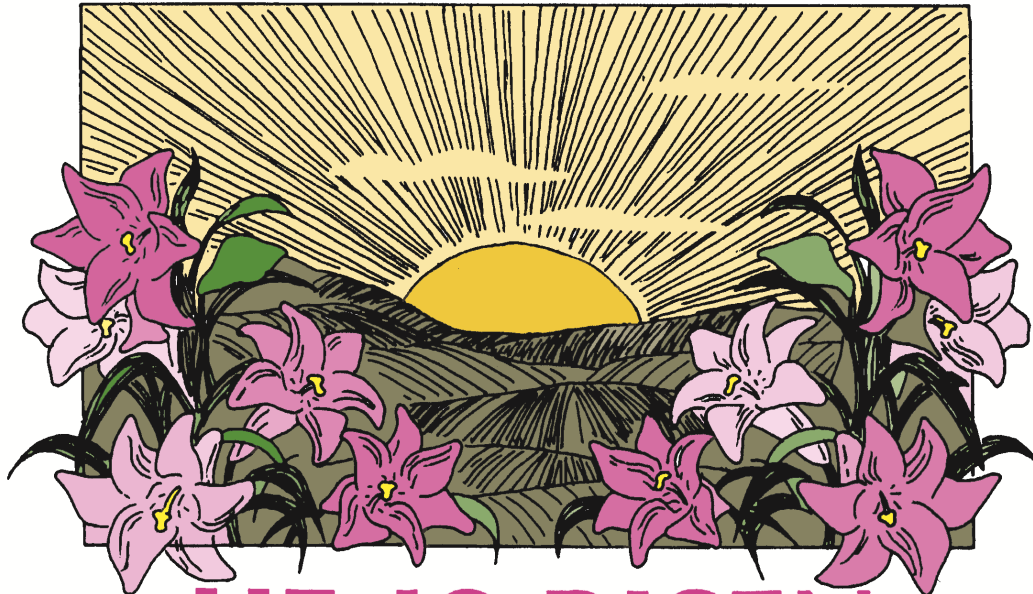




Our Lady of Peace



HE IS RISEN

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Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service April 3, 2016 Our Lady of Peace Church 1:00PM Confessions 2:00PM Prayer Service

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

The feast of Divine Mercy, as recorded in the diary of Saint Faustina, receives from Jesus himself the biggest promises of grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy. Specifically, Jesus reputedly said that a person who goes to sacramental confession and receives holy communion on that day, shall obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment. That means each person would go immediately after death to heaven without suffering in purgatory (or hell). Additionally, the Roman Catholic Church grants a plenary indulgence (observing the usual rules) with the recitation of some simple prayers.

Why this Picture of Jesus?

The Image of The Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina saw represents the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the world (see Diary 49, 88, 299, 341, 570, 742). Pope John Paul II said: "Jesus shows His hands and His side (to the Apostles). He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity.

"From that Heart Faustina will see two rays of light shining and illuminating the world: 'The two rays,' Jesus Himself explained to her one day, 'represent blood and water.'" (Diary, 299)

Jesus asked Faustina to paint a vision of His Merciful Divinity being poured from His sacred heart and specifically asked for a feast of Divine Mercy to be established on the first Sunday after Easter so mankind would take refuge in Him:

"I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it." (Jesus' words, *Diary* 341)

"Let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times, after it will come the day of justice." (*Diary* 848)

"Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity...tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near." (*Diary* 965)

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." (*Diary* 1109)



April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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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: May 22, July 24. 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 April 16

Team 2:

Sylvia B., Carol G., Ginny B.

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.



Encounter the Risen Christ

We prayed, fasted and gave alms - and now we celebrate Easter joy!

Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Hawaii. And we commit to bring Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives.

Please turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the Church Vestibule and place it in the giant Rice Bowl.

Sunday's Readings:

First Reading - Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm - This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading - All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading - Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel - Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or*

Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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REJOICE AND BE GLAD

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today's responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017

7:00AM Major Tom Carr - Dad, Mom & Sister
 12:10PM David Krasnesky - Janet Mihalovic

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017

7:00AM Josephine & Fred Bandecca - Godson, Leon
 12:10PM Frank & Elsie Cardamone - Daughter

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017

7:00AM James Arnold - Family
 12:10PM Marie Kengersky - OLP Bible Study Group

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

7:00AM Antonio Bulls - Daughter
 9:00AM School Mass - Mary Christenson - Family
 12:10PM Paul Verno - Carol Bianchi

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017

7:00AM Jim MacKrell - Family
 12:10PM Robert Majewski - Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017

8:00AM Leon Bill - Eddie & Pat Shores
 5:00PM Margaret Hardner - Patricia

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

Divine Mercy Sunday

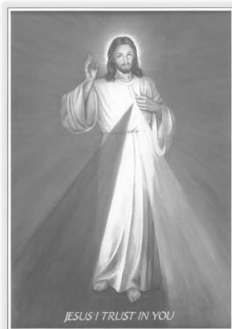
7:30AM Steve Picardo - Margaret Barabas
 9:00AM Shirley Zacherl - Family
 11:00AM Esther D'Aurora - Gaines & Finazzo Families
 4:30PM Parishioners

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23, 2017

1:00PM Confessions
 2:00PM Divine Mercy Service

Procession of the Devine Mercy
 Image and opportunity for
 Reconciliation



SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of The Deceased Members of the Hardner Family - Patricia.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Croce LaFuria - Wife & Children.

BANNI

Trevor Phinney / Brook Kramer



Readings for the Week of April 16th

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Happy Easter!

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:

Apr. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Ed Z., Laura D.
 Apr. 17: Len & Cathy K, Helen W, Barbra W., Nancy D.
 Apr. 18: Frank G, Carly Y., Rachel O.
 Apr. 19: Amber D, Chris L, Kim G.
 Apr. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Jack Y.
 Apr. 21: George O., Connie R., Maureen T.
 Apr. 22: John G., Ruth H., Sally R., Dianne Y., Gloria M.
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.

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 for Easter!



A Family Perspective

Today's gospel tells us that several arrived to discover the tomb in which Jesus was buried was now empty. What does an empty tomb mean for your family? Failure, loss, defeat? Or victory, life and resurrection? Scripture says that he "had to rise from the dead." Families, too, must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.



Our Lady of Peace Church hosts
Leading & Loving

Leading & Loving is designed to assist parents of young children (birth to 5th grade), and those who work with young children, in the formation of faith, values, and virtues.

Saturday, May 20, 2017
 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Peace School Cafeteria
 Register online at www.familyhonor.org
 Cost is FREE with lunch and childcare provided

Family Honor is a national organization that offers chastity education programs. The day consists of six sessions that will give participants valuable tools for helping their children navigate through the world in which we live. A free-will offering will be taken at the end of the program. Questions? Please contact Kathleen Peterson at (814) 833-7701 or Kathleen.Peterson@olp.org.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

The OLP Youth and Family Ministry Development Team has been expanded to include adults from different ministries within OLP who work in some capacity with youth and/or their families. They have made the commitment to take the next 3 months for prayer and formation - to break out of their silos and work together as a team to serve the young church of both the parish and the school. Changes will be made slowly, with the clear mission to develop strong disciples for Jesus Christ. Please keep this team in your prayers. If God is moving your heart to be part of this team, contact Kathleen Peterson, 814-833-7701 or Kathleen.Peterson@olp.org.

Youth

Save the dates and get registered now for summer high school opportunities:

June 25 - July 1: *Frenchville Mission Trip*, Age 16 and up. Contact Darrell Meyers, 450-3697.

July 7 - 9: *Divine Mercy Encounter*, Age 16 or 10th grade and up. Contact Kathleen Peterson, 833-7701 or Kathleen.Peterson@olp.org

July 14 - 16: *Steubenville High School Catholic Conference*, Grades 9 - 12. Contact Kathleen Peterson, 833-7701, or Kathleen.Peterson@olp.org

OLP Youth & Family Ministry Development Team

Leadership Book Study - "Forming Intentional Disciples", Sherry Wendell. Weekly on Wednesdays, 7 to 8pm. Begins April 26, ends July 12. Leaders of parish ministries interested in this formation opportunity and in building a team to develop the young church, contact Kathleen Peterson for materials and to register, 833-7701, or Kathleen.Peterson@olp.org.

Parents

Love. Real, honest, vulnerable love. Virtue. Staying on the moral path. As we watch our kids grow and get closer to middle school, some mom friends and I have been talking about the big issues facing our kids. How do we talk with them about chastity, temperance, love, and the dangers of pornography? What do we say? What is age appropriate? Because the reality is that if we don't talk with them about it first, someone else will.

← Please see the flyer for more info...

Saturday, May 20, 2017

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (8:30 Registration)

Our Lady of Peace School Cafeteria

Register online at familyhonor.org For more information, please contact Kathleen Peterson, Director of Youth and Family Ministries at OLP, (814) 833-7701 or Kathleen.Peterson@olp.org or Julie Ferraro, 814-450-0195

NEW Youth & Vocation Nights of Adoration

XLT Adoration and the monthly Adoration for Vocations will be blended into one powerful evening of prayer that will focus our intentions on youth and vocations. Mondays from 7pm to 8pm, a great timing for family Adoration!

Scheduled for May 8, June 12, July 10.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

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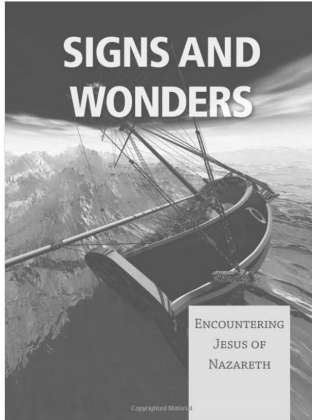
Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.

CHECK ONE:

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

Men's Faith Sharing Group

Signs and Wonder: Encountering Jesus of Nazareth
Session 3 – Week 3: Jesus Raised a Girl from the Dead



The next meeting is Thursday, April 27th at 6:30PM in the OLP Social Room. The first session is - Week 3: Jesus Raised a Girl from the Dead. Even if you have missed the first three meetings, please join us. Every session is different.

If you are looking to journey deeper into your faith—you can join at any time. Each chapter is a different discussion. This is a great opportunity to meet some great guys and dive deeper into your faith—to be the man Jesus wants us to be for our family and the world.

Please prayerfully considering joining us. If you are interested, please e-mail at olpmfsg@gmail.com or call 835-3608 and leave your name and if you need a book.

Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids

Child Abuse Prevention Month: April is designed as *Child Abuse Prevention Month*. Parents, guardians and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep them safe in today's fast-paced world. *The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)* offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. Visit the NCMEC Web site at www.missingkids.com and check out the helpful topics. Watch this space in the coming weeks for tips on how to create safe environments for children and youth. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out: <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.html>



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Elementary (Grades K-5) - No more classes for this school year.

Secondary (Grades 6-10) - No more classes for this school year.

Registration forms for Elementary and Secondary students will be emailed this week. To get the early registration discount, forms must be turned in by May 31, 2017. You can send the forms with your students or mail them to:

Our Lady of Peace

Attn: Faith Formation Office

2401 W. 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506


Confirmation registration forms for current 10th graders will be sent out in May and due August 1.

Confirmation (Grade 11) - formation classes next meet Sunday, May 7, 2017, at 6PM in the church for practice. Sponsors should attend. If a sponsor can't be there a parent or responsible adult must attend.


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

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From the Pastor's Desk...

To My Spiritual Family of Our Lady of Peace,

Happy Easter! "Christ Is Risen....He is Risen Indeed!" I offer you the traditional Paschal greeting which is still used in many Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches, and some Roman Catholic Churches. This greeting goes back to the early church and reinforced the ultimate significance of what we celebrate on Easter Sunday...that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the defining truth for all Christians. It was said in a dialogue form in which one Christian would greet another with "Christus resurrexit!" (Latin for Christ is Risen!) and the other would respond "Vere resurrexit!" (He is Risen Indeed!). We can learn a great lesson from this greeting of our early ancestors. Our identity as Christians should be the first and most significant dimension of who we are- and the truth of Easter should penetrate every part of our lives, even how we say hello. Can this be said of us?

The celebration of Easter cannot be exhausted or limited to one day, so we as Catholics reserve 8 of them, **the OCTAVE of EASTER**, to celebrate as Easter Day. The celebration of this most central part of our Christian faith, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus, and its result, the conquering of sin and death FOREVER, requires a full week, plus one, to celebrate. We know that the celebration of the hope and joy the resurrection brings is actually what we celebrate EVERY SUNDAY (and what we celebrate for the 50 days of the Easter Season), but in these 8 days we amplify the FESTIVE REALITY of Easter.

The most concrete way we celebrate the octave is at daily Mass where the prayers for Easter Sunday are said every day. The Gospel readings at Mass recount many of the post resurrection appearances of Jesus to the apostles and disciples. Also, the Easter dismissal at Mass ("Go in Peace, Alleluia, Alleluia") is used all week. So consider joining in daily Mass or find your own way to honor the octave but the key is to celebrate all week!

The Octave of Easter ends next **Sunday, April 23rd**. The fact that it is the last day of the Easter Octave is reason enough to be joyful, BUT it is also the celebration of a relatively new feast in our Catholic calendar called **Divine Mercy Sunday**. In April 2000, Pope John Paul II declared the 2nd Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday in the Universal Church. In 1931, Our Lord appeared to Saint Faustina (Helen Kowalska) near Krakow, Poland. She writes about this vision in "The Diary of St. Faustina, Divine Mercy in My Soul." In the vision she saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You ... I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory" (47, 48) "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You' " (327). The image painted to St. Faustina's description will be displayed in Church throughout this week.

Jesus also asked St. Faustina to promote a new prayer for devotion to Divine Mercy. This led to the Divine Mercy Chaplet which we will sing during our **Divine Mercy Holy Hour next Sunday at 2pm**. There are pamphlets detailing how to say this prayer (as well as explaining the Divine Mercy Devotion) at all the doors of the church. We will also have an hour of **confessions from 1-2pm** next Sunday as well. Hopefully, this feast can motivate all of us to learn more about this great devotion to God's love and mercy, but even more importantly to ask for it!

May God bless our Easter Octave 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....

****St. Andrew Dinner** On behalf of Bishop Persico and Fr. Mike Polinek, the Vocation Director for the Diocese of Erie, Fr. David and I would like to invite any young men of our parish who are considering the call to priesthood to a special night of dinner, prayer and conversation. Our Lady of Peace will host a St. Andrew Dinner on **Wednesday, April 26th from 6-8pm**. It is named after St. Andrew because he was the first apostle to follow Jesus and he received the invitation to "come and see" from Jesus. Please see the insert in the bulletin for more details and contact the office if you or someone you know plans to attend.

****40th Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of Peace Church**
On **Monday, May 15th** we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the dedication of our church building with a **Mass at 6:30pm and a reception afterward**. Bishop Persico will be the main celebrant and Msgr. Charles Kaza, who was the parochial vicar when the church was dedicated in 1977, will be the homilist. Please mark your calendars now and plan on being a part of this special celebration for our parish.

****Remember that the parish office is closed and no school on Monday, April 17th for Easter.**

Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids

Child Abuse Prevention Month: April is designed as *Child Abuse Prevention Month*. There is no better time than the Easter season to celebrate the protection of one of our most valuable gifts from God - our children. According to Scripture and Catholic teachings we are called to protect the life and dignity of all human persons, no matter how young or old. Child abuse remains a national problem and working to prevent this abuse is an important response to what we are called to do as Church. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out:
<http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.html>



#ThinkingPriesthood?

Come to the St. Andrew Dinner

- When:** Wednesday, April 26, 6:00-8:00pm
Where: Our Lady of Peace Church
 2401 W. 38th St.
 Erie, PA 16506
For whom? Young men striving to follow Jesus' call in their lives and open to the possibility of the seminary and priesthood
Age: Any mature young man
Cost: Free
Attire: Casual, but respectable
RSVP: Our Lady of Peace Office — 814.833.7701
Info: Contact Fr. Mike Polinek at mpolinek@eriercd.org
 814.824.1200 / ErieVocations.org



Join Bishop Lawrence Persico,

Fr. Rich Toohey, Fr. David Renne, Fr. Mike Polinek, and other guest priests, as they share their vocations stories with you.



Schedule

- 6:00**Arrive
6:05Light dinner
6:30Vocation stories (bishop, priests)
7:15Q&A
7:30Prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
8:00Depart

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For more info,
 call Cynthia in the church office,
 833-7701 x 201.

Rosary Society Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Evening Reflection:

Thursday, April 20, 2017

7:00PM OLP School Cafeteria

The April "Evening Reflection" is titled
Once Upon An Apron.

Evening of Reflection
 OLP Rosary Society
 When- April 20 2017
 Where- OLP Cafeteria
 Time- 7:00PM
 What to Bring: Your
 Favorite APRON and your
 favorite apron memory.



The OLP Rosary Society would like to invite everyone the opportunity to come and visit us for one of our meetings if they have never been to one. We are always looking for new members and are inviting all women of the parish for an evening of reflection and some light refreshments. It is scheduled for **Thursday evening April 20th at 7:00PM in the OLP School Cafeteria.** If you like, you can bring your favorite apron memory. We all have memories of our grandmothers or mothers wearing aprons. This night we will reflect on those memories plus some helpful hints on those things we put in our mental pockets just as our grandmothers collected things from the day and put them in their apron pockets. Questions, call Chris DeRosa at 835-7346.

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