

SUNDAY, 17 MARCH, 2013

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

16 SAT 4 PM † Douglas Karsen
17 SUN 8 AM People of the Parish
17 SUN 11 AM † Living & Deceased
Members of the Russell & Sams Family
18 MON 9 AM † Mary Kay O'Malley
19 TUES 9 AM † Matthew Nozicka
20 WED 9 AM † Rev. Frank Burger
21 THRS 9AM Pope Francis
22 FRI 9 AM † Gregor Heggen
23 SAT 9 AM Special Intention
23 SAT 4 PM † Todd Jezisek
24 SUN 8AM † Phyllis Jones
24 SUN 11 AM People of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle is illuminated at Our Lady Queen of Peace the week of Sun., March 17 through Sat., March 23, for Pope Francis, that God may strengthen him as he embarks on his ministry of unity, love and peace.

Psalm: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Offertory 03/10/13 Envelopes \$1,940.50
Loose \$ 570.06
Total \$2,511.06

Env. Req. 124 Env. Used 72

Please remember that as Roman Catholics we believe that blessed articles, for example palms, rosary beads, etc., cannot be simply thrown away, they must be burned or buried. For your convenience, again this year we have a box next to the table in back of the Church for your old palms which we will take the responsibility to burn.

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

- Holy Thursday Altar of

Respose will be decorated with carnations, white to represent our departed loved ones and red to represent those who are living. Suggested donation: \$1 per flower. Sign up sheet is on the table in back of the Church.

- Holy Thursday Adoration

Honor Guard volunteer sign up sheet is on the table in back of the Church. Two Adorers each hour please.

- Diocesan Rice Bowls may be returned on table in back of the Church.

- Lent Vigil Candles March 13-19

Roehl Family Chappell Family

Petsovich Family † Barczak Family
Schroeder Family † Velma Tio
† Matthew John Ellis
Family of Bob & Phyllis Jones
- Lent Vigil Candles March 20-26
Roehl Family Petsovich Family
Chappell Family † Kaercher Family
Jezisek Family Maziarka Family
†Christine Wheeler † Al Tio
Vitek Family † John & Irene Austin
Family of Bob & Phyllis Jones

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

- All You Can Eat Lent Fish

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

Mark your calendars and join Bishop Paul Bradley for this last Fish Fry Dinner of the season.

- 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.

- CCD Schedule

March 17 9:30 a.m. Class & Touching Safety
March 24 9:30 a.m. Class
March 31 Easter Break - No Class
April 7 Spring Break - No Class
April 10 6 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
April 10 7 p.m. Confirmation Practice
April 13 4 p.m. Confirmation Mass
April 14 Class at 9:30 a.m.
April 21 Class at 9:30 a.m.
April 28 Class at 9:30 a.m.

- 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 March 27.

- Parish Photo Directory

Plans are being made to update our photo directory and volunteers are needed to help make this a success. Please call Vanessa @465-6252 for details. Directory volunteer sign up sheets may be found in the back of both St. Gabriel and Our Lady Queen of Peace.

- BREAD OF LIFE FOOD

PANTRY Need: everything.
Week 168: 29 families, 57 adults, 22 children, 17 dogs, 7 cats

10 a.m. to Noon Tuesday, 03/19/13
Phil Pavlic & Ilse Klinkhamer,
6 - 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 03/21/13
Christine Woerdehoff & Jeanne

- MINISTRIES

7 p.m., Stations, March 22, 2013
CCD All Grades with Bishop Bradley

5th SUNDAY IN LENT

Servers-Matthew Harazin, Daniel Harazin, Jeffrey Staub & Eric Adams
4:00 p.m., Saturday, March 23, 2013
Lector – Donna Strouse & John Hirmer
Server - Cory Hodge & Ty Barschdorf
Communion – Michael Mendus, Tom Woerdehoff & William Wheeler
Ushers -D. Rochefort & G. Rochefort
8 a.m., Sunday, March 24, 2013
Lector–Vanessa Harazin& Ted Schreiber
Servers- Daniel Harazin
Communion - Diane Nower, Ted Schreiber & Barbara Sobaski
Ushers-Jack & Marie Malsch
11 a.m., Sunday, March 24, 2013
Lector - Tom Adams & Karin Chappell
Servers - Benjamin Adams
Communion – Sally Thomas, Terry Thomas & Ilse Klinkhamer
Ushers-Phil Pavlic & Greg Petsovich

-- The Pastor's Corner --

My brothers and sisters in Christ, Earlier this week, several of the priests in our Deanery met, by order of Bishop Bradley, to discuss the Bishop's Annual Appeal. One of the pastors was able to proudly report that his parish had not only met their assessed goal of more than \$130,000, but that his church had exceeded their goal by more than \$30,000.

I was hit with the harsh reality that our parishes have fallen short, with St. Gabriel in need of \$3,000 to meet its assessed goal and Queen of Peace only at 50% of its \$27,000 assessed goal (and believe me it will be painful to sign the checks to the Diocese from our general fund to cover the difference). While it is true that we are living in very tough economic times, our failure to meet the goals is a sad testament to our ability to be good stewards. While it remains true that some of you have gone above and beyond your means to show your support of the Bishop's Appeal, and I thank you dearly for your effort and generosity, yet many of you have not as much as responded to the pledge cards.

While I am a staunch believer that God provides everything we need, perhaps I should have been more insistent on 100% participation from each of you regarding the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Consider the following: If each family would annually pledge and donate just \$117, which could be divided into daily contributions of only about 33¢ per day, we could easily not only meet, but exceed our assessed annual appeal goals.

I will note it again that I am eternally grateful for those who have given, no matter what the amount. It is a confirmation that you understand the good work the Bishop's Annual Appeal enables our Diocese to accomplish. For example, let me remind you that our Diocese pays about \$150,000 for each seminarian who completes the minimal four years of theological training to become a priest. In June of this year, by God's grace and mercy, our Diocese hopes to ordain three men to the priesthood following their completion of seminary. You do the math. Please also note that approximately five of the current priest in our diocese will be retiring this summer. Again, you do the math. There will be five priests retiring and only three being ordained in a Diocese already suffering from a shortage of priests. Without priests their can be no Eucharist. The larger portion of the Bishop's Annual Appeal goes to support the education and training of seminarians for service as priests here in the Kalamazoo Diocese. Remember this is your Church, local, domestic, and universal.

When we stand before God in judgment, which each of us one day will do, will we hear Him say, "Good and faithful servant, well done", or will He be listening to our excuses for not doing what we should have, with the time, treasure, and talent He has given to us? Just think, only 33¢ a day, per family, above and beyond our tithes, will insure that we meet our annual appeal goals. Now that I have gotten the nastiness of my administrative duties out of the way, I want to encourage your hearts and minds in the love of God in Christ Jesus. This weekend we not only get to proclaim through our responsorial psalm that "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with Joy", but for the first time at a Sunday Mass we collectively pray for and hear the name of our new Holy Father, Pope Francis mentioned. As the new Pontiff takes on the enormous task of shepherding the Church, let's not get caught in a desire to be complacent, but let us hope for something worthy of our calling as Catholic Christians.

Fr. Steiner wrote: "Isaiah tells us to dream of the good times in the past, but only for the purpose of believing that something better is coming". Isaiah lets God say to us, "See, I am doing

something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

As we continue our introspection during these final days of Lent, let us forget what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, continue our pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

AMDG

Fr. Arthur

- Raffle News Calls from both parishes thus far are favoring a raffle and I have agreed to base the decision on a majority consensus. Please take a minute to call in your opinion and leave your message on the answering machine @465-6252 or drop in the office to see me, my door is always open.

- Noticias Sorteo - Las llamadas de ambas parroquias hasta el momento están favoreciendo una rifa y yo hemos acordado que basar la decisión en un consenso mayoritario. Por favor, tómese un minuto para teléfono y deje su mensaje en el contestador @ 465-6252 o caída de la oficina a verme, mi puerta está siempre abierta.

SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Sunday, March 17, 2013

9:30 a.m. † Bea Herman
req. Paul & Barbara Sprung

1:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, March 21, 2013

6 p.m. Pope Francis

Sunday, March 24, 2012

9:30 a.m. † Nathanael Pelkey
req. Kathy & Roger Kesterke

1:00 p.m. People of the Parish

-MINISTRIES

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

Lector - Paul Sprung

Communion - Roger & Kathy Kesterke

Ushers - John Gluchowski & Lao Wier

Altar Servers - Jacob Gluchowski &

Michael Hettlinger

1 p.m. Sunday, March 24, 2013

Lectores - Cleotilde Tejeda & Alberto Rivera

Extra ministros ordinarios de la

Sagrada Comuni3n - Asunsion

Martinez and Melania Martinez

Acolitos -

Ujieres -

Last weekend's Offertory

Ofertorio de la semana pasada

9:30 a.m. \$319.00

1:00 p.m. \$212.90

- Easter Flower Donations will be taken after Mass for the next two

weekends. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping to make our church beautiful for the Easter Season.

- Las donaciones de flores de Pascua se tomará después de la misa para los dos próximos fines de semana. Gracias de antemano por su generosidad para ayudar a hacer nuestra hermosa iglesia para la temporada de Pascua.

- Food Pantry Collection is April 14. **NEED** cereal and macaroni & cheese. Thank you for your continued support.

- Despensa de alimentos

Collection es 14 de abril. **NECESITA** cereales y macarrones con queso. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

- Parish Photo Directory

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- Guía de la Parroquia

Fotografía - Se están haciendo planes para un directorio de fotos parroquia y se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar a que esto sea un éxito. Por favor inscribese en la hoja en la parte trasera de la Iglesia o por telefono Vanessa @ 465-6252 para más detalles.

- Encuentro Pre-Matrimonial

Diocesano Fechas: (Escoja una de las siguientes fechas):

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

Por favor, recuerde que segun tradicion que los catolicos creemos que los articulos bendecidos, por ejemplo, las palmas, rosarios, etc., no puede ser simplemente desechados, deben ser quemados o enterrados. Para su comodidad, este ano tenemos una caja junto a la mesa en la parte trasera de la Iglesia de las palmas Viejas que vamos a asumir la responsabilidad de quemar.

Sponsor of the Week

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Patrocinador de la semana

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