

Our Lady Queen of Peace

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July 21, 2013



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671-3062

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671-0247

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375-5335

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Evening	5:00 pm
(Rosary before Mass - Fatima Prayers included on 1st Sat.)	
Sunday	7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am
Holy Days	as announced
Weekdays	8:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for prayerful Adoration the last Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 8:00 pm.

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday after 8:00am Mass

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

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

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Monday evening at 7:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Make arrangements by calling Parish Office

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

Welcome to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish

Registration forms may be found on our website (olqpparish.org/parishregistration.htm), in the Church lobby or you may stop by the Parish Office to fill one out. If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parents' home or graduated from high school, you need to re-register. Please help us keep our records accurate.

Upcoming OLQP Parish Events**2013****August**

- Thur 15 Assumption
 Sat 17 Knights of Columbus Fairmont Horse Races
 Daughters of Isabella Tailgate Sale
 Used Book Sale
 Sun 25 Ladies Auxiliary Quarter Auction and Vendor Fair

September

- Sun 22 OLQP Quilt Social
 Sun 29 Fall Festival

October

- Sat 12 Harvest Moon Auction
 Fri 25 Trunk or Treat

November

- Thur 28 Thanksgiving

December

- Mon 2 Blood Drive
 Sat 7 Advent Retreat
 Sun 8 K of C Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale
 Mon 9 Immaculate Conception
 Wed 25 Christmas

2014**April**

- Sat 12 All Day Confessions



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Missionary Plan Of Cooperation

Next weekend, Saturday, July 27th, and Sunday, July 28th, we will host Fr. Elias Rinaldo Gamboriko from the Diocese of Tombura-Yarnbio in southern Sudan, Africa. Fr. Rinaldo is participating in the Missionary Plan of Cooperation and will be speaking at all the Masses next weekend. Please be generous in your assistance to our Catholic brothers and sisters in southern Sudan. Fr. Elias is visiting St. John Parish on Highway 21 this weekend and will be staying at St. John's rectory all week long.

Fr. Elias will need a ride on Saturday and Sunday from St. John's parish on Highway 21 to OLQP in order to celebrate and speak at all the Masses. He will also need a ride to the airport on Sunday afternoon. If you are able to volunteer to transport Fr. Elias, please contact the parish office, 636-671-3062.

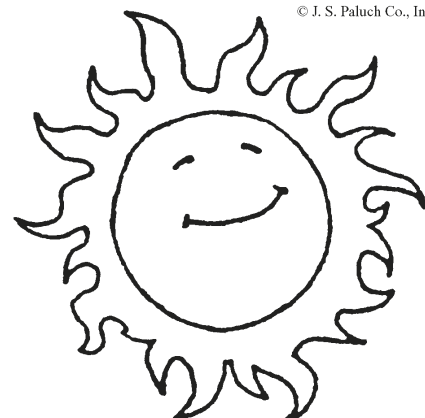
~ fr. mike

**Young
at
Heart**

On Monday, July 22, we will have our monthly brown bag lunch at 11:30 am in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Hope to see everyone there.

Parish Activities ~ July 22 to July 28

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| Mon | July 22 | Rosary after 8:00 am Mass, Church
Rosary for Peace, 7:30 pm, Church |
| Tues | July 23 | Perpetual Devotions after 8:00 am Mass
Quilters, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, 6:00 - 8:30 pm
Stewardship meeting, 6:30 pm, Cafeteria meeting room |
| Wed | July 24 | Rosary after 8:00 am Mass, Church |
| Thur | July 25 | Rosary after 8:00 am Mass, Church |
| Fri | July 26 | Rosary after 8:00 am Mass, Church |



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Knights of Columbus Night at the Races at Fairmount Park August 17, 2013



Cost is \$40 per person which includes buffet dinner, racing form, transportation to and from Fairmount.

Chartered bus leaves OLQP parking lot at 4:45 pm. and returns around midnight.

Seats are limited. When the bus is full, reservations will be closed. For reservations contact Arnie Lohbeck, 636-274-4072.



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Nick Grannemann and Kristy Lynn Bolte
OLQP ~ July 27, 2013

Used Book Donations Needed

The OLQP Eighth Grade class will be sponsoring a used book sale in the month of August. If you have any books you would like to donate, there will be a box in the Church lobby for any donations. In addition to books, we will also be accepting DVD's and VHS movies. So be on the look out for the donation box and more sale information. The 2013/14 Eighth Grade class thanks you for your support!!



Youth Council News

Hope Builders Week was a Success

Thanks to the 28 youth who volunteered during our Hope Builders' week working for 5 different homeowners from our parish family that were in need of help doing work that they were unable to do themselves. Thanks to their parents for encouraging them to take part in this service week. Thanks to the 20 adults that helped the youth during this week in a variety of ways. Thanks to Fr. Don for saying Mass for us each day. Thanks to our parish family who donated money for needed supplies for the week. Besides our amazing team of adults that took off the entire week to be on the Hope Builders team we had two parishioners that donated their time and talent after they got off work. One man put in a donated garage door and another brought his back hoe and dug a much need drainage ditch. Wow, we have an amazing parish family with awesome youth and awesome adults working together to build hope that brings joy!!!!

High School Youth Group Invitation

All high school youth are invited to join us for faith sharing in a fun relaxed setting. We will meet in the Cafeteria meeting room. We meet twice a month on Wednesdays during the summer and on Sundays during the school year. Mark your calendars for:

Wednesday, July 31st, from 6:00-8:00 pm

Family Picnic sponsored by our Youth Council
Sunday, August 4th, from 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Who's invited?

The Youth Council is hosting a family picnic for all of the members of the youth groups represented on the Youth Council and their families on Sunday, August 4th, from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at OLQP. It is a pot luck style picnic. We will also have games and activities. The Youth Council will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs as well as the lemonade and ice tea. We are asking the Boy Scouts to bring desserts, the Venture Crew to bring salads, the Junior High Youth Group to bring fruit or finger foods, the Senior High Group to bring paper goods and chips, and the St. Vincent de Paul group to bring hamburger and hot dog buns. Let your Youth Council rep know if you can attend the picnic.

OLQP Wish List Projects

- ◆ We're still looking for volunteer grass cutters and trimmers for the summer season. "Driving Lessons" are required for the Zero-Turn mower. If you'd like to bring your own mower and trimmers, that's fine.
- ◆ We're looking for electricians to relocate the Fire Alarm system from the old modulars to the new modular; install power outlets in the science room; and reinstall the power outlets for the relocated computer room. If you only have time for just one or two of the above, that's fine.
- ◆ We still need the fence around the sewage treatment plant painted. We have everything needed but willing hands.

Any questions or suggestions, call Deacon Paul, 314-954-0378 or e-mail: deaconpaul@olqpparish.org.

Thanks!!



Visit Parish WebStore by simply clicking on the Parish WebStore banner found on our parish website today!

Congratulations Carolejean O'Shea!

Carolejean O'Shea has been nominated by the Parish Council of Our Lady Queen of Peace and will receive the *Servant to the Poor Award* at the 2013 Catholic Women's Recognition Ceremony sponsored by The Office of Laity & Family Life of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. The Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis and Ms. Nancy Werner, Chancellor, Archdiocese of St. Louis, will present the award.

The following describes the program:

The Office of Laity & Family Life will be celebrating the giftedness of the women of the Archdiocese of St. Louis by honoring Catholic women for their contributions to the Church in St. Louis. The 2013 awards will be given in the category of Servant to the Poor. The model for the Servant of the Poor Award is Mother Teresa. The woman chosen for the Servant of the Poor Award is a woman who serves the poor in extraordinary ways; a woman who has chosen to live simply (i.e., St. Vincent de Paul volunteers; food pantry and soup kitchen workers; those who regularly serve the poor at shelters, clinics, or parishes; parish outreach volunteers).

As many of our parish know, Carolejean has been a dedicated and tireless servant at The Peace Pantry for the past fifteen years. And for each of the past fourteen years she has worked with the Youth Group of Our Lady Queen of Peace, helping to plan and coordinate their annual summer service week for the poor. She has been described as conscientious, dedicated, caring, generous, selfless, and passionate, always putting others ahead of herself. Carolejean is truly a servant to the poor! Please congratulate her in recognition of the honor that her works bring to our Lord, to the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, and to Our Lady Queen of Peace.

God is Pro Life

"Children who would have been born in 1973 would be nearing their 40th birthday now. Roe V. Wade took from them a childhood, an education, the love of a family, a lifetime..." Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe V. Wade decision.

**SPECIAL OFFER FOR A
LIMITED TIME ONLY
LIGHTHOUSE CDs EXCHANGE**

Any CDs you have listened to and haven't passed along to a friend or family member, or if you have any CDs you no longer want and would like to listen to one of the previous ones we have had for sale; here is your chance to listen to more for less. For the next few weeks we will have a basket on the CD table. You can drop off any extra CDs you may have and select another, from the basket, for just a \$1 donation each. The donations will help us defer the cost of shipping, which has put us slightly in the hole with this project. You will also have an opportunity to give us feedback on any of the talks you have heard thus far.

We will continue with new selections after this sale. Thank you for supporting this excellent means of evangelization.

St. Vincent De Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul...meeting the Gospel challenge to see the face of Christ in the poor regardless of their race, religion or country of national origin.



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- A portion of all purchases (5% - 10 %) will go back to our parish when you enter in our Parish Promo Code 102402. Enter the Promo Code today and receive a free gift!

"The Truth & Life Dramatized Audio Bible is entirely faithful to the text of the Holy Scriptures. The manner in which the text is performed, beautifully assists the listener in understanding the meaning of the divinely inspired words within their context. The background music and sound effects helps the listener to imagine the setting of each particular text of the Holy Bible. I am happy to give my wholehearted endorsement to this audio New Testament." *Raymond L. Burke, Archbishop.*

"We learn by hearing as well as reading. Those who desire to become true disciples of Jesus will want to learn from His words in every way. For anyone interested in beginning or continuing their adventure of faith, I highly recommend this faithful and powerful presentation of the Word of God." *The Most Reverend Charles Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia*

Contact our Lighthouse Catholic Media Account Representative for more information: Cindy Reznikov, cindyrez@swbell.net or 314-434-4201.



Our Lady Queen of Peace BIG TICKET RAFFLE

Announcing the First Ever OLQP Big Ticket, Year Long Raffle

GRAND PRIZE	\$5,000.00
1 st Quarter Drawing	\$ 500.00
2 nd Quarter Drawing	\$ 500.00
3 rd Quarter Drawing	\$ 500.00
4 th Quarter Drawing	\$ 500.00

Beginning on July 1, 2013, 150 tickets will be available in the parish office and at the Scrip table after all weekend Masses. The donation per ticket is \$250. Your chance of winning the \$5,000.00 Grand Prize is 1 in 150 (Your chance of winning at Powerball is 1 in about 2 million!). There will be quarterly drawings for four additional \$500.00 prizes. Participants are only eligible to receive one quarterly prize, but all quarterly winners are eligible for the Grand Prize.

Tickets will be available until all 150 are sold. Tickets include a catered dinner for two on Saturday, June 28, 2014. During the dinner, the Grand Prize drawing will be held. The earlier you get your tickets, the greater your chances of winning a Quarterly Drawing Prize. No drawings will be held until a minimum of 50 tickets are sold. Friends and family members can go in on a ticket, but only two dinners per ticket, please.

ONLY 150 Tickets Available!!!

Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass

All are invited to attend the Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass on Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral Basilica on Lindell Blvd. This year, Bishop Edward Rice will be our celebrant. Couples celebrating 25, 50, or 50-plus years **during 2013**, who register by September 13, will have their names and wedding date printed in the program and receive a certificate of congratulations. **Online Registration** is available by visiting www.archstl.org/laityandfamilylife and clicking on **Golden/Silver Jubilee** from the menu. If you prefer to register by phone, please call the Office of Laity & Family Life, 314-792-7170.

Sunnyhill, Inc. Job Opportunity

Are you looking for part-time employment that is rewarding and allows you to make a difference in someone's daily life?

Sunnyhill, Inc. is looking for Direct Support Professionals to work with adults with developmental and/or physical disabilities. We are seeking honest, hard-working individuals who will assist individuals with daily living skills: cooking, cleaning, and everyday household tasks. Duties will also include helping individuals with their daily hygiene, outings into the community, and other appointments as necessary. We are looking for employees with a good work ethic, ambition, and good people skills. Must be prompt and a team player.

Join some fellow parishioners (Debbie Moses, Linda Grither, and Becky Bufka) who are enjoying their employment with Sunnyhill, Inc. at their Dittmer location.

For more information, go to:

<http://sunnyhilladventures.org>

Seven Days of Inspiration

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

Day 1

You make someone
happy every day!

Day 2

Dreams can come
true when you least
expect them to.

Day 3

This day has good
things in store for you.

Day 4

Be true to you!

Day 5

Lost? Your path will
soon become clear.

Day 6

Get your hope up!

Day 7

Live up to your
gifts. You owe it
to everyone.

Parish Office email

parishoffice@olqpparish.org

OLQP Web Site

www.olqpparish.org

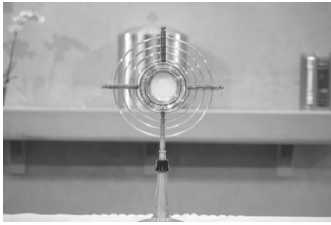
submit articles for bulletin

olqpbulletin@yahoo.com

**Deadline Friday at 4:30 pm
(9 days before publication)**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is
Wednesday, July 31,
from 1:00 - 8:00 pm.

**Scrip**

Don't take a vacation from buying Scrip this summer. The parish uses the money we make on every card you purchase. You don't pay extra for them, it is money that you already spend. You just need to plan ahead and get the gift cards before you make your purchases.

In gratitude we thank you for your support!

*Here are 7 ways you can integrate
a devotion to your guardian
angel in to your life:*

1. *Turn in prayer to your guardian angel for practical daily needs.*
2. *Ask your guardian angel to help you correspond with all the graces God gives you.*
3. *Reflect that the presence of angels reminds you there is more to life than what you can see with your eyes.*
4. *Watch for ways in which you are assisted "miraculously" and know that often your angel guides and protects you without you even asking.*
5. *Trust in the inspirations of your angel to make wise decisions.*
6. *Entrust others to the guidance of their angels, and remind them they are never alone.*
7. *Ask your guardian angel to help you live a holy life and die a holy death.*

Our Gifts to God and Parish

760 registered members
207 online, loose and envelopes used this week
Thank you for your generosity!!!

New Building Fund total to date	\$ 747,291.04
Special Collections	
Peters Pence	\$ 1.00
Offertory	
Sunday envelopes	\$ 9,635.00
Sunday loose	473.00
Parish Enrichment	117.00
Total Offertory	\$ 10,225.00
Offertory Goal	to be determined
As of July 15, 2013	
Contributions Year to Date	\$ 23,200.00
Projected Year to Date Budget	to be determined
Scrip Gift Cards	
Sales	\$ 2,470.00
Profits/Tuition Reduction	110.86

Scrip gift cards are available in the Parish Office from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and every weekend after Mass.

Mass While on Vacation?

Travelers looking for Mass times and church locations can go to:
www.MassTimes.org or, in the
U.S. call (410) 676-6000.

**Stewardship
Start With Prayer**

"Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Luke 10:42

The story of Martha and Mary reminds us that God wants each of us to serve Him, just as Martha so graciously served. However, we will never know what God wants us to do unless we spend some time like Mary did, just sitting quietly at God's feet and listening to His words.

Please pray for those who are ill

(parishioners are in bold)

Audrey Hastings	Paul McDonnell
Ray Wieschhaus	Alice Aubuchon
Leonard Hirtz	Greg Hirtz
Scott Beck	Glenda Clayton
Ellen O'Brien	Ralph Schultheiss
Danielle Enghauser	Ellie Plake
Tom Mueller	Andy Nappier
Jackie Nappier	Cannan Petylinski
Todd Petylinski	Zachary Poulsen

Hilda Bowler, mother of Dave Bowler
 Peggy Bauer, sister of Katie Tutass
 Joe Politte, brother-in-law of Ken DeClue

~those serving in the military, 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.

Mass Intentions

Mon	July 22	8:00 am	Bernice Dierks
Tues	July 23	8:00 am	Ray Stroup
Wed	July 24	8:00 am	Dot Hirtz
Thurs	July 25	8:00 am	Wayne Wencker
Fri	July 26	8:00 am	Jim Creamer
Sat	July 27	5:00 pm	Ron Oehlert
Sun	July 28	7:30 am	Alice Nahlik
		9:30 am	People of the Parish
		11:30 am	Tom Ecker Intentions

July 27th and 28th

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00 pm	*needed, *needed, Peggy Mikko, Dixie Garrett 3 needed
7:30 am	*needed, *Linda Weber, Barb and Joe Nenninger, 3 needed
9:30 am	*Maria Webb, * Bruce Gallion, 5 needed
11:30 am	*needed, *needed, Carol Freihaut, 4 needed

* You are responsible to clean the vessels after Mass

Proclaimers

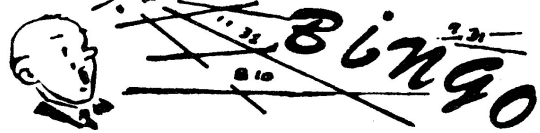
5:00 pm	Shirley Tenny, Larry Bottchen
7:30 am	Bev Gregory, Dave Mills
9:30 am	Maria Webb, Dale Andrews
11:30 am	Tom Ecker, Michelle Mose

Servers

5:00 pm	Amanda Kohne, Zachary Mikko, Dylan Werner
7:30 am	McKenzie Beck, Alyssa Block, Andrew Bridges
9:30 am	Daniel and Darby O'Donnell, Gracie Scanga
11:30 am	Jesse Mose, Sophia Scanlon, Jakob Stoff

Ushers

5:00 pm	Katie Tutass, Darlene Allmeroth, Don Brooks, Ken Ganey, Dave Mills, Ralph Munzlinger
7:30 am	Larry Lammert, John Nahlik, Robert De Long, Ted Hempten, Vince Rocchio, Tim Webb
9:30 am	Tom Mattingly, Larry Whitworth, Trish Larsen, Chuck Phillips, Mary Turney, Bridget Turney
11:30 am	Kevin Huss, Paul McDonnell, A. Nappier Mary Buckley, Cristina Duncan, J. Younkins



BINGO
Every Friday Night
Knights of Columbus Hall
Doors Open at 4:30 pm
Bingo starts at 6:45 pm
Everyone welcome!



Pray for the Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul
Jill Abernathy, sister of Kathy Benefield
*May God welcome her home, fill her with peace,
 and bless those who will miss her.*



July 28
 Carol Delue,
 Mary Ann Whitecotton
 and Darlene Allmeroth

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C



THEME: “Teach us to pray.”

Formal prayer, devotional prayer, liturgical prayer, meditative prayer – in Christian tradition there are many styles of prayer to choose from and still we ask, “Lord, teach us to pray.” Sadly, some people avoid prayer because they feel selfish: “Whenever I pray, all I do is ask God for things I need or want. I don’t thank him enough, so I just don’t want to keep asking for things.” In its simplest definition, prayer is conversation, talking to God. How do we do that? What should we talk about?

THE READINGS:

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32.

The story of Abraham in the first reading from Genesis, is one example of prayer. Abraham prays for sinners. The story has to be understood in context. Genesis begins with the creation of the world and immediately sin enters into the picture. The good and ordered life that God intended went awry. God then chooses Abraham to be

the father of a great nation and in him God sets out to turn around what went wrong in His original plan of creation. Abraham is chosen for a purpose, that in him and his descendants, all the families of the earth would find blessings. We, the believing community, are now the heirs of that promise.

Abraham, the Father of Faith, gives an example of how we are to bring God’s blessings to all others – through prayer for sinners. He does not judge the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, he doesn’t ask for vengeance. He asks for God to show mercy, to give people a chance to live into God’s blessings. He asks God for what the world needs – mercy, forbearance, compassion. Why? Because we are limited, frail, sinful people. Because we can’t do it on our own. Because we are not God. In coming to prayer, then, the first thing to remember is that we are not God. We come to God with our needs, needs we can’t fill on our own. We come, dependent on God’s love and care.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:12-14.

If the first reading gives us an example of how to pray, Abraham interceding for sinners, the second reading from Colossians serves to remind us that we too are sinners. What can we do to overcome our sinfulness and live rightly? The Letter to the Colossians tells us that there is nothing we can do because overcoming our sinfulness has already been accomplished. It has been accomplished by our loving God who has nailed our sinfulness to the cross. The implication of this is, again, that we are dependent, dependent on our God who loves us enough to reconcile us with Himself through the cross even though we are undeserving. This can, and should, lead to joy and thankfulness, but still our stance before our God is one of dependence.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 11:1-13.

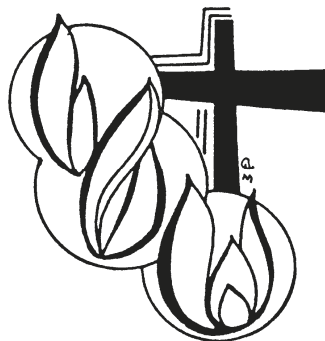
The Gospel reading from Luke addresses the question of how to pray directly. When asked by His disciples about how to pray, Jesus gave simple directions. Begin by acknowledging the otherness, the holiness of God; begin by admitting that we are not God and that we need Him. Then ask for what we need. Ask for the things we need to sustain us in our everyday lives; ask for forgiveness for the wrongs we continue to do; ask for the strength and guidance we need to try to live well, to avoid evil and wrongdoing. Ask.

Jesus continues by giving a pair of illustrations of authentic prayer. The first story illustrates persistence. A man lacks what he needs to care for another and persists in his request to a neighbor. That should be our approach to prayer with our God, persistence in seeking what we need, acknowledgment that we can't achieve what we need on our own but need God's help and care. The second illustration is about trust. In asking for what we need, God will not disappoint, will not give us something that looks to answer our prayer but really doesn't. No, He will get to the heart of the matter and give us what we really need – the presence of His Spirit to guide us to all good.

Formal prayer, devotional prayer, liturgical prayer, meditative prayer – the form of the prayer doesn't matter. What matters is that we pray and how we pray. We come to our God to have a conversation, dependent on Him for all that we need, realizing that we are not God, not equal to Him, needing to ask for what we can't do for ourselves.

FOR REFLECTION:

- When I pray, how do I pray? What is my style of prayer? Is it satisfying? Have I tried other styles of prayer to find which works best for me? Am I comfortable with the realization that what works best for me may not work for someone else, that what works for someone else may not work for me?
- Do I pray for sinners - or against them? Do I pray for God's will to be done, for His mercy for people with whom I don't agree, or do I pray that others will change to be like me?
- What does it mean to me to affirm that in all prayer, we come to God as dependents? Can I deal honestly with my own limitations and sinfulness or do I try to see myself as better than others?
- Am I persistent in prayer? If I'm hesitant to turn to God with my needs or am not persistent in asking, why is this? Am I afraid that I will be disappointed? Would such disappointment shake my faith?
- Do I ask God for the things I need to sustain me in everyday life? Do I ask for forgiveness? Do I ask for the guidance to live well and avoid evil?



**Ask
and
you
shall
receive**