

celebrations in Faith

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From Our Pastor

Living Disciples

Recently, a parishioner told me she was moving to live in another state with her daughter. She said now that her husband is in heaven, she needs to go where she has some family. But, she wanted me to know and to tell everyone that her heart will always be at Queen of Peace. She never felt so happy to go to church! She said this was "the most friendly parish" she had ever lived in and it will be harder to leave this parish than to leave the home she and her husband built and enjoyed for



*Fr. Jeff
McGowan
Pastor*

forty years. That felt good to hear. I hate to see her move away, but I know that all will be well for her.

When we look back at our lives and reflect, we can see that God has blessed us all the way. If there is something worrying us now, and the worst happens, we know from our history, God will get us through and we will be fine. It's more likely that the worst will not happen. God is blessing us with every breath we take. We have every reason to be grateful people.

I have never met a grateful person who wasn't a happy person. When we

realize that every thing we have is a gift from God for us to use in this life, we simply must be grateful. The danger in our world is coveting our neighbors' blessings (the tenth commandment tells us this!). It's not possible to be grateful or happy if we are always looking at someone else and thinking our happiness would come if we had what they have. The list goes on and on: "I'd be happy if only I was that good an athlete...if only I was a top student...as popular...as attractive...as funny...as artistic." Some think that if they were as rich as others then they would be happy. Frankly, that is a loser's game. Many of the people who attack us are coveting what we have in this country rather than making the most of their own countries.

We already know we can trust God because God has helped us through the good and bad times in our lives. We already know we are blessed. I believe the open secret to living life is trusting God, being grateful, doing the very best we can, and finding something great and meaningful to do that in some way leaves a legacy of a better world. Pagans raise, support and love their families. In that, at least all humans are "good." But, Christians have been challenged to embrace the others of this world and make their lives better. We do that in our Faith Community. This is why we have so many ministries. We believe that God gives us this life for a reason. We are part of God's mission of redemption for the world.

A visitor was here for a family event. He said, "Father, I am worried about the roof of your church." I said, "Why?" He said, "Because I haven't been in a church since my wedding over forty

years ago." I don't know why I said this, but I said, "Well, as you can see the Church has been doing great even without you but what good have you to show for your life when you face your day of judgment?" I think he thought I was rude. But I have been to too many funerals where people had only their dysfunctional families to leave behind. Jesus spoke of the prosperous farmer who built bigger barns to store his harvest so he could "eat, drink, and be merry." What did Jesus call him? Jesus said, "You fool! This very night your life will be taken from you."

The world needs us to be praying in community. The world needs us to be doing big hearted things that we can only do working together. People who don't pray in community have a fantasy god or no god. People who don't put themselves out a bit to make the world better for their having passed through may be smug, but they are rarely content.

When we speak of Stewardship, we are speaking of embracing life as though our life has a purpose. We are speaking of living grateful lives, confident that God is helping us, gracing us, every moment. We are working as hard as we can; doing the best we can. We belong, not as loners but as disciples committed to the mission Jesus gave his disciples. We give flesh and life to the Good News!

Ministry Focus

How wonderful it is to experience the energized QOP Community as we come together to plan, work, and celebrate one another by



Karen Milligan
Pastoral Assistant,
Community Involvement



playing together!

Our Carnival began as a brainstorming session in the Ministry Leader Group and was developed over several months as a result of many sharing their vision, time, and talents. Parishioners, min-

istry groups, and merchants joined with us in our efforts by generously donating the prizes awarded to those who visited the 29 Ministry displays.

It was a family gathering in gratitude for all our Stewards "alive in the spirit" who share their time and talents with our community— Children enjoying the various activities and also checking out their ministry areas; Visions and Pathfinders complet-



ing their lesson of learning more about QOP ministries; Young adults being challenged by Catholic Survivor games, and Adults exploring new areas of involvement while enjoying the fellowship of new and old friends.

YOU are a part of "IT!"

The beautiful Body of Christ was radiant! Make plans to join in the fun for



next year's event!

Please call Karen at 332-6279, ext. 29 for opportunities to suit your ministry needs!




Many thanks to all who shared their time in making the Ministry & Volunteer Appreciation Carnival such a terrific success!

Family Life Enrichment

Facilitator:
Steve Henneka, L.C.S.W.

"Sing and Dance together and be Joyous" - The Prophet

Helping family systems to resolve issues and grow closer to God. Using group dynamics to strengthen bridges and promote healing and growth.

Summer Schedule

June - July - August
1st Wednesday of Each Month
Marriage Preparation
Inquiry Session For Engaged Couples and Myers Briggs
Foccus Feedback
7p.m.-9p.m. - R.S.V.P. - 332-6279

Night of Engagement
Wednesday, July 24, 2002
7p.m.-9p.m. - R.S.V.P. - 332-6279

WELCOME CENTER

The Newcomer Welcome Socials have been moved to the Hospitality area to accommodate more people. All Parishioners are invited to join the newcomers and help to make them feel welcome. Please mark your calendars to come on: Saturday, July 13, after 6:00 p.m. Mass

Of Many Things

James Martin, S.J.

Suddenly everyone is an expert on celibacy. Suddenly everyone is an expert on the priesthood. Suddenly everyone is an expert on gay priests. Or more accurately suddenly everyone is happy to talk about the Catholic Church, no matter how little they know about Catholicism.

Maureen Dowd, in a hateful column in the *New York Times* (3/24), declared that celibacy is the cause of the church's sexual-abuse scandals, since celibacy appeals to men who are running away from their sexuality. Though only a small percentage of priests have been accused of sexual-abuse crimes, Ms. Dowd sees no need to offer any proof for her claim. But in the current climate, this kind of sloppy journalism is the norm: one can say whatever one cares to about the church. Speculation passes for serious criticism; anti-Catholic stereotypes abound.

The newly minted church scholar Frank McCourt, author of *Angela's Ashes*, announced in *Time* (4/1) that "celibacy is a sick rule.... Celibacy is unnatural...it's almost sinful." For good measure, when asked how to solve the church's current

problems, he said he would bring back the Latin Mass.

Finally, Hendrik Hertzberg, in the lead Talk of the Town article in *The New Yorker* on April 1, loftily addresses the problems facing the church. His lead sentence is: "When a man (always a man) becomes a priest in the Roman Catholic Church, he takes vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience." Of course this is false. Only priests who are members of religious orders take vows of poverty; diocesan priests receive a salary (Where were those legendary *New Yorker* fact-checkers?) It is hard to take seriously an article on Catholicism from someone who makes such a fundamental mistake.

Mr. Hertzberg's error would be laughable if it didn't pint up the widespread laxity of journalistic standards when it comes to the current crisis. But even more disturbing is what follows in the article. From this incorrect premise the author concludes that since one accused diocesan priest owned a vacation home, priests live their vows in a dishonest way. So beginning with his false premise, Mr. Hertzberg gives birth to an easy and hurtful new stereotype: the dishonest priest.

One of the more frustrating aspects of the media's coverage of the sexual-abuse scandals is

the ignorance displayed by usually intelligent commentators. Perhaps it's the fault of the church for not explaining itself better. Perhaps it's a hint of anti-Catholicism or Schadenfreude. Perhaps—since in our culture celibacy is considered ridiculous—some consider it acceptable to pass along what in other contexts would be qualified as either rumors or stereotypes. Perhaps pundits assume that despite their ignorance of basic facts about Catholicism, they still know what's best. Or perhaps all four factors are at work. In any case, the number of stupid comments made by the media about Catholicism is astounding.

I am not saying that people do not have a right to their opinions (which they do), or that the church is not in need of serious reform (which it most certainly is), or that some of these topics do not need to be discussed (which they do). Rather, I wish that more enlightened Catholic observers would lead the way. I wish, for example, that more U.S. bishops would publicly offer their perspectives on the crisis (as Archbishop Harry J. Flynn does in our issue this week). I wish that more Catholic priests would pen articles clarifying silent points of the crisis (as James E. Keenan, S.J., has done in the *London Tablet*). And I wish that more committed Catholic laypersons would write about their ideas for reform (as did Lisa Sowle Cahill in *The New York Times*).

In short, I wish the discussion could be framed not by media pundits slinging around stereotypes and half-backed opinions, but by informed Catholics. As helpful as the media have been in exposing this crisis, their obvious ignorance makes it almost impossible for them to offer a coherent solution. It is time for our own experts—bishops, priests, brothers, sisters, theologians, and, especially, committed layperson—to step up to the plate and offer solutions. Because when it comes to the future of the church, it's up to us, not to the O'Reilly Report.

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Faith Formation

Summer is here! How good it is for us to have a time of year where we generally break from the run of the mill activities of the year. We find that the hectic pace of meetings, children's sports and other activities seem to slow down and come to a halt for the summer. This is good for the human spirit to gain time and strength to recommit to the activities of the Fall.

Everyone needs to rest and have vacation time. Even if you are unable to get away, try to set aside some time where you slow down your usual work pace and spend more time with the family. When the children have their long break from school, explain to them that everyone will have more time to "vacation" if they take on more of the family work load during their break. Call a family meeting and decide on an equitable distribution of work for the summer.

Decide what you will do with your vacation. Choose some family games you have wanted to play, or plan a family outing to parks or museums that you have not had the time to visit. Perhaps you will choose a certain day of each week to do things together or perhaps you could choose a part of each Sunday. Maybe you would decide on a time when everyone reads a good book or you have a story hour. Whatever you choose, be sure it is doable and be sure to keep the promise of doing it. Enjoy the time of being together in a special way. Develop memories for your children.

You might begin this time with a special prayer of blessing suggested by Kathleen Chesto in her book on Family Prayer.

Gather some symbols of your vacation: board games, cards, books, flashlights if you are going camping, pails and shovels if you are going to

the beach. Put them together in the middle of a table.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Lord, you give us vacations to refresh our spirits. You told your own apostles to come apart and rest awhile. Be present to us as we rest. Watch over us as we travel, and keep us safe. Help us to be more present to each other and to you, to slow down, to know we are loved, and to love you and one another more deeply. Let us return to our work renewed. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Make up a litany of things to be thankful for and pray a prayer of thanks: e.g.

Leader: For books and games,

All: We thank you, Lord.

Conclude with an Our Father.

May the summer truly be a time of rest and renewal

God bless you abundantly,

Sr. Beatrice

Wee Worship

Just a reminder to parents that Wee Worship had its last class on April 28, 2002, and will take a break over the summer, resuming in the fall. The children have had a great time this year and learned a lot. I know they will miss coming to Wee Worship over the summer, but Fall Registration is going on now. So if you have a child that will be 3 years old, as of September 1, 2002, or a 4 or 5 year old sign them up for Wee Worship today.

Spaces are limited so registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. (Wee Worship meets during the 10:00 Mass)

Thank you and God Bless you,

Sally Wasik

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You can always tell when it's late spring! The fast pace of our events match the children's excited anticipation of summer. It started on a March Sunday on which the First Communicants and other young children



First communion parent meeting.

and young at heart adults enjoyed a Magic Show presentation. My favorite part is always when a few lucky parents are chosen to go front-and-center for costumed

participation.

On that very same day the 5th graders made their annual community service field trip to St. Francis House, laden down with toiletries collected by students in Wee Worship through 5th Grade. Nineteen students and nine adults received the tour and helped serve the lunch at our local shelter. They also cleaned up the yard, planted some flowers, and entertained with some piano playing. Most importantly, they learned about the need for community outreach.

A record seventy-two Fourth graders and their families participated in the Seder Passover Supper. Lots of ritual and reflection, and plenty of socializing during the actual meal. Many folks chipped in to make this a successful evening. If only we could have figured out how to crank up that A/C even more!

I cannot tell you how many children participated in the Easter Egg hunt that we hosted for 2nd graders and younger. They were all moving too fast to find the 900+ eggs that were hidden. But they seemed to enjoy themselves and I noticed no combat among the hunters.

A big thanks to the catechists who served ice cream (and ice cream soup) to many of the parishioners attending the Ministry Carnival. The whole event was wonderful fun, and a great outburst of

energy before we settled into the solemnity of our 1st Communion Celebration. Eighty-nine children participated in this special Mass held on Sunday May 5th. What a beautiful testament they were to the future of our great community. God *Bless them all!*

Alas, it is time to think about next year already. Please turn in those registration forms if you haven't done so already. I need something to do over the summer! (ha ha.)

Lisa McQuagge

Youth Group News – Pathfinders and Visions

Again, we have been blessed with a successful year. We have experienced faith sharing, fun, and fellowship. We confirmed forty-two young adults, had a very successful

passion play, two retreats, several lock ins, a Halloween party, Spring Fling dance, car wash, and an adopt a family program to

name a few. We also were able to complete our faith-filled curriculum this year. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and talent to make this year a success.

This summer we will be taking sixteen teens on a mission trip to St Petersburg. They will be working with the homeless in soup kitchens, food banks and some teens will be ministering to disadvantaged children in schools and camps. Please pray for us as we embark on this mission of service and justice.

Our first meeting for 2002-2003 will be September 8 from 3:15-5:15. We will be having an open house for all parents and teens on September 4th from 6:00-9:00pm. Please plan on attending as it will be a good time to meet your youth leaders, spend some time with your teen,



Youth group activity time.

or just have a good time saying Hi to old friends.

Saturday, September 21st is the Diocesan Senior High Youth Rally. Please mark your calendars. A middle school rally is in the planning stages.

Registration for 2002- 2003 is now underway. Please register now if you have not already done so. We need to plan our activities now for our new year.

Confirmation classes will start September 18, 2002. Meeting times will be 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be for all candidates, sponsors and parents. All confirmation meetings will be on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm until

The Confirmation ceremony sometime in April or May 2003. Confirmation candidates should be in 10th grade or higher, been a member of youth group for at least two years, have a desire to confirm their faith by attending classes on Wednesdays, and doing works of service for our community.

As we look to our upcoming year, we have another busy one ahead! Volunteers are needed in every capacity, from helping with donuts on Sundays, chaperoning trips, making telephone calls to teaching our les-

sons, just to name a few. If you are interested, please contact Ronnie or Danny Eisele at 331-4759. Give a call just to chat and just maybe you will find your place in our fun-filled youth groups.

Yours in Christ,

Ronnie and Danny Eisele

MOMS

The Ministry of Mothers Sharing joyously celebrated the conclusion of the 8-week sessions for the 17th time!

Over 212 women over the past eight years participated in this spiritual journey specifically designed and developed for mothers (of any age!). Spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and

interpersonally the recent group of 13 women bonded by sharing life experiences and by setting personal goals for their future personal growth.

MOMS offers two sessions annually; Fall 2002 will accommodate the mom who



Mom's Celebration Dinner

can commit two hours in the morning beginning in Aug/Sept. and Winter 2003 for those who can meet in the evening beginning in January. Specific dates will be set in

May. Call Lisa DiRico at 376-3169 to register or pick up a flyer in the reception area of the church. Watch for other MOMS functions, open to all women in the

parish, during the year. MOMS is the diet specifically recommended for the nourishment of the soul!

Fran Maris

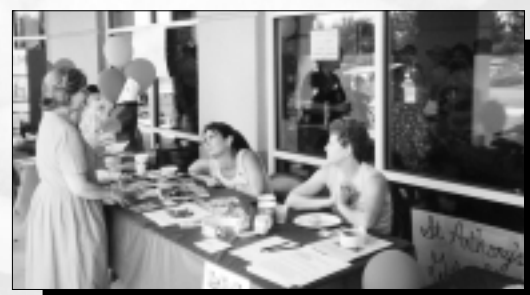


Fran Maris Mom's Coordinator



Mom's Babysitting Service

Our Faith Community In Action



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ith the end of May came the end of our school year – the second for Queen of

Peace Academy. We have truly grown in so many ways during these past ten months. We have been graced with experiences in enveloping varying learning needs into our environment; we have all come to appreciate more deeply the blessings of the Liturgy as a prayer to be enjoyed; the children have discovered many avenues of expressing their thoughts both orally

and in writing; and above all, we have been drawn closer and closer to our God who loves and cares and is always with us.



Sr. Nancy Elder, IHM

*Founding Principal,
Queen of Peace
Academy*

The months ahead will be filled with reflection about school year 2001 - 2002 as we plan for the school year 2002 - 2003. Top on our list is the addition of our Third Grade and new members of our Faculty. Our teacher, Sister Franziska Laudascher, IHM, will be arriving in late July; Teacher Assistants, Carmen Fleck and Darlene Coogan, are already members of Queen of Peace. Since Theresa Spies, our founding Prekindergarden teacher, will be having a baby soon, Thu-Thuy Nguyen will be stepping in to teach our four-year olds. The Faculty continues to expand with faith-filled people who will walk this wonderful Faith Journey with our students and one another.

The new academic year will bring a continuation of some traditions which have begun and add others. Building



on our past two years, the focus on each person's giftedness will take shape in the form of the

Beatitudes. Recognizing the presence of God in our life calls forth a need to build real-ly good relationships, to work together, to acknowledge the gifts of others, and to reach out. In our God-centered environment there is no room for those things which divide, but lots of room for those things which build up the Kingdom of God.

Our school year, as well, will encompass the strengths of the curriculum - our second Young Authors display, a Science exhibit, and a Christmas program. These events are only strengths because of the dedication of all those in our Faith Community whose daily recognition and proclamation of the goodness of God impels them to act out of their beliefs.

All of us at Queen of Peace Academy are looking forward to our third year. We are excited about the continual growth and feel very blessed by the enthusiasm and love generated by our children.

*...reverencing the past
...challenging the present
...preparing the future*

Website:

<http://www.queenofpeaceacademy.org>

2001-2002 Faculty & Staff

Pre-Kindergarden
Mrs. Theresa Spies

Kindergarden
Ms. Christina Recinella

Grade One
Mrs. Janis Radmore

Grade Two
Mrs. Amber Hipp

Assistants
Mrs. Margretta Mills
Mrs. Janet Correia
Ms. Thu-Thuy Nguyen
Mrs. Therese Majewski
Mrs. Hortensia Lamadrid

Spanish
Mrs. Hortensia Lamadrid

Art
Ms. Elizabeth Taylor

Physical Education
Ms. Paula Ames
Mr. Gary Meyer
Mrs. Debora Lescault

Extended Day
Mrs. Marilyn Clery, Lead Teacher
Mrs. Judith O'Neil, Assistant

Secretary
Mrs. Pat Rohs

Principal
Sister Nancy Elder, IHM

A Personal Reflection from IGNITE

(Young Adult Group)

I was asked to share a little something about my experiences as a charter member of Queen of Peace's Young Adult Group, IGNITE. I am a single "thirty-something" professional woman who works hard and plays hard, loves deeply, and is generally very happy and satisfied with life. I have very close, loving, and supportive relationships with my family, but... they live 1,400 miles away.

When I finally decided that Queen of Peace was the parish for me, I was more comfortable, but... something was still missing. I felt like an observer. I came and went with very little connection. Everyone was very pleasant and inviting, but... I still felt isolated and unnoticed. What I failed to see was that it was my responsibility to seek out the connections.

So I finally did. I set up an appointment and met with Father Jeff. I went to the meeting with many ideas on how I could be of some help to Queen of Peace, and I left with ideas on how Queen of Peace could be of help to me. He really heard me and understood what I needed. For me, it was all about spiritual and personal connection. We also discussed plans for starting a new ministry for young adults. He put me in contact with Sister Beatrice and my journey toward IGNITE began. As with all new groups, we experienced the expected early growing pains. But a handful of us really connected and our shared faith in our mission allowed us to persevere through the tough times.

IGNITE has been all about connection – it has been about connecting to a very diverse set of peers who are united by spiritual beliefs, in our desire to grow personally and spiritually by reaching out to our church and local community to serve those in need, and in our quest for fun, healthy, and supportive friendships. IGNITE has been about both laughter and tears, and about sharing each other's happiness and pain. It has been about discussing and debating very important spiritual and secular issues in our effort to learn more and grow in our faith. It is all about being com-

pletely exhausted, but somehow finding the energy, strength, and patience to come out and do the right thing for others. It has been about agreeing to do things that at first seem impossible, but somehow capitalizing on our shared faith (or insanity) to find a way to succeed and pull it off.

For me, IGNITE has been about connecting with an older woman nearing the end of her life, while I was supposedly just entering the prime of my life. It was about holding a hymnal up close to her eyes so she could belt out one of her favorite hymns during a Mass we held for her and



Ignite group at nursing home.

her neighbors at Eden Gardens. She showed such pride and joy as she gave me a guided tour of her small living space she called home. My experience with IGNITE has been about visiting this same woman with Father

Al and a few other IGNITE members at the hospital one evening just a few short months after we first met and connected with her. We held her and prayed with her, and I just sensed that she would rest and sleep more peacefully that night. I knew I must have connected with her because I would not have felt so sad when I learned of her journey to heaven a short time after our visit.

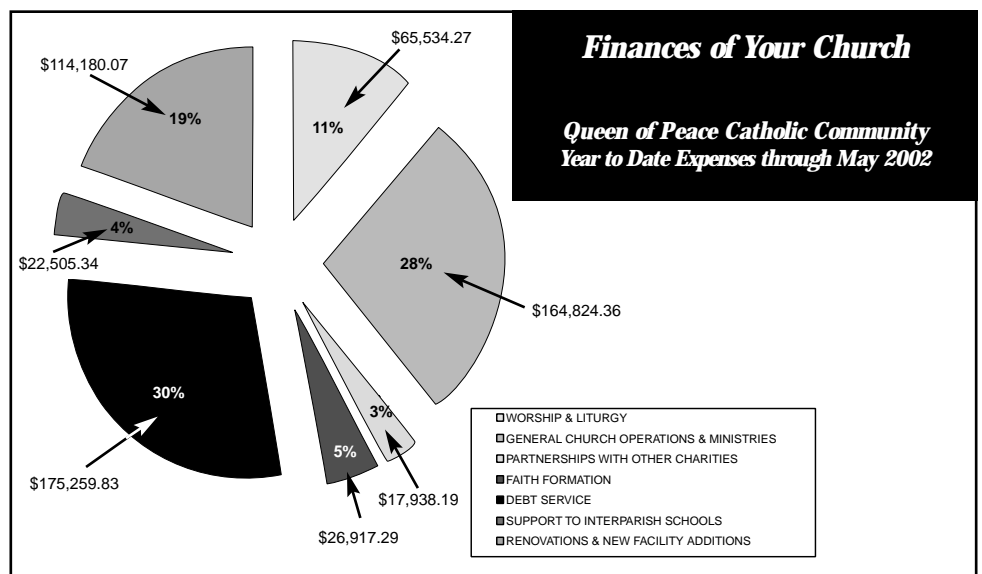
IGNITE has been about connecting with my peers through a reenactment ceremony

of Holy Thursday. We sat on the floor together at a makeshift table, broke bread, drank wine, read scripture, and then washed each other's feet. While we all anticipated awkwardness, it was actually a beautiful and powerful experience. What better way to connect to someone than by washing their feet?

My connections with Sister Beatrice, Father Al, and Father Jeff have also been very rewarding. They have provided such wonderful insight and spiritual learning opportunities. My early life experience with the church had taught me that I should be fearful and in awe of priests and nuns. I never imagined that I could develop friendships with them. I have learned that they are very real, very warm, and very special people – definitely gifts from God!

Oh...I forgot to mention...we have fun, lots of fun! Laughter, faith, and love for each other and those we seek to serve are the staples that keep us connected. It is hard to explain the joy and comfort that has come into my life from my participation and connection with IGNITE and the Queen of Peace community over the past 18 months. I encourage all of you to take the leap and put forth effort to get connected. We have big spiritual, service, and social plans for the remainder of the year. Our group meets at the church on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30. Call 271-4200 for more information. If you are in your 20s or 30s come join IGNITE and let us help you light your fire within!

Evelyn Sullivan



June 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mass Schedule: Daily Mass: Monday-Friday - 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Recurring every Monday: Brownie Girl Scout Troup 720 (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.) Daisy Girl Scouts Troup 465 (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.) - Boy scouts Troup 416 (7:00-8:30 p.m.) Recurring every Wednesday: Choir Rehearsal (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.)						1
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Important Dates To Remember

Are You Ready for Vacation Bible School?

Registration for Vacation Bible School has begun. you can find the forms in the front lobby of the church. The ten-day program runs July 15th through July 26th. We start our day at 9:00 a.m. and learn about God and His love until 12:00 noon. Hurry and send in forms, space is limited and fills up quickly.

Quarterly Ministry Leader Meeting

June 17th
(encouraged for all ministry leaders)

Welcome Events!

July 13th
Sunday, 6:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, August 18th
5:30 p.m. Mass

Vacation Bible School

July 15 through July 26

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Must be 4 years old by 9/1/2002

up to entering 6th graders.

Call Susan McQuillan

for more information 331-1008

HELP!!! Volunteers Needed

We need teachers for this year's Vacation Bible School. Currently, we are in need of four teachers and four adult assistants for the two weeks running from July 15th to July 26th. The hours are from 9:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m. There is little experience needed - a love for children, some organization to pull materials together, and a willingness to have fun. We already have the materials for each grade. The teachers are the backbone of this program - it can't run without them. Please prayerfully consider helping if you are able. Call Susan McQuillan at 331-1008 if you are interested or have any questions about volunteering for this ministry.

July 2002

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VISIONING

Toward a 21st Century Parish

ONE COMMUNITY'S JOURNEY

Jamie McCloskey, Pastoral Council



As we began to consider the future of the parish, we considered many alternatives.

Visioning for Queen of Peace did not begin or

end with the program on March 3, 2002. In the fall of 1999, Queen of Peace conducted a Leadership Conference. It was a great success! Prior to the leadership conference, Queen of Peace conducted surveys in which parishioners were asked to help develop a vision for the parish. Parishioner involvement has been the cornerstone of the Visioning Process throughout the years at Queen of Peace.

I first want to thank the parish staff and fellow parishioners who participated in the Visioning Program, held

at Queen of Peace on Tuesday, March 3, 2002. More than 100 parishioners took part and discussed the future of Queen of Peace. Breakout groups



identified many strengths of the parish. These strengths make this parish unique and we must take care to preserve them as we continue to

grow. Also identified were future challenges and solutions.

There was a consensus that the challenges ahead will simply be opportunities to grow in faith and our support

for one another. Also identified were ways in which Queen of Peace can help parishioners in their spiritual journey. Conversely, participants dis-

cussed ways in which parishioners can take an active role enhancing Queen of Peace Community. There is indeed a special spirit alive and well in our parish. In all, it was a

wonderful experience and an important event for the parish. It was great to feel the love that we all share for this parish and one another.



A special thank you to the Young Adults group Ignite, that provided dinner after Mass as part of the Visioning Program. The dinner had an Italian

theme and was one of the many highlights of the evening. A special thank you to Cheryl Kennedy for training all the facilitators who helped lead the small

group discussions; to Diane Rankin and Dot Duda for assisting in the compilation of this information.

A special thank you to the more than 20 facilitators that went through the training and helped with the small group discussions. We would be remiss if we did not recognize and thank the parish office staff for their tireless efforts in making the Visioning Program such a great success. In particular, Father Jeff, Father Al, Tammy Brizzi, Margaret Gaylord and Karen Milligan. One of our greatest strengths is the dedication of our priests, sisters and parish office staff.

If you were unable to attend the Visioning Program and would like to share your thoughts and suggestions, questions that were discussed are included with this newsletter. Please forward your responses to the parish office.

Breakout Group Items

Each group, compiled randomly and composed of approximately 10 to 12 parishioners, brainstormed on 4 key questions:

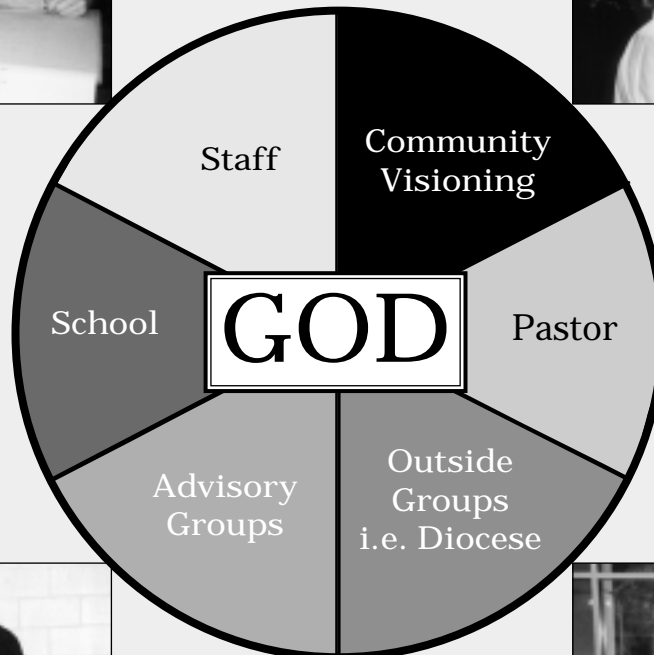
1. What do you consider to be the strengths of Queen of Peace Community?
2. How do you envision our Community in five years?

3. What do you see as some of the challenges for Queen of Peace in the future and what are some of the solutions?
4. What can this community do for you and what can you do for our Queen of Peace Community?
The Visioning Program, held on

March 5th, was a key component of the total discernment process for this Community. Other key groups within our community to be included in the

compilation and finalization of the five-year plan include: Pastor, school, advisory groups, staff, and outside organizations such as the Diocese.

Once all of these components are brought together, we can move forward with our plans. The following information should be considered raw-data i.e. data that has only been slightly modified and is presented in the form it was written on the boards on the night of the Visioning Program.



Question 1

What would you consider to be the strengths of Queen of Peace Community?

People

Priests
Sisters
Parishioners
Staff
Ministers
Diverse
Family
Children
Volunteers

Feelings That We Share

Joy
Love
Enthusiasm
Compassion
Spirituality
Spirit
Energy



Friendly
Warmth
Hope
Fellowship
Uplifted
God-centered
Vision
Growing
Talent
Open to others
Welcoming
Positive attitude
Sense of community
Sense of family
Sense of belonging
Committed
Open minded



Programs/Services

Ministries
Outreach
Faith formation
Schools
Strong youth participation
Children's programs
Education
Great outside speakers
Music
Special events
Small group
Something for everyone
Involvement opportunities



Church

Liturgy
Sanctuary
Gift shop



Question 2

How do you envision our community in five years?

Vocations

Vocations to the priesthood,
Seminary

Outreach

Youth programs coordinated on
community level
Community involvement
Interfaith programs
Helping in community –
nursing homes, cleanup, etc.
Outreach to migrant workers
Parish nurse for health screening &
homebound
Stephen Ministry
Support local social justice
Evangelization team
Hospice
Respite for special needs children &
adults
Community Center
Soup Kitchen
More community services outside
parish
More social justice activities
Elderly care center
Ministry across parish boundaries

Integration

Integrate better with diocesan special
events
Stronger integration
More inclusive, socio-economic groups
Don't be isolated from diocesan
activities
Interfaith visioning/socialization
Intrafaith visioning/shared goods –
(mix of young/old)
Ecumenical service.

School/Education

Academy completed & high school
Greater participation in high school
High school, Jr. High School –
integration Academics,
mission trips, arts
Successful school quality education
More support of special needs
children in religious education
Regularly scheduled continuing
education of faith formation for adults
More spiritual historical classes
Scripture study groups
Course work for degree theology

Neighborhood Groups

Support groups (grieving, divorce, etc.)
Neighborhood clusters (small groups)
Growth in small Christian
Communities – Renew
Everyone feels cared for emotionally
Maintain welcome
Inclusive – open

Liturgy

Children's choir
Expand child involvement in liturgy
Mass/liturgy to draw people in
Larger choir; Hand-bell choir
Congregation singing louder
More Masses

Spanish Community

More developed Hispanic Community
More mixing of Hispanic and other
communities – non-liturgical.

Staff

More staff – bilingual staff
Deacons, nuns, priests, immigration
assistant, lay persons, aids
Public relations help
Clergy change

Ministries

Bereavement ministry provide
ongoing support
Social support group for mature
single adults (>35)
Singles
Bigger nursery
Extend/promote youth groups
Extend 3-4 year old program
Daycare
Elder care home visits, regular contact
More youth programs Gym, athletics,
confraternity, Newman's Club



Stewardship

Debt free
Stewardship 100%
Tuition through
tithing –
total stewardship
More stewardship
based
More commitment on
behalf of
parishioners
Volunteers more
organized



Stronger recreational programs
 Children's play
 More services – emphasis on children – clubs
 More social activities, fun, travel (mission) programs
 Ministries/services older people can help with/participate in
 Support for growth
 Young Life ministry

Building

Fully functional operational kitchen for parish functions
 Rectory on campus
 Outdoor meditation area/stations



Columbarium/cemetery
 More buildings
 Phase II of Academy and place to go
General

Comprehensive communication
 Recognition – more PR, media, public service
 Best parish in US
 Bigger player in IHN
 Model for interparish total Catholic Community
 Growth
 Leadership role in community
 visibility as spiritual leader
 Change in growth

Faith

On fire with the Holy Spirit
 Increased faith
 Prayerful church
 Stronger emphasis in prayer groups
 Spiritual growth
 More devotion groups – Legion of Mary

Question 3

What do you see as some of the challenges for Queen of Peace in the future and what are some of the solutions?

	Challenges	Solutions
	<p>Small community feeling Maintain closeness Spiritual feeling Family feeling New members</p> <p>Stewardship parish Free tuition Escalating costs</p>	<p>Neighborhood community groups More participation Specialize interest groups Family bible study Parish photo directory Welcome, follow-up</p> <p>Education Finance classes Testimonials Control costs Development plan Volunteers Gifts-in-kind Budgeting Fund—raising events</p>

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	Challenges	Solutions
Facilities		
	Finish sanctuary School expansion High school Walkways Parking Maintain facilities	Donations Fund-raising Stewardship
Ministries		
	Needs of parishioners People more involved More personal	Listen Be open Ministry fair Personal invitation Timely follow-up More spiritual
Outreach Projects • Community Service		
	Community issues World events Home bound Interfaith Interparish	Integration of ministries Volunteerism Mission tours Response teams Remote mass Transportation to masses
Priests, Sisters, Professional Staff		
	Burn out Religious vocations Maintain professional staff Spanish Community African American Community Marriage fostering Identify future needs Youth programs Newsletter Web site Festivals	Celebration day Programs Education Acceptance Seminars Mentoring programs

Question 4

What can this community do for you and what can you do for our Queen of Peace Community?

	What Community Can Do	What You Can Do
Spirituality		
	Provide a sense of being with God Guide our spiritual journey Set up small faith sharing groups Offer more retreats Provide theology classes Provide opportunities to enrich faith A place for all to pray and adore Provide meaningful liturgy Promote vocation through retreat First Saturday Mass	Grow spiritually Pray Attend Mass Share faith Provide fellowship Service Offer fellowship with others "Pass it on" pass it back in love and service
Education		
	Teach religious education Assist in Christian formation of children Department of education – skills building Provide more adult education Ongoing scripture study weekday class/weeknight class Church library for ALL ages Christian media center Audio/visual ministry Provide dynamic speakers (paid if necessary) Lecture series with experts in various fields Provide audio/written homily Be true to the mission statement Paid volunteer coordinator Meals on Wheels/Drivers – Transport to/from church Parish Nurse Psychologist New parishioner orientation Teach Spanish/English	Recruit teachers responsive to church member's needs Faith mentoring for all ages Bring your children to Mass Encourage children to participate Commitment to youth Welcome children and families from other schools Use envelopes and tithe Give more time talent and treasure Full participation Accept responsibility Strive for 100% participation Serve on liturgy committee Help Q P become #1 Catholic community Volunteer professional services Support ministries Active engagement in ministries Be available

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	What Community Can Do	What You Can Do
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor a new member group Provide QP business directory Provide better handicapped access to daily mass chapel Start a D.A.D.S. liturgy study Strong singles/young adult group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite others to join us Evangelization of inactive Catholics Participate in senior and ecumenical outreach Community Service Testimony/Witness Set up or work with a new parenting class
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priests should be more available, show more personal interest Provide Marriage enrichment Provide crisis support Take strong stands on issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on church teachings Church position Recruit more people to share the work load Provide more ecumenical services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get to know others in faith 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proofreading Share responsibilities of maintenance Help with event planning Organize Spanish community
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate older youth choir Printed song sheets More missiles Practice songs Rotating song venue Improve nursery service at more masses Provide more bulletins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help in a building work party Pregnancy support Give blood Teach parishioners how to help in the new church Donate time

These thoughts and suggestions will be used as we move ahead and plan for the future. We have accomplished great things at Queen of Peace. There is so much more that we can achieve. Our greatest strengths are our faith in God and one another.

The Pastoral Council is a way for you to communicate your thoughts, ideas, and concerns for our Parish. You may contact any of these individuals to voice your thoughts:

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