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 Pat Birchler, Pauline Cave, Peggy Cave, Rita Fritsch, Jim Goldman, Bob Kult, Meeda Lentz, Al Root, Tom Swords, Bob & Diane Thompson, and Gene Trapp. *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.

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, April 3**
No Mass.

**Tuesday, April 4**
5:30 p.m. † In loving memory of Martin Wirtz.

**Wednesday, April 5**
8:30 a.m. † For Poor Souls.

**Thursday, April 6**
5:30 p.m. † For Poor Souls.

**Friday, April 7**
8:30 a.m. For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

**Saturday, April 8**
5:00 p.m. † In loving memory of Steve Swords.

**Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday**
8:00 a.m. † In loving memory of Cletus Alt.
10:30 a.m. For our family, Mary, Queen of Peace.

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**St. Mary Queen of Peace**
**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Monday, April 10:** No Mass

**Tuesday, April 11:** No Mass
*(Chrism Mass at SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral Indianapolis, 2:00 p.m.)*

**Wednesday, April 12:** Mass 8:30 a.m.

**SACRED TRIDUUM**
Holy Thursday, April 13, Mass at 7:00 p.m.
*(Church open for prayer until 10:00 p.m.)*

Good Friday Liturgy, April 14, at Noon

Easter Vigil, April 15, Mass at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16
Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

During Lent there will be no flowers placed before the statues. Flowers will return at Easter. Your contribution for flowers to remember or honor someone will be accepted, and used after Easter.

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**Time ~ Talent ~ Treasure**

**Treasure**
*Collection for March 26, 2017*

- This Week’s Regular Collection (124 envelopes) $5,068.03
- This Week’s Gold Envelope Collection (5 envelopes) $230.00
- Catholic Relief Services (34 envelopes) $784.00
- Subscriptions to The Criterion (2 envelopes) $47.00
- Central & Eastern Europe Collection (2 envelopes) $60.00
- Parish Mission with the Fathers of Mercy $4,300.00

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**Early Bulletin Deadlines**

Bulletin articles for the weekend of April 8 (Palm Sunday) are due by noon Sunday, April 2. Articles for the weekend of April 15 (Easter) are due by noon Saturday, April 8. Early printing deadlines require these earlier deadlines. Thank you for your cooperation. There can be no exceptions.

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**Welcome**

The parishioners of St. Mary, Queen of Peace extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Andrew & Allison Brittenham
Mickey & Olivia Cochran

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**West Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Services**

April 4  7:00 p.m. at St. Susanna, Plainfield
April 5  7:00 p.m. at St. Christopher, Speedway
April 7  7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More, Mooresville

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**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

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+Dear Friends,

With this Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church enters into “Passiontide.” Gradually, the sacred is removed from our sight; the statues are covered, as are all crucifixes. Our attention is being drawn to the holy of holies: the days of HOLY WEEK and the SACRED TRIDUUM.

Throughout this holy and graced-filled Lenten Season, our Father has been tugging at our hearts, pulling us out of our sinful behaviors and attitudes.

Today we heard what is perhaps one of the greatest miracles related by the Gospel writers. That account; the raising of Lazarus, is the third story of conversion that forms the foundation of this holy time of repentance.

We have witnessed Jesus call the Samaritan woman to conversion. We have seen the Lord heal the blind man and call others to conversion of heart and attitude. With today’s proclamation of the raising of Lazarus, we hear the Lord Jesus summon us out of our own graves of complacency, apathy and reluctance to a new way of life freed from the bonds of sin and selfishness.

We do not need to fear death. “O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them.” Jesus wants us to believe this! A surprising note to the raising of Lazarus is that our Lord tells Martha that believers never die because eternal life begins now, the instant we believe. “I am the resurrection and the life. Do you believe this?”

Within a week, we will begin the solemn observance of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. Perhaps we could name one “grave;” one area of our own lives that needs an infusion of new life. Ask the Lord Jesus, Who raised Lazarus from the dead, to enter your life more and more as this holiest of holy times unfolds!

Please note in today’s bulletin the entire Liturgical Schedule for Holy Week! Of all the celebrations of the liturgical year of the Church, this week, this Sacred Triduum, is the most honored and most important for us as Catholics. Make it a priority for you!

God’s blessings upon us all!

St. John Vianney
Adoration: Thursday 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Benediction: Friday 8:15 a.m.

Forever Young Gathering
Forever Young will meet on Tuesday, April 11. Mass starts at 11:30 a.m. followed by a pitch in luncheon (at noon). All are welcome.

On Sunday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. there will be a viewing of The Passion of The Christ downstairs. Everyone (not just youth) is welcome. We will have snacks. If your child is 18 or younger and is interested in coming, please see Beth Dieckmann for a permission slip.

We are also selling Easter Chocolate as a fundraiser for the Youth Group. This is the last week to place your orders. Please pay at pick-up, which will be at each Mass the weekend of April 9th.

Confirmation: Classes resume this weekend with class on April 2nd. Please remember if you need some hours for Confirmation, Fish Fries are a perfect way to help support!

Confirmation is Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. downtown at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral. I will be in need of usher/greeters, Eucharistic ministers, and servers. If you would be interested, please contact Beth Dieckmann.

E-mail: mqpyouthgroupbeth@yahoo.com
Phone number: (317)-709-6765. Texting is the best way of communication, but if you call please leave a voicemail so I can know who is calling! Thank you.

Rummage Sale
It’s time to clear out your drawers, closets, cupboards, basement and garage for the Women’s Club Spring Rummage Sale on April 27th & 28th.
Fish fries at Mary, Queen of Peace on Friday continue throughout the season of Lent!! They are from 4:30 - 7:00. If you are willing to donate your time or a dessert, please contact Beth Dieckmann at (317) 709-6765.

Our next Adult Religious Education class will return to the Sacred Scriptures. We will study the Letters of James, Peter, and Jude, often known as ‘The Catholic Letters.’ This study covers four New Testament letters traditionally known as the Catholic Letters because each is written to strengthen Christian communities scattered across a wide region of the Roman Empire rather than a specific Catholic community. Participants will discover that they contain profound differences as well as intriguing similarities.

This 7-session study will begin the last week of April and finish in early June. We will have Thursday morning and evening sessions available, as well as Sundays between the Masses. Cost for the class materials is only $20.

The long-anticipated study of the Gospel of Matthew by Jeff Cavins (the presenter of the Bible timeline study) is a 21-session study, and will be on-deck to begin early in the fall.

The Level 2 class is preparing to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time at the 10:30 Mass on April 30. The church will be welcoming many family members and friends; if you prefer a more tranquil Mass experience you may like to attend another Mass at another time that weekend.

Level 2 class families: Remember we will be holding our First Communion Retreat on Saturday, April 8, beginning at 9:30 in the church. We will begin promptly in order to complete our activities before noon.

We do have religious education classes next week on Palm Sunday, but we will not meet on Easter Sunday. We will reconvene the following week, April 23rd.

Scholarship Opportunity

The application deadline is drawing near! As part of our mission to support the parish families, the Knights of Columbus Council 11896 is offering a $1,000 college scholarship for one student at St. Susanna and one student at Mary, Queen of Peace (total two $1,000 scholarships). The qualifications are outlined in applications that are available in the entrance of the church or on the KOC website (http://www.kofc11896.org). The winner for each parish will be announced at a Mass in May. For questions, contact information is available on the application. Application and transcript are due by Saturday, April 8.

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