January 17, 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for Mary, Our Lady of Peace

Saturday January 16th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30pm Tom Schnerrre by Dcn. Tom & Deb Gainey

Sunday January 17th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am Donna Bender by The Family

Tuesday January 19th
8:00am Mary Pysson by Kathy Rogers

Thursday January 21st
8:00 am Faithfully Departed by Mike & Chris Nightingale

Saturday January 23rd Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30pm Marilyn DeClerck by Dcn. Tom & Deb Gainey

Sunday January 24th Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am Mary Green by Don & Diane Gelaude

Reconciliation by Appointment
Drive Thru Communion available after each Mass

Our Parish Prayer List

For those who need healing from,
Mary, Our Lady of Peace...
Brian Carlson, Sr. Mary Core, Eloise Fransen, Deb Gainey, Jim Hamerlinck, Owen Hink, Alice Isaacson, Janet Jacobson, Debbie Jones, Theresa Keleher, Gabe Laleman, Ava Lawson, and Tom Schaltenberg

For those in need of help at St. Maria Goretti...
Sr. JT McNulty, Sr. Mary Core, Sandy Bledsoe, Patrick Bredice, Teresa Cauwenh, Pauline Malchodi, Fred DeCoster, Gwen Escazedaj, Ken & Donna Frels, Lorraine Gengler, Sara Hallas, Lee Kimball, Dale Langel, Janice Warner

For others who have asked...
Ronnie Bell, Jen Bergstrom, Harvey Brandon, Kara Carr, Lisa Carlson, Dom & Jackie Cateth, Sr. Corder, Richard DeRammelrady, Rudy Harter, Lauren Hofstatter, Lori Kendirc, Bob Kobliska, Ann Loring, Dean Lundburg, Sue Matje, Michelle McCormick, Tammy Meal, Heather Milliner, Pat Montefusco, Deborah Morris, Niki Murphy, Lucy Newman, Chris Ash Oliver, Jordyn Palmer, Stacie Palmer, Vicki Palmer, Brandon Pikuza, Bud Roselle, Mary Schererr, Patti Schererr, Lou Schneider, Lisa & Bob Siegthartner, Vaunda Spivey, Catherine Stuart, Jeff Thompson, Peggy Tidwell, Beth Underkoffler, Bill Winzenberg.

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4:00pm Daniel Ash by Kathy & Frank McOmber

Sunday January 17th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00am Sandy & Harry Ernst by the Parish

Wednesday January 13th
9:00am Ken Francescon by Margaret Francescon

Friday January 15th
9:00am Sr. Mary Jane Wallace

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4:00pm Mary Welsh by Nancy Robinson

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10:00am Rev. John Denny Fisher by Fred & Lois DeCosters.

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Pray for those in Nursing Homes or Homebound
Yvonne Sherlock, Ken & Eloise Fransen (Hope Creek), June Hellberg, Mary Newton, Martha Radosевич, Jan & Richard Siebert & Bob Sweeney.

If you or a family member are hospitalized, please contact Fr. Tony or the Parish office, so Fr. Tony can visit. Father must be on a list in order to visit the hospital under new regulations.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to our Second Graders on their 1st Reconciliation on December 19th!
Hannah Dowell Nora Rasmussen
Alyssa Fatzke Veda Thornburg
Kali Nelson Gavin Taets
John Nightingale

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Januaray Schedule for Lectors
Sat. Jan. 2nd  5:30pm Deb Gainey
Sun. Jan. 3rd  8:30am Mike Mielke
Sat. Jan. 9th  5:30pm Jeff DePorter
Sun. Jan. 10th  8:30am Jim Dingman
Sat. Jan. 16th 5:30pm Joel Newman
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Sat. Jan. 23rd 5:30pm Deb Gainey
Sun. Jan. 24th 8:30am Jeff DePorter
Sat. Jan. 30th 5:30pm Joel Newman
Sun. Jan. 31st 8:30am Mike Mielke

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Sunday Collection Report

Dec. Sunday Collections $ 14,921 $ 12,083
Jan. Sunday Collections $ 4,740 $ 4,834
YTD Sunday Collections $ 72,203 $ 77,333

Thank you all who have mailed your donations. For the continued success of our Parish, please continue to do so. Father and the Finance Council want to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual parish members and provides much needed donation consistency for our parish budget. To enroll please call the parish office or fill out the form online at our website: maryourladyofpeace.org under the “Visit Us” heading.

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ADA
To date, we have received 357 gifts/pledges totaling $19,017. Towards our goal of $33,399. Again, we must come up with the full amount one way or another. I encourage all of us to make a pledge. In working together I am confident we will meet our goal. Making a pledge does indeed help our parish.

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New Phone # for the Mary, Our Lady of Peace Church Office and Father Tony
1-309-581-2923
Option 1 for Father, Option 2 for Office
Greetings,

With the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas season is officially over and the beginning of ordinary time is upon us. For the next 6 weeks we work our way to Lent, as February 17 is Ash Wednesday.

This Thursday Jan. 14, it will be exactly 10 months since the beginning of the pandemic and all the shutdown restrictions due to Covid-19. Amazing...

For the last ten months our faith communities have fared well. We reopened at 25% of our seating capacity on the weekend of June 13-14, 2020. I have to say, we have been determined to keep the parish operating and celebrating the sacraments however limited it has been. At Mary Our Lady of Peace we are averaging around 100 people at Mass on a weekend, at St. Maria Goretti around 60-70 people a weekend. We have room for more.

Back in July we celebrated the Easter Sacraments, and First Holy Communions. In August we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mary Our Lady of Peace. The fall has gone well as we have added lectors and music to our liturgies respectively.

In September school got underway, with religious education primarily on-line with a very limited amount of in-person at (MOLOP) with the grades preparing for their sacraments. With all the restrictions, MOLOP's annual GALA and auction was moved to November with an online auction only and was successful. Advent too, good things happened as the MOLOP Youth group’s live drive-through Nativity was well attended and enhanced the advent season and preparation for Christmas.

The fact remains we have all hung together and stayed steadfast in our faith, participating the best we can. The various parish committees continue to meet by zoom and the work of the parish goes on.

A big thanks to all who support the parish with their time, talent and treasure; it takes all of us to meet all our obligations. In our Gospel from St. John this Sunday, it is the call of the first apostles. Pay attention and take note of the team building. John the Baptist is standing in a group of three. Jesus strolls by. Two follow and they become a band of three. Andrew scoots and gets his brother Peter and with Jesus, they become three again. A dance of three, a gentle and quiet camaraderie of coming and going—one points out, two follow; another points out, his brother joins in. We are a team.

In closing, we are meeting the challenges of the pandemic and will keep moving forward and live our faith to the best of our abilities. Keep up the good work! Thanks, thanks, thanks....stay healthy, stay safe.

Fr. Tony

On the weekend of Sept 19-20, you were mailed the Annual Diocesan Appeal pledge card. At that time, you were asked to please make a pledge and return the card directly to the diocese.

Originally the ADA had been scheduled for March 2020. Due to the lockdown the ADA was moved to this past fall. Because of the pandemic and its effect, the Bishop reduced all parish goals to the 2015 levels. In September new goals were established and our goal was reduced to $33,299.00

Up until 2 years ago, Mary Our Lady of Peace met its goal each year. We have fallen short the past two years 2018 and 2019. Last year we came up short $5577.00

As it stands currently through the first two months of this year's campaign, we are woefully short of the goal. As of the end of November we have only had 55 pledges totaling $17,816.79, that leaves a shortfall of $16,184.00. That is a lot of money. In practical language, that is 6-8 Sunday collections on a regular year pandemic free.

Funds raised through the appeal help our diocesan family continue its many needed services and programs. Despite the pandemic, the life of the church and the parish goes on.

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of us, some more than others. People have lost their jobs, had the hours and wages reduced, others not so much.

I want to personally thank you for your thoughtful response to this year's ADA. I am so grateful to be the shepherd of such a wonderful parish. Your response gives me confidence that we will continue to journey in faith and grow even during this difficult time, in our understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

Your gifts help reflect Christ's love to many people and are a sign of gratitude for your many blessings. Many lives in our parish are touched by the ministries and needs supported by the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Once again, our goal from the diocese is $33,299. To date, we have received pledged cards from 55 families who have pledged $17,816.79 last year, 95 families made a pledge. I know we can do better. A question to ask yourself is what makes you feel good? Most people would agree that one thing is when someone does something special for them, or when they do something special for others. These moments demonstrate a basic human need to give and receive love. This fundamental human need is the heart of Christian stewardship.

God blesses us and, in gratitude we return a portion to God. The ADA is such a moment.

As you can see, we are woefully short of the assigned goal. If we fail to reach our goal, the balance owed must be taken from our parish operating funds. It is crucial and most important that we all do our part and working together we can meet our required goal. Please help us meet our financial obligations.

For all those who have pledged, your generosity is much appreciated. May the Lord bless you and your family abundantly.

In Christ,

Fr. Tony