

# Our Lady Queen of Peace

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April 17, 2011



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## PHONES

Parish Office

671-3062

School

671-0247

Cafeteria

375-5335

## SCHEDULE OF HOLY MASSES

Saturday Evening

5:00pm

(Rosary before Mass - Fatima Prayers included on 1st Sat.)

Sunday

7:30, 9:30, 11:30am

Holy Days

as announced

Weekdays

8:00am

## PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday after 8:00am Mass

## ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

2nd Monday of each month after 8:00am Mass

## ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Monday evening at 7:30pm

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First and third Sunday of the month after 11:30am Mass

Make arrangements by calling Parish Office

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday

4:00 - 4:45pm or by appointment

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

As soon as marriage is contemplated, contact one of the parish priests.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

314-223-8751

## YOUTH MINISTRY

314-566-8363

## Upcoming OLQP Parish Events

### 2011

#### April

- Sun 17 **Palm Sunday**  
**Easter Egg Hunt, KC Hall**  
**Seder Meal, 4pm, KC Hall**
- Thu 21 **Holy Thursday, 7 pm**  
 Fri 22 **Good Friday, 7 pm**  
 Sat 23 **Easter Vigil, 8 pm**  
 Sun 24 **Easter**  
 Sat 30 **Daughters Tailgate Sale**  
 Sat 30 **Annual Catholic Appeal** begins

#### May

- Sun 1 **First Communion**  
 Fri 13 **2011 Spring Fishing Tournament**  
 Sun 15 **Daughters May Crowning**  
**Annual Catholic Appeal** ends

#### June

- Sat 11 **OLQP Parish Picnic**  
 Thu 30 **Blood Drive, 2-7 pm Cafeteria**

#### July

- Tue-Sun 19-24 **Home Builders**  
**(Youth Ministry)**  
 Mon-Thu 25-29 **Soccer Camp, Athletic Field**  
 Sat 23 **50th Anniversary Mass with**  
**Archbishop Carlson**

#### August

- Sat 20 **Daughters Tailgate Sale**

#### September

- Sat 24 **Moonlight Golf Tournament**  
 Sun 25 **OLQP Quilt Social KC Hall**

#### October

- Sat 1 **Hoedown**  
 Sat 8 **Harvest Moon Auction KC Hall**  
 Sun 16 **Daughters Fashion Show KC Hall**

#### November

- Sat 5 **K C Meat Shoot**

#### December

- Sun 4 **Advent Tea KC Hall**

### 2012

#### January

- Sat 14 **Knights Mouse Races KC Hall**



## Pastor's Desk

### SECRET MILLIONAIRE

Have you seen the TV show *Secret Millionaire*? It's a TV reality show where a millionaire is selected (and agrees) to go undercover for a week in order to live amongst the poor and to personally get involved in "hands on" volunteer work helping the needy. Then, at the end of the week, the Secret Millionaire reveals his/her identity to the people they have been working with and write out checks for large sums of money to assist the heroes that have inspired them in their undercover social work.

The millionaires who participate in this program are very different from each other. But one thing that seems to be the same every week is how much they are affected by personally getting involved with the poor. Each week there are tears as they realize that they have been blessed with abundance while so many other people struggle to survive.

Maybe we cannot all go "undercover" to assist immigrants, battered women, sick children, the homeless or AIDS' patients. But we CAN support the people who DO get involved and make a difference in presenting hope in the face of evil. One of the biggest and most organized ways that we can make a difference is through the ACA collection that we have each year.

What we give might not seem like a lot, but when it is added to the gifts of thousands of other caring people, it becomes quite a formidable power for doing good. **In affect we become a collective Secret Millionaire.** Participating in the Annual Catholic Appeal allows us to act collectively as Catholics to make an impact that far exceeds what any millionaire could do. That is why it is so important that we ALL contribute something to the cause.

The Annual Catholic Appeal will begin in a couple of weeks. Please be generous!

Fr. Mike





## OLQP School News

- Congratulations to Mary Turney, 8th grade, for being chosen as a finalist in the Respect Life Creative Writing Contest.
- The kindergartners are learning about the four types of prayer: asking, thanking, forgiving, and praising.
- The 4th graders are working on long division and are becoming experts on Missouri history.
- The 6th graders are working on the production of "The Story of Christ". It will be performed on Wednesday, April 20, at 1:30 and 7:00 pm in Church. Please join us if you can in preparation for the Easter Triduum.

## did you know?

### Church Decorators Needed

We would like to invite anyone interested in helping to decorate the Church for the Easter celebration to join us on Saturday, April 23, at 9 am. Any amount of your time is appreciated. Please consider this ministry.

## OLQP Parish Email List

Subscribe to our **Parish Email List** and receive:

- Parish News
- Event Calendar & Reminders
- Death Notices
- Holy Day & Holiday Mass Schedules
- Event Cancellation Notices
- Urgent Messages
- And so much more!

It's easy and safe to subscribe and unsubscribe.

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Go to [www.olqpparish.org](http://www.olqpparish.org) and submit your name and email address in the form on the bottom of the home page

OR

Email your name and email address to:  
[frbeighlie@olqpparish.org](mailto:frbeighlie@olqpparish.org)



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Sacrifice for the Team

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and we read about the passion Jesus has for us. In our culture passion is often paired with selfishness and an all about "me" attitude. Today we celebrate a different kind of passion, an eternal passion that is totally selfless. Jesus wants us all to follow the Father's will so much that He was willing to die for us so we might accept this gift of salvation. If we accept this gift of salvation we also must get into the habit of sacrificing for the eternal team.

Lent gives us many opportunities to practice sacrifice from giving something up, doing charitable work and praying more. We are not to stop these sacrifices when Lent is over but we are called to continue the entire year. Our family life gives us many of these ongoing opportunities to sacrifice for the team. Are you willing to sacrifice and work on peaceful communication instead of wanting to always be "right"? As a family are we willing to stand up for what is right even when it is not popular? Holy Week always reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice for the team, the entire human race. Remember to accept sacrifice as a gift you give to the team, your family, the Church and the entire human race.

### Youth Night on Wednesdays

Do you want a fun and energizing way to spend a Wednesday evening? All current 8th grade youth and high school youth are invited to join us in the Bear's Den from 6 to 8 pm. We hope to see you there.

### Hungry for Pasta

The Whiteheads are bringing their delicious Pasta back to OLQP on Saturday, May 7th. This is Mother's Day weekend so bring your Mom to 5 pm Mass and stay for dinner. Mom eats free and does not have to cook the family dinner. Dinners are \$6 each, children 10 and under are \$4. Mark your calendars now!

### No Youth Mass on Mother's Day

Our amazing Worship Band will lead the music at the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, May 7th. There will not be a 6 pm Youth Mass on Sunday, May 8th.

### Thank You Knights of Columbus

We thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of \$520 to our youth for their summer camp events.

Terry Ostlund, Youth Minister  
314-566-8363

**Tailgate Sale**  
**Sponsored by Daughters of Isabella**  
**Saturday, April 30, 8 am to 2 pm**  
**OLQP Parking Lot**

Spaces Available \$10 each  
 (\$15 day of sale)

Clean out your garage, basement or attic.  
 Raise money for your organization or you.

Lunch/refreshments available

To reserve a space contact:  
 Carol, 285-4450 or Joan, 285-3278



**Parish Corner**

Every week a different organization is featured in the bulletin.

**Board of Education**

The Board of Education is made up of 9 parishioners and works in an advisory capacity to Fr. Mike and Ms. Chauvin to assist in making policy decisions for the parish school. Meetings are held either monthly or bi-monthly during the school year, and are currently held on Tuesday evenings. Each position is usually elected by the parish community, or may be appointed by Fr. Mike. Nominations and elections generally take place at the end of April into early May. Each term lasts 3 years, beginning on July 1st of the year elected. What a great way to be involved!

**St. Vincent De Paul**

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you". As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say "Peace be with you" to those who are poor and hungry.



**Stephen Ministry**



Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a parishioner who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free and very helpful. To learn how you can receive care please call Margaret, 314-223-8751. All calls and sessions are confidential.

God bless you!

**OLQP PICNIC NEWS**

**WE NEED YOU TO MAKE**

**THIS PICNIC**

**A HUGE SUCCESS!**

**MARK YOUR  
 CALENDARS  
 SATURDAY**

**JUNE 11th, 2011  
 12 PM TO 10 PM**

**BINGO**

Every Friday Night  
 Knights of Columbus Hall  
 Doors open at 4:30 pm  
 Bingo starts at 6:45 pm  
 Hope to see you there!



**ON STAGE 6 UNTIL 10 pm**

**VOLLEYBALL**

**Volleyball Registration  
Held in the Field House  
Thursday, April 28th, 6 to 8 pm**

Volleyball is open to all boys or girls who will be in 3rd through 8th grade in the Fall. For further information, please contact Robin Turek, 636-274-2665.

**Knights of Columbus # 6435 Council  
9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Palm Sunday, April 17, 12 noon  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
Hunt starts promptly at 1:30 pm  
Parish and Knights children (0-12) welcome  
In the event of rain or snow  
we will reschedule this event.**



**Seder Meal  
Sunday, April 17, 4 pm  
Knights of Columbus Hall**

Please join us to celebrate the Seder Meal. Bring a dish (to feed 12)

A-H - Vegetable

I-Q - Dessert

R-Z - Pasta or Potato

to share and a set of candles for your table as part of the tradition of the meal. The parish will provide the meat, salad and drink. This is a special time to come together as a parish for fellowship, a meal and to remember our Christian roots.

**"The Life of Christ"****Performance by OLQP 6th grade**

The Sixth Grade Class of Our Lady Queen of Peace Grade School invites all parishioners to attend their performance of "The Life of Christ" on, Wednesday, April 20th, at 1:30 and 7:00 pm in Church. This would be a great way to begin the spiritual journey of Holy Week and the Triduum. Come and join us as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus as He ministered to the people and died on the cross to gain our salvation. May God bless you as we enter these final days of Lent. Any questions: please call Barb, 671-0247 or email [barb.oppelz@olqpparish.org](mailto:barb.oppelz@olqpparish.org).



**TIME CHANGE  
Good Friday Fish Fry  
Noon to 6:30 pm**

Due to the Good Friday Service beginning at 7 pm, the Fish Fry will stop serving at 6:30 pm to allow workers time to clean up before the service begins. If there is anyone who would be willing to give an extra hand at cleanup that evening, please join us in the Cafeteria about 6:15 pm and help out so everyone can attend the service.

Thanks!

**50th ANNIVERSARY NEWS****WANTED: OLQP PARISHONERS OF 1961**

Look for our Alumni Booth at the Parish Picnic!!

If you were an Our Lady Queen of Peace parishioner in July of 1961 please let us know. Contact Denise, 671-0454 or email [OLQP50th@olqpparish.org](mailto:OLQP50th@olqpparish.org).

If you graduated from OLQP School or know someone who did, please check the list in the back of Church to make sure your name is there.

Thanks to everyone who has sent in pictures! And we could use more!! If you have pictures of parish events from the last 50 years we would love to see them. You can email them or bring them to the parish office. If you have questions please call Denise, 671-0454 or email [OLQP50th@olqpparish.org](mailto:OLQP50th@olqpparish.org).

**St. John's Mercy Medical Center  
Volunteer Nurse Program**

Are you a dedicated nurse who would like to use your time and talent in a very meaningful way? Do you want to give back to your community and profession, but with a time commitment and schedule that you control?

If so, then the Volunteer Nurse Program at St. John's Mercy Medical Center may be just what you are looking for. To learn more about the program, go to [www.stjohnsmercy.org](http://www.stjohnsmercy.org) or contact Sally Rundquist, RN Clinical Supervisor, 314-251-4268 or [sally.rundquist@mercy.net](mailto:sally.rundquist@mercy.net).

**HELP WANTED:**

**IL RETIRIO *Franciscan Retreat***

We are looking for one or two people to help plan and prepare meals. This position is part time and on as needed basis. Most of the work is on weekends and involves preparing meals for small and large groups. For more information please contact Fr. Paul Gallagher, OFM at 636-274-0554 or [fr.paulgallagher.ofm@gmail.com](mailto:fr.paulgallagher.ofm@gmail.com).

**American Cancer Society Relay for Life**

Everyone welcome

May 6th, 6 pm until May 7th, 6 am

Faith Community Church

[www.relayforlife.org/nwjeffersoncomo](http://www.relayforlife.org/nwjeffersoncomo)

Any questions please call 1-800-227-2345

**Seven Days of Inspiration**

Take one a day...  
and feel great all week!

Let someone love you!



Touch the future.

Dream!



Gray skies are  
only temporary.



You bring something  
special to this day.



You are someone's  
miracle!



Angels are always  
awake.



You are a  
remarkable person.

**Welcome to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish**

We rejoice to have you with us, whether a long-time resident or newly arrived in our parish! Please fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the Sunday collection basket if you would like to be a registered member of our parish. If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parents' home or graduated from college, you need to re-register. Please help us keep our records in order.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ # of people registering \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one:    New Registration    Address or phone number change    Moving out of parish

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is  
 Wednesday, April 20  
 from 8:30 am - 10:30 am  
 and 4 to 6 pm.

**Lenten Schedule****Adoration on Wednesdays of Lent****Fish Fry**

Good Friday, April 22, noon to 6:30 pm

**April 17, Seder Meal, 4 pm, KC Hall**

**April 21, Holy Thursday Mass, 7 pm**

**April 22, Good Friday Service, 7 pm**

**April 23, Easter Vigil, 8pm**

**Easter Masses, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011**

Blessing of Divine Mercy Image (all Masses)  
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy and  
 Veneration of Image and  
 First Class Relic of St Faustina  
 immediately following each Mass  
 (5:00 p.m. Mass included)

*Please read bulletin insert for complete information  
 on Divine Mercy.*

**Pray for the Deceased**

*Absent from the body present with our Lord.  
 In your kindness pray for the repose of the soul*

**Lloyd Young**, husband of Sharon

*May God welcome him home, fill him with peace,  
 and bless those who will miss him.*

**Our Gifts to God and Parish Last Week  
232 Envelopes Used****Special Collections**

Catholic Relief	\$	60.00
Good Friday	\$	11.00
Home Missions	\$	487.00
Regina Cleri	\$	20.00

**New Building Fund**

Lavender Envelopes	\$	513.00
Total Received to date	\$	692,771.49

**Offertory**

Sunday Envelopes	\$	10,097.00
Sunday Loose	\$	509.00
Above and Beyond	\$	2.00
Present and Future	\$	115.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,723.00</b>
<b>Offertory Goal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,699.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**As of April 11, 2011**

Contributions Year To Date	\$	493,818.74
Projected Year to Date Budget	\$	561,659.00

**Scrip Gift Cards**

Sales	\$	1,660.00
Profits/tuition reduction	\$	67.59

Scrip Gift Cards are available in the Parish Office from  
 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and every  
 weekend after Mass.

**Good Friday Collection**

**On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual  
 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial  
 contribution helps to support the struggling Christian  
 community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.  
 Please be generous in your support.**

**STEWARDSHIP  
START WITH PRAYER**

*"Morning after morning He opens my ear that I may  
 hear..."* Isaiah 50:4

God will open our ears every day so that we may know  
 His will. We simply need to make it a spiritual practice  
 to constantly ask God to give us the grace to hear and  
 follow Him. Archbishop Carlson recommends that we  
 pray every day, "Lord, what do you want me to do with  
 all the gifts that you have given me?"

### Parish Activities

Mon	April 18	PSR, 6:15 - 7:30 pm Rosary for Peace, 7:30 pm, Church
Tues	April 19	Devotions after 8 am Mass Quilters, 9 am - 3 pm, 6 - 8:30 pm Finance Meeting, 7 pm, Rectory Church History Class, 7 pm, Cafeteria meeting room
Wed	April 20	<b>Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30 - 10:30 am and 4 to 6 pm</b> "Life with Christ", 1:30 and 7 pm, Church
Thurs	April 21	<b>Holy Thursday, 7pm, Church</b>
Fri	April 22	<b>Good Friday Service, 7 pm, Church</b>
Sat	April 23	<b>Easter Vigil, 8 pm, Church</b>
Sun	April 24	<b>Easter</b>

### Mass Intentions

Mon	April 18	8:00 am	Lena Vande Ven
		6:30 pm	Gracie Whalen Intentions
Tues	April 19	8:00 am	Jerry Smith
Wed	April 20	8:00 am	Millie Stratil
Thurs	April 21	7:00 pm	Jeanette Ellison
Fri	April 22	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sat	April 23	8:00 pm	Mary McFarland
Sun	April 24	7:30 am	Joan Wieschhaus
		9:30 am	People of the Parish
		11:30 am	Jeanette Ellison

### April 23rd and 24th

#### Special Ministers of the Eucharist

8:00 pm	Tom Broadbent, Tom Mattingly, Lee Hoffman, Andrea Lawson, Bruce Gallion, Lynn Rawlins, Sandee Burkemper, Pat Rawlins
7:30 am	Kay Simcox, 5 needed
9:30 am	Tom Broadbent, Carol Delue, Mania Webb, Bruce Gallion, Lee Hoffman, Denise Witt
11:30 am	Paul Stonecypher, Maria Stonecypher, Pat & Lynn Rawlins, 2 needed

#### Proclaimers

8:00 pm	Terry Soer, Richard Ortman
7:30 am	Shirley Tenny, Dave Mills
9:30 am	Helen Salamone, Maria Webb
11:30 am	Carol Freihaut, Gary Freihaut

#### Servers

8:00 pm	Darby O'Donnell, 2 needed
7:30 am	3 needed
9:30 am	3 needed
11:30 am	3 needed

#### Ushers

8:00 pm	Lee Hoffman, Katie Tutass, Ralph Munzlinger, 3 needed
7:30 am	6 needed
9:30 am	Lee Hoffman, David Witt, 4 needed
11:30 am	6 needed

#### Please pray for those who are ill (parishioners are in bold)

<b>Jackie Nappier</b>	<b>Scott Beck, Jr.</b>
<b>Mary Slodkowski</b>	<b>Christine Dower</b>
<b>Ron Oermann</b>	<b>Butch Mattingly</b>

Larry Scheiter, friend of Katie Tutass  
 Jean Unwin, daughter of Andy and Jackie Nappier  
 Delores Michael, stepmother of Geraldine Little  
 Donna Henslee, friend of Geraldine Little  
 Debbie Laird, friend of Geraldine Little  
 Baby Henley, relative of Geraldine Little  
 Susie Denney, sister of Glenda Clayton  
 Mark Dennis, son-in-law of Larry & Glenda Clayton  
 Trudy Girard, sister of Lynette Rawlins  
 Rachel Preston, granddaughter of Lynette Rawlins  
 Tracy Musselwhite, niece of Lynette Rawlins  
 Jimmy Rawlins, son of Lynette Rawlins  
 Louise Gunter, mother of Lynette Rawlins  
 Hubert Taylor, father of Nancy Wilfong  
 Buck Thomas, husband of Donna Thomas  
 Kay Oestman, sister of Maureen Turney  
 Dave Haig, friend of Ken and Jan DeClue

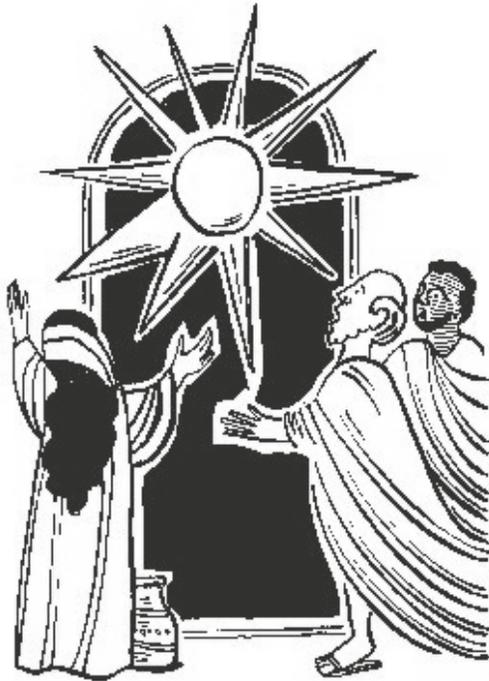
~ the homebound, shut-ins of the parish and all in nursing homes. To add a name please call the parish office, 671-3062. Names will be removed after 3 weeks.

**Parish Office email**  
[parishoffice@olqpparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@olqpparish.org)  
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[www.olqpparish.org](http://www.olqpparish.org)  
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[olqpbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:olqpbulletin@yahoo.com)  
**Deadline Friday at 4:30 pm**  
**(9 days before publication)**



Donna O'Malley,  
 Theresa Haug,  
 Mary Copeland  
 and Judy Mottert

**Easter Sunday  
Cycle A**



**THEME: We Are an Easter People.**

We are an Easter people, a people formed and enlivened by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. All the readings for Easter Sunday focus on the Good News – the Good News of Christian life formed by faith in the resurrection of Jesus and what it means for individual believers and for the Christian community as a whole.

**THE READINGS:**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 10:34, 37- 43

The first reading is a speech by Peter taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The context of this speech is the Baptism of Cornelius, a Gentile. The speeches in Acts are inventions by Luke, placed in the mouths of leading characters in his story, to give focus and interpretation to what is happening in the story at that point. This is precisely the case here. Cornelius has been motivated and enlivened by the Gospel message to seek baptism, to seek that dying and rising with Jesus Christ that brings forgiveness of sin, incorporates us into the believing community, and sets us on the path of a new way of life. Peter's speech is a summary of the Good News, a summary of the whole Gospel story, beginning with the baptism by John, referring to Jesus' public ministry guided by the Holy Spirit with whom He had been anointed, His death and resurrection, the awakening of resurrection faith, and the role of disciples to be bold in speaking out, in proclaiming the Good News for the sake of all people. The universal focus of Luke is apparent in the story of Cornelius because he is among the first Gentiles to be welcomed into the believing community,

demonstrating that the Christian community is expanding according to God's plan and beginning to make its way in the larger world.

**SECOND READING (OPTION A):** Colossians 3:1-4

The first choice for an epistle for Easter Sunday comes from the Letter to the Colossians. A key idea in Colossians turns on the affirmation of the real suffering of Jesus Christ leading to a real resurrection constituting Him as the head of the body of which we are all members by reason of our baptism. Baptism imagery is at the heart of this reading – the notion of dying and rising with Christ. Incorporation into the Body of Christ calls the believing community to seek what is above, to live a higher standard of life, to live a new life of love and justice and peace. As a resurrection people, we are to live as members of Christ's body now in the hope of sharing the fullness of His life and glory when He returns.

**SECOND READING (OPTION B):** I Corinthians 5:6-8

The second choice for an epistle is taken from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. The Corinthians passage draws on the image of the Paschal Feast, the Passover. Using the image of yeast and unleavened bread, Paul suggests that what we bring to the feast, what we bring to our participation in the life of the believing community, impacts and adulterates the community. In calling on the community to clear away the old yeast and celebrate as "unleavened bread," Paul is calling on us to strip away the old life of sin and live a new life based on the Paschal Mystery. We are called, then, to be true to our roots – the Paschal Mystery as Paul has taught it. Just as the Passover was a transition to a new way of life for the people of Israel, so our sharing in the Paschal Mystery, especially through the Eucharist, is a transition to a new way of life for the believing community. As an Easter people, we are to live that life solely on its terms, on the terms set by Christ in His dying and rising, and not as a mere continuation of our old way of life. We are to live God's gift of freedom, redemption and new life as a people formed and transformed by God's love.

## GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-9

The Gospel reading for Easter Sunday is the resurrection account from John's Gospel. There are similarities between John's account of the resurrection and the synoptic accounts as well as marked differences. The account begins with a woman, in this case Mary Magdalene alone, visiting the tomb early in the morning. No mention is made of her bringing materials to complete the anointing of Jesus' body and there is no appearance of an angel or messenger at the tomb. She sees that the stone is rolled away and, without investigating further, runs to Simon Peter and the other disciple to tell them that Jesus' body is missing. No other disciples are mentioned.

In the account of the two disciples running to the tomb, the disciple whom Jesus loved allowing Peter to enter the tomb first, and then being the one to first come to an awakening faith, some have seen evidence of early Petrine and Johannine forms of Christianity in tension. Such arguments seem over-pressed. What is seen at the tomb is the trappings of death left behind and the result is an awakening of resurrection faith, a faith that is not yet fully formed. Later appearance stories fill out this faith and further the theme common in John that Jesus is in full control of His fate. He laid down His life to take it up. He reveals Himself to His followers to engender their faith rather than having a messenger announce the Good News. What John portrays is a slow process of coming to full faith. Faith comes to maturation in the encounter with and full and loving commitment to Jesus, the Risen Lord. With that growing relationship with the Risen Lord, with the Word made flesh, comes understanding of the truth – our relationship with God in Jesus Christ makes us who we are.

The readings for Easter Sunday speak of life, life embodied in the Gospel message, the Good News of Jesus words and deeds, His death and resurrection, His calling us to live new life. We enter that life in baptism; we participate now in the death and resurrection of Christ. We share in the Paschal Mystery and by stripping away the old self of sin we can be a Eucharistic people, a presence of Christ in the world on His terms. Yet what we have now is but a glimpse of what is to come. We will grow in our life with our God as we grow in our relationship with Jesus. Our Easter celebration is a celebration of joy and hope – joy in God's mercy and love and hope for what our lives and our world can be if we really live as Easter people.

## FOR REFLECTION:

- What does it mean to me to proclaim that "We are an Easter People?"
- As *Acts of the Apostles* tells the story of the early Church, it is apparent that there was a great controversy over accepting Gentiles into the believing community. Who do I have trouble accepting as a member of my faith community? Can I really believe that God's offer of salvation and resurrection life is for all people?
- We are an Easter People, a people called to live new life in Christ. Can I accept that the possibility of new life also means the necessity of dying with the Lord? How do I handle suffering in my life?
- We are called to put off the old way of life and live the new. What, in my life, do I need to change? How does my life as a member of the believing community call me constantly to newness?
- In my journey of faith, how has my relationship with Jesus Christ grown and matured? How does it continue to grow? Can I say "yes" to the continuing relationship even when I am uncertain where that "yes" will lead me?

Dear Parents and All Parishioners,

We will be holding elections for the Our Lady Queen of Peace Board of Education in the next few weeks. We will elect three parishioners at the end of this school year.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else to become a board member, please have your nomination in by April 27, 2011. As we strive to move the day school, pre-school, and PSR to the next level, please consider a position on the Board of Education. The duration of one term of a Board of Education Member is 3 years. Meetings are held monthly or bi-monthly, as necessary, during the school calendar year. If you have any additional questions please contact Fr. Mike or Ms. Chauvin. You can send your nominations into the school office or parish office in an envelope marked "OLQP Board of Education".

Once all nominations are received, we will issue ballots to all parishioners and voting will take place May 2-8, 2011. If elected, your term will begin July 1, 2011. Also, all newly elected Board Members must attend an orientation provided by the Archdiocese.



Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information for Nominee

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about yourself and what you would like to accomplish by becoming a member of the OLQP Board of Education.

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