Queen’s Messenger
Queen of Peace Church
2550 Millville Avenue ~~ Hamilton, Ohio 45013

February 2019

**FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
The Eucharist is the flame and source of Love. **We will have Adoration and Benediction on the First Friday on February 1st.** We have Eucharistic Exposition with Benediction and Confessions on every Wednesday starting at 7:00pm.

**Prayer and the Grace of God:** Fr. John A. Handon, S. J. “Without prayer we will lose the divine life we possess, and more obviously, we shall not grow in the life we already have. In other words, no prayer, no salvation...we need to pray...because we have a fallen human nature...”

**Prayer Hotline**
Do you know that we have a Prayer Hotline which is available by phone or e-mail? To request prayers or to be added to the distribution list of those who pray for the prayer requests please call Connie @ 887-6449 or call the Parish Office at 863-4344. **Prayer is the best weapon we possess. It is the key that opens the heart of God. San Pio De Pietrelcina**

**FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE:**
Save the date!! The dance will take place on **Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 7:00pm-9:00pm.** More info will come at a later date. Submitted By: Gina Stitzel

**Queen of Peace Website:** queenofpeacechurch.net
Do not forget to follow the Church: on Facebook

**Queen of Peace Church, Hamilton, Ohio**

**Weekly Budget Requirement** $12,800.00 *
**AVERAGE Collection per week for month of December 2018 $11,736.75**
*Established by Parish Council*
**Quiche Lorraine**

Prep: 15 m  Cook: 55 m  Ready In: 1 h 20 m

Recipe By: Laundrie

**Ingredients:**
- 1 recipe pastry for a 9 inch single crust pie
- 12 slices bacon
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/3 cup minced onion
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups light cream
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

**Directions:**

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).
2. Place bacon in a large skillet, and fry over medium-high heat until crisp. Drain on paper towels, then chop coarsely. Sprinkle bacon, cheese and onion into pastry shell.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs, cream, salt, sugar and cayenne pepper. Pour mixture into pastry shell.
4. Bake 15 minutes in the preheated oven. Reduce heat to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C), and bake an additional 30 minutes, or until a knife inserted 1 inch from edge comes out clean. Allow quiche to sit 10 minutes before cutting into wedges.

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**Student Sunday**

Many thanks to all the 8th grade students who participated in our Student Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on January 6th! It would not have been such an enormous success without them! They are Joseph Claire, Jason Tio, Henry Froelich, Dominic Nadler, Ben Kaake, Evie Otto, and Jen Strotman. A huge thanks to the QP Children’s Choir: Anna Claire, Lindsay Garcia, Maggie Peter, Tim Holley, Ben Holley, Norah Hoover, Sam Collins, Allison Falk, Evan Ryan, Phebe Kiefer, Kaydence Kelch, Abigail Falk, Genevieve Gallagher, Chelsey Wilmer and Ann Marie Davis, who added to the Mass with their joyful sound! And of course, a note of thanks to the parents and families of these students who supported them in this endeavor.

The 4th grade students are getting ready for their mass coming up on Sunday, February 3rd. 4th grade students from QP School, PREP and Homeschool will be participating in this Mass.

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**Happy Valentines**


[^a]: The crown is placed on the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes to symbolize her perpetual protection and guidance.
Deacon Mike's Corner

"Why does there seem to be so much more teen sex as compared to when my parents grew up"? (from a teen)

I am guessing, based upon your age, that your parents spent their teenage years in the late 70's or 80's. And quite frankly, those were the years that started much of the mess we have today. Unfortunately, things have gotten much worse.

The number one reason why teens apparently having more premarital sex today is because Satan is working overtime (1 Peter 5:8). It is important to remember that any sinful act is ultimately prompted by the workings of Satan, who desires that we lose our souls (Romans 7:15-25). Additionally, our church teaching on sexual matters is woefully deficient.

The second biggest reason is the invention of artificial birth control. Those who grew up before birth control was so widespread had the same urges and temptations, but they had a healthy and tremendous fear of unwed pregnancy because of the bad reputation that went along with it. Contraception misleads people into thinking they need not fear unwanted pregnancy or sexually transmitted disease. Therefore, contraception in many ways encourages premarital sex. But because of the failure of contraception at times, abortion now is widely accepted as a backup plan for unintended pregnancies. Most all of the birth control pills on the market today have abortive functions in case a pregnancy/conception occurs. Therefore, some women will have an early abortion but never know that they did.

A third factor is the decline in morals throughout society. Much of society, especially the media, has little concern for modesty. A 2001 study by the Kaiser Family Foundation noted that 3/4 prime time TV shows contain sexual references (most often to sexual activity outside of marriages), and 84% of the sitcoms contain sexual references. It is worse today with both heterosexual and homosexual sexual depictions widespread.

Also, the bad consequences of premarital sex are almost never portrayed on television or within any of the media. The stars of the popular shows never seem to have the broken hearts, get pregnant, suffer hemorrhages or depression from abortions, or suffer the horrible effects of sexually transmitted disease. They seem to have wonderful lives. This of course, is not reality.

Thousands of these tragedies occur every day to people as a result of premarital or extramarital sex.

There are many other reasons why more teens and unmarried adults are having sex today than in past years, including earlier dating, more broken homes (which cause loneliness and a greater search of intimacy) and increasing peer pressure.

If one is interested in more on this topic refer to the books "If You Love Me" by Jason Evert, "Why Wait" by Josh McDowell and Dick Day, and "Real Love" by Mary Beth Bonacci. The Catholic Catechism is also a great resource on what the church teaches on this matter.

Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee would like to thank the Queen of Peace eighth grade class for setting up the tables for the Cookie Sale. A big thanks the bakers, sellers and buyers for again making the 2018 sale a success.

Serve City Dates: A partial list of 2019 dates for Serve City are Wednesday, January 30; Wednesday, February 20; Saturday, March 30; Wednesday, April 17; and Wednesday, May 29.

Contact Information: If you are interested in joining us as a cook or server for this project, please contact Jan Sunderhaus 513-738-4987 or Vicki Cross 513-708-6720. There are also additional dates available for families or other groups who would like to serve.

A Special Thank You

Dear hands of God at Queen of Peace, we wanted to thank you for providing our patients with prayer blankets. Giving a blanket to a dying patient means so much to them, as well as their families! Those blankets, made from loving hands, are what we need in our world. Thank you again Chaplain Pamela Kimmel, Hospice of Hamilton

Prayer Blanket Needed for the 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. We are in need of new prayer blankets. If you wish to help with this please contact the parish office at 863-4344 for more information. If you know of anyone who could use a Prayer Blanket please contact the parish office 863-4344.
Prayer To St Blaise
Diseases of and other Illnesses

O Blessed St Blaise, you received from God the power to protect men from throat diseases and other maladies. Take away the illness that afflicts me, keep my throat healthy and perfect so that I can talk correctly and be able to proclaim and sing praises to God.

I promise you, St Blaise, that the words coming from my mouth will always speak:

the truth and not lies;
justice and not calumnies;
goodness and not harshness;
comprehension and not intransigence;
forgiveness and not condemnation;
pardon and not accusation;
respect and not disparagement;
conciliation and not intrigue;
calmness and not irritation;
unselfishness and not egotism;
edification and not scandal;
enthusiasm and not defeatism;
conformity and not complaint;
love and not hate;
joyfulness and not sadness;
faith and not disbelief;
hope and not despair.

St Blaise, keep my throat free from illness so that I can praise God, my Creator, and thank you, my protector. Amen.

History of Saint Blaise

St. Blaise, Latin Blasius, also called Blazey, (born, Sebastia, Cappadocia, Asia Minor [now Sivas, Turkey]—died c. 316, Sebastia?; Western feast day, February 3; Eastern feast day, February 11), early Christian bishop and martyr, one of the most popular medieval saints. He is venerated as the patron saint of sufferers from throat diseases and of wool combers and as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers.

According to tradition, Blaise was of noble birth and, after being educated in the Christian faith, was made bishop of Sebastia. Although Christianity had been adopted about 300 CE as the state religion in Armenia, the Roman emperor Licinius began a persecution of the Christians, and Blaise was discovered and apprehended. While imprisoned, he miraculously cured a boy from fatally choking. After being torn with wool combers’ irons, Blaise was beheaded.

Subsequent legends, notably the apocryphal Acts of St. Blaise, claim that, before Blaise was made bishop, he was a physician possessed of wonderful healing power. Numerous miracles were attributed to him, including the cure of diseased beasts during his refuge, thus accounting for his also being the patron saint of wild animals. He was venerated as the patron of sufferers from throat diseases in the East by the 6th century and in the West by the 9th century. Blaise’s cult spread throughout Christendom from the 8th century, and many churches, such as that in Dubrovnik (a city of which he is the patron saint), Croatia, are dedicated to him.

Begun in the 16th century, the blessing of St. Blaise is a ceremony still practiced and celebrated on his feast day in many places. Two candles are consecrated and crossed before the congregation; or a wick, consecrated in oil, is touched to the throats of the faithful. This blessing may be administered by a priest, a deacon, or a lay minister. Blaise’s emblems are wax, taper, iron combs (the supposed instruments of his passion), or two crossed candles; in art he is sometimes represented in a cave with animals.

Prayers in the Pews

Once a month there will be a prayer placed in the pews. You may take them home. A flexible 4X6 phone album will be provide soon. All the prayers can go into that one album. If anyone has a favorite prayer they an contact sjniehaus@fuse.net.

The February Prayer in the Pew is the Prayer to Saint Blaise.
Kindergarten at Queen of Peace

The kindergarten room at Queen of Peace is a bustling and very happy place. We are busy throughout the year learning all kinds of interesting things. And this time of year, we are learning all about water, snow, icicles and hail as we learn the different forms of precipitation. Right now, even as we speak the room is full of clouds hanging from the ceiling and snow, hail, sleet, and rain are hanging over our heads.

Our room is always welcome to visitors too. Through the year we have been visited by the Fire Department, The Native American storyteller, our 7th grade buddies pop in now and again to help us learn about Jesus, our very own Advent Angel (think Elf on the Shelf with a religious theme) moved around our room and told us the story of Baby Jesus.

We get to be very active and creative in our kindergarten room as we learn through play using STEAM activities and the scientific method. We melted candy canes, wrote a play and we even made our own football field with Keva planks and playdoh.

As we look to finish the 2018-2019 school year we look forward to several more activities. We can’t wait to celebrate our 100th day with a Beach Party. We will bring the beach to our classroom as we count to 100 and learn some Hawaiian words of Aloha! We will end the year ready to move onto first grade and look forward to impressing the first grade teacher, Mrs. Bulach with all we have learned this year.

Virtues In Practice

Queen of Peace School is continuing to grow closer to God with our Virtues in Practice program. This school year covers the Theological Virtue of Hope. Specifically, in February, we will be studying the virtue of CHEERFULNESS: looking on the bright side.

School families are invited to complete a Home Project pertaining to Cheerfulness. Here are the suggested projects. They are very fitting for this time of year when we are making our way through the dark, cold days of winter.

1. Talk about the expression “every cloud has a silver lining.” When you have to do something hard or something you don’t like doing, practice listing what is good about the situation.
2. Choose a day of the week that will be a “no complaining day” in your house and at school. Discuss as a family: are you happier on these days?
3. Discuss “glass half-empty/half-full” mentalities. What are the benefits of seeing the glass half full? Give some examples.
4. Turn on some music that everyone likes and sing along while doing chores or driving in the car.
5. When you catch a family member criticizing him/herself, be sure to tell them the true good you see in them, including the good qualities of their character.

May we continue to experience God’s goodness and provident care as we make efforts to grow in cheerfulness!

Queen of Peace Playground Repairs Fund

Accepting Donations. Come see us after all Masses on February 2nd and 3rd or drop off at the Parish Office any Donations.
Do you ever wonder if your giving tree donation ever makes a difference? I can tell you first hand that it does. Right here in our own community, 10 minutes from this very church, a needy family with three boys lived last year homeless and in a tent. The local school noticed the boys never attended on rainy days. It was because their clothes were wet. Even through the dead of winter last year, they lived in that tent, cold, wet, and sick. Things are a little better this winter. They are now living in a very run-down trailer. Much better than the tent, but still with so many needs, still with so much less than any of us can imagine.

Queen of Peace provided them with a wonderful Thanksgiving meal, extra groceries and school supplies, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. The family was added to the giving tree this year too, and my family had the pleasure of delivering an ENTIRE TRUCKLOAD of gifts from the members of our awesome church. They received toys, warm clothing, pajamas, shoes, and socks, bedding, more school supplies, much needed space heaters, and of course a large tray of those yummy Christmas cookies our parishioners made with love.

Late on Christmas day, my family found one gift, accidentally left behind. It must have fallen out of one of the giant bags we had delivered to the parents this week before. I rushed out the door to deliver the late gift and what I saw warmed my heart. The boys were running out the door to play, new winter hat on their heads, with a new football. They were all smiles.

So you, see, your donation makes a huge difference. It can make a child smile, help keep a family warm and comfortable, or give them a treat that says we care, and they matter. Thanksgiving and Christmas are special times, when we especially focus on helping those less fortunate than we are, but please remember there is a need all year long. The St. Vincent de Paul Society at Queen of Peace helps take care of the needy in our community, and they can ALWAYS use your clothing donations, monetary donations, food donations, or your time helping.

*A huge THANK YOU to those that made a difference to someone in need this Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Our work isn’t over though, let’s keep making a difference all year long!

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence, to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen.
## MINISTRIES SCHEDULE FOR February 2019

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**Student Sunday Masses** are the first Sunday of the Month: Fourth Grade for February 3, Third Grade is March 3, First Grade is April 7 & Second Grade is May 5.

**Availability dates for March** are due to the bulletineditor@qphamilton.org by February 5th.
The Catholic Theme for February 2019 is The Passion of Our Lord.