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LENT



Help me to use your love as a way to persevere in my Lenten intentions.
I am weak, but I know with your help,
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Celebration

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"Fat Tuesday" Celebration

A FREE Parish Family Event

Tuesday, February 28th

OLP Cafeteria 6:00-9:00PM

Beverages & Gumbo provided; bring a dish to share!



February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the First & Third Sunday of each month, 11:00AM Mass & 12:30PM respectively. A mandatory preparation class for parents is available on these dates: **2017:** Mar. 27, May 22. Call the Parish office to register.

Sacrament of Matrimony An appointment with a parish priest needs to be made at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 3:45 - 4:45PM or by appt.

New Parishioners Welcome! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or register online.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Anyone seeking information on becoming Catholic or completing one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office.

Prayer Request Line:

Doris 864-5423

Chris 814-833-8017

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 26**Team 1:**

Kathy W., Julie M., Linda D.

Thank you to all those who are willing to help with this important ministry of keeping our church clean and beautiful.

Those interested in joining this ministry 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:

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thia.berarducci@olp.org

24-Hour FoodFast

On March 11 and 12, young people from the school and parish will come together to raise awareness and money to help combat world hunger during the **24-Hour FoodFast**. This event will be hosted by the OLP Youth & Family Ministry Office with all proceeds going to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the international humanitarian arm of the US Catholic Bishops. All youth in grades 7 through 12, and at least twelve years old, are invited to participate. Check out the display in the front vestibule of the church for information packets.

Contact Kathleen Peterson with questions or to register, 814-833-7701, kathleen.peterson@olp.org

Sunday's Readings:

First Reading - God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalms - Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

Second Reading - Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel - God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

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DON'T BE ANXIOUS

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

7:00AM Ralph Muller - Joe & Dianne
12:10PM Michael James Babulak-Joe & Joyce Kuhar

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017

7:00AM Ryan Newcomb - Mary Abbott
12:10PM Christopher Cuzzola - Rita Serafini

WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2017

Ash Wednesday (Distribution of Ashes at all times listed)

7:00AM William & Christine Walden - Family
9:00AM Norman Rieger - Bob Lee
12:10PM Ann Mogel - Tom & Phyllis Burke
5:30PM **Liturgy of the Word w/Ashes** (not a Mass)
7:00PM Elmer Zimmer - The Girls



*On this special day, Ash Wednesday,
may my small sacrifices in fasting
be a way to clear away
the clutter in my life to see you
more clearly.*

THURSDAY, March 2, 2017

7:00AM Filomena Blackman - Family
12:10PM Christopher J Cuzzola - Ed & Judy Kosik

FRIDAY, March 3, 2017

7:00AM George Komar - Phil & Pat
12:10PM Robert Urraro - Diane Urraro & Family
6:00PM **Confessions**
7:00PM **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, March 4, 2017

8:00AM Louise Dossert - Sue & Family
5:00PM Mary E. Hoffman - Ed & Rina Hoffman

SUNDAY, March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM Guiliano & Bernadette Ziroli - Family
11:00AM Louise Galletta - Bryan & Sandy Knepper
4:30PM Anita Evans - Josie Wernicki

3:00PM **RCIA Rite of Election at St. Peter Cathedral**

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Agilio Alo - Loving Wife Rose & Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Robert Wieczorek - Friends.

There **WILL NOT** be a Healing Mass on Wednesday March 1st due to Ash Wednesday.

The Next Healing Mass: April 5, 2017, at 7:30PM.

Readings for the Week of February 26th

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;
Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Joseph Zdunski; and for Tom Larson, cousin of Fr. Rich Toohey. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

OLP 31 Club

Praying for vocations every day of the year!

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. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.

Feb. 27: Ann R.

Feb. 28: Ann F., Michael M., Betty S.

Mar. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.

Mar. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.

Mar. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Wilma M., Virginia S.

Mar. 4: Arlene B.

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...

Serra Prayer for Vocations

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.

From the Pastor's Desk...

To My Spiritual Family of Our Lady of Peace,

I just arrive here at OLP and we jump right into one of my favorite liturgical seasons of the year....Lent! With Ash Wednesday this week we will begin this great season of spiritual discipline and renewal (Masses are 7am, 9am School Mass, 12:10pm, 7pm; and a Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes at 5:30pm). We go back to the basics of our spiritual practices of prayer, fasting (self-mortification or giving something up) and almsgiving (giving to those in need through time, talent or treasure) to make more room for God in our lives and hearts. I encourage you to pray this weekend about what God is calling you to commit to in these three areas during the next forty days. Come up with a plan before Wednesday so you can hit the ground running. Make goals that are realistic yet challenging and remember that the goal of all these efforts is growing in deeper relationship with God and living in His love.

A few extra opportunities in the area of prayer here at OLP are: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday (March 3rd) from 7:30am-3pm and the Holy Hour for Vocations on Monday, March 13th at 7pm; opportunities for Confession on Fridays from 6-7pm and at our Lenten Penance Service on Monday, April 3rd at 7pm; Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm; and daily Mass at 7am and 12:10pm.

Also, next Saturday, March 4th we will celebrate the Rite of Sending with our RCIA candidates at the 5pm Mass. We "send" the candidates to the Rite of Election with Bishop Persico which takes place at St. Peter Cathedral on Sunday, March 5th at 3pm. These rites are the beginning of the Period of Enlightenment which is the candidates' final period of preparation for entering full communion with us in the Catholic faith (which takes place at the Easter Vigil- April 15th). Please keep the candidates in your prayers (see elsewhere for the full list of candidates and their sponsors) and consider joining them and Bishop Persico at the Rite of Election.

May God bless our Lent and our week ahead!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Peace.... pray for us!

St. Joseph, universal patron of the church.... pray for us!

St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie.... pray for us!

Other notes from the pastor....

****Mardi Gras Party** I look forward to having a chance to meet and hang out with many of you at our annual Mardi Gras Party on **Tuesday, February 28th at 6pm in the school cafeteria.** I have heard there has been declining attendance at this gathering and I hope we can start to turn that around. These social events are great community builders and help us not only strengthen relationships between pastor and parishioner but also between parishioners. Our community is only as strong as the relationships within it and we have to keep broadening and strengthening all of our relationships in the parish. So take advantage of this opportunity to do just that!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Elementary (Grades K-5) - Religious Ed classes meet this Sunday, February 26, 2017 from 10:30 to 12:15 in the school. Dismissal is from the cafeteria.

Secondary (Grades 6-10) - Religious Ed classes next meet Sunday, March 5, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 in the school.

Next Sunday, March 5 students in grades 6 & 7 are encouraged to attend 4:30 Mass and remain in church after Mass for class. They will be dismissed from the school at 7:30.

Confirmation (Grade 11) - formation classes meet this Sunday, February 26, 2017 from 6-8 PM in the school. All required forms should have been turned in to the Faith Formation Office.

The complete calendar and all forms can be found on our website at www.ulp.org. For more info please contact Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director, at 838-9983 or Tammie.mang@ulp.org

OLP Seniors Group

The OLP Seniors Group will meet on

Thursday, March 2nd 1:00PM

Hoss's 3302 West 26th Street

Speaker: Chris DeRosa, RN
from American Red Cross

Topic: Preparedness & Vial of L.I.F.E.

Call Nancy, 833-6294, for more information.

Members are invited to bring a friend.
Come, enjoy good food, and good friends!

A Family Perspective

Because we believe we can control and create our own world, we attempt to juggle multiple agendas and pay a price of neglecting those closest to us. Too late we reach the point of asking "Was it worth it?".

We really can't serve two masters.

First Friday Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on **Friday, March 3**, 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.





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T from sin



Our Lady of Peace Bible Study Lenten Program
Journey Through Scripture: The Bible and the Virgin Mary
Tuesday Nights: March 7 to April 11, 2017
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Our Lady of Peace Church

All are welcome, no registration required, no materials or fees.
Any questions, contact Mary Beth Whitman, Parish Office: 833-7701 ext. 202

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HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR SPOT YET?

All Day Scrapbooking Event!

Presented by the Our Lady of Peace Families Together Ministry

SATURDAY, March 4, 2017

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Our Lady of Peace School Cafeteria

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Snacks & Drinks Provided

On-site Scrapbooking Supplies

\$30.00 Per Person or Table of 4/\$25.00 Per Person

Registration & Payment Due by February 24, 2017

Checks payable to: Our Lady of Peace

Registration & Payments: Debbie Patterson 2817 W. 35th St. Erie, PA 16506 or leave at parish office

When registering please provide the following information for each person at your table:

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Do you need electric at your table?

For additional
information
contact:
Debbie Patterson
833-5568

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

Question of the Week

Reading I: Isaiah 49:14-15.

(restoration of Zion)

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 4:1-6.

(Christ judges his ministers)

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34.

(dependence on God)

Question of the Week:

ADULT: What things do you worry about most frequently? How do you deal with your worry?

CHILD: What can help you worry less about something that might happen?



**The Knights of Columbus Council
 of Our Lady of Peace
 will hold their monthly
 Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, March 5, 2017 in the
 OLP Cafeteria from 8:00 to 11:00AM

Menu:

Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Hash
 Browns, Sausage, Juice, Coffee or Tea

Adults \$6.75, Children \$3.00, Under 5 Free

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 breakfasts are used to support worthwhile parish,
 diocesan, and community projects.



The Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus would like to offer a heartfelt **thank you** to all those who have contributed to the Ultrasound Initiative in support of the Woman's Care Center of Erie County. The level of generosity from those at Our Lady of Peace and our community has truly been overwhelming. We have reached our goal to raise the last \$10,000 of the \$40,000 needed for the two ultrasound machines. Please stay tuned for more information about this in the future.

Morning Doves

All moms searching for fellowship with other Catholic women are invited to gather for prayer, support, and coffee each Thursday morning from 10 to 11:30 in the church social room. This is a child friendly get together; please know that your children are welcome!

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Italian Dinner Fundraiser to Benefit the OLP Needy Fund

Saturday, March 18, 2017 Noon to 8:00PM
OLP Cafeteria

An Italian dinner, in honor of St. Joseph's Feast Day, will take place on
Saturday, March 18th in the OLP Cafeteria from Noon until 8:00PM.

Cost is: \$8.00 Adults \$5 Children 10 & Under

Symbols of the Feast

One of the most important traditions is an altar to honor Saint Joseph. It should have three steps - a "stairway to heaven" - representing the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. A large framed picture or statue of Saint Joseph should be the focal point centered on the altar. Lace tablecloths, representing the lace traditionally made by Sicilian mothers for their daughters' marriage trousseaus, should cover the buffet and the altar. Votive candles should decorate all the tables.

Dried fava beans should be displayed and distributed to guests; it also customary to provide guests with a small gift of bread to take home. Guests are given a gift bag which should include: fava beans, a Saint Joseph's prayer card, a small roll, and an orange, which is a symbol of good health and prosperity.

The Saint Joseph's day bread is quite symbolic. Bread in Sicily is usually made with semolina and covered with sesame or poppy seeds. For the Saint Joseph's feast, breads are made into different shapes: bread shaped like a hook symbolizes the walking-staff (*bastone*) used by Joseph, which God made burst into bloom to prove to a nonbeliever that Joseph was a saint. The cross represents the death of Jesus, and the bread shaped like a crown represents the thorns on Jesus' brow.

St. Joseph, protector of families, pray for us!

All are invited to the OLP Cafeteria to share in this tradition as we open our doors to the Erie community.

Italian Dinner includes:
Meatless Homemade Sauce
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Lent 2017 Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie, PA

Tuesday	February	28	6:00 - 9:00pm	Mardi Gras Celebration: Meet & Greet Fr. Rich (bring a dish to share)	OLP Cafeteria	
Wednesday	March	1	Ash Wednesday Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am, 12:10pm, 7:00pm Ashes distributed at all masses 5:30pm Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes			Church
Friday	March	3	6:00pm	Confessions	Church	
Friday	March	3	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Church	
				Journey Through Scripture: The Bible & the Virgin Mary		
Tuesday	March	7	7:00-9:00pm		Church	
Friday	March	10	1:30pm	Living Stations presented by grades 5 & 6	Church	
Friday	March	10	6:00pm	Confessions	Church	
Friday	March	10	7:00pm	Living Stations presented by grades 5 & 6	Church	
Monday	March	13	7:00pm	Holy Hour for Vocations	Chapel	
				Journey Through Scripture: The Bible & the Virgin Mary		
Tuesday	March	14	7:00-9:00pm		Church	
Wednesday	March	15	2:00pm	Stations of the Cross w/ School	Church	
Friday	March	17	6:00pm	Confessions	Church	
Friday	March	17	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Church	
				Italian Dinner/St. Joseph Table proceeds to benefit the OLP Needy Fund		
Saturday	March	18	Noon-8:00pm		Cafeteria	
				Journey Through Scripture: The Bible & the Virgin Mary		
Tuesday	March	21	7:00-9:00pm		Church	
Wednesday	March	22	2:00pm	Stations of the Cross w/School	Church	
Friday	March	24	6:00pm	Confessions	Church	
Friday	March	24	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Church	
				Journey Through Scripture: The Bible & the Virgin Mary		
Tuesday	March	28	7:00-9:00pm		Church	
Friday	March	31	6:00pm	Confessions	Church	
Friday	March	31	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Church	
Monday	April	3	7:00pm	OLP Penance Service	Church	
				Journey Through Scripture: The Bible & the Virgin Mary		
Tuesday	April	4	7:00-9:00pm		Church	
Wednesday	April	5	2:00pm	Stations of the Cross w/School	Church	
Friday	April	7	6:00pm	Confessions	Church	
Friday	April	7	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Church	
Sunday	April	9	Regular Mass Schedule	Palm Sunday	Church	
Monday	April	10	4:00pm	Chrism Mass	St. Peter Cathedral	
				Journey Through Scripture: The Bible & the Virgin Mary		
Tuesday	April	11	7:00-9:00pm		Church	
Wednesday	April	12	10:00am	Jesus Christ Superstar by OLP 8th Grade	Church	
Thursday	April	13	7:00am	Morning Prayer	Chapel	
				Holy Thursday Mass with washing of the feet - Adoration until 11:00PM		
Thursday	April	13	7:00PM		Church/Cafeteria	
Friday	April	14	7:00am	Morning Prayer	Chapel	
				Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Distribution of Communion		
Friday	April	14	1:30pm		Church	
Saturday	April	15	8:00am	Morning Prayer	Chapel	
Saturday	April	15	Noon	Blessing of Easter Baskets of Food	Church	
Saturday	April	15	8:30pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Church	
Sunday	April	16	Easter Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm NO 4:30 Mass			Church
Sunday	April	23	1:00 - 3:00pm	Divine Mercy Sunday Services	Church	