Ministry of the Altar Server

Altar servers have a very important role in the liturgy! They are generous individuals who selflessly commit to serve God and his holy people in a special way. Their actions at Mass remind us of Christ’s example to serve others while giving praise to God for all the good he has done for us. Servers work close to the altar, light candles for Mass, carry the processional cross, hold the Roman Missal, and many other things allowing us all to join together in communal prayer.

Serving at Mass is a special privilege!

Additionally, Altar Servers care for the church community by serving at funerals, weddings, benediction, and other special services. Here at Our Lady of Peace, young people from grades 4 through 12 are invited and encouraged to join the ministry of altar serving.

Applications are now being accepted for the Ministry of Altar Server!

Any student attending 4th through 12th grade who wishes to serve God and the OLP community in this very special way is welcome to join our dedicated team!

Sign up forms are available in the church office for those interested in joining.

Seasoned servers can also use the forms to recommit to their ministry.

Training will be provided on either of these dates:

Sunday, February 24th from 12:30 to 2:00PM
Tuesday February 26th from 4:00 to 5:30PM

For more info or to RSVP contact Brian Kuzmin, 833-7701 x 203, brian.kuzmin@olp.org.

Love your enemies.

Luke 6:27
Our Mission Statement:
Our Lady of Peace is a Catholic Community of Faith called to proclaim the greatness of the Lord through Worship, Service, Education and Ministry.

Church Cleaners for the Week of February 24
Team 4: Bev H, Carol G.
The heart of this Ministry is the focus on service to the community through the maintenance of the Worship space. This Ministry offers the members the opportunity to spend quiet time in prayer while they serve in this ministry.

Thank you everyone who serves on this important ministry of keeping our church clean and beautiful.

Prayerfully consider joining this ministry and please call the Church Office.

Year End Giving Statements
To request your giving statement please contact Cynthia in the church office by:
Calling: 833.7701 x 201 or E-mailing:
cynthia.berarducci@olp.org

Sunday’s Readings:
First Reading - David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).
Psalm - The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).
Second Reading - We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus’ teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019
7:00AM Special Intention for the Nowak Family
12:10PM David Krasnesky - Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019
7:00AM Margaret Trejchel - Dick & Joyce Wingenbach
12:10PM Marilyn Ferraro - Jay Ferraro
2:00PM School Mass - Jean Reichert - Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019
7:00AM Phil Trejchel - 7AM Mass Group
12:10PM Jack Schillinger - Bill & Diane Stumpf

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019
7:00AM John Fucci - Jean Verdecchia
12:10PM Joseph Balch - Bev Grab & Connie LaJohn
1:30PM Mass at Parkside -

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019
7:00AM Roman Bieniek & Christine Walden - Family
12:10PM Robert Urraro - Wife & Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019
8:00AM William Thompson-Polakowski - Family
5:00PM Mary E. Hoffman - Ed & Rina

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30AM Ann & Paul Bennetti - Family
9:00AM Carl Carlotti - Tim & Lori Alward
11:00AM Rosemary Omniewski - M/M Michael Gaines
4:30PM Parishioners

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Christopher Mozdy - Wife, Belinda and Son, Joseph.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Harold Koester - Friends.

Readings for the Week of February 24th

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16;
1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

First Friday Adoration
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday, March 1st, from 7:30AM to 3:00PM, in Mary’s Chapel. Our Lord Jesus welcomes you to spend time with Him, meditating on the final events of His earthly life.

Please sign up, in the vestibule, for 1/2 hour shifts.

OLP 31 Club
Members of the 31 Club agree to go to daily Mass on a particular day every month and offer that Mass for an increase of vocations to the Church. There is a great need for vocations in the Church today. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayer, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Upcoming Mass commitments:
Feb. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.
Feb. 25: Christine O.
Feb. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.
Feb. 27: Ann R.
Mar.  1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.
Mar.  2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.
If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 454-8974. There are no dues and no meetings, only opportunities for grace and the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.

When at Mass offer the Mass for Vocations by praying the prayer below...
O God, who wills not the death of a sinner * but rather that he be converted and live * grant we beseech you * through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin * Saint Joseph, her spouse * St. Junipero Serra * and all the saints * an increase of laborers for your Church * fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls * through the same Jesus Christ * Your Son * Who lives and reigns with You * In the unity of the Holy Spirit * God forever * and ever. Amen.              Serra Prayer for Vocations

Daily at 11:40AM
The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary is prayed daily at 11:40AM, just before the 12:10 Mass. Mary invites all her children, if possible, to come and pray her Rosary. Many blessings will be yours! God bless you!
All are welcome!
**From the Pastor’s Desk…**

To my Spiritual Family of Our Lady of Peace-

It is now time for our 2019 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) and this is Promotion Weekend. The theme is “Forward Together, with truth, with hope, with Christ.” As an individual parish, we are called to support our diocese to help in its mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word and celebrate the sacraments. The CSA makes this important work possible. Please be assured that funding from the annual CSA is strictly designated for spending on the ministries and services coordinated through diocesan offices. No funds donated to the CSA have been or will be used to defray expenses related to the sexual abuse scandal.

Also remember that every dollar raised over our assessment from the Diocese (this year is $165,000) stays in our parish to fund different projects. This year the project identified by our parish Properties Committee in conjunction with our Finance Council is a landscape plan for our entire OLP campus that will address beautification and storm water runoff. The estimated cost of this project is $57,000. In order to fund these projects our overall financial goal for CSA 2019 is $222,000. Below is a summary of the numbers for CSA 2019:

- **Diocesan Assessment** $165,000
- **Parish Projects - Campus Landscape Design** $57,000
  - (Beautification and Storm Water Runoff)

**TOTAL Parish Goal for CSA 2019** $222,000

You should have received a pledge envelope in your mailing but there will be envelopes available in the pews next weekend or you can pick one up in the parish office during the week. Please prayerfully consider your response this year. You can pay at once or consider making a pledge that can be paid over a ten month period. **Commitment Sunday is next weekend - March 2/3.** You can respond this week or wait to make your gift on Commitment Sunday.

If you are not able to financially support the CSA this year, please still consider a spiritual sacrifice of prayer and fasting. We all need to do our part and the spiritual “coverage” is essential as well. Please send in or drop off your pledge card whether or not you are making a financial pledge to let me know you received it and are invested in our spiritual family one way or the other. Know that I truly appreciate all the sacrifices you and your family make for our parish and Diocese.

May God bless our CSA 2019 … and our week ahead!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Rich

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**Other notes from the pastor…**

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**Vocation Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, February 24th at 6pm** Our 9-11th grade Faith Formation students will attend this special prayer event but all parishioners are welcome to come and pray. Bishop Persico continues to ask all parishes in the Erie Diocese to pray for this important intention. We pray for our High School and College Parishioners to be open to God’s call in their lives and that God inspire more young men and women in our church to follow the call to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

**Men’s Conference NEXT WEEKEND** OLP will again be hosting the Diocesan 2232 Men’s Conference on Saturday, March 2nd. The benefit of these conferences is that they can target male spirituality and provide a great chance to be uniquely challenged and to come together to support each other in that way. I cannot encourage enough ALL the men of our parish to be a part of this day of grace!

**Paschal Candle Memorial** The Paschal Candle, also called the Christ Candle or Easter Candle, is one of the great liturgical symbols we have in our church and represents Jesus as the Light of the World. It is blessed at the great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday Night and then leads the procession into the dark church as we start the celebration of Christ’s Resurrection. We light our candles from it as a reminder that we first received the light of Christ at our Baptism and as the light spreads throughout the church we see a living manifestation of Christ’s light breaking the darkness of this world of sin. The candle then takes a primary spot in the sanctuary throughout the Easter Season. After the Easter Season, the Paschal Candle is placed next to the Baptismal Font where it is used for all baptisms and funerals throughout the year. Every year the parish purchases a new paschal candle at the cost of $500. If you would be interested in donating the candle in memory of a loved one, call the parish office and we can arrange the details.

**OLP Trip to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA for Production of “Jesus”** Our parish will take a pilgrimage to see the production of Jesus from June 12-14, 2019. Mark your calendars now for this 3 day, 2 night trip to see a NYC-style show at a fraction of the cost. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead.

**Mardi Gras and St. Joseph Table** We have two opportunities to come together as a community in the next month. We will have our annual **Mardi Gras Party on Tuesday, March 5th from 6-8pm, held in the Cafeteria.** And our **St. Joseph Table will take place on Tuesday, March 19th after a 6pm Mass for the feast of St. Joseph.** Keep an eye out in the bulletin for more information on both Mardi Gras and the St. Joseph Table. Mark your calendars and be a part of strengthening our parish family’s bond.

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Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name ___________________________________________________ Phone __________________
Address __________________________________________________________________________
City ____________________________________________ Zip ______________________________

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.

CHECK ONE:

☐ New Registration
☐ Change of Address
☐ Moving out of Parish
☐ Want envelopes

Youth Ministry Corner:

From: Mr. Corey Ferraro

Hello everyone!

Some important info on some upcoming Youth Events:

1. This month’s service project is working at Orphan Angels. We will meet there this Thursday the 28th and work from 3:30 to 5 helping to clean up the building and play with the kittens there! It is a fun and important service to our local community, and I hope to see a good turnout!

2. Attached you will find the March schedule of our events. Please cut this out and use it to plan accordingly! We have some cool things coming up, including an Open Gym, some bowling, and making blankets for the poor!

Thanks and God bless!

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**Speakers:**
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Sean Forrest
Sean O’Hare

**Mater of Ceremonies:**
Fr. Larry Richards

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for more details or to register

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Our Lord teaches that prayer is a relationship and a vital necessity. And yet, many of us have difficulty committing to daily prayer. Lent is an opportunity to create space in your life for daily conversations with Christ. Follow Jesus into the desert and discover intimacy with God through Lecto: Prayer, a 4-week video-based study on **formed.org** featuring Dr. Tim Gray.

Each week there will be a video presentation followed by a discussion/Q&A Session. (There will be no homework!)

**Tuesday Dates:** March 12, 26; April 2, 9
(Tuesday March 19th: St. Joseph Celebration, Mass at 6PM with the St. Joseph Table to follow)

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February 25, 2019
Do This in Remembrance of Me:
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Fr. Jamie Power, Parochial Vicar, St. George

When: 5:30 - 7:00PM
Who: Adult ONLY Event for 21 to mid-thirties
Where: BrewErie 123 West 14th St., Erie
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The Crusader Derby is a joint fundraising event that benefits OLP school, parish and our athletics programs. It is a fun evening out for adults only.

- The main draw is the video horse racing...tons of fun and the chance to win cash prizes.
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