

Mary, Queen of Peace

Guidebook & Directory 2020-2021



Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I pray you are doing well during this most challenging time. I am humbled by the outpouring of kindness and generosity from so many of you as we have journeyed together through the health crisis. Every year, we publish a Guide Book and Directory to highlight the many ways we love and serve the Lord at Mary, Queen of Peace. This year, many things were still in flux at the time we put this book together. Therefore, although I do hope parish life will have returned to some sort of normalcy by the time this is published, I ask that you refer to our website for the most current information on various ministries and areas of service.

Even in the midst of so much uncertainty, and perhaps even because of that uncertainty, Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church has continued to be a community love, a beacon of hope, a place where we live out our call to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

For those of you who are new to Mary, Queen of Peace, or for those who want to learn more about what our parish has to offer, I believe you will find this Guidebook to be useful. In these pages, you will see many forms of service to the one mission that unites us all. As St. Paul tells us: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord" (1 Cor 12:4-5).

Thank you to our sponsors and to all of you who call Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church home. Your lives tell the story of this faith community, a place where all are invited to encounter Jesus and witness with joy each and every day. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones and please feel free to contact me any time.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Rev. John-Nhan Tran
Pastor
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Mission Statement

We are Mary, Queen of Peace, a vibrant Catholic community that embraces our baptismal call to life in Christ and responds by welcoming all in worship, encouraging commitment to Christian service and inviting all to grow in faith, hope and love.

Parish Information

Parish office	985-626-6977
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Fr. Edward Kofi Owusu-Ansah.....	631-933-8399
Fax	985-626-6971
Religious education.....	985-674-9794
School office	985-674-2466
School fax	985-674-1441
Website	www.maryqueenofpeace.org
St. Vincent De Paul.....	985-630-0256

Mass Schedule

Saturday vigil.....	5 p.m.
Sundays	8, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. (Child care available during 9:30 Mass in the Parish Center.)
Monday through Saturday	9 a.m.
Wednesdays	9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Days.....	Vigil, 7 p.m.; 9 a.m., Noon and 7 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 Minutes before each Mass, daily and Sunday

And by appointment: 626-6977 or Fr. John, 504-715-0096
..... Fr. Edward, 631-933-8399

Website

Parish: www.maryqueenofpeace.org

School: www.mqpcs.org

Parish Staff

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MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is the visioning and planning body for the parish, working in consultation with the Pastor. If you have any questions about our parish, contact Pastoral Council President Cherie Erkel at cherieandc@bellsouth.net. Members include: Beth Brantley, president; Amy Bouton, Michael Collura, Luke Hebert, John Lange, Amie Post, Tom Sheehy, John Tomba, and Kate Wilhelm. Ex-officio members include Jewell Bayhi, DRE; Sybil Skansi, principal; Dylan Mitchell, youth director; Kirth Paciera, Finance Council chair; and our deacons.

Calendar

November 29	First Sunday of Advent
December 1	#iGiveCatholic Day
December 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; Masses at 9 a.m., Noon, and 7 p.m. Vigil, December 7 at 7 p.m.
December 24	Masses at 4 p.m. (one in Church; one in Parish Center; one in Cafeteria), 6 p.m. and Midnight.
December 25	Christmas Masses at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
December 31	Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass, 4 p.m.
January 1	Mary, Mother of God. Masses at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
January 18	MLK Day
January 23	Fleur de Fall
January 31	Catholic Schools Week
February 17	Ash Wednesday, Masses at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. <i>Mass every evening during Lent, 6 p.m.</i> <i>Stations of the Cross each Friday, after 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mass. Lenten fish fry every Friday during Lent except for Good Friday</i>
February 22-24	Parish Mission, with Jon Leonetti
March 28	Palm Sunday, Masses at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Procession at 9:30 a.m.
April 1	Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m.
April 2	Good Friday, Outdoor Stations, 1:30 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 3 p.m.; Stations of the Cross, 6 p.m.; Confessions, 6 p.m.
April 3	Easter Vigil at 8 p.m.
April 4	Happy Easter! Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.


Many dates are subject to change; check the bulletin and Website for updates



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Liturgical Ministries

Altar Society

The Altar Society of Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church is made up of a group of parishioners who offer their dedicated service to the Church. We are involved in the life of the Church in a very special way. Through our efforts, we assist the pastor in maintaining the nave, altar, sanctuary, and sacristy. This includes cleaning and maintaining all linens and cloths, caring for the vestments, cleaning the church, and ordering and maintaining inventory of all items needed for our church services. For information on caring for linens, contact Ellen Molina at **ellenmolina@gmail.com**; for information on tidying up the church, contact Sylvia Greco at **sylviagr2747@gmail.com**. For other information, contact Casey Levy at **caseylevy@me.com**.

Altar Servers

Boys and girls in 5th grade and older have a chance to honor God through service at the altar. Servers are put on teams, which serve on a rotating basis. Training for new servers is held as needed. For more information, please contact **mqqpservers@gmail.com**. (Service at the altar has been suspended due to Covid-19; please check our website for the most up-to-date information.)

Church Environment

In the spirit of integrating both prayer and work, this ministry helps create a church environment of both beauty and reverence according to the Liturgical seasons. Our ministers tend to the floral and plant arrangements within our church on a weekly basis, and aid in the setup and takedown of the Liturgical colors according to the Roman Catholic calendar. Our busiest times of the year are Christmas and Easter. Contact Casey Levy at **caseylevy@me.com** or Courtney Smith at **courtsmith100@gmail.com**.

Communion to the Homebound

The function of this ministry is to offer the Eucharist, on a weekly basis, to any parishioner who, for an extended period of time, is unable to regularly attend Mass. If you are an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and would like to serve in this ministry please contact Karen Baker at 985-202-0232 or e-mail **kbaker@maryqueenofpeace.org**.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Parishioners interested in serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must attend a training session provided through the Archdiocesan Office of Worship. Permission and recommendation from the pastor is also required; call the office at 626-6977. For more information, please contact ministry leader Sandy Dombrowski at 985-951-9661 or e-mail **sandy.dombrowski@gmail.com**. (Due to Covid-19, we have used EMHCs on a limited basis.)

Ministry of the Word

Mary, Queen of Peace Ministers of the Word strive to enhance the celebration of the liturgy by proclaiming God's living Word in a confident, persuasive and convincing manner. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, all Ministers of the Word are focused on improving the proclamation of the Word through education, preparation and spiritual development. For more information, contact Allan Couvillion (weekends/holy days) at **allancouv@aol.com**, or Kathy Cyr (weekdays) at **kathycyr@msn.com**.

Music Ministry

Due to Covid-19, our music ministry has been limited. Please contact the office or check our website for the most up-to-date information.

Usher/Greeter Ministry

Making the assembly feel welcome at all times, ushers and greeters serve in a very important ministry of hospitality and are an integral part of the liturgy. Opening doors with a warm smile and expressing warm words of welcome, they are the first contact to the assembly at arrival. In addition to taking up the collection, ushers help the assembly to find comfortable seating, to gather and carry up the offertory gifts, and to proceed in an orderly fashion to receive the Holy Eucharist. Ushers and greeters are available to assist with emergencies, and at the conclusion of the Mass, ushers and greeters open doors, hand out the bulletins, and offer pleasant farewell to the assembly. The Ministry seeks socially outgoing individuals who enjoy greeting and helping people. If you are interested in being a regular usher or greeter at a weekend Mass, please contact Larry Saunders at 985-792-1882, 504-723-4302 or **larrysaunders@charter.net**.

Youth Formation

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls Troop LA2521 at MQP is open to all girls ages 5-18. The focus on our program is to build women of integrity with a focus on faith, service, and fun! Activities are planned during August-May each year with the Troop generally meeting twice a month. The Troop is divided into age level units where learning new skills and talents can culminate into level awards, merit badges, and religious awards if a girl so chooses to pursue them. For more information please contact Troop Coordinator, Kasi Treser @ 504-274-6232 or email **kbtreser@gmail.com**.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts are for boys in the 6th grade through 18 years old. The Troop meets every week on Sunday at 7 p.m. If you would like more information, contact the Boy Scouts liaison, Albert Bacque at **albert.bacque@yahoo.com**.

Cub Scouts

Cub Scouting at Mary, Queen of Peace Pack 310 is for boys in the 1st through 5th grades. Numerous fun-filled pack activities revolve around learning, personal growth, achievement and camaraderie. We emphasize involvement of the whole family in activities including: Overnight Camping Trips, Pinewood Derby Races, Cubmobile Races, Raingutter Regatta, Field Trips, Summer Day Camp, Family Picnic, and Achievement and Award Celebrations.

The Pack is divided into individual Dens, typically with 6-12 boys in the same group. Den activities include rank advancement and achievements, crafts, games, skits, field trips, and fun. Our Pack meeting is usually on the 1st Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Individual dens typically meet twice a month. If you are interested, please contact Andrea Cicero at **ando1202@hotmail.com**.

FourTwelve Youth Group

FourTwelve is our vibrant Youth Ministry at Mary, Queen of Peace. FourTwelve for high school (grades 8-12) meets each Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the youth room. FourTwelve Youth for grades 5-7 meets the second to last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Check out the bulletin and FourTwelve page of the website for more information, or contact youth director Dylan Mitchell at **dmitchell@maryqueenofpeace.org** or Connor Comenge at **ccomenge@maryqueenofpeace.org**.

Liturgy of the Word, Children

On Sunday during the 8 a.m. Mass, we offer Liturgy of the Word for children in first through fourth grades. At 9:30 a.m. Mass, we offer Liturgy of the Word for Children in Pre-K through first grade and Liturgy of the Word for Children in second through fourth grade. The children are dismissed from Mass with a facilitator. They listen to the Gospel read from the Children's Lectionary and then discuss the Gospel on a level that is appropriate to their age. Registration is not required to attend. For more information or to volunteer, contact Jenny Kuehl at **jenny.kuehl@gmail.com**. (Due to Covid-19, Children's Liturgy has been on hold. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information.)

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Religious Education is provided for young people from kindergarten through high school. Families must be registered parishioners of Mary, Queen of Peace. Contact DRE Jewell Bayhi at 674-9794 or **jbayhi@maryqueenofpeace.org**.

PSR: Special Needs

Our parish has a unique program for children with all types of special needs. Please call Jewell Bayhi at 674-9794 or e-mail **jbayhi@maryqueenofpeace.org** for more information. The class meets on Mondays; registration takes place during the regularly scheduled PSR registration times.



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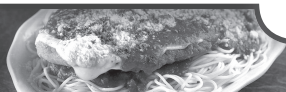
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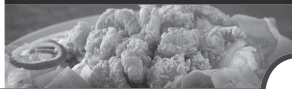
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Sacramental Preparation

We love nothing more than to prepare your children to encounter the God of love in the sacraments of the Church. Certain requirements must be met, and classes are held for First Communion and Confirmation. For more information, or if you have questions, contact DRE Jewell Bayhi at jbayhi@maryqueenofpeace.org, or 674-9794.

Vocations Committee

The Vocations Committee provides educational opportunities for parishioners to learn more about vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The committee also provides opportunities for parishioners to pray together for religious vocations. For more information, contact ministry leader Nancy Waguespack at nwaguespack@maryqueenofpeace.org.

Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School

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Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School is a Catholic elementary school for boys and girls in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 7, with a new Cougar Cubs Mother's Day Out for 2-year-olds. Established in 1996, it serves the families of the Mandeville, Madisonville and Covington areas. In this capacity, it has educated many students in the Catholic tradition, giving them the moral and academic foundation from which to develop prosperous and fulfilling careers. Mary, Queen of Peace embraces the mission of our parish as we seek to develop the whole child spiritually, academically and emotionally. For information, call the school office at 985-674-2466 or visit the website at www.mqpcs.org.

Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School Co-Op Club

The Co-Op Club consists of school parents and faculty/staff interested in the betterment of MQPCS. The club promotes and sustains friendly and helpful parent-teacher-student relationships through fun and fund raising events, such as, Bingo and Fall Fest. Funds raised help defray the costs of classroom supplies and many curricular and non-curricular programs that benefit the students. The Co-Op Club volunteer program makes MQPCS the wonderful school it is! For more information, visit the school website at www.mqpcs.org.

Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School Advisory Board

The Advisory Board advises the pastor and principal on issues relative to the ministry of Catholic education. The Board operates under the guidance of the pastor. In collaboration with the principal and in conformity with the policies of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, the Board advises in areas of planning, marketing/development, and operational vitality of the school.

Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School Dads Club

The Dads Club provides Catholic-based social and service opportunities for the fathers of children at MQPCS. The Dads Club sponsors a work day in August and a Golf Tournament in the spring. Members also help with the morning carline each school day. For more information, visit the school website at **www.mqpcs.org**.

Adult Formation

Baptism Preparation

Baptism is a joyous occasion! Mary, Queen of Peace wants to help parents understand their role in the Baptism of their child. Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism consists of a seminar for parents and Godparents. The seminar is held on the last Monday of each month with Deacon Timothy Jackson. Deacon Timothy can be reached with questions at tjackson@arch-no.org. As far as the application and paperwork, arrangements should be made prior to the expected birth of the child by calling Charisse Saucier in the parish office at 985-626-6977. The Sacrament of Baptism is conferred on the second Sunday of each month after the 11:30 Mass, except during Lent. Private Baptisms are also available. For more information on scheduling, please contact Charisse Saucier at **csaucier@maryqueenofpeace.org**.

Dynamic Parish

Mary, Queen of Peace is in the third of a five-year partnership with Dynamic Catholic. Materials and speakers from Matthew Kelly's Dynamic Catholic Institute are spread throughout the year. For information, contact Gregg Tepper at **gtepper3@gmail.com**.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic adoration is an expression of our love for Jesus, who loves us so much that He never wants to leave us and so stays with us day and night in the Blessed Sacrament. "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt 26:40). Eucharistic adoration is available the first Thursday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. and the first Friday of each month, beginning after 9 a.m. Mass and continuing until 2 p.m. To spend one hour with Jesus, contact Brandi Talamo at **branditalamo@att.net**.

That Man is You!

An interactive men's program combining research with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. That Man is You! Seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. Meetings on Wednesday mornings starting at 5:45 a.m. in the Parish Center. Contact: Don Sustendal at 281-813-4937 or **[cgsus10dal@icloud.com](mailto:cdsus10dal@icloud.com)**.

The King's Men

The King's Men is for men age 18 and older who are seeking a deeper experience of the faith in more masculine way with a band of brothers. A weekly accountability and formation meeting takes place every Thursday night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Chris Landry at **clandry001@charter.net**.

Scripture Study

Mary, Queen of Peace offers a variety of Bible study sessions. For information on the current Scripture study opportunities, contact Jewell Bayhi at **jbayhi@maryqueenofpeace.org** or call 674-9794.

Men's Spirituality

The Men's Spirituality group consists of a group of men dedicated to deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ and with each other. The ministry gathers on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jackie Starks at 892-7115 or **jstarks100@bellsouth.net**.

Reading Materials

Book racks in the foyer of the church are constantly replenished with a variety of educational materials. They contain Catholic Updates and other pamphlets. Some of the printed materials are free. Others will have an envelope for you to pay for them, which will cover the cost of the materials. It is our intent to keep fresh and new materials available.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a process of spiritual enrichment and growth preparing unbaptized adults for Baptism and for other sacraments and for them to become full members of the church. It is also for candidates who have been baptized but have not received other sacraments or wish to learn more about their Catholic faith. The process begins in September and continues through May each Thursday night at 7 p.m. Catholic sponsors are invited to participate and share their faith journeys. For more information, contact Jewell Bayhi at 674-9794 or e-mail **jbayhi@maryqueenofpeace.org**.

Early Bird Rosary

This group meets at 8:30 a.m. each Friday to recite the rosary. Contact Clariza Kern, **piggikern@hotmail.com**, 893-8669, or e-mail **mqprosaary@gmail.com**. (This group has been on hold due to Covid-19. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information.)

Rosary/Prayer Group

The Prayer/Rosary Group meets on Friday mornings after the 9 a.m. Mass to pray the rosary and pray for parishioners' intentions, including those left in the prayer basket. Please contact Lois Hahn at 318-791-2233 or Barbara Antoine at 985-630-5215. (This group has been on hold due to Covid-19; please check our website for the most up-to-date information.)



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Spiritual Direction

Parishioners who would like to integrate spirituality into their daily life and explore a closer relationship with God are invited to meet one-on-one with a spiritual director. Contact Sr. Marina at 626-6977 or **srmarina@maryqueenofpeace.org**.

St. Joseph Altar

A group of parishioners has formed to present a St. Joseph altar at Mary, Queen of. Much help is appreciated and needed. Please contact Catherine Tanguis at **stjosephaltarmqp@gmail.com**.

Women's Spirituality

Women parishioners are invited to join the Women's Spirituality group and to grow through prayer, reflection and faith sharing. Meetings are held on Thursday mornings from 9:45-11 a.m. in the fall and in the spring. This group sponsors women's retreats open to all women parishioners. For information, contact Sr. Marina at **srmarina@maryqueenofpeace.org**.

Young Adults

Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church invites young adults (18 to 39) to join us for spiritual and social opportunities on select Thursday evenings at 6:30. Contact Ashleigh Ladner at **mppyoungadults@gmail.com**.

Family Life

Annulment Support

We are here to help you along this journey. For information on annulments, contact Deacon Jack Finn at 504-430-5352 or **jfinn@arch-no.org**.

Bereavement

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS: Parishioners who are coping with the death of a loved one are invited to join a BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP. Support groups meet for 8 weeks on Friday mornings from 9:45-11 a.m. in the fall and in the spring. Pre-registration is required. For information, contact Sr. Marina at 626-6977 or e-mail **srmarina@maryqueenofpeace.org**.

GRIEF COUNSELING: Sr. Marina Aranzabal is available for individual grief counseling. Contact her at 626-6977.

Child Care

Due to Covid-19, we have not been able to offer child care. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information. In normal circumstances, childcare is available for children ages 1 to the 4 during 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Our volunteers also provide child care for children of all ages during select evening meetings and special parish events including parish missions and workshops. The child care room is located adjacent to the main foyer in the Parish Center. For more information, or to volunteer for Sunday childcare, contact Theresa Bennett at **mqpchildcare@gmail.com**.

Coffee and Donuts

Due to Covid-19, we have not been able to offer coffee and donuts. In normal circumstances, on the first Sunday of each month, coffee and doughnuts are served in the cafeteria after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses. If you are interested in volunteering for this monthly event, or if you are a student looking for a few service hours, please contact the ministry leaders, Dennis & Mary Calkins at 985-705-9800 or e-mail **dec303@bellsouth.net**. Please stop by after Mass to meet your fellow parishioners.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a 100-year-old Christian ministry dedicated to protecting the family, faith, and the clergy who are helping all of us on our Christian search for God. We earn funds, gather donations and then help those in need both in our Parish, around the state and abroad. We hold youth competitions in sports and education and faith growth. Along that path we bring our wives, children and grandchildren along, ever immersing them also in the lessons God is teaching. We train our men and promote four major principles from charity to patriotism. If you are interested in more information, please contact the new member chairman, Nick Lonergan 727-3600, **NLonergan@Yahoo.com** or Dexter Williams at **dexterwilliams333@yahoo.com**.

Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree

For information on the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, contact DJ Latino at **DJL0431@gmail.com**.

Marriage Preparation

A married couple works one on one with an engaged couple to help them successfully transition to a lifetime of living and loving together in the sacrament of matrimony. This process includes 6 two-hour sessions which take place in the home of the married couple and are spaced out over 3-6 months. Couples who wish to work in this ministry go through a one-day training program offered by the archdiocese. They are given manuals with the topics to cover and step-by-step guidance. Contact John & Valerie Englehardt - 845-0528 or 778-1935. E-mail: **venglehardt@gmail.com**.

Meals and More

If you or a loved one needs a little help due to an illness, surgery, death of a loved one, or birth of a new loved one, Meals and More is here to help. Ministry members provide lovingly prepared dinners as needed to the families of Mary, Queen of Peace. We can also provide help with transportation to and from doctor visits, and we can run small errands for you. For help with meals following the birth of a child, please contact Megan Baham at 504-237-7423 or Karen in the church office at 626-6977. To request assistance for all other situations contact Catherine Cresson at **mqpmealsandmore@gmail.com**.

Ministry to the Elderly

Mary, Queen of Peace has several assisted living and senior living facilities within our boundaries. Masses are offered at the following times at each facility. Parishioners are welcome to attend: Heritage Manor, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; Brookdale, Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.; Beau Provence, Thursdays at 10 a.m.; The Windsor, Saturdays at 10:45 a.m. (Masses may be on hold due to COVID-19.)

Naim (Widows)

Widowed parishioners are invited to join Naim, a ministry exclusively for widows. NAIM members meet on the second Wednesday of each month for lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a business meeting. For information, contact Marsha Davis at litlnurs@bellsouth.net. Due to Covid-19, the Naim group has not been meeting. Please check our website and bulletin for the latest information.

Substance Addiction Ministry

The Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM) is a team of parishioners dedicated to offering hope and healing to parishioners, family and friends touched by alcohol or drug abuse and/or addiction. Addiction is a progressive, physical, emotional and spiritual illness that disconnects a person from self, loved ones, and God. Family members and loved ones are affected and troubled as substance abuse escalates. The goal of SAM is to provide confidential help through education, prevention, family support, treatment referrals, and spiritual guidance. For information or assistance, please contact mqpsam@gmail.com.

Welcoming

Members of this ministry welcome new parishioners into the Mary, Queen of Peace Church family, sharing gifts by mentoring others and inviting them to worship and feel a part of our faith community. If you would like to be a welcome ambassador, contact Sylvia Greco at sylviagr2747@gmail.com.

Christian Service/Social Justice

Blood Drive

The community of Mary, Queen of Peace has the opportunity to give the gift of life three times a year through blood drives held in the parish facility. The dates for the drives are announced in the parish bulletin in advance and are held on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If you are interested in working on the Sunday of the drive, or helping with sign-ups or talks the week before the drive, please contact coordinator Andrew Greco at amgreco123@gmail.com.

Catholic Daughters of The Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is a service organization consisting of women devoted to sharing and spreading the Catholic faith. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. Contact: Cathleen Landry at **mqpcda2744@gmail.com**.

Family Promise

Family Promise is a faith-based organization dedicated to helping homeless families transition into permanent housing and financial stability. Contact Teresita Mercante at: **Mercante.teresita@gmail.com**.

Haiti Solidarity Partnership

The Haiti Solidarity Partnership Program's goal is to establish a long-term relationship between Mary, Queen of Peace and a parish in Haiti, specifically St. Benoit in Dessource. The program emphasizes the relationship through ongoing mutual giving and receiving, while respecting the local church organization and planning. If you are interested in helping us grow our relationship with St. Benoit in Haiti, please contact MuguetBolotte or Tony Pastorello at **mqphaiti@gmail.com**.

Parish Health

Parish Health focuses on the physical, psychological, spiritual and social health of the Faith Community. Integrating the care of body, mind and spirit, optimizes health and well-being so that individuals can experience greater fullness of life at all levels. A registered nurse leads the ministry with the help of the pastor and a health committee. Health education, one on one health counseling, advocacy and referrals, dementia caregiver support, CPR classes and distribution of Prayer Shawls, and Soul Core classes are some of the services of this ministry. Contact Brandi Talamo 504-430-7894 **branditalamo@att.net** or Kari Doyle 504-881-8529 **scoots1980@yahoo.com**.

Prison Ministry (Rayburn Correctional Center-RCC):

The Prison Ministry team for the Rayburn Correctional Center (Louisiana State Prison, Angie) is a group of dedicated men from Mary, Queen of Peace, who visit the Catholic congregation at RCC for two hours every other Wednesday evening. They conduct a full Communion service, bringing the Eucharist for the large Catholic inmate congregation. Following the Communion service, there is an hour of Scripture study, instructional videos and other media. Donations of Catholic religious books, pamphlets, and Bibles are accepted from parishioners for distribution to the inmate congregation. For more information, please contact the ministry leader, Mike Holland, at 626-5066 or **mcholl@bellsouth.net**.

Respect Life

Every individual is created by a loving God in His own image. From the very beginning, each life is a part of God's perfect plan. The goal of the Respect Life Ministry at Mary, Queen of Peace is to proclaim a consistent ethic of the sanctity of human life, from the moment of conception to natural death. Respect Life includes such issues as:

- Abortion
- Capital Punishment
- The Elderly
- Disabilities
- Human Trafficking
- Violence and Peace

Prayer, education and service are all part of our Respect Life program. For more information, please contact **mqop@maryqueenofpeace.org**.

Samaritan Center

The Samaritan Center provides food, assistance and services to the poor of west St. Tammany and is sponsored by 19 local Christian Churches. On the first weekend of each month, parishioners of Mary, Queen of Peace have the opportunity to donate non-perishable food items and toiletries for the Samaritan Center's Food Pantry. These items may be brought to the Parish Center, where they are collected on Monday morning by parishioners who volunteer to bring the items to the Samaritan Center. The Samaritan Center is always looking for volunteers in a number of areas. For more information, please contact the ministry leader, Tom Fitch, at **jtf1948@bellsouth.net**, 626-7879, or e-mail **dena@samcen.org**.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international Catholic organization of lay persons who provide assistance to persons in need. Placed under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul, the Society derives its inspiration from his thinking and work and seeks in a spirit of justice and charity, by a person-to-person involvement of its volunteer members, to help those who are needy and suffering. This ministry encompasses every form of aid that alleviates suffering and serves everyone regardless of church affiliation. Conference members meet at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month to pray, meditate on a scripture reading, and discuss client cases. All client information is strictly confidential. It is said those who see in the poor the face of Jesus understand the Vincentian spirit. For more information on helping with this ministry, call the church office at 626-6977. For financial assistance inquiries, call 985-630-0256.

Finance and Operations

Finance Council

The Finance Council is a group of parishioners appointed by the Pastor who advise him in the financial administration of the parish. The council prepares and oversees the annual parish budget and assists in our efforts to be good and responsible stewards of God's many gifts. For more information, please contact the ministry leader, Kirth Paciera at 845-8117 or e-mail [**kpaciera@pgpcpa.com**](mailto:kpaciera@pgpcpa.com).

Fleur-de-Fall

The Fleur-de-Fall includes live entertainment, food and beverages, and live and silent auctions. Proceeds benefit the church and school. Due to Covid-19, the Fall 2020 event was postponed until January 23, 2021. For information or to volunteer, call the church office at 626-6977 or email [**fleurdefall@gmail.com**](mailto:fleurdefall@gmail.com).

Pastoral Council

The Archdiocese of New Orleans requires every parish to have a committee of parishioners who advise the pastor. The Pastoral Council helps to set direction, goals, and policy of the parish while keeping the overall pastoral needs of the parishioners in mind. Nine members make up the council. New members are selected each spring. For more information, please contact Pastoral Council President Beth Brantley at [**bethbrantley@charter.net**](mailto:bethbrantley@charter.net).

Peace Times

The Peace Times newsletter was first published in August 2001. Unlike the parish bulletin, which is distributed at all weekend Masses, the Peace Times is a quarterly publication and is mailed to all registered parishioners. If you would like to contribute to the Peace Times, contact the ministry leader, Karen Baker, at 264-1627 or e-mail [**kbaker@maryqueenofpeace.org**](mailto:kbaker@maryqueenofpeace.org).

WebSite

The website is intended to keep parishioners updated on current events at Mary, Queen of Peace. If you have any questions, contact Karen Baker at 264-1627 or e-mail [**kbaker@maryqueenofpeace.org**](mailto:kbaker@maryqueenofpeace.org).