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Our Lady Queen of Peace

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## Living Advent with Joy & Peace

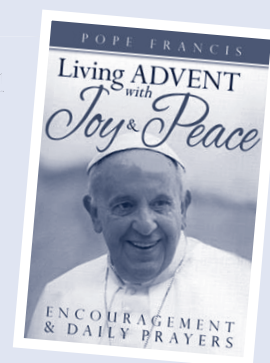
is the theme of this  
year's Advent Season

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## Living Advent with Joy & Peace

The Jubilee Year of Mercy may have come to an end, but we are called by Pope Francis and the Church to continually be beacons of God's mercy in our world. When we truly believe in the promise of the Gospel and strive to live by the words Jesus taught us, we can then know the joy and peace of Christ. **Living Advent with Joy & Peace** is the theme of this holy season. Pope Francis' reflection booklet of the same title provides prayer and thoughtful meditations to guide us deeper into Advent this year. Our theme offers a spirit of hope to this time of busy preparations, and the eagerness or apprehension of spending time with family this season.



**Joy** in the great love God has for us,

Who sent His only begotten Son into the world.

**Peace** in the inevitable coming

of the long-awaited Messiah.

**Joy** in the anticipation of the angels

singing hymns of praise.

**Peace** in the stillness

of the beautiful darkness of winter.

**Joy** in the humble birth

of the Christ child to a young virgin.

**Peace** in the promise of life everlasting.

This new church year, let us live Advent with joy and peace by striving to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Please take a copy of **Living Advent with Joy & Peace** after Mass. May you experience the true joy and peace that Christ brings today and all year long.

Submitted by Amy Yanzer, Director of Liturgy and Pastoral Music



## Advent and Christmas Schedule

### Advent Communal Reconciliation

Sunday, December 4 at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14 at 12:40 & 1:45 p.m.

### Private Reconciliation

Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. (except December 8)

### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**A Holy Day of Obligation - Thursday, December 8**

6:30 & 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 Mass

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Mass with Children's Choir and Pageant

6:00 p.m. Mass with Mass Band

9:00 p.m. Mass with Adult Choir and Brass

#### Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Mass with Cantor and Brass

9:30 a.m. Mass with Adult Choir

11:15 a.m. Mass with Cantor and Brass

### Octave of Christmas: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

#### Saturday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

Mass at 4:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, January 1- New Year's Day

Mass at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:15 a.m.



## Looking for a Little Peace and Joy this Advent Season?

**Join us for the Capitol Christmas Pageant** in the Rotunda of the State Capitol for the story of the Nativity of Jesus set to beautiful music. Presented by the Kiwanis and featuring teens from Our Lady Queen of Peace as well as surrounding high schools, the tradition of this pageant stretches back over 90 years. Take a break from the shopping and the baking and the cards and the cleaning and the decorating....

**Immerse yourself in the story of the Nativity.**

**Sunday, December 4, 4:15 and 5:15 p.m.**



### QP Christmas House Walk

**December 11, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

*Begin and end at Queen of Peace*

Celebrate this holiday season with a magical walk through historic Shorewood Hills homes festively and professionally decorated. After walking through the houses, continue at Our Lady Queen Peace Parish with a holiday boutique, refreshments, carols and tree-lighting. Get in the holiday spirit with the Christmas House Walk – and bring your friends. All proceeds benefit Parish ministries and provide tuition assistance for QP School students with extraordinary financial need. **Tickets: \$25 each or (2) for \$40. Available online at <http://www.qphousewalk.org>, or at the Parish Center or School Office.**



# Experience the Bible!

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

6 p.m. - Foods of the Bible Supper

7 p.m. - *Apostle* Live Performance



**Transport yourself** to the time of Jesus with a “biblical dinner” and a performance about the life of the apostle Paul. Gifted actor Brad Sherrill will present *Apostle*, the story of Paul’s journey found in the book of Acts,

along with segments from Paul’s most inspirational letters. *Apostle* is performed against a backdrop of stunning original multimedia gathered at various Paul sites throughout Greece and Turkey including Ephesus, Philippi, and Corinth.

The audio design for this show includes many native musical instruments found throughout Paul’s world including the aulos – an ancient Greek woodwind instrument with a double reed and pipe, the pan flute, the lyre, and the cornu.

A professional actor for more than 30 years, Brad Sherrill launched his series of one-man theatrical performances in 2001 with *The Gospel of John* and has completed more than 800 performances worldwide, including shows in 40 states, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Ireland. Through the years Brad has been selected by *Atlanta Magazine* and *Creative Loafing* as Atlanta’s Best Actor. He has performed in more than 20 productions at the Alliance Theatre and has been an Artistic Associate for Georgia Shakespeare Company, where he acted in 50 productions over 24 seasons.

**Save the date!**

Submitted by Debra Schroeder, Director of Adult Enrichment

# Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

6:30 p.m. - Live performance

**School Auditorium**

**When we think of saints**, we often picture men and women from religious orders, priests, martyrs, and virgins. Dorothy Day was none of these, yet her life and work have put her on the path to sainthood. Earlier this year Cardinal Dolan announced that Dorothy is “Venerable” and on her way to beatification.



*Haunted by God* is a live performance of Dorothy’s life, from her early days as a 17-year-old Greenwich Village bohemian through her later years as a tireless champion of social justice. Lisa Wagner-Carollo performs this one-woman show which she co-wrote with Paul Amandes and Robert McClory. The play has been touring the United States since May of 1980, and has also been performed in Italy and South Africa.

Pope Francis praised Day in a speech to Congress, saying, “Her social activism, her passion for justice and for the cause of the oppressed, were inspired by the Gospel, her faith, and the example of the saints.”

“It’s not easy to capture the spirit of a woman nominated for sainthood, but Wagner does it with charm, wit, and tremendous faith in the power of her words. Day is fascinating because she was so human and so holy at the same time, and Wagner and her co-writers...are wise enough to show both sides. They skillfully balance Day’s charms, passions, mistakes and misgivings making the point that people who are not perfect in a dogmatically religious sense are still capable of performing great acts of faith and love.”

–Maura Troester, *Chicago Reader*

“...A wonderfully uplifting theater experience.”

–Cynthia Martens, *Sojourners Magazine*

Submitted by Debra Schroeder, Director of Adult Enrichment



## 4K and 5K Registration

**Registration is now open** for our 4K and 5K classes. Spots are filling fast, and you won't want to miss out! Our Lady Queen of Peace School offers high-quality, Catholic 4K and 5K education programs. Our programs feature a nurturing environment that supports each child's development in a holistic manner. We offer a classroom setting where each child's academic, social-emotional, and spiritual development is encouraged through hands-on lessons, open-ended discovery, and creative expression all grounded in our Catholic faith. In our program, students gain the skills necessary to become innovative problem solvers, confident learners, and responsible followers of Christ. If you would like to learn more information about our 4K and 5K programs, to schedule a tour, or to be added to our waiting list, please contact us at 608-231-4580.

## Welcome New Parish Administrator and School Faculty



**(Left Photo)** Left to Right: Marie Sermon – Middle School, Rachel Bee – 4th Grade, Lori Venturella – Computer, Kendra Johnson – 3rd Grade, Robyn Bernecker – 3rd Grade, Amy Hutson – Assistant Principal, Trish Schaefer – Cr. 5-8 Spanish **(Center Photo)** Jeanne McLellan – Parish Administrator **(Right Photo)** Rosa Bogue – School Nurse, Heidi Eckstein – Library Media



## World Map

An up-to-date World Wall Map was donated to the middle school social studies room of Mrs. Tregoning by Doris' Cruger Dale and her husband Richard, in memory of Doris' brother Lloyd. Doris, Lloyd, and sister Mary (still a parish member) grew up in Queen of Peace Parish. The students were very grateful!



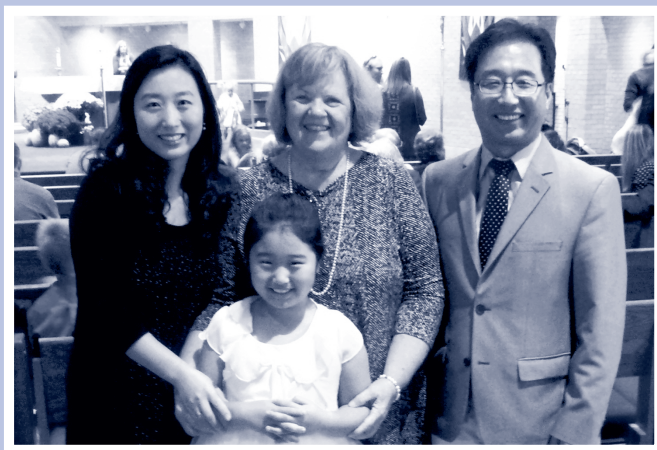
# Seven Year Olds & Sacraments

**I find great blessings** in the privilege of moving among our school and parish community with a particular intention. I join with enthusiastic hearts of teachers and students, parents and their families, pastor and pastoral staff in the most awesome adventure: Discovering Christ!

Our prayer and preparation with our young friends to encounter and celebrate Jesus in the sacraments, is in itself, an unmistakable encounter of Love. The vivid joy students exude as they entrust us with their desire to know, experience, and tell of their friendship with Jesus increases our faith. In these graced moments, the teacher gratefully becomes the learner.

Aglow with innocence, the 7-year-old child, is an incomparable gift to the life of the Church. Enjoy the pictures (once again) with this reflection that illustrate this cherished truth.

*Submitted by Mary Jo Trapani, Director of Religious Education and RCIA*



Ezabell Yu's family, teacher, and friends surround her with excitement and love on the day of her baptism.



Children celebrate their First Reconciliation.



Parents share Bible stories with their children at their sacramental retreat in September.

# So, You're Confirmed. Now What?

## Small Christian Communities

*"Our SCC is important to me because it's fun to hang out and connect with some of my closest friends away from the pressures of school in a reflective, faith atmosphere."*

*"A community of faith is something extra special, because that thing that you have in common is your faith! Faith is something that can never be taken away from you. It is your own. As in our SCC, sharing a belief in God and Jesus Christ and being Confirmed in that faith together has brought us so close. We are a little family with a lot of love. It is a get-away from all of the craziness of the world."*

**We keep saying it – because it's absolutely true:  
Confirmation is not the end of your faith journey.  
It's a new beginning.**



When our students are Confirmed, as many were this month, there are many ways we invite them to deepen their faith. We invite them to continue to come to pizza & theology sessions, to continue the traditions they may have begun with their friends in mini-courses like the Capitol Christmas Pageant, retreats like Mission Trips, or the overnights

at Camp Gray. We invite them to take a step into servant leadership at Mass and to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We invite them to share their faith more actively with younger students of the faith. We invite them to lead. We invite them to continue a life of discipleship.

And last year, we invited them to continue exploring their faith together in a Small Christian Community.

Our post-Confirmation SCC was started by half a dozen or so high school students with two college students as leaders. They were joined eventually by friends – and the numbers changed depending on the seasons, on the schedules, and on the homework load, college app load!

Together they met in the "comfy couch room" in the parish center on Wednesday nights. They did all the things teenagers always do: they raided the snack food cupboards and the fridge, they played games and laughed



and talked about papers and finals, dances and games, and the future.

They also prayed. And they laughed and occasionally, they cried. They went to Mass during the week in the summer. They became a faith family.

*"Small Christian community is a way for me to continue to reflect and grow in my faith - with some amazing people who are constantly supporting and inspiring me."*

*"The importance of keeping a strong community based on faith has been so beneficial. Taking a break from our hectic lives to step back and realize that we are supported by so many people and God has been truly rewarding. The closeness of our community helps us to truly talk about what is on our minds but also keeping us close to God and realizing that he is with us throughout the week. It has helped strengthen my relationships with others who I've known for over 10 years and I couldn't be more grateful."*

*"Being a part of the community has been an amazing way for me to continue growing my faith post-Confirmation. We have great discussions about Catholic beliefs, the gospels, and the readings at Mass, and how they all relate to our lives as high schoolers and onwards. At the same time, we have more fun than you could ever imagine, and I've formed a close bond of friendship with people I know will be with me for years to come!"*

This Advent we invite those newly Confirmed to begin their own Small Christian Community, led by a new duo of college students. It's an opportunity to laugh, to grow, to pray, to explore life, to explore life in faith.

Call Cheryl at 231-4616 if you want to find out about the newest high school Small Christian Community! Come join us to find out what happens "after Confirmation"...

*Submitted by Cheryl Horne, Director of Youth Ministry*



# Holiday News from Pastoral Care... for Families, Caregivers, Seniors, and Singles

**Our Lady Queen of Peace** Pastoral Care Ministry seeks to serve the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of those who are sick, elderly, lonely, or isolated from parish life and prayer.

We seek to serve our families in a number of ways: making supportive pastoral care visits, connections to our Parish Nurse, physical assistance (raking, shoveling, meals, shopping, and rides) through the Reach Out Ministry, Communion at home on Sundays, and support for caregivers through our RespiteCare program. Many of our parish volunteers are trained and background-checked for these ministries and are eager to serve.



So, please let us know if you are a caregiver in need of respite, elderly in need of little extra help, or homebound and welcome to periodic visits. If you enter the hospital, ask to have Queen of Peace Parish notified so our Pastoral Care can benefit you. Likewise, if you have moved to a care center or other senior living facility, please inform us so we can

update our records and maintain our connection with you or your loved one.

Recently, the Pastoral Care program sponsored a presentation on Loneliness and Depression with featured speaker, Peggy Weber, RN. See the article by Heather Crade, our Parish Nurse, on page 8.



## Acting as the Hands and Feet of Christ: It Takes a Village

**We're all familiar with the idea** that it "takes a village" to raise a child, but long-time parish member Raquel Tomasini knows from unexpected firsthand experience that it's not just children who benefit from this approach. "During the many years I've been a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, I've received kindness and help from so many people – both fellow parishioners and staff."

Much of this assistance has been delivered through Reach Out – a volunteer ministry of the Pastoral Care Office that provides help with everything from rides to church and doctor's appointments to yard work and grocery shopping.

### **Learn more about the Reach Out Ministry.**

Do you or a friend or family member need assistance with rides to church, appointments, grocery shopping, occasional meals, seasonal yard work, or help with odd jobs? Are you able to help provide these types of assistance to a fellow parish member? We'd like to hear from you! Please contact Teresa Spevacek at [Teresa.spevacek@qopc.org](mailto:Teresa.spevacek@qopc.org) or 608-231-4617 to volunteer or request help. We're here to help. Reach out, and spread the word!

*Submitted by Vicky Franchino*

# Presentation on Loneliness and Depression

***“Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty.” Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta***



**In October, Pastoral Care and Health Ministry** offered a program on the topic of loneliness and depression – **Finding Hope: The Journey through Depression and Loneliness**. The speaker was Peggy Weber, RN, MSN. Here are some highlights from her talk:

Weber gave clarity to two situations many of us experience: loneliness and depression. She made the distinction of loneliness as a feeling and depression as a medical illness. Both affect the whole person, both create a “sad time” in our lives, both touch us in many and complex ways, either personally or with loved ones and friends. While they intertwine, they are different.

Loneliness is a powerful emotional response to isolation and lack of relationships. Loneliness is a feeling of being unloved and out of touch. Weber shared ways we can reach out with mercy to the lonely. We need to care for, keep in touch with, give of our time with those in our families, our church community, and the wider community.

Loneliness can be linked to depression, but in contrast, depression is an illness. Depression is more than feeling sad. Like heart disease or diabetes, depression is a serious medical illness. It affects your thoughts, feelings, actions, and health. But, as with most other illnesses, depression can be treated. She spoke at length about what we need to know about depression and its multiple causes.

There are ways we can reach out with mercy to those who are experiencing depression. The most important thing anyone can do for someone with depression is to help him or her get treatment. We can show care and concern, both individually and as a faith community. We must not ignore comments about suicide. We need to stay with the person until he or she gets help. We need to seek help for ourselves if needed.

**For those interested, she recommended some resources that address depression and mental illness which we have placed in the parish library in a brochure rack. Please check them out!**

***“Even though I walk through the darkest valley...you are with me...” Psalm 23:4***

*Submitted by Heather Crade, Parish Nurse*



# Taking Action

With 2016 coming to a close, the Social Action/Community Enrichment Commission would like to thank the parish members of Our Lady Queen of Peace. Without the generosity of your time, talents, and donations our commission would not have been able to touch the lives of so many people in this past year through the various ministries provided. The following is a brief summary of some of the activities that were accomplished by this ministry in the past year.

In September, we made going back to school a little easier for students in the Allied Neighborhood. Eighty-nine backpacks were filled and distributed to young students in need of supplies.



Every year in November, Queen of Peace families donate Thanksgiving baskets so that less fortunate families can enjoy a Thanksgiving Meal together.

Project Angel Tree is a program that provides gifts for children with a parent who is incarcerated. Last year, toys and clothing were provided for 145 "Angels."

The QP Knitters group donated numerous hand-made prayer shawls and nearly 100 baby blankets.

Our Fleece Mitten project started in 2015 to serve homeless children. Currently there are over 1,100 homeless children in the Madison School District. This talented group has produced over 2,280 pairs of double fleece mittens and others have been knitting and crocheting scarves to

go with those mittens. We also have a group of ladies from The Jefferson (a retirement home for independent seniors) who continue to knit scarves to help out with this project.

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Throughout the year, parishioners provide food for funeral lunches, as well as monthly meal programs at Luke House, Grace Episcopal, and the Catholic Multicultural Center. Additionally, there is a monthly food drive for the CMC Food Pantry, and twice a year there is the "Big Truck Food Drive" which benefits

St. Vincent de Paul. Over 7,000 pounds were collected between the spring and fall drives.

Many local food pantries also benefit from our gardening and gleaning efforts. This fall, volunteers gleaned more than 2,257 pounds of fruits and vegetables from the Farmers' Market that were then given to local pantries. Our Lady Queen of Peace also sponsors the Hershberger/Emmett Schulte Garden and the Lacy Garden, both part of the Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens. This year with the support of Queen of Peace and many other generous contributors, the Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens was able to construct a building on the Hershberger/Emmett Schulte property to store all the garden equipment (see article on page 10).



In October, we were blessed with a visit from Fr. Pepe Aviles, from Chiapas, Mexico, to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of our sister parish relationship with the parish of San Jerónimo. Fr. Pepe spoke at each Mass during the

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# Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens

On behalf of the Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens, its volunteers and board members, I would like to thank Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. Over the years, the parish has not only provided the labor to help plant, grow, and harvest fresh produce for those in need, but also funds to support the effort. Your support for the new storage building has meant a great deal to us.

The 36' by 60' Cleary Building makes access to equipment easier and faster. Attaching equipment to tractors is more convenient and safer. Storing the equipment in a safe, secure building protects it from the elements

and increases the useful life of tires, hydraulics, and metal surfaces. The exterior of the building fits well into the landscape while the interior is light and spacious. A water collection system is being built to gather water from its roof and use it for watering starting plants.

So far, the building has exceeded everyone's expectations.

Your support helped the effort. We were able to obtain additional financing from Madison Community Foundation, Electronic Theater Controls, Zendesk Foundation, Alliant Foundation, Bethany United Methodist Church, and many generous individuals. Individuals contributed \$5,200 toward the \$24,000 project.

Our seventeenth gardening season is coming to an end. The year was exceptional with many groups from schools and businesses pitching in to help. As we look to the future, your support means a great deal to providing fresh, healthy, first-choice vegetables to the needy.

*Submitted by Tom Parslow,  
Garden Coordinator*



## Volunteers

### Meet the Growing Needs of the CMC Meal Program

On any given day, the Catholic Multicultural Center (CMC) is a popular spot to get a home-cooked meal in the company of fellow community members. For some guests, this may be their only meal of the day. For others, the meal is where they not only get warm food but find respite from the elements as the weather grows colder. And for many, the meal is a chance to socialize and be with other people, a refuge from the isolation that poverty and other life circumstances can create.

Whatever their reason for coming, over the past few months the CMC has consistently seen an uptick in the number of individuals participating in the community meal. "More often than not, we are serving more than 100 folks a night," said Len Go, CMC Meal Program Coordinator. About 20 to 25 percent of those folks are homeless, while many meal patrons are working individuals or families with incomes stretched too thin to make ends meet on their own. Despite the growing demand, no one leaves the meal hungry. The CMC has been able to keep up with the increasing need for the meal program thanks to the steady support of the community, especially from people who volunteer.

"We couldn't do it without volunteer help," said Len earnestly, talking about what goes into running the meal program each day. In the course of a month, Len coordinates over 200 volunteers, including many from Queen of Peace Parish, in cooking, serving, and cleaning up after the meal. "Each volunteer brings their own unique talents and skills, which is awesome," he added. Some volunteers are known for the specialty dish that they cook, from breakfast burritos to meatloaf so good it has a day named after it ("Meatloaf Monday," the 3rd Monday of each month). Other





volunteers know exactly where to jump in on the serving line, dishing up dinner with a kind smile and a greeting. And some are experts at washing the dishes left behind after over 100 people are done eating.

And what do the volunteers think about doing all this work? “We are blessed in so many ways, and the opportunity to support the CMC meal program is one of those blessings.” That is according to Dick Reynolds, who has volunteered for six years coordinating a monthly group of Queen of Peace volunteers to prepare and serve one of the weekend meals at the CMC. Dick said as a volunteer with the meal program he enjoys the interactions with other people: talking with the guests and getting to know them a little bit better, the “special friendship and camaraderie among the people who prepare and serve the meal together,” and the kind assistance provided by CMC Weekend Meal Coordinator Jessica Copeland.

Volunteering in the meal program is an overwhelmingly positive experience for many people, but there are some challenges, especially for group leaders like Dick. He is always striving to obtain enough food and enough volunteers each time his group is set to cover the meal. “We are always looking for more people to join our group of first Saturday volunteers!” said Dick, promoting his monthly volunteer group.

In addition to directly participating in the meal program, volunteers have helped the CMC keep up with growing demand in another significant way: growing food in the food pantry garden. “It’s been great having the ability to provide for guests fresh and varied vegetables from the garden,” commented Len. He added that without the produce from the garden and other sources, some people coming to the meal might not otherwise have access to fresh, nutritious food each day. Guests have responded well to the garden produce offered in the meal. This summer, Len and crew prepared a big batch of sautéed green beans that they expected to serve that day plus the following day, but even with two days’ worth of servings, they ran out on the first day! “We appreciate the work and the time that volunteers spend tending to the garden,” said Len.

## WE COULDN’T DO IT WITHOUT **volunteer** HELP

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For Lydia Z., who has come to the meal periodically for the past three years, the vegetables from the garden, along with the other produce offered, is her favorite part of the meal. Lydia also attends English as a Second Language classes and started coming to the meal to eat before heading to class. She continues to come a couple times a week, sometimes accompanied by her husband and her grandkids. When asked why the CMC meal program is important to the community, she paused and said, “There are a lot of people in the community who have this need.” Thanks to so many wonderful volunteers, food providers, and the dedication of staff members, the CMC is able to keep meeting this need, no matter how great or how small, for many mealtimes to come.

*If you are interested in volunteering with a Parish group to prepare and serve a meal for the CMC, please contact group coordinators Dick Reynolds ([richard@reynoldsms.com](mailto:richard@reynoldsms.com)) or Annette Fox ([annette.fox@qopc.org](mailto:annette.fox@qopc.org)). For more information on the Catholic Multicultural Center, visit [cmcmadison.org](http://cmcmadison.org).*

*Submitted by Laura Green*

### ***Taking Action continued***

weekend of October 22 & 23 and also visited the students in the school. Chiapas coffee and various hand-made articles are offered for sale after Masses every month on Hospitality Weekends. The proceeds from these sales are used for the benefit of our Sister Parish. There is also the “The Gifts That Keep on Giving” program where you can buy livestock for a Chiapas family, as well as water filters, Bibles, or supplies for their gardens.

In addition to these service ministries, our commission continues to sponsor trips to The Fireside Theater, Hospitality Weekends, Respect Life events, card club, New Member Welcoming Dinners, and numerous other social events. As 2016 comes to a close, we are preparing for another New Year with many new ways to continue making a difference and enriching our community! If you are interested in learning more about our Commission and all that we do, please contact Annette Fox at [annette.fox@qopc.org](mailto:annette.fox@qopc.org).

*Submitted by Annette Fox,  
Director of Social Action and  
Community Enrichment*



**Class of 1966**




**Class of 1954**

## ***The Our Lady Queen of Peace Class of 1966 Celebrates Their 50-Year Reunion Along with the “Lost Class of 1954” Reunion***

**The Queen of Peace class of 1966** gathered at the Queen of Peace Parish Festival on September 17 to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate 50 years after their eighth grade graduation. The class numbered 90 when they graduated in June of 1966. Eleven classmates are deceased and the QP alumni data base does not have contact information for another 10 members. Invitations were mailed out to the remaining 69 members of the class and 12 attended the reunion. The QP alumni organization prepared a memorabilia table for the group, and Principal Mary Joe Vitale gave them a tour of the school answering questions about how the school and elementary education have changed since 1966. The alumni also had a group photo taken next to the school sign on the Holly Avenue side of the school. Members of the class who attended included Jane Leahy, Debbie Kirley, Robin Roeming Burch, Kathi Ryan Weber, Diane Buchanan Kramer, Larry Kleinheinz, Karen Jones, Kevin Kennedy, Mark Kammer, Sandy Martinelli Jenneke, Steve Shea, and Mark Bjelde.

**The Queen of Peace “Lost Class of 1954”** also held their own class reunion at the Parish Festival. The classmates gathered around their memorabilia table in the Gathering Space sharing photos, stories, and memories. The group refers to themselves as the “lost class” because they were in the 7th grade class during the 1953-1954 school year when the decision was made to discontinue 7th and 8th grade classrooms. There was a need for more class space to accommodate a growth in enrollment for the school in lower grades. Therefore, the group never had the chance to graduate from Queen of Peace as 8th graders. The members of the class scattered to West Junior High or Edgewood Campus. Many of them remained friends over the past 60 plus years. There were 38 students in their 7th grade class in 1953; four are now deceased and the Queen of Peace alumni data base does not have contact information for another four students. Thirty members of the class were invited to the reunion and 10 were able to attend. The group also participated in the school tour and had a group photo taken. Members of the class that attended the reunion included Barb Watts Ploetz, Dave Gill, Francine Meadowcroft Salerno, Gary Schmitz, Jerry Paulson, Jean Ann Zimmerman Labansky, Judy Taugher Hable, Karen Vanderheiden Wallander, Kathy McCloskey Ranzini, and Suzanne Mott Fitzgibbon.

*Submitted by Tom Martinelli ('63)*



**Scholastic Book Fair**  
*Benefitting Our Lady Queen of Peace School*

**Wednesday, December 7:**  
10 am–6 pm

**Thursday, December 8:**  
7:30–9:30 am and 2:30–6 pm

**Friday, December 9:**  
2:30–4:30 pm

**the Gift of Reading**



# Help for Planning End-of-Year Contributions

Thank you for your generosity throughout this year! If you are considering a year-end gift to the Parish, please consider designating it in the memo line for long-range reconstruction needs or to the School endowment.

***If you do plan to make an end-of-year contribution to be applied to calendar year 2016, please note these last dates your gift can be counted toward this year's charitable deductions, depending on the way your gift will be made:***

## **Donations by check:**

Be sure Our Lady Queen of Peace receives your check by December 31, 2016, in one of these ways:

- Place an envelope in an offertory basket up through the last Mass, at 4:00 pm, on Saturday, December 31
- Drop it off at the Parish Center by 2:00 p.m., when the office closes, on Saturday, December 31
- Mail it with a U.S. postmark date of December 31 or before

## **Donations online:**

- Make one-time gifts from your checking or savings account by December 23 at 3:00 p.m.
- Make credit card gifts before midnight on December 31

## **Stock transfer donations:**

Please have the donation sent to our financial management service, UBS, by Saturday, December 31; please call Kate Ripple or Jeanne McLellan at 231-4600 about details.

## **Prepaid contribution:**

If you want to pre-pay next year's contribution, please follow the same guidelines above and remit your check on or before December 31, 2016.

## **Donations received after the listed times will be recorded as 2017 donations.**

**May God bless you for your generous and ongoing support of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish and its ministries, which allows us to touch lives in meaningful ways.**

Please call the Business Office at 231-4600 if you have any questions.

## **By the way, thank you for responding to your stewardship packet with your 2017 stewardship commitment!**

If you have not yet found the time, please take a moment today to look at the mailing you recently received and commit to stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure for 2017.

Or go to our website home page, [qopc.org](http://qopc.org), and click on the Set Up Parish Giving and Sign Up to Serve buttons to commit your Time, Talent, and Treasure. Forms are also available at the Parish Center.

Thank you, and God bless you, Msgr. Ken

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## **Do You Want to Make a Charitable Rollover Gift from Your IRA Before the End of 2016?**

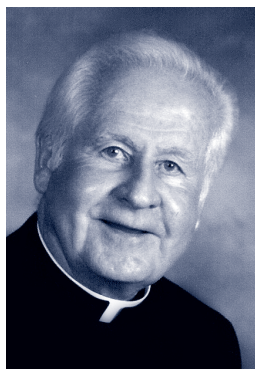
If you are 70 ½ years old or older, you can make an IRA charitable rollover gift of up to \$100,000 annually and, depending on your circumstances, reduce your tax burden. Please contact your financial or plan advisor for more information; a transfer must come directly from your plan administrator to Our Lady Queen of Peace to be deductible. To discuss a rollover gift with Our Lady Queen of Peace, please contact Kate Ripple, at 231-4600.

And please remember your parish home if you are setting up a will by including a bequest to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish or Our Lady Queen of Peace School Endowment. Thank you for your generosity!



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## Msgr. Ken's Column

Dear Parishioners,

As Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas season is upon us, I reflect on how grateful I am for all that you do for our parish, and the larger community we live in. Your generosity of time, talent, and treasure, in the name of Jesus Christ, touches lives and makes this a better world. Thank you, and God bless!

*Msgr. Ken*

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Special thanks to the staff and parishioners of Queen of Peace for their contributions to this newsletter.