



Our Lady of Peace

Please join in saying
"Hello" and "Welcome"
to our new Parochial Vicar:
Fr. Kyle Seyler
at a Reception
held in the church vestibule
Today, Sunday, July 23, 2017
Noon - 1:00PM



Missionary Co-op This weekend, July 22/23

Fr. Emmanuel Fale Lon will talk about the Diocese of Kumbo

The Diocese of Kumbo was created on March 8, 1982. It covers a surface area of about 3,090 miles, consisting of 28 vibrant parish churches and 377 mission churches, well performing Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools (mostly in rural areas) that are educating more than 46,000 pupils and students annually, a strong Justice and Peace Ministry, and a Social Welfare Service outreach that is helping to assist more than 60,000 individuals each year. Presently, the diocese counts 89 diocesan priests, 25 religious priests, 2 deacons, 6 male religious congregations and 19 female religious congregations.

Since the advent of the early missionaries, the Diocese of Kumbo has continued its longstanding commitment to providing opportunities for quality Catholic and integral education that is rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children. However, there is still a growing need to build Catholic elementary schools in rural areas, install portable water in schools, provide scholarships, textbooks and health insurance to many poor, orphaned and other vulnerable children who do not go to school because of abject poverty, traditional practices that restrict the education of the girl child, child trafficking, child marriages due to Islam whose influence is becoming more felt in the diocese, absence of school infrastructure, inaccessibility by roads, etc.

Our appeal is to be included in the Missionary Cooperation Plan of your diocese which will enable us to fulfill our mission work by alleviating the plight of the poor children in the Diocese of Kumbo.

Your generous donation/support will enable us to subsidize the neediest of children and thus make a significant difference in their lives.

July 23, 2017

Sixteenth 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:** July 24, Sept. 25.

Call the Parish office to register.

Sacrament of Matrimony An appointment with a parish priest 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 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 July 23

Team 5:

Ann S., Diane S., Denise G., Mary E.

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.

First Friday Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on **Friday, August 4**, 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.



WHY ADORATION?

"The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage a deep personal encounter with Christ. Sitting before the Presence is like a body exposing itself before the sun to absorb its rays."

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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

OLP Men's Picnic

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Look inside the bulletin for more info...

All Men are Invited.

Sunday's Readings:

First Reading - You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalms - Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading - The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel - Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017**

7:00AM Diane Dombrowski - Jerry Dombrowski
12:10PM Irene Miller - Family

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017

7:00AM Constance Joan McCartney -
Tony & Peggy Rusnak
12:10PM Ann Cuzzola - Scott & Rita Gannoe

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017

7:00AM Ursula Bamberger - Husband
12:10PM Joe McCallion - Mary & Richard Martin

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017

7:00AM Elfrieda Cooney - Mary Ann White
12:10PM Donna Bardroff - Jean & Tom Peterson

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017

7:00AM William Schneider - Phil & Pat Trejchel
12:10PM JoAnne Starr - Mary Beth Moreland

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017

8:00AM Mary Grace DiSantis - Mary Beth Baran
5:00PM Rose Caito - Family

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017**Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM Sophie Bruno - Diane & Paul Vojtek
11:00AM Louise Gaines - M/M Michael Gaines
4:30PM Anne Rzepka - Judy Albreuczynski & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Melanie Pulice Malyuk - Mom & Dad.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Mac Sandy Feronti - Jim & Family.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Madeline Schodt; for Walter Czerwinski; and for Karen Ricotta. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.



Mark Your Calendar for
Erie Gives Day

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

8:00AM to 8:00PM

Watch for more details...

Readings for the Week of July 23rd

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28;
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56;
Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,
127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52
[44-46]

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:

July 23: Heidi A.

July 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.

July 25: Christine O., Lori B.

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

July 27: Ann R.

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

July 29: Linda M., Richard M.

If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 454-8974. There are no dues, 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-

Happy Natural Family Planning Awareness Week! Bishop Lawrence Persico, in conjunction with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has designated July 23-29 Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. NFP is a way of life that incorporates fertility awareness, responsible parenthood and self-mastery into married love. To learn more about this church teaching, pick up literature from our parish office, attend a class, visit www.ErieRCD.org/chastity.htm, or contact the Diocesan Chastity Education Office at 814-824-1259 or 1-800-374-3723, ext. 259. There are also several couples from the parish that would love to talk to you about NFP so call the office and we can get you in touch with them.

To kick off this special week, join Bishop Persico and families from throughout the diocese on July 23rd at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie. Stay after Mass for a free, family friendly luncheon at the Cathedral Center. There will be an opportunity to continue the celebration at Presque Isle State Park after the luncheon.

In the spirit of this awareness week, I offer a quick list of clarifications and benefits of Natural Family Planning (NFP) to married couples: one, NFP is quite precise and accurate (not the Rhythm Method of fifty years ago!) as it is 95% effective in delaying pregnancy; two, NFP promotes communication among couples and mutual responsibility for their sexual life and health; three, NFP promotes discipline and self-control in the area of sexuality, virtues which are helpful in all areas of life; four, NFP IS NATURAL (we still do not know the fullness of the negative impact of contraception- especially the pill, on women); five, NFP builds strong marriages as 98% of married couples practicing NFP stay married (versus the 50% success rate of marriages throughout our country). Six, for all these reasons, NFP is THE approved method of family planning in our Catholic Moral Tradition. I hope for all these reasons that married couples in our parish and church will take the time to learn more about this great gift our church has for them and seriously pray and discern about utilizing this method in their family.

May God bless our Natural Family Planning Efforts here at OLP and our week ahead!

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....

****We welcome Fr. Emmanuel Fale Lon from the Diocese of Kumbo (Cameroon Africa) to Our Lady of Peace this weekend. He comes as part of the Erie Diocese Missionary Cooperative Plan that brings an international or domestic missionary to our parish once each year to invite us to be a part of their efforts to bring Christ's light to our world. Fr. Emmanuel specifically asks us to help provide for the needs of the poor children in Kumbo. Your generous welcome and response to our guest is greatly appreciated.**

****Fr. Kyle Seyler (newly ordained this June), has begun as the new parochial vicar here at Our Lady of Peace. There will be a brief reception with coffee and donuts after the 11 am Mass on**

Sunday, July 23rd in the main vestibule of the church to meet and welcome Fr. Kyle. Please make an effort to stop by.

****The FEST** I am hoping that we can get a good group of OLP parishioners to join me and our director of family and youth ministry, Kathleen Peterson, in attending the Fest in Wykcliffe, OH (near Cleveland) on Sunday, August 6th from Noon to 10pm. The FEST is a one-day family FESTival sponsored by the Diocese of Cleveland. It is designed to bring thousands together for an amazing family day – for FREE. It includes activities for your entire family and an exceptional experience. Matt Maher, as well as other Christian Musicians will perform. The amazing family day concludes with a Catholic Mass at 8pm followed by an amazing American Fireworks display. A caravan will leave OLP parking lot at 9:30am and potential car pooling will be worked out at that time. The caravan will allow us to park together and find a spot to hang out together. Please call the office if you plan to attend the FEST and let us know if you plan on joining in our caravan or go on your own. Also leave a cell number that we can contact you at the FEST to try to meet up. It should be a great day!

****Diocese of Erie Pastoral Planning Feedback on Faith Formation (CCD/Religious Education)** Bishop Persico and members of the Faith Formation Task Force unveiled the preliminary plan for Faith Formation in the Diocese (Faith Formation is the newest title we use for CCD/Religious Education) last month. Their recommendations deal with six key areas: lifelong formation, vision, parish leadership, diocesan leadership, the role of the family and lay ministry. The full list of recommendations are posted in a link that can be found on the website- www.eriercd.org/planning.htm. Many people, including the Bishop, have said that this could be the most critical part of the Pastoral Planning Process for the Diocese because it is the area where we are most in need. Our CCD/ Religious Education models of the past are no longer working and we are struggling to engage our younger generations beyond our Catholic Schools. I applaud the Bishop in recognizing this area of need and looking to do something about it. We need to be creative and forward thinking in coming up with programs beyond the classrooms to help our youth and adults grow in a living relationship with God. The Bishop and task force members are asking parishioners in the Diocese of Erie to offer their feedback to the plan until August 28, 2017. An online survey and instructions are provided in the links provided on the same website mentioned above (www.eriercd.org/planning.htm). I hope you will take the time to read the information found online and fill out the survey therefore be a part of this important phase in our diocesan church's history and to be a part of the solution in bringing the truth of Christ to our church and our world. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

****Canada Pilgrimage** I am excited to be leading a pilgrimage to **Montreal and Quebec** from **September 29- October 5, 2017. Cost is \$1,979** and includes bus transportation, six nights stay at hotels, nine meals, and entrance fees to shrines. Flyers at the parish office with information or check out the website: www.pilgrimages.com/frtoohey



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.

Confirmation (Grade 11) - Catholic school and public school students must register and attend classes to be confirmed in 2018.

ALL registration forms and payments are due by August 1, 2017.

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

*Anniversary Celebrations
for couples celebrating
25th, 50th, or 60th or more
Wedding Anniversaries in 2017
Sunday, August 13, 2017
St. Jude the Apostle
2801 West 6th St, Erie
2:00PM*

*Call Cynthia in the Church
office at 833-7701 x 201, by
July 31st, to register; or you
may register online at:
www.erieRCD.org/anniv.htm.*

A reception follows Mass.

A Family Perspective

Parents plant values in their children anticipating the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment and fidelity will grow with their child and one day become "a safe haven" to many.

OLP Seniors Group

*There will NOT
be a meeting in August.
Happy Summer!
See you in September...*

Family Life Office

Catholic's Divorce Healing Program

The **Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG)** is a 12-week group to help those who are separated or divorced and begins on **Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 6:30 - 8:00PM**, at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie. (NEW LOCATION)

Cost: \$15 for book/journal

Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVD's with experienced presenters and real men and women who have felt the pain of divorce. Please call the Diocesan's Family Life Office, 814-824-1250, send an email: familylife@eriercd.org, or visit www.eriercd.org/cdsg.htm for more information or to register.

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SECOND OPPORTUNITY to volunteer!

A special thanks to all who volunteered for the Community Partnership home build in June.

We have a second opportunity to volunteer with the **Faith build** and "The House that Wisdom Built".

There are **three ways** that you can volunteer for this project:

Small building crews will be needed for:

Thursday, September 14th
Friday, September 29th
Thursday, October 12th

Snack or Lunch items; Our parish will be providing the following:

Lunch on **Thursday, September 14**
Morning snack on **Thursday, October 12**

Home Essentials: If unable to volunteer, there is a small list of home items that will be provided at the dedication. This could be a good group or organization volunteer project.

**Additional information and
Sign-ups after all Masses on the weekend of
August 6th & 7th**

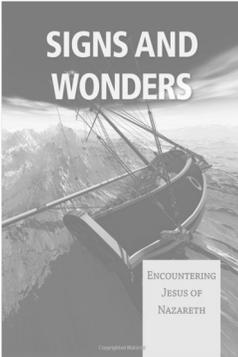
Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

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City _____ Zip _____

CHECK ONE:

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

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



Men's Faith Sharing Group

Signs and Wonder: Encountering Jesus of Nazareth

Session 6 – Week 6: Doubting Thomas

The next meeting is Thursday, July 27th at 6:30PM in the OLP Social Room. This session is - Week 6—Doubting Thomas. This is the last chapter in the book. Please come and join us - every session is different - even if you only come to one session—well worth it. Please watch the bulletin for the next session dates and book.

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.



Calling All Coaches:

The OLP Fun Runners need coaches.

If you have any interest in volunteering your time to coach this team, please contact Denise Kuehl at 814-490-7230 or by email: d.kuehl@roadrunner.com

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This retreat is for youth in grades 6 - 9. Girls & guys separate on Saturday night following a campfire with Extreme S'mores. Boys camp by the Scout House, girls glamp on the Soccer Field. Campers / Glampers will join up again for 4:30 Mass followed by a meal with their families. Contact Kathleen Peterson for info. Kathleen.peterson@olp.org or 814-833-7701 or www.olp.org.

Aug 12 to 13
 Grades 6 to 9, \$15
Register by August 7
 at www.olp.org

Retreat begins 7pm, Saturday.
 Ends at 6:30pm, Sunday, after 4:30pm
 Mass and a meal shared with family.

Next IgNIGHT Family Bonfire: August 19, 6 to 10pm

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the first one on July 8th. We had over 100 people attend! Special thanks to Taco Bell who donated over 150 frozen drinks and to everyone who brought a dish to share.

We want this event to become an outreach to our surrounding community. Help us get the word out on social media, invite your family, friends, and neighbors—regardless of church affiliation! Watch for info on the Church Picnic—Bonfire Style, September 9.

JULY 8TH & AUGUST 19TH
 6-10 PM



Bonfire, Glow Bracelets, Knocker Ball, Slip 'n Slide Kickball, & More!
 We provide hot dogs and drinks. Bring a dish to share & lawn chair.
www.OLP.org



Holy Hour for Youth & Vocations

"Family Friendly" Eucharistic Adoration which includes powerful praise & worship music mixed with silence and prayer will continue throughout the year. Each month our parish family will gather on a Monday evening to pray for our youth and for an increase in vocations. "Family Friendly" means that children of all ages are welcome; let your little ones come to pray and sit with their Heavenly Father, to praise Him in song and teach them to experience, in a very small way, the silence that all of our hearts long for.

Aug 14 after the 5:30 Vigil Mass for the Assumption, Sept. 18 @ 7pm, Oct. 16 @ 7pm, Nov 6 @ 7pm, Dec 18 @ 7pm

OLP is Caravanning to the FEST, Sunday, August 6, Wickliffe, Ohio!

This is a FREE Catholic Music Festival. This year's line up: for King & Country, Crowder, Matt Maher, Laura Story, Vessel Worship, and Daniel AMP. This is an outdoor festival; bring lawn chairs, coolers are welcome but food vendors are on site. We will depart from the back lot at 9:30am, return after the 8:30pm closing Mass. Join over 34,000 Catholics and energize your faith! Visit www.thefest.us and www.olp.org for more info.




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This year the *Ushers* and the *Knights of Columbus* are teaming up for the biggest and best summer picnic ever!

Men's Picnic



ALL men

Ushers &

Knights of Columbus

of the parish are invited!

You do not have to be an Usher or a Knight to attend;

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

5:00PM

Held at the

West Ridge Fireman's Picnic Grove
(behind main building) at
Sterrettania & Grubb Roads

Dinner at 6PM / Catered by Serafins

Beverages Games Raffles

Tickets \$10.00 each

For Ticket purchase: see any *Usher* after
Mass or the *Church Office*.

Chinese Auction Items Needed For the Men's Picnic

If you have any items to donate
please contact Paul Wickles, 814-838-7038.

Your item can also be picked up, if needed.

The 2017 Our Lady of Peace / Hank Starr Memorial Golf Outing was held Friday, July 14th, 2017 at Whispering Woods Golf Course

A special "Thank you" to
Paul Vojtek who headed up
the event!

And to all the sponsors, golfers,
and volunteers
who also made this outing
such a success!



The proceeds from this
event go to the
OLP Scholarship Fund.



Thank you to all the
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