

March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent

Mary Our Lady of Peace Church

Pastor

Father Tony Ego

309-581-2923

Option 1

Deacon

Tom Gainey

309-945-7065

Parish Secretary

Darlene Linden

309-581-2923

Option 2

Mass Intentions for Mary, Our Lady of Peace

Saturday March 2nd

5:30pm Peggy Henderson

by Jeff & Stacy DePorter

Sunday March 3rd

8:30am Julius & Leona Versluys

by Joe & Nancy Versluys

Tuesday March 5th

8:00am Altar & Rosary Society Members

Living & Deceased

Thursday March 7th

8:00am Germaine Sammons

by The Family

Saturday March 9th

5:30pm Mark Sottos

by Bob & Judy Ferry

Sunday March 10th

8:30am Don Gelaude

by The Family

Adoration Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm

Reconciliation: Sunday morning 7:45am-8:15am, Saturday after 5:30pm Mass or by appointment

Mass Intentions for St. Maria Goretti

Saturday March 2nd

4:00pm Fr. Duane Jack

by Brian, Camy, & Lilly Stone

Sunday March 3rd

10:00am Rowena Vincent

by Mark & Ann Fennell

Wednesday March 6th

9:00am John & Mary Newton

by The Hamerlinck Family

Friday March 8th

9:00am Fr. Jim DeBisschop

by The Jamieson Family

Saturday March 9th

4:00pm John O’Connell

by Fred & Lois DeCoster

Sunday March 10th

10:00am Madonna, Thomas, & Matthew Gengler

by Daniel & Jeanie Gengler

Reconciliation Saturdays 3-3:30pm or by appointment

Our Parish Prayer List

For those who need healing from,

Mary, Our Lady of Peace...

Brian Carlson, Pat Dzekunskas, Jim Hamerlinck, Owen Hink, Alice Isaacson, Janet Jacobson, Debbie Jones, Ryan Jones, Gabe Laleman, Ava Lawson, Chris Meiersonne, Jan Oliver, and Tom Schulenberg

For Those in need of healing at St. Maria Goretti...

Sr. JT McNulty, Dave & Sandy Bledsoe, Patrick Bredeck, Donna Davis, Fred DeCoster, Gwen Escajeda, Lorraine Gengler, Dave Gorge, Velda Grief, Sarah Hallas, Bill Jacobs, Lee Kimball, Dale Langel, John McAlister, Kathy McOmber, Flip Shemek, Carolyn Slavish, Maureen St. Clair.

For others who have asked...

Jim Burke, Angela Correa, Roger Crew, Charlie David, Cheryl Dzekunskas, Vic Dzekunskas, Mark Forest, Julie Greenwood, Mike Greenwood, Deb Hamerlinck, Melissa Haynes, Lindsey, Martin, Julio Martinez, Ricky McSwain, Geraldine Morgan, Kayla Schnerre, Mary Schnerre, Patty Schnerre, Tom Seabloom, Kaleb Sovey, Special Lady, Pat Sullivan

Pray for those in Nursing Homes or Homebound

Yvonne Sherlock, (Hope Creek), Donna Frels, Jan & Richard Siebert, Jean Teerlinck.

Please call Judy Olson @ 309.521.8456 with your requests for the prayer line.

If someone is doing better and can be taken off the prayer list, please call Judy or the parish office.

Homebound?

Are you or someone you know Homebound? If you would like communion, contact Father Tony to make arrangements for a home visit.

If you or a family member are hospitalized, please contact Fr. Tony or the Parish office, so Fr. Tony can visit.

Address for Jean Teerlinck:

Woodridge Supportive Living

Room 151

620 Olivia Drive

Geneseo, IL 61254

Contact the Parish Office if you need a record of yearly donations for 2023. 309-581-2923 Option 2

Upcoming

Wednesday, March 6th

10am Altar & Rosary Meets

6pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 7th

6pm Parish Council Meets

Fridays of Lent—Stations of the Cross after 9am Mass

At St. Maria Goretti

Ecumenical Lenten Services 2024—Noon Church

Friday Mar. 8

First Baptist Church

Friday Mar. 15

Beulah Presbyterian

Friday Mar. 22

St. Paul Lutheran

Annual Collection for Crisis Pregnancy Center

During the month of February the Altar & Rosary Society will be collecting baby items or monetary gifts for the center. Please place your donations in the playpen.

ITEMS NEEDED

DIAPERS—ANY SIZE

NEW or GENTLY USED CLOTHING

NEWBORN TO SIZE 2T

MATERNITY CLOTHES-CLEAN

ANY SIZE

BABY WIPES, BLANKETS, BIBS, FORMULA

HIGH CHAIRS— IN GOOD CONDITION

ADA

Pledged Our Goal

\$21,355 \$30,221

ADA cards have been mailed by the diocese. If you have misplaced yours, there are extras on the table in the gathering space. A gift to ADA, no matter how great or small can go a long way. A pledge of \$10 or \$20 a month can add up. Even a one-time gift is helpful to the cause. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan services and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish. Please consider a donation. Contributions can be made by check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, by a credit or debit card, by direct debit from checking or savings account or online at www.cdop.org/ada. Gifts of appreciated stock, grain, qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) or donor advised funds have special considerations and requirements. Contact 309-671-1550 for more information.



May the Saints intercede for us

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us

Mary, Our Lady of Peace, pray for us

St. Maria Goretti, pray for us

St. Casimir, pray for us

St. Perpetua, pray for us

St. Felicity, pray for us

St. John, pray for us

St. Frances, pray for us

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, pray for us

STRAWBERRY DELIVERY!

The strawberry delivery date has been changed to the week of March 18th, due to heavy rains in Florida. This change is in order to provide the best quality of fruit!

Thank you for your patience!

Sunday Collection Report

ACTUAL

BUDGET

February Sunday Collections

\$ 11,430

\$ 12,667

YTD Sunday Collections

\$ 103,188

\$ 101,334

Thank you to all who have mailed your donations. For the continued success of our Parish, please continue to do so.

You can now use the parish app to make donations!

From the app, select the Giving icon and follow instructions to donate. You may use a credit or debit card or use an ach from your bank account!

March Schedule for Lectors and Ushers

Reader

Saturday 5:30pm Donna Johnson

Sunday 8:30am Sean Clifford

3rd Grade Children’s Mass March 3rd

Ushers

Saturday 5:30pm

Pat Martens Bob Fielding

Ben Martens Jim Ziegenhorn

Sunday 8:30am

Dan Gelaude Dennis Fair

Chad Tourt Wade Weber

Altar Servers

Sat., March 2nd 5:30pm

Sun. March 3rd 8:30am Anthony Kincaid & Leo Nedved

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30pm Jim Modglin Pat Modglin

8:30am Dan Heiar Robin Heiar

Counters for March

Barb Ziegenhorn & Darlene Linden

A blessed Lent to all of you.

As our Lenten journey is just getting started there are several opportunities to help make the most of this time, a time of renewal and preparation for Easter.

As we have done in the past, the Stations of the Cross are celebrated at both parishes. At Mary Our Lady of Peace, they are on Wednesday evening at 6:00, followed by a simple supper. At St. Maria Goretti, Fridays following the 9:00am morning Mass.

I want to bring to everyone's attention and invite you to the Lenten Parish Mission being held at Mary Our Lady of Peace. The mission is from March 10-13, 6:00 in the evening. The theme of the mission is: OPEN YOUR HEART TO THE LORD

Mon. March 11 Love Scripts: **HOW to read GOD'S HANDWRITING**

Tues. March 12 Prayer: **GETTING in touch with GOD within**

Wed. March 13 Rejoicing: **HAPPINESS and FULFILLMENT in LIFE.**

The retreat will be a time of renewal and an exciting time. Please make plans to join us. All are welcome.

The mission will be presented by Fr. Britto Berchmans.

Born in India, Fr. Britto has served the Church in various capacities in India, Italy, & the United States, and is now a Chicago archdiocesan priest. He speaks extensively to groups on spirituality, relationships, and personal growth, and conducts retreats and parish missions. Fr. Britto laces humor into all his presentations, and recently he has been doing a comedy routine known as "Holy Smokes!" for audiences around Chicago. Fr. Britto hosts on Catholic Radio monthly talk show entitled "Built on the Rock" which focuses on Christ-centered marriages and relationships.

He holds multiple Master's degrees in physics, journalism and theology, and a Doctorate in Mass communications.

The mission promises to be an exciting time and look forward to seeing you there. Please mark your calendars—March 10-13.

Please join Henry County Right to Life in celebrating life at their Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 6th at the Concordia Lutheran Church in Geneseo. Time 11:30AM – 1:30PM (Doors open at 11:00AM). Launa Stoltenburg is our featured speaker. Come hear her amazing story *From Disgrace to Grace - Healing the Pain & Effects of Abortion*. Seating is limited. Freewill offering. Proceeds to Henry County Right to Life. Reservations are required. Please contact Bonnie Newman (309) 737-0059 Nani2040n@gmail.com or Diane Gelaude (309) 236-0748 Diane@bluehorizon.net for reservations.

Pictures Anyone?

If you would like to view the pictures taken at Masses or church events, please send a request for access in an email to:

molopchurchphotos@gmail.com



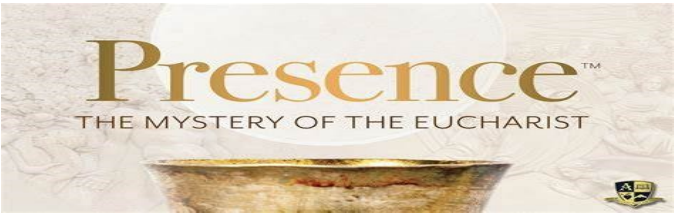
Shrines of Italy tour with Father Tim Hepner
September 24, 2024 - October 4, 2024
An optional 2-Night Venice & St. Anthony of Padua Post Tour extension is available.
Informational meetings on the tour will be held on March 4, 2024 at 6:30pm
Mary Twomey Hall
200 W Broadway
Monmouth, IL 61462
and
March 11, 2024 at 6:30pm
Newman Shed
2040 N 1100th Avenue
Lynn Center, IL 61262
Father Tim Hepner is Pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Monmouth, IL
This tour will also be hosted by Bonnie Newman from Blue Horizon Travel and her husband Joel.
Early booking discount available for reservations made by Mar 25, 2024!
Kindly RSVP for either date to Bonnie at 309-737-0059 or bonnie@bluehorizon.net

Henry County Right to Life is offering a \$1000.00 scholarship.
The 2024 theme is: I am Pro-Abortion, Change my Mind
The contest is open to any student who:
Lives in Henry County Illinois or, if a high school student, attends a high school in Henry County Illinois
Will be a high school senior or a college freshman, sophomore, or junior
Maintains a GPA of C+ or better and provides a transcript
For more information and scholarship rules, contact Henry County Right to Life President, Peggy Emmert, at 309-231-2657
Or visit our website - <http://henrycountyr2l.wixsite.com/life>

Entries must be submitted or postmarked by March 29, 2024.

REGULATIONS FOR LENT AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.
Everyone of 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.
May our Lenten journey bring us closer to the cross and our Resurrected Savior.



St. Maria Goretti will be hosting a Lenten Series Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist
Saturdays 9:15-10:15
Short video followed by small group discussion.

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role into the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.
March 9—Bread for the Journey
March 10-13 Attend Mary our Lady of Peace Lent Program
March 16-No Event on this date
March 23-Bishop Barron-Eucharist

There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule if you are Planning to attend or contact Laurie in the parish office 309-799-3414.

Your child can attend a Catholic School
Financial Assistance Is Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOT-ED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2024-2025 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.
Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under Catholic Education and then under Financial Assistance. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.
Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid.
Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2024-2025 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is April 26, 2024. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of

Are You NEW to Mary, Our Lady of Peace?

Welcome to Mary, Our Lady of Peace. We invite you to be a member of our church family and we would love to have you.

We are a growing church in the Catholic Diocese of Peoria with an active Altar & Rosary Society. We have the traditional parish groups and organizations and some that have been part of our parish for only a few years.

There is something for you to do to help make your faith alive and on fire for the Lord.

To register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. We will be in touch with you soon.

Family name _____

Individual names _____

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| Parent | Parent |
| Child | Child |

Address _____

Street address / PO Box City

Home Phone _____ **Cell** _____

E-mail _____

The Orion Area Food Pantry is seeking assistance providing families with holiday meals for Easter. The Food Pantry is planning to distribute holiday meals to 28 families (70 people) this year. All items needed have been accounted for. Monetary donations of \$40.00 may be made to provide a meal for a family.

Since distribution of the Easter meals will be March 19 items should be returned to the church no later than March 17.

IRA Donation

There is good news if you have reached age 72 and you would like to help (your parish or school). If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain minimum amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, this year the law allows you to donate this amount directly to (your parish) during 2023 and have it distributed free of federal income tax! It applies for the year 2024 as well! What a wonderful opportunity for those 70 ½ - 72 to help (your parish). Please call your tax consultant.