

SUNDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 2013

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK
FEBRUARY**

16 SAT 4 PM People of the Parish
17 SUN 8 AM † Phyllis Jones
17 SUN 11 AM Special Intention of
the Russell Family
18 MON 9 AM Special Intention of
Damien Fischer
19 TUES 9 AM † Phyllis Jones
20 WED 9 AM † Harrison and
Rosemary Veit
21 THRS 9AM † Edmund and
Florence Barczak
22 FRI 9 AM † Phyllis Jones
23 SAT 9 AM NO MASS
23 SAT 4 PM † Anneliese Heggen
24 SUN 8AM People of the Parish
24 SUN 11 AM † Ruschell Fireall

Sanctuary Candle is illuminated at Our Lady Queen of Peace the week of Sun., Feb. 17 through Sat., Feb. 23, 2013, in memory of Evelyn Reif.

Psalm: "Be with me Lord when I am in trouble."

Offertory 02/10/13 Envelopes \$2,817.50
Loose \$ 792.00
Total \$3,609.50

Env. Req. 124 Env. Used 72

- Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22. This year, Bishop Bradley will join us for Stations on Friday, March 22nd. Please mark your calendars and join us.

- Penance Service Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m.

- Lent Vigil Candles Feb. 20-26

Phyllis Jones Christine Wheeler
Bob Jones Family Chappell Family
Ziemke Family McIntosh Family
Richard Schroeder Roehl Family
Edmund & Florence Barczak

- Lent Vigil Candle sign up sheet is on the table in back of the Church if you would like to have a candle lit for your special intention or in memory of a loved one. Suggested donation: \$6 each candle.

- Diocesan Rice Bowls may be found on the table in back of the Church. **CRS Rice Bowl Fact:** In the small West African nation of Burkina Faso, 80% of the population are farmers. Because of frequent droughts, often farmers can only grow enough to feed their families for seven months. The rest of the year is called "the hungry season." This week,

we pray for families in Burkina Faso and give to CRS Rice Bowl to help small-scale farmers. *For Lent, For Life. What you give up for Lent changes lives.*

- All You Can Eat Lent Fish

Fry Dinner Friday, Feb. 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. Adults: \$9; Children 3-12 \$4; under age 3 free.

- Volunteers Needed to work at or bake for the parish All You Can Eat Lent Fish Fry Dinners. Sign up sheets are on the table in back of the Church. Many volunteers are needed to make this parish fundraiser a success.

- CCD Schedule

Feb. 17 NO CLASS President's Day

Feb. 24 Class at 9:30 a.m.

March 3 Class at 9:30 a.m.

March 6 6 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

March 10 Class at 9:30 a.m.

March 13 6:30 p.m. Penance Service

March 17 9:30 a.m. Class

(Touching Safety)

March 24 9:30 a.m. Class

March 31 Easter Break No Class

- RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, which meets on Wed., Feb. 20, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Church basement conference room, is open to all adults from our parish areas.

- Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen

We could not provide this important ministry without you. Volunteer sign up sheet is on the table in back of the church or call the office @465-6252. Next date is Feb. 27.

- Year of Faith Diocesan Day of

Reflection The Lakeshore Deanery Day of Reflection will be held on Sat., Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Lake in New Buffalo. Come for the day with Mass at 9 a.m., two talks with discussion, lunch, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

- Annual Diocesan Retreat is open to everyone and will be held on March 2-3 at the Transformations Spirituality Center with Sr. Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz, OP as Retreat Facilitator. The theme is "Credo: I believe in Jesus Christ - True God and True Man". Call Jane @269-903-0147 for details/registration.

- BREAD OF LIFE FOOD

PANTRY Need: everything.
Week 165: 19 families, 33 adults, 25 children, 15 dogs, 1 cat
10 a.m. to Noon Tuesday, 02/19/13

1st SUNDAY IN LENT

Phil Pavlic & Barbara Sobaski
6 - 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 02/21/13

Lidia Kubik and Kay Roehl

- MINISTRIES

7 p.m., Stations, Feb. 22, 2013

CCD 3rd Grade

Servers- Janet Davis, John Davis & Justin Kiewel

4:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013

Lector - Michael Mendus

Server - Ty Barschdorf

Communion - Glenn Lane, Carolyn Lane & Tom Spychalski

Ushers- Joanne Pruett & D.Rochefort

8 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013

Lector - Ken Pinkowski

Servers- John Davis

Communion - Diane Nower, Ted

Schreiber & Barbara Sobaski

Ushers-Brad Davis & Angelo Grosso

11 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013

Lector - Wanita Yingling

Servers - Adam Merrick

Communion - Eva Merrick, Mark

Merrick & Tom Adams

Ushers-Greg Petsovich & Kay Roehl

- New website:<http://www.olqop.org>

In spite of our best efforts, there may be slippery spots on the sidewalks, steps, and parking lot. Please assist each other and be safe!

-- The Pastor's Corner --

In spite of the recent snowfalls, it is becoming more and more obvious that spring is not that far away. How many of you have noticed that days are getting longer? This is usually one of the first signs of approaching warmth of spring. Our Lenten journey is also a sign, so to speak, of the approaching of something so much greater than the darkness and cold of winter. Ever so slowly, but ever so assuredly, we move toward the warmth of the Paschal season. Step by step and inch by inch we journey from where we are now toward where we should be if we allow Christ to lead us. In other words, this season of Lent is a great time to do some spiritual Spring-cleaning. It is a chance for each of us to look at where we have been and consider what we must do to make our journey less burdensome.

As Bishop Bradley recommends, we should more boldly walk by faith, not by sight and the Diocesan Day of Prayer will inspire us to do just that. Everyone is invited to participate in the Diocesan Day of Prayer, where your pastor has been invited to be the Homilist, at St.

Mary of the Lake in New Buffalo on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. Mass to 2:30 p.m.

The seminary taught us that, according to St. Matthew, Jesus said: "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men". What the seminary failed to mention was that priests would also have to become fryers of fish.

Citing how much I personally detest the smell which lingers in our hall following the Friday fish fry, I had been considering other options to replace this yearly fund raising effort by our parish. Perhaps a pasta or potato bar with rich breads and other carbohydrates which please our flavor buds, or even soup and salad, such as New England and Manhattan clam chowder, could easily prevent the greasy smell of the fish fry from filling our church and hall.

Eventually the decision was made, at least for this year, to continue with fried fish, citing how many people from beyond our parish boundaries enjoy patronizing the all you can eat fish fry dinners.

With that said, it is time for us to look at another tradition we had maintained at both parishes which should perhaps be revisited. I am thinking about the annual raffle. The raffle had been an effort by another pastor to raise funds for both parishes. It was in full swing when I became your pastor three years ago. However, I asked for your input and after hearing from you, a majority decision was made not to have the raffle for the past two years. As a result, the funding gained from the raffle came to an abrupt end. Now, although thanks be to God our books are currently in the black, with the weak economy and the reality of campuses with antiquated equipment and in need of many maintenance projects, it is again time to consider reviving or revising a fund raising effort; not a capital campaign but simply an effort to make certain we would have sufficient funding for emergencies and necessary work projects. Before reorganizing a raffle committee, we first need to know if you feel it would be feasible to have a raffle. You each know a raffle would require a tremendous amount of work and support from everyone who belongs to our communities; and such work would need to begin as soon as possible. However, if the annual fund raising fish fry dinners generate enough sales, a raffle might not be needed this year. Please let us know

your ideas, my door is always open or call the rectory office.

In this first week of Lent, recalling that we are a Roman Catholic Church, please consider the aforementioned; consider how nice our beautiful worship spaces and campuses are now and how we can maintain that beauty; consider that this Lenten season of introspection gives us the opportunity to refocus on our identity as Catholic Christians and how each of our efforts needs to be for the greater glory of God.

Finally, please consider these words taken from the Rite of Ordination for your prayers this Lent.

"Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach".

AMDG

Fr. Arthur

SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Sunday, February 17, 2013

9:30 a.m. † Greg Pelkey
req. Pat Furner Family

1:00 p.m. † Maria Juarez Vicencio

Thursday, February 21, 2013

6 p.m. † Rev. Frank Burger

Sunday, February 24, 2012

9:30 a.m. † Erick Green
req. Laurel Green

1:00 p.m. People of the Parish

-MINISTRIES

9:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013

Lector - David Chatelain

Communion-Barbara Sprung and

Kathy Kesterke

Ushers-Roger Kesterke & Teri Hettlinger

Altar Servers - Michael Hettlinger &

Kathleen Hettlinger

Last weekend's Offertory

Ofertorio de la semana pasada

9:30 a.m. \$1,023.00

1:00 p.m. \$ 211.54

In spite of our best efforts, there may be slippery spots on the sidewalks, steps, and parking lot. Please assist each other and be safe!

A pesar de nuestros mejores esfuerzos, puede haber manchas resbaladizas en las aceras, pasos y estacionamiento. Por favor ayudar a los demás y estar a salvo!

- St. Mary School Coupon

Books will be sold by Robbie Dillard after Mass.

- **Food Pantry** Collection is March 10. **NEED** soups (canned & packaged). Thank you for your support.

- Despensa de alimentos

Collection es 10 de Marzo. **NECESITA** sopas (Enlatados y Envasados) Gracias por tu apoyo.

- Encuentro Pre-Matrimonial

Diocesano Dios es amor y de una manera misteriosa los ha juntado a ustedes en el amor. Ustedes tienen a su alcance una felicidad en el matrimonio mejor de la que se han imaginado y mayor de la que experimentan ahora. Lo único que se necesita es que estén dispuestos a amar, a dar, a aceptar y a adaptarse.

Fechas: (Escoja una de las siguientes fechas):

Sábado, Marzo 16, 2013 (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.) Lugar: Por Anunciarse

Sábado, Mayo 18, 2013 (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.) Lugar: Por Anunciarse

Sábado, Agosto 10, 2013 (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.) Lugar: Por Anunciarse

Sábado, Octubre 19, 2013 (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.) Lugar: Por Anunciarse

- Retiro para la Preparación de

Quinceañeras Para nosotros los cristianos, la celebración de la Quinceañera no es sólo una fiesta social, así que pregunte a la parroquia una celebración religiosa y debemos prepararnos espiritualmente. En este retiro cuestiones sumamente importantes para los jóvenes y adultos se explicará. Diócesis está preparando quinceañeras bilingües y esto no es un sustituto de la formación impartida en cada quinceañera parroquiales. Los temas incluyen: El origen de la fiesta de quinceañeras, el significado de los símbolos y la liturgia, los sacramentos y mucho más. Participantes: Quinceañera y sus padres (los padrinos son bienvenidos, pero no es obligatorio). Por favor, Fannie teléfono en la Diócesis (269) 903-0209 para las fechas de estas reuniones.

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