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.

Mass Schedule

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1st Sunday of Lent ● February 18, 2018
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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.

During the solemn season of Lent there will be no flowers placed before the statues of Mary, the Sacred Heart or St. Joseph. The flowers will return at Easter. Your contribution for flowers to remember or honor someone will be accepted throughout Lent, and used after Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday 6:00 p.m.

Criterion Billing
The parish is billed for the Archdiocesan Criterion newspaper on a monthly basis. There is an envelope in your packet of collection envelopes. We ask that you pay for your subscription by using the envelope. Checks can be made out to Mary, Queen of Peace. Thank you.

Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages
Retrouvaille is a worldwide program that teaches couples how to rediscover each other and work through difficult times in their marriages. This program offers an opportunity for you and your spouse to work privately on your marriage. During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille, a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending the weekend and follow-up sessions. To learn more about the program or to register for the February 23-25 weekend and follow-up post-weekend sessions in Indianapolis, visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or www.retrouvaille.org. You can also email: RetrouIndy@gmail.com or call 317-489-6811 for confidential registration information.

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.
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+Dear Friends,

Well, we have begun. We gather this day on the First Sunday of Lent. Holy Mother Church teaches us that two spiritual strands weave together to form the very nature of Lent.

The first, and most familiar to us all, is the repentant character of Lent. Through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving we spend these forty days in the desert of repentance, preparing for the glorious celebration of Easter.

The second strand is the baptismal character of this most holy season. Baptism? Yes, baptism. The unbaptized spend Lent in preparation for their baptism and reception into the Church and most of us, the already baptized, spend this time preparing to renew the promises we once made when we ourselves were baptized.

Today’s readings echo this biblical theme of covenant established between God our Father and us. As we go forth from this holy Mass, let us enter the Lenten desert of repentance, mindful of the promises made at our baptism when we rejected Satan and professed our eternal faith in Jesus Christ!

Now some might say it is difficult to do this. But, is it? Not really. We live our Catholic faith when we gather for Mass, when we celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, when we stop by and make a Eucharistic visit with Jesus, when we read the scriptures, when we celebrate the Stations of the Cross, when we pray the rosary, when we volunteer with Friends of St. Anthony, Family Promise or some other act of charity, when we donate to the special Lenten collections, when we keep the Lenten regulations regarding fasting and abstinence, when we unabashedly share our Catholic faith with another. See, there are many ways in which we live our baptismal faith! The important thing is that we do so!

Please note in today’s bulletin the Lenten regulations regarding fasting and abstinence. Remember, also, we will offer Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 6:00 p.m., as well as the annual Lenten Fish Frys! An added hour for Confession will take place on the Wednesdays in Lent, with the exception of March 21st. A great time to make a good Confession!

Last Sunday, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we observed the Rite of Sending, where our catechumens and candidates: Thomas McClain, Amy Springman, James McClain, Joan Valentine, Steven Vogel, Linda Streeter, Sarah McGarry, and Josh Butler were officially enrolled in the Book of the Elect and later in the day, participated in the Rite of Election with Archbishop Thompson at the Cathedral. We continue to pray for them as they make their journey of faith into the Catholic Church!

Make it a good and holy Lent! Let us pray for one another! God bless you all!

FATHER MICHAEL LITZENBERGER

Lenten disciplines may include adding a spiritual practice or activity as well as the discipline of self-denial (giving up pleasures). Perhaps this year you will choose to add watching the 'Weekly Mass Readings Explained' videos to get more out of the Sacred Scriptures each week. (These are shown after the 10:30 Mass, in the RE building.)

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Center (5353 East 56th St. in Indianapolis) will be hosting an upcoming event of interest: March 16-18 - R.C.I.A. - Lenten Weekend Retreat. (Friday evening through Sunday at 1:00 p.m.) with Fr. Jim Farrell. Find information on these events and more at: archindy.org/fatima/calendar/full.html

On March 11 the Level 7 class will recreate the Stations of the Cross devotional prayer. We will be on the east edge of the parking lot, or in the basement, depending on the weather. All are welcome to join the RE classes at 9:15 a.m. for this communal prayer.

Elementary Religious Education classes will continue until March 11th. Then the next few weeks we will suspend classes for spring breaks and Easter. Your students should be getting material in class for use during Lent - please continue to use these at home with your child(ren) in the latter part of Lent.

On Sunday, February 18, we will be having a Middle School Youth Group Night from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the basement. We will have pizza and ask that you bring your favorite Wii game or board game!

On Sunday, February 25, we will have our rescheduled Youth Group Night from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the basement. We will play a game, have a discussion, and have some pizza.

On Saturday, February 24

At-A-Glance Parish Schedule

Sunday, February 18
9:00 a.m. Religious Education Classes
9:10 a.m. Adult Education - Matthew, the King & His Kingdom
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
11:30 a.m. Adult Education - Mass Readings Explained

Monday, February 19
7:30 p.m. Adult Education - Matthew, the King & His Kingdom

Tuesday, February 20
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Wednesday, February 21
10:00 a.m. Adult Education - Mass Readings Explained

Thursday, February 22
4:30 p.m. Fish Fry sponsored by our youth
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24

First Sunday of Lent
Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Weekend of February 24 & 25

**MASS COORDINATORS**
5:00 p.m.  Judy Schneider
8:00 a.m.  Jeannie Thurnall
10:30 a.m. Mary O’Brien

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**
5:00 p.m.  Kailey Burkett, Bart Hensley
           Tom Swords, Jack Williams
8:00 a.m.  Austin Arnold, Timothy Arnold
           Ethan Morris, Jacob Yamell
10:30 a.m. Austin Brown, Eli Brown
           Derek Brown, Isaac Brown

**READERS**
5:00 p.m.  Nick Campbell, George Juza
8:00 a.m.  Brandi Morris, Greg Purvis
10:30 a.m. Kim Lovejoy, Mary Lovejoy

**SERVERS**
5:00 p.m.  Nathaniel Origer, Noah Origer
8:00 a.m.  Braeden Morris, Clare Wigger
10:30 a.m. Thaddeus Brown, Daniel Hazelton

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**
5:00 p.m.  Margie Williams
8:00 a.m.  Bill Bliss
10:30 a.m. Vince Castagno, Marcia Castagno
           Mary Kay Hood

Liturgical Meditations

**Monday, February 19, 2018**
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [John 6:63b]/Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday, February 20, 2018**
Isaiah 55:10-11/Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/
           Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**
Jonah 3:1-10/Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/
           Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday, February 22, 2018**
1 Peter 5:1-4/Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/
           Matthew 16:13-19

**Friday, February 23, 2018**
Ezekiel 18:21-28/Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/
           Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday, February 24, 2018**
Deuteronomy 26:16-19/Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/
           Matthew 5:43-48

**Sunday, February 25, 2018**
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Psalm 116:10, 15,
           16-17, 18-19 [9]/Romans 8:31b-34/Mark 9:2-10

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Annual Scholarships to be Awarded

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 scholarships are for graduating high school senior candidates who will be attending a trade school or 2/4 yr college in the fall. The qualifications are outlined in applications that are available in the entrance of the church or on the KOC website (http://www.kofc11896.org). Interested students are to complete the application, attach a copy of their high school transcript, and participate in a short interview in May. The winner for each parish will be announced during a Mass in May. For questions, contact information is available on the application. Application and transcript are due by April 6.

Fish Fry will be every Friday during Lent from 4:30-7:00 p.m. If you can donate any dessert or 12 oz. soda cans, please have them at the church on Friday by 3:00 p.m. Thank you!

“The Light is on for You”

Confessions
Every Wednesday during Lent (with the exception of March 21) 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. And, every Saturday 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Lenten Disciplines

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer, the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday, which is on March 29.

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