Mission Statement
We, the people of Mary, Queen of Peace, are called to be a Catholic faith community centered around prayer and worship and embodying Gospel values. We are a family of Christians committed to growth in faith and holiness as signs of God’s presence in the world. We act in imitation of Christ, by reaching beyond ourselves in service to others.
For all those living in assisted living and nursing homes, also Ken Warner, Rita Fritsch, Pauline Cave, Meeda Lentz, Peggy Cave, Marie Wimsett, Paul Leondis, Velma Spears, Tom Strauss, Zelma Poole, and Joe Hawkins. We ask that the Lord heal them and restore them to good health.

Prayer Line
If you know of someone who needs the special healing power of prayer, or to become a part of this ministry, call Fran Strauss at 317-745-5640.

New Year’s Resolution
As this holy Christmas season comes to a close, the time of renewal begins January 1 often with resolutions to do better in the coming year. Why not consider participation at Mass as a Reader, Extraordinary Minister of Communion or Hospitality as a New Year’s resolution? After all, you’re already at Mass. Feel free to contact one of us if you are interested: Eucharistic Ministers = Mary Kay Hood at mkhood9@gmail.com; Readers = Bob Freed at FreedRC@sbcglobal.net; and Hospitality = Mary O’Brien at tjmobrien@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your consideration. Happy New Year!

Shared Blessings
Donations Needed
Shared Blessings Food Bank provides food and encouragement to families who struggle to make ends meet. The pantry currently serves 50-60 families per week! They are always in need of non-perishable items. Their current needs are: soup, spaghetti, ravioli, peanut butter and jelly. Please place all items in the basket at the entrance of the church. Proverbs 11:25: "The soul who blesses will prosper, whoever satisfies others will also be satisfied."

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

St. Malachy
Saturday, 8:45 – 10:00 a.m.
Or anytime by appointment

St. Susanna
Saturday, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment

Mary, Queen of Peace
Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment

Collection for December 25, 2016
Due to early publication deadlines, there will be no collection report until the January 8 Sunday bulletin. At that time collection numbers will be provided for Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1.
“God has found me worthy to be a minister of His Gospel, and so when I speak, I strive to please God and not men.”
1 Thessalonians 2:4

Dear Friends,

A HAPPY AND JOYOUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

As the new year dawns, we gather to be placed under the guidance and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God! Not a bad way to start the new year, right?

She is the Queen of Peace, to whom we can pray for an end to violence, terror and war. She is the Mother of Sorrows, who joins her heart and voice to ours as we lament the sufferings of life. She is Theotokas, Mother of God, through whose intercession we raise our prayers to the Lord Jesus Christ, Who reigns in eternal glory!

This coming Friday, our parish once again offers the First Thursday/First Friday observance of EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION FOR VOCATIONS. Each month, your fellow parishioners spend an hour in prayer and adoration of Jesus Christ present in the Most Blessed Sacrament in humble prayer for more vocations to the holy priesthood and for those young men discerning their vocational call. Each hour someone is present with Jesus in prayer. BUT, YOU are welcomed to join in prayer as well!

The parish that participates in Eucharistic Adoration is the parish in which priority and importance is kept in proper perspective. NOTHING we do as the parish of St. Mary, Queen of Peace in this new year of grace 2017, is of more importance than devotion and reverence to the Most Holy Eucharist!

I invite and encourage YOU to become part of the monthly time of adoration and prayer. Sign up forms are always available in the vestibule of the church.

As our Blessed Mother “treasured all things in her heart,” we, too, have the opportunity as a new year dawns, to treasure the gift of our Catholic Faith in all its fullness within our own hearts.

Mary is our model, our witness, our finest intercessor before her Son. It is so easy to make resolutions; it is quite another to keep them though!

One we can all make and keep is devotion and nearness to Mary, Our Mother. “To Jesus through Mary” is not just a pious sentiment; it is truth! Mary gave us our Savior in the Flesh for our salvation. She draws us ever closer to Him. As this new year dawns, what better resolution to make than to draw nearer to Jesus?!

On this occasion, I would like to personally thank one and all for your kind wishes and expressions of prayer and support offered me at this holy time of year. God bless each and every one of you! God bless you all! Best wishes and prayers for a grace-filled and healthy new year!

“He is there!
He Who loves us
So much!”
St. John Vianney
Adoration: Thursday 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Benediction: Friday 8:15 a.m.

Test Your Knowledge of the Catholic Faith

Our Archdiocese has baseline standards we want all our religious education students to attain in knowledge, attitude and practice of the faith. Some of the classes are tested each year to gauge how well the educational efforts of families and the parish are helping them achieve this.

Any adults who would like to see how well they would perform on the test given to high school juniors are invited to give it a try! We will test the adults in a separate area, and results will be kept confidential - unless you want to strut your 'Bishop-level' awareness of our Church and faith!

Testing will take place Sunday, January 15 at 9:07 a.m. in the lower level, or Monday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. Contact Matthew Fallon in the office (ext. 13) to reserve a spot, or show up and see if a test book is still available.

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Religious education classes will resume Sunday, January 8.

Save the date! January 28, 2017, will be the date of our annual taco bingo night after the 5 p.m. Mass. More information to come.

The life of the body is the soul; the life of the soul is God.
St. Anthony of Padua

At A Glance Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 1
Monday, January 2
Tuesday, January 3
7:00 p.m. RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults “The Four Last Things”

Wednesday, January 4

Thursday, January 5
6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist

Friday, January 6
8:15 a.m. Benediction and Mass

Saturday, January 7

Liturgical Meditations

Monday, January 2, 2017
1 John 2:22-28/Psalms 98/John 1:19-28

Tuesday, January 3, 2017
1 John 2:29-3:6/Psalms 98/John 1:29-34

Wednesday, January 4, 2017
1 John 3:7-10/Psalms 98/John 1:35-42

Thursday, January 5, 2017
1 John 3:11-21/Psalms 100/John 1:43-51

Friday, January 6, 2017
1 John 5:5-13/Psalms 147/Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday, January 7, 2017
1 John 5:14-21/Psalms 149/John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 8, 2017
Isaiah 60:1-6/Psalms 72/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12

Watch your email/mail for the liturgical ministers schedule for January 7 & 8.

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