithful leaders dedicated to delivering programs to encourage a deeper, more personal relationship with Christ. If you would like to get involved or have comments/suggestions, please contact Steve Schaefer 314-406-9683 or steveschaefer10@gmail.com.



Interested in Youth Group?

Contact Youth Minister: Angela Fiordelisi

Email: youthministry@mqpwwg.org

Please let us know if you'd like to be added to the email list to receive updated info, reminders, & event info.

Follow us for updated information and reminders:

Facebook: [mqpyouthministry](https://www.facebook.com/mqpyouthministry) **Twitter:** [@mqpyouth](https://twitter.com/mqpyouth)

Instagram: [@mqpyouthministry](https://www.instagram.com/mqpyouthministry)

MQP Youth Ministry strives to lead teens closer to Christ. We are committed to providing experiences, relationships, and opportunities for the teens of our parish to encounter Christ.

Life Teen Youth Group
All high school teens invited and welcome.

Mass - 5PM; Life Night 6-7:30PM in the Lubeley Room (2nd & 4th week of month)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR NEEDED!

Have your kids enjoyed MQP's VBS for the last few years? Do you think you might be ready to take on a bigger role in this amazing ministry? Did you know.....

...MQP uses a pre-designed program to make running VBS easy!

...We share decorations with four other churches making decorations and set-up a breeze!

...Many of the lead roles are already filled! Our fearless volunteers return year after year!

...Members of our parish donate time, money & supplies!

To be an amazing director, all you need is a can-do attitude, organization, and the ability to work with others!

We have a lot of volunteers ready to help behind the scenes! For more info, please contact Laura Boeker at ljboeker@hotmail.com or Suzanne Moore at suzigau@yahoo.com

MQP Parish priests and staff wish everyone a blessed and joyous Christmas!

NOTE: Parish offices will be closed now through Tuesday, January 2, so that the priests and staff can enjoy these days with their families. Please respect these holidays, and if you have parish business, take care of that at another time.

CHRISTMAS

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Please join our Grief Support Group on the third Monday of each month from 6:30-7:30 in the Msgr. Lubeley Room below the rectory.

Connect with others who have experienced a loss. Email Mary Ann at mazimmerman@mqpwwg.org for questions or more information.

Liturgical Roles

MONDAY, December 26, 2016 -- 8:00 A.M.
 Servers: J. P. Torack -- J. Dolan

TUESDAY, December 27, 2016 -- 8:00 A.M.
 Servers: B. Ridgway -- J. Dolan

WEDNESDAY, December 28, 2016 -- 8:00 A.M.
 Servers: T. Ridgway -- B. Ridgway

THURSDAY, December 29, 2016 -- 8:00 A.M.
 Servers: L. Auberry -- A. Van Ness

FRIDAY, December 30, 2016 -- 8:00 A.M.
 Servers: C. Busch -- J. Henry

SATURDAY, December 31, 2016 -- 8:00 A.M.
 Servers: M. Margiotta -- J. Combs

5:00 P.M.
 Servers: N. Figge -- M. Broder -- RJ Clark
 Lectors: C. Brown -- J. Baxendale
 Ministers: M. Skelton -- D. Skelton -- A. Poelker -- J. Poelker
 K. Milford -- B. Tuffli -- P. Tuffli -- M. Johnson
 K. & R. Hutchinson -- A. Beckmann -- K. Wedding
 R. Froesel -- N. Carroll -- T. Milford -- J. Igoe
 Cantor:

SUNDAY, January 1, 2017 -- SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

7:30 A.M.
 Servers: G. Finke -- F. O'Keefe -- C. Wendling
 Lectors: D. Arns --
 Ministers: J. Gianino -- C. Gianino -- B. Bjorkman
 A. Finke -- J. O'Leary

9:00 A.M.
 Servers: G. Leritz -- K. James -- A. Loeffelman
 Lectors: N. Nester -- M. Longtine
 Ministers: C. Meyer -- M.A. Pickering -- M.E. Schukai -- D. Wilson
 S. Doyle -- J. Bright -- J. Lynch -- B. Monaco
 Hospitality: M. & M. Michenfelder -- M. & C. Abel -- C. & D. Wilson
 R. Mahon -- L. Mahon -- T. Lane
 Cantor: M. A. Zimmerman

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY: W. Bumbera -- D. Skelton -- T. Beckmann

11:00 A.M.
 Servers: J. Bush -- L. Bush -- G. Bena
 Lectors: H. Sallee -- R. Brown
 Ministers: A. Palmquist -- J. Schulte -- M. Campbell -- T. Riecken
 M. Sawyer -- C. Kennedy -- T. Brown -- T. Kuttler
 Hospitality: P. & S. Buehring -- M. Kelly -- S. & C. Tlapak
 M. Brice -- R. Brice -- N. McCarthy -- P. McCarthy
 Cantor:

Young Families Winter Picnic

Cabin Fever running through your house? Bring your littles to burn off energy at the MQP Young Families Winter Picnic in the MQP gym Sunday, January 29, 4:30-6:30 for dinner, drinks and fun. Lots of room to run and toys to play on for your little ones and playoff football will be on for adults! This is an MQP Auction party so cost is \$25 per family.

Contact Sara Clark to RSVP or for more info 314-662-3953 or sclark@hoffmanclark.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to Mary James, a parishioner and graduate of MQP, presently attending St. Joseph's Academy. Mary was recently awarded a scholarship for her winning essay on Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal!

Mary writes: *"The Annual Catholic Appeal is a great way to make a difference in the lives of others across the Archdiocese. By contributing and participating in the ACA we are unifying the Archdiocese and living a life of stewardship by answering God's call to serve one another. We are given the opportunity to serve others and live as Jesus wanted us to live. These opportunities should not be taken for granted and we must always strive for the chance to make a difference."*

Well done, Mary, and thanks for living Stewardship and promoting the Annual Catholic Appeal!

CONGRATULATIONS.... to our group of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who competed last week in the Catholic Math League competition at St. Justin Martyr. There were 8 surrounding Catholic schools that competed, and both of our teams received blue ribbon awards for the highest overall score! Congratulations to eighth graders: **Charlie A., Tyler R., Ben W.**; seventh graders **Henry D., Mimi L., Ben R., Julia S., Max Sextro, J.P. T.**; and sixth graders: **Avery C.**, and **Anna W.!!** Thanks to math teacher, **Ms. Christine Schaefer**, and to all the students for their hard work!

Check out the MQP Middle School bulletin board at the back of the church to read about the highlights from first semester and see some pictures of our middle schoolers!

MORE CONGRATULATIONS...

Boy Scout Troop 335 would like to acknowledge **Colin Floretta** for earning Eagle Rank on October 5. For his Eagle Project, Colin led a team to build 2 large doghouses for the benefit of the Humane Society of Missouri. The Humane Society makes these doghouses available for pet owners who are unable to provide proper shelter for their dogs. Colin, a 2016 graduate of MQP, is currently attending St. Louis Univ. High School. When the opportunity arises, please congratulate Colin and his family for achieving this distinguished Boy Scout rank.

...AND EVEN MORE CONGRATULATIONS

Boy Scout Troop 335 would like to acknowledge **Adam Floretta** for earning Eagle Rank on November 2, 2016. This is the highest honor in Scouting and a true accomplishment. Less than 2% of all Boy Scouts attain the rank of Eagle. For his Eagle Project, Adam led a team to build several dog beds for the benefit of Gateway 4 Paws of St. Louis. Gateway 4 Paws is a not-for-profit, no-kill shelter. Adam, a 2016 graduate of MQP, is currently attending St. Louis University High School. When the opportunity presents itself, please congratulate Adam and his family for achieving this distinguished Boy Scout rank.

MQP WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The MQP Women's League would like to thank all the volunteers and participants that worked so hard during this last month to put on 3 different events! We will be taking a little break until 2017!

FALL BOUTIQUE

Thank you to Mary Ann Zimmerman and her volunteers who held another successful boutique. Also, thanks to the WL Christmas Past Committee who pulled that booth together, & also the two Girl Scout troops featuring baked goods & printed Christmas gifts. It was a great afternoon for shopping and visiting!

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Thank you to Diane Wickenheiser, Barb Eichner, Shannon Sextro, Cathi Slinkard & the 8th grade girls for a lovely Advent kickoff featuring Fr. Jack Siebert. Also thanks to our music group for providing beautiful accompaniment to the evening. Approximately 150 women enjoyed an evening of community and a spiritual boost!

HOUSE TOUR

Thank you to Trish Goldberg, Shannon Sextro, Chandra Tripp, Susie Cannon, Cindy Trusler, Maryjo Nordmann & Mary Anne Powell for the wonderful House Tour. Women's League would like to thank the gracious hostesses who opened their fabulous homes to over 470 of their closest parishioners: the Azar's, Billingsley's, Genovese's, Markovitz', Nester's, Schaefer's, Short's, & Wedding's. Approximately 500 people toured 8 gorgeous homes, and returned to the gym for a light dinner, silent auction & home accessory market! Thank you to all volunteers at the homes and the gym and to our special "basketball angels" who helped make clean-up happen so quickly. The weather held out; the event was a big success!

Our apologies to anyone we failed to mention! Women's League is grateful for the support of the MQP Community during 2016, and sends their wishes for a blessed Advent Season & a Merry Christmas to the entire parish & staff!

MQP SCRIP

There's a new way to order scrip cards!!! Send an email to mqpscrip@gmail.com & a volunteer will deliver your order. Payment checks can be made out to "MQP". How easy is that? Shop where you normally would and MQP gets free money! Cards that we have on a regular basis are: Dierbergs, Shop n Save, Straub's, Walmart/Sam's, Walgreens, Panera, Starbucks, Target, GFS, and Whole Foods. Send any questions or orders to mqpscrip@gmail.com any time, day or night!! Check out the SCRIP page on the MQP website: <http://www.mqpwg.org/Giving/SCRIP>

Congratulations to Karen Gibbons, winner of the drawing for an Old Navy gift card. Thank you to all parishioners who have supported the SCRIP Program this year by either buying cards or using a Schnucks escrip card to help raise funds for our parish.

Thank you! Mary Koestner, Kelly Mehan & Jill Right



DECEMBER MEETINGS

Sunday, December 25, 2016 -- The Nativity of the Lord
 Christmas Masses at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM
 Kenrick Seminary collection taken at all Masses
 NO RCIA class this morning
 NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 today
 NO Children's Liturgy of the Word today
 NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II this evening

Monday, December 26, 2016
 Parish Offices are closed this week
NO School for MQP Students — Christmas Break
 NO St. Vincent de Paul meeting this evening

Tuesday, December 27, 2016
 9:00 am MQP Quilters meet in the Msgr. Lubeley Room
 10:00 am Rosary Group at Kay Kromm's (727 S Laclede Station Rd, 962-8663)
 3:00 pm Basketball in the Gym
 NO Confirmation Prep class this evening
 NO PSR classes this evening

Wednesday, December 28, 2016
 3:00 pm Basketball in the Gym

Thursday, December 29, 2016
 3:00 pm Basketball in the Gym
 6:00 pm Cornerstone Bible Study in the Cafeteria and Board Room
 9:00 pm Rosary under the Portico

Friday, December 30, 2016
 3:00 pm Basketball in the Gym
 7:30 pm AA meeting in the Msgr. Lubeley Room

Saturday, December 31, 2016
 3:45 pm Confessions in the Church

Sunday January 1, 2017 -- Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM
A Blessed and Peaceful New Year to one and all!!

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.
 NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
 COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS
 SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.



Pray for the Deceased

We pray for the repose of the soul of

George Hensley (Husband of Cindy Hensley)

May God welcome him home, fill him with peace and bless all those who mourn his loss.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 25, 2016
The Nativity of the Lord
 READINGS: Isaiah 52:7-10
 Hebrews 1:1-6
 John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 8:00 am People of Our Parish
 11:00 am Steve Molen

MONDAY, December 26, 2016
Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
 READINGS: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59
 Matthew 10:17-22
 6:45 am Ignatius Schumacher
 8:00 am Audrey Brewer

TUESDAY, December 27, 2016
Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist
 READINGS: 1 John 1:1-4
 John 20:1a, 2-8
 6:45 am Poor Souls
 8:00 am Pat Van Camp

WEDNESDAY, December 28, 2016
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 READINGS: 1 John 1:5—2:2
 Matthew 2:13-18
 6:45 am Ed Barry
 8:00 am Shirley Howe

THURSDAY, December 29, 2016
Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
 READINGS: 1 John 2:3-11
 Luke 2:22-35
 6:45 am George Simon
 8:00 am Lisa Vienhage

FRIDAY, December 30, 2016
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 READINGS: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 OR
 Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
 6:45 am Marie Columbo
 8:00 am Lillian Gardner

SATURDAY, December 31, 2016
St. Sylvester I, Pope
 1 John 2:18-21
 John 1:1-18
 8:00 am John Golden
 5:00 pm Mary Kay O'Malley

SUNDAY, January 1, 2017
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 READINGS: Numbers 6:22-27
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:16-21
 7:30 am People of Our Parish
 9:00 am Josephine Golden
 11:00am Len Witte

From Our MQP Music Director

Merry Christmas to all of you from the Music Ministry! The Lord has come! Music is such a great part of the Christmas Season. I hope that you have a Christmas filled with a joyful song.
 Marc —



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