

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 314-961-2891

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A NEW WEEK — FR. JOHN VIEN

Happy New Year 2017! On this first day of the year, Catholics honor Mary, the Mother of God. May Mary intercede for us, her children, in this year to come!

At the end of one year and the beginning of another, it is natural to take some time for reflection on the year past and planning for the year to come. As I've been doing this, I came across an article entitled "10 Questions to Reflect Upon As You Start A New Year" by Ellen Chadwick. With apologies, I've adapted her questions and answers and added some reflections of my own, which I offer to you for your prayer and meditation as we begin this new year of grace.

THE YEAR PAST:**What went well?**

Twelve months have gone by -- most likely too fast! How did it go? Acknowledge all that worked out well: the goals you achieved, the events and circumstances you feel good about, graces that you have received.

Who needs to be acknowledged?

After acknowledging what went well, think about the people who played a part. Let them know! Expressing gratitude will not only make the receiver feel good, it will make you joyful as well. It's a great gift and 'tis the season, after all. And of course, thank God as the source of all gifts.

How did you grow this past year?

All of us must continually learn, evolve and grow. By the end of the year you should be a better version of yourself in some way. Maybe smarter, more informed, more skilled, more patient, more prayerful?

What were the stand-out, peak moments for you -- and why?

This is different from "what went well." This is about identifying the truly stellar, stand-out moments where life just felt "right and good." Why they were so meaningful? Again, thank God for these moments of grace.

What's not working?

Perhaps a situation (work or life or prayer or faith) that was fine or great for a long while isn't anymore. Times and conditions change -- have you changed, too? What are you putting up with? What are you settling for? Where are your values being compromised? This is a tough question, but if you are true with yourself this could reveal insights leading to growth in the year ahead.

THE YEAR AHEAD:**What thresholds will you be crossing?**

As you leave 2016 behind & begin a new year you are crossing a threshold. What other thresholds do you need to prepare for? Will there be some big changes happening at work or in your family? Is there a major birthday or anniversary or family occasion or a move in the year to come?

Who will you connect with more in the year ahead?

We all need people but sometimes the busyness of our lives gets in the way. Is it time to put more priority in your relationships? Consider your family, work, social, community and parish relationships. Who do you need to reconnect with or perhaps start new relationships with?

What kind of Christian, friend, partner (and other roles) do you want to be?

You have many roles in work and life. Think about how you are showing up in each of them. Where do you want to be better? Get specific and create intentions that you will act on. If you want to be a more faithful Catholic, then set goals for how to achieve that. If you want to be a better parent or partner, what will you do to make that happen?

What do you want?

Think about your goals, intentions and possibilities for the year ahead. Perhaps something in this reflection has spurred you to a new goal that's now ready to be declared. Write your goals down and make them specific and concrete.

How will you put this into action?

Of course, naming the goal is only the start. You also have to back it up with a plan, commitment and action! What will you do? Start small, find something achievable and realistic, but choose to do something to make yourself a better person, a better Christian in 2017. Above all, ask God to help you in the year to come.

Wishing all in our parish family a happy and prosperous New Year 2017! Let us continue to pray for one another!

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:

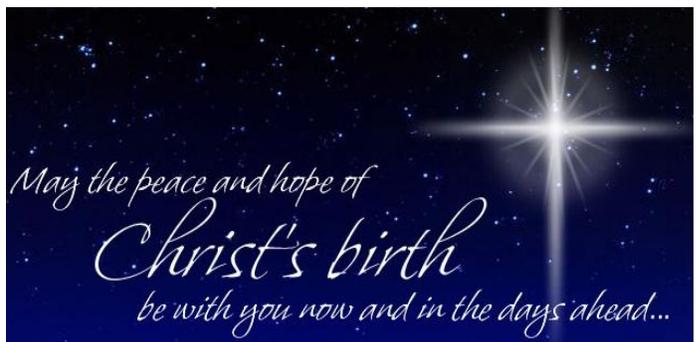
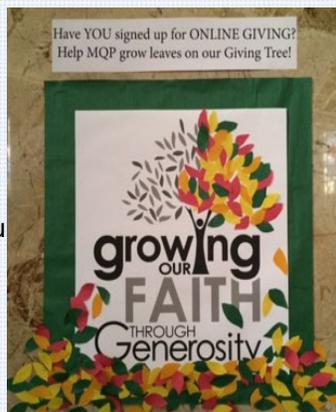
- ** How can I work towards unity and peace in everything I do?
- ** How can I grow in relationship with Christ by showing mercy, forgiveness, and compassion to others?
- ** How can I use my own spiritual gifts & talents as a leader?
- ** What does beONE look like in all aspects of my life?

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

Green / Sustainability? We hear a lot about the environment these days. In his encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate," Pope Benedict XVI refers to the importance of environmental stewardship several times. By utilizing our parish's Online Giving Program, you can ensure that you are taking the next step in becoming more environmentally conscious.

To sign up for MQP's OSV Online Giving, visit <http://www.mqpwg.org/Giving/Online-Giving> or call Barb at the Parish Office, 962-2311 to learn more.



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 programs to help you take one step closer to Jesus.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Please join our faithful adorers this Monday, January 2, for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament anytime from 8:30am-9:00 pm. Can you make a 2017 resolution to join our faithful adorer community once each month to pray with Jesus on the first or third Monday of the month? If you can commit to a specific holy hour, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Mary Reitz at 314-971-1772 or Jo Roeslein at 314-822-1987.



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 Happy New Year??

NOTE: Parish offices will be closed now through Monday, 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.



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, January 2, 2017 -- 8:00 A.M.

Servers:

TUESDAY, January 3, 2017 -- 8:00 A.M.

Servers:

WEDNESDAY, January 4, 2017 -- 8:00 A.M.

Servers:

THURSDAY, January 5, 2017 -- 8:00 A.M.

Servers:

FRIDAY, January 6, 2017 -- 8:00 A.M.

Servers:

SATURDAY, January 7, 2017 -- 8:00 A.M.

Servers:

5:00 P.M. Information not available at time of bulletin publication.

Servers:

Lectors:

Ministers:

Hospitality:

Cantor:

SUNDAY, January 8, 2017 -- THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30 A.M.

Servers:

Lectors:

Ministers:

9:00 A.M. Information not available at time of bulletin publication

Servers:

Lectors:

Ministers:

Hospitality:

Cantor:

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY: T. Brown -- T. Albus -- C. Witte

11:00 A.M.

Servers:

Lectors:

Ministers:

Hospitality:

Cantor:

5:00 P.M.

Servers:

Lectors:

Ministers:

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



ATTENTION: MOMS

Moms of all ages are welcome to join us in the cry room for the Rosary after 8:00am Mass on Mondays while school is in session. Squirmy babies and toddlers are welcome and encouraged! Call Sara for more information 314-662-3953.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God. --James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Oldies but Goodies!

Looking to break those winter doldrums? Come out to the Kirkwood Station Brew House on Sunday, January 15, and listen to Bill Wolff and the gang rock out one more time. They'll play from 4-7pm in the tunnel. A free will offering will be taken for Episcopal City Mission, which provides non-denominational chaplaincy services for youth in the St. Louis City and County detention centers. All ages are welcome.

**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

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

BLESSED NEWS

Both Numbers and the psalm describe being blessed, like the experience of our father's face lighting up as he sees us. Blessings are received with gestures and expressions of kindness and grace. In Galatians we are reminded that we too are children of God. As children, our Father's blessing is sought and cherished. The shepherds arrive and repeat the message of the angels. They bring news from angels that this child is both Son of God and son of Mary. This small, helpless, impoverished infant is the Savior, the Lord and King for whom all have been waiting. He is the blessing that lights the sky and the face of all who see him. This Son, this Lord and King, rests in his mother's arms as she reflects on all these things.

ANSWER TO OUR PRAYER

There is lots of news from various sources in these readings. Moses, Paul, angels, shepherds, all have some news about this child. But there is no news from Mary. Mary is silent and reflective. The shepherds' message is amazing, but she had heard this message before and her response then was to say yes. Yes to the uncertainty, the unknown, the blessing. Her response now is to reflect, keeping all these things in her heart. She said yes and now that yes is real in her infant son. She holds the fulfillment of that earlier promise in her arms and she is powerfully aware of how small and vulnerable that promise is. She knows that her son, God's Son, is the answer to the prayers of so many for so long, and she knows how fragile that answer is. Her son needs to be loved and nurtured. As Mary knows and we will learn, the answer to a prayer is only the beginning.

From Our MQP Music Director

Happy New Year! Please remember to pray to Mary, the Mother of God to help put a song in your heart. The new year will bring some changes to the music ministry. Please have patience and you are always welcome to join. Marc — mstrathman@mqpwg.org



JANUARY MEETINGS**A Blessed and Peaceful New Year to one and all!!****Sunday, January 1, 2017 -- Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God****We wish you a joyous New Year!**

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, January 2, 2017**Parish Offices are closed today**

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration in the Church (until 9:00 PM)
 NO School for MQP Students — Christmas Break
3:00 pm Basketball in the Gym
 NO St. Vincent de Paul meeting this evening

Tuesday, January 3, 2017**Parish Staff is back in the Parish Office****MQP Students return to school**

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
6:30 pm MQP Marketing Group meets in the Holy Family Room
7:00 pm Baptism Prep Class meets in the Msgr. O'Toole Room
7:30 pm Middle School Committee meets in the Holy Family Room

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

9:00 am MOPS Group meets in the Holy Family Room
3:00 pm Basketball in the Gym
3:00 pm Grade 2 Brownies meet in the Msgr. Lubeley Room
3:00 pm Chess Club meets in the school cafeteria
7:00 pm Women's ACTS group meets in the Msgr. Lubeley Room

Thursday, January 5, 2017

3:00 pm Basketball in the Gym
6:00 pm Men's Club meets in the Msgr. Lubeley Room
9:00 pm Rosary under the Portico

Friday, January 6, 2017

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

Saturday, January 7, 2017

8:00 am Basketball in the Gym
3:45 pm Confessions in the Church

Sunday January 8, 2017 -- The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am RCIA class meets in the Holy Family Room
9:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I in the Atrium
9&11am Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Msgr. O'Toole Room
12:00 pm Luncheon for Bill Wolff
12:30 pm Basketball in the Gym
3:00 pm Youth Group (Luke 18) meets in the Msgr. Lubeley Room & Cafeteria
6:00 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II meets in the Atrium
7:30 pm ACTS Core Team meets in the Holy Family Room

**Pray for the Deceased**

*We pray for the repose of the souls of
 all the Faithful Departed.*

*May God welcome them home, fill them with peace
 and bless all those who mourn their loss.*

MASS INTENTIONS**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
 11:00 am Len Witte

MONDAY, January 2, 2017**Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

READINGS: 1 John 2:22-28
 John 1:19-28

6:45 am Poor Souls
 8:00 am Special Intention of Don Tripp

TUESDAY, January 3, 2017**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

READINGS: 1 John 2:29—3:6
 John 1:29-34

6:45 am Carl Reis
 8:00 am Joe Grimm

WEDNESDAY, January 4, 2017**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

READINGS: 1 John 3:7-10
 John 1:35-42

6:45 am Lisa Vienhage
 8:00 am Pat Van Camp
 9:15 am Joe Steinhart

THURSDAY, January 5, 2017**Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

READINGS: 1 John 3:11-21
 John 1:43-51

6:45 am Jayne Walters
 8:00 am Ed Barry

FRIDAY, January 6, 2017**Saint Andre Bessette, Religious**

READINGS: 1 John 5:5-13
 Mark 1:7-11

6:45 am George Simon
 8:00 am Virginia and Fred Casey

S**ATURDAY, January 7, 2017****Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**

1 John 5:14-21
 John 2:1-11

8:00 am Marty Shea
 5:00 pm Thurman & Thelka Maria Anderson

SUNDAY, January 8, 2017**The Epiphany of the Lord**

READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6
 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12

7:30 am Mary Kay O'Malley
 9:00 am People of Our Parish
 11:00am Pat Van Camp
 5:00 pm Joe Steinhart

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