

# Queen of Peace Parish

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Brothers and Sisters,

Queen of Peace Parish is growing; Thanks be to God! I am not talking about a census. I am talking about spirit and faith and action. I see a parish with leadership committees that are engaged in the present and dreaming of the future. I see a parish that is deepening its identity as a Catholic family, its devotion to Mary, and its prayer around Divine Mercy. I see a parish with a school that is dedicated to every child and family, not just in terms of education but more importantly in terms of faith formation. I see a parish with a dedicated and supportive staff and a wealth of generous volunteers. We should be proud. We've accomplished much through these years. Proud, but not boasting, for we know it is in the Lord and only in Lord that we work. Praise be to God and thanks be to God for the work that he has begun in us. Queen of Peace is growing. May it keep growing. May it grow as you pray and as you serve and as you give of yourself to the parish family. I am talking about a census. We grow each time one of us gives themselves to the work of the family. May we grow together through our shared work and prayer. Consider your gifts, those you have received and those you have to give. This booklet is a guide to the many family members and ministries and opportunities of Queen of Peace. Find the ones and the many waiting for you. Begin with Mass; begin with prayer. May God bless you with open ears and heart. May God bless us all in our service to the Lord and to each other.

Fr. Jim

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## Mission Statement

We are a people of faith who recognize the need to gather for prayer and the celebration of the sacraments; to support a strong religious education program and our parish school; to evangelize the weak in faith; to embrace the poor and needy; and to be patient and accept the differences which exist among us.

## Parish Membership

Registration forms are available in the parish office, online, and in the back of church. Please update your contact information through our website or by contacting the parish office if your name, address, telephone number or marital status has changed. Parishioners who have plans to change parishes are also asked to notify the parish office. Family members over the age of 26 or married should have a separate registration.

## Mass Schedule

*Dates & times are subject to change. Please consult our website or bulletin for the most up-to-date schedule.*



### Weekend

Saturday (vigil) – 3:30 PM  
Sunday – 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

### Weekday

Mon, Thurs, & Fri – 8:00 AM  
Wednesday – 7:00 PM

### Holidays

Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day..... 8:00 AM  
Thanksgiving Day ..... 8:00 AM  
Christmas Eve..... 3:00 PM & 5:00 PM  
Christmas Day ..... 8 AM  
New Year's Eve ..... 3:30 PM  
New Year's Day ..... 9:00 AM

**Holy Days** ..... 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
Holy Day vigil ..... 7:00 PM

**Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying** ..... Tues & Fri. 3:00 PM

## Exposition, Benediction, & Confession



**Exposition**..... First Fridays following 8 AM Mass  
Benediction ..... First Fridays – 3:00 PM

**Exposition**..... Wednesdays following 7 PM Mass  
Benediction ..... Wednesdays – 9:00 PM

**Confession** ..... Wednesdays 7:30 PM – 8:45 PM

## Parish Contact Information

### Pastoral Team

**Pastor** - Rev. Jim Wedig ..... [wedigm@yahoo.com](mailto:wedigm@yahoo.com)

**Deacon** - Jeff Ehrnschwender ..... [jeffehrschwender@gmail.com](mailto:jeffehrschwender@gmail.com)

**Deacon** - Mike Mignery..... [mikemignery@yahoo.com](mailto:mikemignery@yahoo.com)

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### Parish Office

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📞 **Phone:** (513)863-4344      📠 **Fax:** (513)863-4364

✉ **Email:** [parishoffice@qpchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@qpchurch.org)

🕒 **Office Hours:** Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM- Noon; 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

☀ **Summer Hours:** Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – Noon

### Parish Staff

**Business Manager** - Chad Riegert.....[criegert@qphamilton.org](mailto:criegert@qphamilton.org)

**Parish Secretary** - Alison Helton .....[parishoffice@qpchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@qpchurch.org)

**Bookkeeper** - Mark Leuthold.....[qpacct@qpchurch.org](mailto:qpacct@qpchurch.org)

**Catechetical Leader** - Cheryl Hunt ..... [chunt@qphamilton.org](mailto:chunt@qphamilton.org)

**Digital Media** - Kevin Hoffman ..... [khoffman@qphamilton.org](mailto:khoffman@qphamilton.org)

**PREP Coordinator** - Laura Fryer ..... [qpprep@gmail.com](mailto:qpprep@gmail.com)

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### School Office

📍 **Address:** 2550 Millville Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45013

📞 **Phone:** (513)863-8705      📠 **Fax:** (513)863-4310

### School Staff

**Principal** - Josh Mears .....[jmears@qphamilton.org](mailto:jmears@qphamilton.org)

**Assistant Principal** - Cheryl Hunt..... [chunt@qphamilton.org](mailto:chunt@qphamilton.org)

**School Secretary** - Mary Ann Estridge..... [mestridge@qphamilton.org](mailto:mestridge@qphamilton.org)

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## Parish Communications

This directory is published on a biannual basis (every two years). As such, the information contained may, in some instances, change between publications. For the most current information visit our website.

### Church Communications



**Web Site:**  
[www.queenofpeacechurch.net](http://www.queenofpeacechurch.net)



**Facebook:** QPChurch  
[www.facebook.com/QPChurch](http://www.facebook.com/QPChurch)



**Twitter:** QPChurch  
[www.twitter.com/QPChurch](http://www.twitter.com/QPChurch)

### School Communications



**Web Site:**  
[www.queenofpeacehamilton.org](http://www.queenofpeacehamilton.org)



**Facebook:** QPHamilton  
[www.facebook.com/QPHamilton](http://www.facebook.com/QPHamilton)



**Instagram:** QP.Hamilton  
[www.instagram.com/QP.Hamilton](http://www.instagram.com/QP.Hamilton)

# Campus Map



## Pastoral Region

Queen of Peace and St. Aloysius of Shandon became a pastoral region effective the summer of 2012. This means that we share one pastor as well as many of our liturgical, religious education, and social activities.



### St. Aloysius Contact Information

📍 **Location:** 3350 Chapel Road, Shandon, OH 45063

✉ **Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 95, Shandon, OH 45063

☎ **Parish Office:** (513)738-1014

💻 **Website:** [www.stalshandon.org](http://www.stalshandon.org)

**Deacon Bill Brunzman:** (513)315-8014 | [bideacon545@gmail.com](mailto:bideacon545@gmail.com)

### St. Aloysius Mass Schedule



#### Weekend

Saturday (vigil) – 5:00 PM  
Sunday – 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM

#### Weekday

Tuesday – 7:00 PM  
Wednesday & Friday 9:30 AM

**Holy Days** ..... 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM

**Reconciliation** .....Wednesdays 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

### St. Aloysius Festival Dates

**Summer Festival & Chicken Dinner** ..... First Sunday of August

**Fall Festival & Turkey Dinner** .....Second Sunday in November

## Area Parish and School Information

Archdiocese of Cincinnati ..... (513)421-3131

### Area Churches

St. Aloysius (Shandon) ..... (513)738-1014

St. Ann (Hamilton) ..... (513)863-4963

St. Joseph (Hamilton)..... (513)863-1424

St. Julie Billiart (Hamilton)..... (513)863-1040

St. Mary (Oxford) ..... (513)523-2153

St. Peter in Chains (Hamilton) ..... (513)863-3938

Sacred Heart (Fairfield)..... (513)829-4383

### Area Parochial Schools

Badin High School (Hamilton) ..... (513)863-3993

Sacred Heart (Fairfield)..... (513)858-4215

St. Ann (Hamilton) ..... (513)863-0604

St. Joseph Consolidated (Hamilton)..... (513)863-8758

St. Peter in Chains (Hamilton) ..... (513)863-0685



## Sacraments

*For more information regarding sacraments, please contact the parish office.*

**Anointing of the Sick** - Notify the parish office if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of Anointing of the Sick.

**Baptism** - Children under 7 years old: Baptisms are normally scheduled for any Saturday or Sunday during or immediately following Mass. Baptism during daily Mass is also possible. Scheduling depends on the availability of the pastor or deacons.

Baptisms occur only after completion of the Baptismal Preparation Program. To have a child baptized, parents must be members of the parish, should be active Mass attendees, and have completed the Baptismal Prep Program. Contact the parish office to schedule the class and/or baptism.

The Baptism Preparation Program consists of a home visit, if possible, and an evening preparation class held on the second Monday of the month from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Sahlfeld Room. You **MUST** register in advance before attending a Baptism Prep Class. Expectant parents are encouraged to complete the program prior to the birth of their child. There is no cost involved. If this date each month is not possible, contact the parish office for another option.

Adults wishing to be baptized must complete the RCIA program and are baptized during the Easter Vigil Mass.

**Confirmation** - Confirmation for eighth-grade students is held every year in conjunction with St. Aloysius. Location of the Confirmation Mass alternates between the two parishes. Preparation takes place during parish religious education classes at Queen of Peace and St. Aloysius, at Queen of Peace School, and at St. Joseph Consolidated School.

Adults who would like to be Confirmed do so through the RCIA program and will be Confirmed during the Easter Vigil Mass.

**Eucharist** - For Liturgy of the Eucharist times, see **Mass Schedule, page 3**. Lay ministers serve the shut-ins by bringing Communion to their home on a weekly basis. Contact the parish office to place someone on our homebound list.

Our second graders and PREP students make their First Communion in the weeks following Easter. Adults wishing to receive their first Communion do so at the Easter Vigil after completing the RCIA program.

**Marriage** - Couples contemplating marriage should call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor before setting a marriage date. Six months preparation is required. Marriages are not scheduled during Lent.

**Reconciliation** - Wednesday 7:30-8:45pm or by appointment - contact the parish office. Check the bulletin or website for additional opportunities throughout the year.

## Liturgical Ministries

*Minister schedules are assigned by the parish office. If you are interested in serving one of these ministries, please contact the parish office or fill out a Ministry Request Form found in the back of church or online, and return it to the parish office or drop it in the Sunday collection.*

**Altar Servers** - Anyone who has received their First Communion is invited to become an Altar Server. Duties include carrying the cross, holding books for the priest celebrant when he is not at the altar, carrying the incense and censer, presenting the bread, wine, and water to the priest during the preparation of the gifts or assisting him when he receives the gifts from the people, washing the hands of the priest, and assisting the priest celebrant and deacon as necessary.

Servers should be mature enough to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out well and with appropriate reverence.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** - This is a lay person who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation that serves the Church by assisting the clergy in distributing the Holy Eucharist (the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ) to the believers.

A minister of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine.

**Lectors** - Proclaiming the Word of God at Mass is more than simply reading out loud into a microphone. Mother Church teaches us that Christ is truly present in the proclamation of the Word. Therefore, the lector is charged with proclaiming the Sacred Scriptures in a way that makes it intelligible and spiritual to his or her brothers and sisters in the congregation.

A lector should be someone who has a gift for public speaking, who can deliver the message with clarity and confidence, and who has a deep respect for the Word of God. They should practice their assigned readings and meditate upon them before their assigned Mass.

**Music Ministry** - The choir and the guitar group are an integral part of parish worship. While they mostly involve people who sing, they also involve people who play instruments and have other talents as well. The groups are open to anyone who is interested in joining. One does not have to be a professional singer or a soloist to take part. One does have to be able to attend rehearsals and have the desire to praise God and learn the music.

**Choir** - Our choir leads the music at our 11:00 AM Mass on Sundays. Practice is held in the church at 10:30 AM. Anyone interested in joining should contact Choir Director Becky Sunderhaus, (513)738-1205, or the parish office.

**Funeral Choir** - The Funeral Choir ministers to the bereaved by providing music during the funeral Mass. Anyone interested in joining should contact Kevin Hoffman, Funeral Choir Coordinator & Pianist, at [khoffman@qphamilton.org](mailto:khoffman@qphamilton.org), Becky Sunderhaus, Choir Director, or the parish office.

**Guitar Group** - The guitar group is responsible for leading worship at our 3:30 Mass on Saturday. Practice is on Thursday evenings in the church. Anyone interested in joining this group can e-mail Connie Ehrnschwender at [cehrnschwender@gmail.com](mailto:cehrnschwender@gmail.com) or contact the parish office.

**Sacristans** - A sacristan is a member of our parish who arrives early to make the necessary preparations for Mass. Some of their duties include ensuring proper readings and announcements are in the correct location, setting out vessels for Communion distribution, preparing the gifts of bread and wine, washing the vessels after Mass, and making sure everything is in its place.

**Ushers** - An usher's role is to greet parishioners and guests as they enter our church, check-in scheduled liturgical ministers as they arrive and find substitutes as needed, answer any questions, aid parishioners or guests as needed, take up collections, count attendance, find persons to take up the gifts, and pass out bulletins after Mass.

## Parish Information

- Bereavement Committee** - Members meet with bereaved parish families to help plan the Mass for the deceased and a luncheon on the day of the funeral. New members are always welcome. Contact the parish office for more details.
- Bible Study** - Ongoing studies. Call Deacon Mike at (513)319-1832 or see the parish website or bulletin for current and upcoming topics and information. Bible Study is held weekly on Tuesday evenings 7:00pm-8:30pm and repeated on Thursday mornings 9:00am-10:40am in St. Isidore Hall.
- Bingo** - Queen of Peace Parish's Bingo is held weekly on Thursday evenings in the Parish Hall. Bingo revenue provides a supplement to tuition costs in the school budget. All parents with children enrolled in the parish school (kindergarten-grade 8) are scheduled to work on one of our bingo teams. Workers are asked to report to their team captain by 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Workers are expected to trade assignments if they are not able to work when they are scheduled. For assistance, contact team captains listed on the workers' schedule. For information, contact the parish office.
- Blood Bank** - The Queen of Peace Blood Bank is a service for our entire parish membership, their families, and their in-laws. The Blood Bank is in existence for and supported by parish members who donate blood throughout the year. New donors are always needed. Anyone requiring blood for any reason: illness, surgery, or accident is eligible at no charge. If you have a need for blood, wish to donate, or would like more information, contact our parish coordinator, Laura Herold, at (513)894-2462.
- Building & Grounds Committee** - This committee provides oversight and advises the pastor and Parish Council regarding the parish building and ground's maintenance needs and issues. Qualifications for membership include, but are not limited to, the following: members of Queen of Peace Parish; people experienced in the building or maintenance trades; and people who have demonstrated a willingness to work together as a team with the parish administrators responsible for the parish buildings and grounds. The Building & Grounds Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in Urbain Hall.
- Questions and comments for the Building and Grounds Committee should be directed to the committee chairman, John Boehm, or emailed to [buildgrounds@qphamilton.org](mailto:buildgrounds@qphamilton.org).

**Current committee members:**

John Boehm - Chairman  
John Baumgartner  
Mark Korb  
Scott Mabis

**Ex-Officio Members:**

Rev. Jim Wedig - Pastor  
Chad Riegert - Business Manager

**Communion to the Sick & Shut-in** - Communion distributors visit the sick and shut-in members of the parish to bring them Holy Communion. Anyone who would like to receive a visit or is interested in assisting with this ministry should call the parish office.

**Current distributors:**

Jack Geyer - Scheduling  
Jane Armentrout - Homebound  
Al Schneider - Hospice  
Celeste Baumgartner  
Barb Gfroerer  
Laura Herold  
Marge Mergy  
Sue Niehaus  
Diane Robinson  
Kathy Watkins

**Contribution Envelopes** - Envelopes are mailed directly to each parishioner's home. These envelopes will be collected at each weekend Mass and on Holy Days. If a parishioner chooses to contribute electronically, we ask that you continue to drop your empty envelope in the basket and check the "Electronic Giving" box. This will not only assist us in our accounting, but also help us keep our parishioner list accurate. If you attend Mass at another parish, please continue to use the Queen of Peace envelopes; they will be mailed to us each week. (See **Online Giving** for more details on Electronic Giving)

**Divine Mercy Ministry** - Divine Mercy Ministry works to spread the message and the devotion of Divine Mercy at the Queen of Peace Parish community and the surrounding regions. The ministry encourages each of its members to build a personal spiritual relationship with God through the Hearts Afire parish-based program composed by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. Recognizing God's tremendous love for all His creatures, members are committed to be living vessels of this love to others through the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Prayers for the Dying, Works of Mercy, and Evangelization. Queen of

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Peace Parish offers a special Divine Mercy Service every year on Divine Mercy Sunday - the Sunday after Easter. All are welcome.

For more information about Divine Mercy Ministry, please send an email to [divinemercury@qphamilton.org](mailto:divinemercury@qphamilton.org)

### **Ministry Members:**

Birdie Ramsey - President  
Myrna Heister - Vice President  
Joyce Wolke - Co-Vice President  
Mary Bridge - Secretary  
Jane Armentrout - Treasurer  
Bill Sander - Parish Council Representative

**Donut Social** - On the first Sunday of the month, all are welcome to enjoy fellowship, coffee, and donuts in the Parish Hall after the 8:00am & 11:00pm Masses. Contact Celeste Baumgartner at 868-3004 if you are interested in assisting.

**Education Commission** - This commission is an advisory board that helps to establish policies for all religious educational programs of the parish. The commission needs to have members who are concerned about the religious educational needs of the whole parish. They must be willing to focus on policy as a way to set a direction for the parish's religious educational endeavors and not as an attempt to do the administration. They must be willing to be open to the views of others on the commission and be willing to assert their own viewpoint. The commission needs to have members that reflect a wide range of concerns and interests in our parish including PREP, adult education, youth ministry, and our parish school.

Commission members must be willing to serve a three-year term which involves being present, participating in the commission's meetings, and doing any necessary preparation. Education Commission meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00pm in Urbain Hall. Salaried employees of the parish educational system are not eligible for membership.

Questions or comments for the Education Commission should be directed to Chairman Tom Witt or emailed to [educationcommission@qphamilton.org](mailto:educationcommission@qphamilton.org).

### **2020/2021 Commission Members:**

Tom Witt - Chairman  
Tom Armentrout - Vice Chairman  
Sarah Dillhoff - Secretary & PREP  
Chris Maraschiello - Parish Council Representative  
Matt Couch

Theresa Davis  
Jenny Houlihan  
Vicki Sherman  
Scott Suttmiller

### **Ex-Officio Members:**

Fr. Jim Wedig - Pastor  
Mike Mignery - Deacon  
Laura Fryer - PREP Coordinator  
Josh Mears - Principal  
Cheryl Hunt - Catechetical Leader

**Festival** - The Queen of Peace Festival has been an important parish function since the parish and school were formed in the 1940s. Its primary goal is to provide needed funding to assist in supporting parish activities and the school. It also serves a very important secondary function not found on the agenda lists or in meeting minutes: parishioner involvement. It is one function where the entire church community comes together to work as one. Everyone is asked to give their time, talent, and treasure to support our parish festival. Continue to look for new and exciting changes each year.

Questions, comments, or to become involved: contact festival chairman, Samantha Stephens, (513)384-4120, or email [festival@qphamilton.org](mailto:festival@qphamilton.org).

**Finance Commission** - The Finance Commission meets on the second Monday of each month in Urbain Hall to work with the pastor and Parish Council in preparing a budget for the parish on an annual basis. They also present the budget to Parish Council and the pastor for approval and implementation, as well as advise the pastor and Parish Council about the financial implications of their decisions and policies.

Questions, comments, or concerns for the Finance Commission should be directed to the commission's chair, Lisa Foster (513)263-0827, or emailed to [finance@qphamilton.org](mailto:finance@qphamilton.org).

### **2020/2021 Commission Members:**

Lisa Foster - Chair  
Tony Peter - Parish Council Representative  
Ken Gill  
Ryan Stitzel  
Frank Suttmiller

### **Ex-Officio Members:**

Fr. Jim Wedig - Pastor  
Mark Leuthold - Bookkeeper

**Holy Hour** - Every Tuesday & Friday at 3:00pm, The Apostolate for the Dying meets in church to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as close as possible to the 3 o'clock Hour of Mercy for those who are sick or dying. All are welcome to join in this beautiful work of mercy. The Apostolate's members are also willing to visit the bedside of anyone who is in need of prayer at the request of the family. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers please contact Barb Huber or the parish office.

**Mass Intentions** - The parish accepts Mass Offerings to remember a particular intention. The most common intention is for the deceased. The parish can accept only the number of intentions that can be fulfilled in a year. The stipend is \$5.00 per Mass. Masses that cannot be fulfilled at Queen of Peace will be sent to the Archdiocese. If available, date preferences will be accommodated. (The Sunday 11:00am Mass is always offered for the Parish and People of Queen of Peace and certain feasts throughout the year are reserved to remember the faithful entrusted to the pastor's care.) Mass offerings may be brought to the parish office during regular hours or put in the collection basket in a separate envelope. The intentions will be listed in the weekly bulletin.

*Due to our limited Mass schedule and overwhelming number of requests, we ask that no intention is offered more than once per month per person.*

**Memorial Bricks** - The landscaped area around the Holy Family statue has been made into a Thanksgiving & Memorial Garden for the parish. If interested in purchasing a memorial brick to be placed in the garden, fill out a request form to indicate the inscription to be engraved and return to the parish office along with the \$75 fee. Forms can be obtained at the parish office, in the back of church, or on our website.

**Men's Group** - Formed in 2015, the Queen of Peace Men's Group, dedicated to Mary, under the patronage of St. Joseph, are called to pray, to lead, and to serve. They routinely share their time and collective and individual talents within the parish and the broader community.

These men meet every Wednesday evening from 7:30 until 8:30 PM in St. Isidore Hall for an hour of prayer and reflection centered on the readings of the upcoming Sunday as well as good fellowship. Currently made up of over twenty men, as you might expect, work, family, and personal needs result in only a portion the group meeting on any one day. Over time, however, the men have been very faithful and continue the call. All men of the parish, both young and old, are always invited to join. For more information please contact Ray Arlinghaus (513)863-4831.



**Monthly Newsletter “Queen’s Messenger”** - The Queen’s Messenger is a monthly newsletter mailed to all registered parishioners from September through June. Parishioners are welcome to submit articles, stories, and information about parish or community events, awards received, special achievements, celebrations, etc. Articles may be submitted handwritten or typed to the parish office. Email submissions should be sent to *parishoffice@qpchurch.org* noting “Newsletter” as the subject. **The article deadline is the 10th day of the previous month unless otherwise noted in the weekly bulletin.**

**Online Giving** - Through WeShare, you can make your weekly contributions to Queen of Peace via automatic payment from your checking/savings account or credit card/debit card. WeShare offers a secure way for you to send and for our parish to receive your contributions. Automatic electronic contributions greatly help our parish to meet our financial needs by providing a predictable cash flow throughout the year. There is no fee to you, the parishioner, associated with the use of WeShare. To sign up, visit our website and navigate to *Online & Planned Giving* under the Information tab for step-by-step instructions or to download an online giving form. You can also fill out a form found in the back of church and return to the office or drop in the Sunday collection.

**Parish Pastoral Council** - The Queen of Peace Parish Pastoral Council advises the pastor on all parish matters. The council is not the decision-maker for the parish - that responsibility belongs to the pastor. The council is a representative body in the decision-making process in matters of policy or major administrative initiatives affecting the parish community. It is the responsibility of the council to represent to the pastor evaluations of the services and policies which affect the parish community and to make recommendations for the improvement of the quality of parish life and the effectiveness of the parish services and policies. Members must regularly attend council meetings (held the second Thursday of the month at 6:00pm in Urbain Hall) and perform the work of the council. Any parishioner wishing to address Parish Council at a meeting should contact the president prior to the meeting.

Members must be willing to serve as council officers and/or serve on a parish committee. Members must be willing to respect the confidentiality of matters discussed. Each elected member serves a term of three years.

Questions or comments for Parish Council should be directed to Courtney Combs, president, or emailed to *parishcouncil@qphamilton.org*.

**2020/2021 Parish Council Elected Members:**

Courtney Combs - President  
Roger Koch - Vice President  
Jordan Day  
Ralph Warner

**Parish Council Representatives:**

John Boehm - Building & Grounds Committee  
Bill Sander - Divine Mercy Ministry  
Chris Maraschiello - Education Commission  
Tony Peter - Finance Commission  
Rick Graf - QPAC  
Dan Niehaus - Worship Commission

**Ex-Officio Members:**

Fr. Jim Wedig - Pastor  
Mike Mignery - Deacon  
Jeff Ehrnschwender - Deacon  
Josh Mears - Principal  
Cheryl Hunt - Catechetical Leader

**Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)** - PREP classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:15am-10:45am from September through April. Our aim is to encourage a living faith by providing a formal and systematic instruction program for students in kindergarten through grade 8 who attend public schools. PREP aids parents, the first catechist of the faith, in deepening the faith commitment of their children through a greater understanding and knowledge of the person of Christ as well as the implications of the Gospel for their lives. PREP provides the first steps in a lifelong process of faith formation. Instruction will include detailed information and formation on the topics of: what we believe and why, the meaning and function of our forms of worship and prayer, the Mass, the Sacraments and preparation for them, our Church and its history, morality, and preparation of the Christian to live in the community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church. Our program will cooperate with parents to supplement, complement, and reinforce the effort and responsibility of the parents to bring up their children in the Faith. For registration information or to volunteer to assist in the program, contact Laura Fryer, PREP Coordinator, at [qpprep@gmail.com](mailto:qpprep@gmail.com).

**Parish Picnic** - The combined parish picnic (Queen of Peace & St. Al's) is held the 4th Friday in June at Stricker's Grove from 5:00pm-10:00pm. The parish furnishes picnic type food - hamburgers, hot dogs, metts, brats, buns, condiments, paper products, and utensils. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share. Rides are free! Other games/items are at your own expense. Parish Council members host the event.

**Planned Giving** - To ensure the continued success of Queen of Peace Parish, please consider exploring one the many forms of Planned Giving: Will and Living Trusts, Beneficiary Designations, Charitable Gift Annuities, or Charitable Remainder Trusts.

**Next Steps:**

- Seek the advice of your financial or legal advisor
- Contact the Parish Office or email [criegert@qphamilton.org](mailto:criegert@qphamilton.org)
- If you include Queen of Peace in your estate plans, please use our legal name and Federal Tax ID:
  - Legal Name: Queen of Peace Church
  - Address: 2550 Millville Ave, Hamilton, OH 45013
  - Federal Tax ID Number: 31-0619184

**Prayer Blanket Ministry** - The Prayer Blanket Ministry makes available a small blessed blanket for those who are seriously ill. Blankets are traditionally associated with warmth, comfort, and security. The prayer blanket is meant to symbolize the covering of the sick person with prayer and caring of the community. If you know someone in need of a blanket, contact the parish office.

**Prayer Hotline** - Members of the Prayer Hotline receive requests for prayer via email. Requests for prayer are made about five or so times per week. The hotline provides a great service for people confronted with illness, injury, or other problems. May we pray for you? If you or someone you know has a need, prayer power is waiting through the Queen of Peace Prayer Hotline. E-mail Connie Ehrnschwender, [cehrnschwender@gmail.com](mailto:cehrnschwender@gmail.com), or contact the parish office to submit your requests or to become a member.

**Queen of Peace Athletic Commission (QPAC)** - QPAC's primary objective is to sponsor, promote, organize, and financially support athletics for the school children of the parish. Formed in 1997, QPAC volunteer members raise funds to provide uniforms and sports equipment as well as pay league fees and facilities rentals. Funds are also used to help maintain the Parish Center, operate concessions, and support other needs of our parish and school. QPAC sponsors two major fundraisers each year: the Chicken Drawdown held near the beginning of the year and the QPAC Fish Fry held during Lent. Volunteers and those interested in becoming members are always welcome. Meetings are generally held the first week of each month in Urbain Hall.

Questions or comments for QPAC should be directed to commission president Brian Stephens or emailed to [QPAC@qphamilton.org](mailto:QPAC@qphamilton.org).

**2020/2021 QPAC Members:**

Brian Stephens - President  
Rick Graf - VP and Parish Council Representative  
Terry Moore - Treasurer  
Cassie Fleckenstein - Secretary  
Chris Enginger - Concession Coordinator  
Jeff Boyle - Drawdown/Fundraising Coordinator  
Mark Collins - Basketball Coordinator  
Kristi Nadler - Volleyball Coordinator  
Mike Kramer- Fish Fry Coordinator  
Chad McKinney

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** - R.C.I.A. participants at Queen of Peace meet weekly from the end of August until Pentecost. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children is for those seeking membership in the Catholic Church. With God's help, those participating in the process will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation. At the Easter Vigil, they will receive the Sacraments of Initiation being Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist as needed. We meet each week to better understand the mystery of God's love for each of us as well as the main tenets of our Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come and see! Our giving team consists of Fr. Jim Wedig and Sr. Adelaide Link. If interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, contact the parish office.

**Respect for Life** - Parishioners have been involved in Pro-Life activities for many years. The group meets on an as-needed basis. For information, contact Mike Mignery, (513)867-1832, or Sarah Kissel.

**Rosary Group** - Rosary Group meets each Monday evening at 7:00pm in the church for praying of the rosary. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Scouting**

**American Heritage Girls** enables your daughter to grow in her *faith*, cultivate a heart for *service*, and have more *fun* than she can imagine! Girls develop physically, emotionally, and spiritually through the support and encouragement of other fun-loving girls and engaging AHG mentors and leaders. Troops participate in badge work, service projects, leadership opportunities, and social and outdoor experiences that are unique to the female audience, all with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement. Girls from our parish join OH Troop 0226 - Westside Church of Christ. Learn more at [www.americanheritagegirls.org](http://www.americanheritagegirls.org).

**Cub Scouts** is for youth in grades K-5 under Cub Scout Pack 924 which is chartered through the parish. The youth's school grade determines which den they start. If interested in learning more about

Cub Scouts, go to Dan Beard Council ([www.gocubscouts.com](http://www.gocubscouts.com)), Scouts BSA ([www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)), or contact our parish representative, Eric Naderman.

**Scouts BSA** is for youth ages 11-18. Youth from our parish join Troop 935 chartered with St. Aloysius Church in Shandon. This troop meets at St. Al's on Wednesday evenings in the church hall from 7:00-8:30 PM. To learn more, visit Dan Beard Council ([www.gocubscouts.com](http://www.gocubscouts.com)) or Scouts BSA ([www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)). Alternatively, contact our parish representative, Mike Kramer - Troop 935.

**Social Justice Committee** - This group focuses on helping the poor and marginalized in our society, diocese, state, nation, and world. Any parishioner interested in learning more about this group should contact Jan Sunderhaus, coordinator, at 738-4967, or attend one of their meetings.

**St. Isidore's Group** - The St. Isidore's Group is made up of parishioners who volunteer to care for our beautiful parish grounds throughout the spring, summer, and fall seasons. Individuals, couples, and families "adopt" a small segment of the parish's landscaped areas and maintain them at their convenience throughout the growing season. This includes the planting of annual flowers, edging, trimming, weeding, watering, etc. The grounds are divided into about twenty "areas." This keeps the amount of effort manageable so that no one family, individual, or team of individuals has to put in more than one hour per week (on average) in caring for the area they adopt.

We have a terrific group of individuals and families participating in this effort. There is always a lot to do and we can always use a few more willing hands. Join us and share a bit of your time and talent to keep the Queen of Peace property as beautiful as it can possibly be. For more information, contact the parish office.

**St. Vincent De Paul Society** - The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an international Catholic organization of lay persons founded in 1833 by Frederick Ozanman. Under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul, the society derives its inspiration from his thinking and work. It seeks to work in a spirit of justice and charity and by person-to-person involvement of its members to help those in need. This is not just a men's society as the history indicates. Women and men serve those in need including shut-ins and residents in nursing homes and those who have low income, no income, or are otherwise in need of help. Please help in providing and distributing food, clothing, shelter, love, and concern for less fortunate families.

**2020/2021 Society Members:**

Al Schneider - President  
Charlie Holmes - Vice President  
Barb Huber - Treasurer  
Gary Trudel - Secretary  
Beth Bulach  
Ron Bulach  
Gayle Loewenstine  
Donna Trudel

**Worship Commission** - The Worship Commission serves as an advisory board to the Pastor, Parish Council, and Education Commission in planning, implementing, and evaluating liturgical services, programs, and formation for Queen of Peace Parish. Ongoing formation and continual study of liturgical documents are primary objectives for the Worship Commission.

Comments or questions for the commission should be directed to Dan Niehaus, president, or emailed to [worship@qphamilton.org](mailto:worship@qphamilton.org).

**Current Worship Commission Members:**

Dan Niehaus - President & Parish Council Representative  
Judy Sander - Secretary  
Amy Dsuban  
Maureen Hohnhorst  
Barb Huber  
Jennifer Krabbe  
Bill Miller  
Barb Rubenacker  
Jan Sunderhaus

**Ex-Officio Members:**

Fr. Jim Wedig - Pastor  
Mike Mignery - Deacon  
Jeff Ehrnschwender - Deacon  
Becky Sunderhaus - Music Director

**Young at Heart (Senior Group)** - Young at Heart members meet for lunch on the second Monday of each month. The location changes from month to month. See the website or bulletin for meeting locations. Contact Kathy Watkins at (513)896-1801 for more information.

## Parish Policies

**Church Vestibule (Posting Items)** - Only parish-sponsored activities or information about certain other sacred events should appear in the church vestibule. Anyone who wishes to post information is requested to bring item(s) to the parish office for approval. Articles that have not been approved by the pastor will be removed.

**Parish Hall and St. Isidore Use and Guidelines** - Please contact the parish office for information on using these facilities. Necessary forms are available at the parish office and on our website. Facility rentals are available to current parishioners only.

**Parish Building Facilities Scheduling** - Any parish group who needs to schedule a facility must do so through the parish office. If more than one date is requested, the dates must be submitted either via e-mail, fax, or brought into the office. The group representative must pick up the building key in the parish office (during office hours) before the event and return it the following parish business day. If the function is a fundraiser, paperwork must be filled out at the parish office.

**VIRTUS Training/Background check** - As required by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, all volunteers and employees 18 years or older must register and attend a VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children Awareness Session (lasting approximately 3 hours) and successfully complete a background check through SELECTiON.com before their involvement in school/parish programs involving children. They must also remain updated on monthly VIRTUS bulletins. For more information, please visit [www.catholiccincinnati.org/protecting-children](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/protecting-children). Questions should be directed to Chad Riegert, Business Manager.

**How to register for a VIRTUS training session:** Visit [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org), click on First-Time Registrant, and follow the prompts to select a session time and location. All participants must pre-register before attending any VIRTUS session. Walk-ins are not permitted.

**Completing a Background Check:** All background checks for volunteers will be done online through SELECTiON.com which is accessible through your VIRTUS Account. Log onto [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) and go to the toolbox tab. Click on SELECTiON.com. There will be a one-time \$25 charge for this background check. It can take at least three weeks+ for this process to be completed.

# Queen of Peace School

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## School Administration

**Principal** - Josh Mears ..... [jmears@qphamilton.org](mailto:jmears@qphamilton.org)

**Assistant Principal** - Cheryl Hunt..... [chunt@qphamilton.org](mailto:chunt@qphamilton.org)

**School Secretary** - Mary Ann Estridge ..... [mestridge@qphamilton.org](mailto:mestridge@qphamilton.org)

## Our School's Mission

### Mission Statement

To form well-educated students to be Catholic Christian disciples inspired to share the abundance of God's mercy.

### Vision Statement

Our vision is that every student who graduates lives the fullness of their vocation inspired by **faith**, empowered by **knowledge**, and united by **community**.

### Values and Beliefs

- We believe that both student learning and faith formation are the chief priorities of our school.
- We believe students can become evangelizers of our faith to the community.
- We believe parents are the primary educators.
- We believe all students can learn.
- We believe students learn differently and should be provided with a variety of instructional approaches, experiences, and



opportunities with on-going assessment to engage the student and support their learning.

- We believe in providing opportunities that encourage and guide students to participate in Christian service activities.
- We believe continuous improvement is the responsibility of parents, teachers, administrators, the pastor, and the parish community.
- We value the support, prayers, and encouragement of the parish.

### Goals

To carry out our mission, we will:

1. Enrollment Growth: Grow Enrollment to form 225 Catholic Christian disciples each year at Queen of Peace school
2. Academic Achievement: Following OCSAA Accreditation plan
3. Cultivating Culture founded in Divine Mercy: Involve families (parents and children) in a culture centered on Christ's divine mercy through prayer, study, service, and environment
4. Community Faith Formation: Increase the involvement and integration of school parents and students in full life of Queen of Peace Parish.
5. Develop a healthy support structure to support parish and school: Align efforts of standing committees and staff to support the strategic plan and determine methods for ensure long-term health of this structure.

## Parent Teacher Council

Queen of Peace PTC meets monthly during the school year to enhance a positive relationship between parents, faculty, and school. PTC collaborates with the school community to support (not limited to) academic enrichment programs, to sponsor supplementary assistance for teachers, and to support social interactions among the school community. In addition, the PTC exists to support quality Catholic education for all students and incorporate Catholic faith with activities, events, and service.

Comments and questions for PTC should be directed to council president Brittany Gray or emailed to [PTC@qphamilton.org](mailto:PTC@qphamilton.org).

### **2020/2021 Council Members:**

Brittany Gray - President  
Maggie Miller - Vice President  
Jill Hamilton – Secretary  
Cheryl Hunt – Treasurer

## School Fundraisers

**Amazon Smile** - Amazon Smile allows you to support Queen of Peace every time you shop online at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Receive all of the usual benefits of shopping at Amazon.com and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to your favorite charitable organization.

**Bingo** - Bingo is held on Thursday evenings. Substitute workers are always needed. More details about Bingo can be found under **Parish Information**, page 12 and on the parish and school websites.

**Boxtops for Education** - Featured products offer credit through the Boxtops for Education program. Credit is given to our school by scanning your receipt through the Boxtops App on your phone. The funds raised are used to purchase equipment and materials for school. Visit the Boxtops website ([boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com)) to view participating products, download the app, and start earning money to support our school.

**Dance-a-thon** - This annual event held in October is the largest fundraiser for the school and is hosted by Parent Teacher Council. For more information, see the school website or contact the school office.

**Kroger Community Rewards** - Earn money for our school by using your Kroger Plus Card. It is easy to enroll. To get started, sign up with your Plus Card at <http://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards>, and select QUEEN OF PEACE as the organization you wish to support. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for our school every time you shop and use your Plus Card!