



Our Lady of Peace



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USING TALENTS

If we use God's talents, we shall find that they become multiplied in the use. We thought we had two; we find we have five.

—Richard Meux Benson

Traveling Vocation Chalice Prayers for Vocations

To promote family prayer and awareness of vocations, we are introducing The **Traveling Chalice Program**. It will be easy to participate in the program. Each week, a parishioner will take the Chalice home, put it in a prominent place and pray daily for vocations. In response to Christ's call, "Pray the LORD of the Harvest that there be laborers for the vineyard."



Suitable prayers are included. You may wish to talk to your family about vocations, the need for priests and religious and how they can affirm priests and religious in their vocations.

Sign-up for your week to host the Vocation Chalice.

**Any questions, please contact:
Dave Wayman, 454-8974, or
taichiguy@icloud.com.**

OLP Website Update...

Our Lady of Peace is getting ready to make changes and important upgrades to our website, olp.org and *would like your help*. If you regularly utilize the website, please take a moment and go to the main website page, and take the online survey.



We appreciate your help with this.

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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:** Nov. 20. **2018:** Jan. 22

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:

Marge Ward 833-8837

Christine Beaver 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 November 19**Team 4:**

Anne F., MaryAnn K., Bev H.

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.

Bulletin Deadlines for November

There are a few bulletins that have an early deadline; they are:

For Sunday, December 3, 2017, articles are due by November 20, 2017

For Sunday, December 10, 2017, articles are due by December 1, 2017

For Sunday, December 17, 2017, articles are due by December 8, 2017

For Sunday, December 24, 2017, articles are due by December 15, 2017

For Sunday, December 31, 2017, articles are due by December 18, 2017

For Sunday, January 7, 2018, articles are due by December 19, 2017

For Sunday, January 14, 2018, articles are due by January 5th, 2017

You may e-mail the info to: cynthia.berarducci@olp.org; fax it: 814.833.7702; or drop it off at the church office.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation with these early deadlines.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED -

Please pray for Leonard Tillerson; and for Richard Stebell. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

First Friday Adoration

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

**Sunday's Readings:**

First Reading - The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalm - Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading - Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel - To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017

7:00AM Cecil Reinsel - Maxine

12:10PM Charles Zukowski - Mary Beth Ek

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

7:00AM Dave Cyterski - Paul & Diane Vojtek

12:10PM Elfrieda Cooney -

Richard & Mary Lou Schroeck

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017

7:00AM Paula Harrington-Robertson - Kaveney Family

12:10PM William Scheider - Ed & Lorraine Lepkowski

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017

Thanksgiving Day

9:00AM Nick Chiocco - Family



Please bring, to Mass, your food and monetary donations for the Millcreek Food Pantry.

** See note below regarding donations

No afternoon Mass

Church Offices Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017

7:00AM Edith Hawley - Family

No afternoon Mass

Church Offices Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

8:00AM Joseph Staszak - Polakowski Family

5:00PM Colomba DiVincenzo - Ed & Rina Hoffman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30AM Shirley Houlihan - Husband

9:00AM Robert & Filomena Blackman

11:00AM Parishioners

4:30PM Florence (Umma) Faulhaber -
Stephen & Joy Mackowski

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please help our neighbors at the Millcreek Food Pantry with your non-perishable food or monetary donations.



You may bring your donations:

1. Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, Mass at 9:00AM

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Priscilla Passarelli - Son, John & Granddaughter, Megan.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Major Tom Carr - Mom, Dad & Sister.

Readings for the Week of November 19th

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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:

Nov. 19: Amber D, Chris L, Kim G.

Nov. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Jack Y.,
Donna G.

Nov. 21: George O., Connie R., Maureen T., Rami S.

Nov. 22: John G., Ruth H., Sally R., Dianne Y., Gloria M.

Nov. 23: Heidi A.

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

Nov. 25: Christine O., Lori 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-

A blessed Thanksgiving Week to you and your families! Remember that a significant part of our prayer each Sunday at Mass is "giving thanks" for all that our God has done for us through His Son Jesus Christ (the word "Eucharist" is from the Greek word for "thanksgiving"). So let's make sure we make an extra effort this week to be thankful and to foster an attitude of gratitude in our hearts and families. Because of the thanksgiving element of Mass, I strongly encourage you to join your spiritual family of OLP at Mass at 9am on Thursday before joining your own families for holiday celebrations. For that Mass, recall you are encouraged to bring donations of nonperishable foods or money for the Millcreek Food Pantry and you will present them before the altar at the Offertory. There is no greater way as Catholics to sanctify our holiday and show our gratitude to God than to attend Mass... think about it.

Another great way of showing gratitude for our blessings is being generous with others. In addition to the food pantry offering at Thanksgiving Mass being an opportunity for generosity, I also encourage you to support the parish annual coat and warm clothing drive which lasts until November 29th. New or gently used coats, hats, gloves, boots, sweaters are needed and can be dropped off in the box in the church vestibule.

Next weekend we will celebrate our last Sunday in Ordinary Time and the end of our Liturgical Calendar with the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (formerly called Christ the King). We will discuss this more next weekend, but be prepared for some extra decorations, incense and celebration as we recall our Lord's Kingship in our lives and pray that we can allow Him to rule more and more in our hearts and minds.

May God bless our week ahead and our Thanksgiving celebrations and travels!

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...*****A Review of the Catholic Church's Expectations on Funerals and Burials**

Regarding Cremation- ONE- It is permissible for Catholics to be cremated so long as it is not done in rejection of our belief in the resurrection of the body at the second coming of Jesus Christ. TWO- we are expected to bury our deceased loved ones in blessed ground (Catholic cemetery OR a grave in a public cemetery that is blessed at the Committal Service after the Funeral). It is not therefore acceptable to leave cremated remains in an urn in our homes or have them scattered somewhere outside of a cemetery. Other points...THREE- please always consult with your pastor or the priest who will be presiding over the Rite of Christian Burial with you BEFORE making any final plans or traveling arrangements. Some days and times may not work for the priest's or church's schedule and it can be difficult if people have already purchased flight tickets, etc (the flexibility of the family is

appreciated). Please do not arrange the funeral date and time with the mentality that the funeral home will find me a priest. Fr. Kyle and I want to pray with you and appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the conversation to find a time that works for everyone.

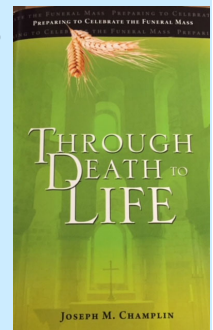
FOUR- our **Rite of Christian Burial includes 3 parts- first, the Vigil Service at the Funeral Home**. The church encourages an opportunity for visitation, viewing and prayer at a funeral home or other site. This is because it allows for closure in seeing our loved one laid out as well as an opportunity for our family and friends to offer their support. To skip this step is to short-change the grieving process and makes it more difficult for our friends and family to reach out to us. **The second part of the Rite is the funeral Mass at the Church**. There is no greater prayer that we can offer for our loved one than the Catholic Mass and so the best thing we can do for the soul of our loved one who has died (and for all of us who remain) is to celebrate a Funeral Mass. To choose to have a funeral service at the funeral home suggests a severe lack of understanding and appreciation for the significance of the Mass. Even if someone is not Catholic or has been a way from the church, it could still be appropriate to have a Mass so please investigate this with the priest involved before you make your own assumptions. **The third part of the Rite is the Committal Service at the cemetery**. This brings prayerful closure and helps us make a connection to their final place of rest. Even if the Committal is done at a later date, it is still appropriate to ask a priest or deacon to lead you in that prayer (and Fr. Kyle and I are happy to do that for and with you!).

FIVE- I encourage everyone to make their funeral arrangements NOW with the points above in mind. This helps both the family that remains to not have to worry about the details as they are grieving and it helps the deceased in that they are ensured of getting the funeral they desire. This booklet, *Thru Death to Life*, is available to assist in choosing readings, etc. for the funeral Mass.

**The National Bioethics Center End-of-Life Hotline A 24 hour ethics consultation service free of charge for those dealing with end-of-life issues (specifically what care we are obligated to receive or provide for family) is available at (215) 877-2660.

*****My Parish App Launch** This weekend (November 18/19) we will be launching a new Our Lady of Peace Parish App thanks to the efforts of the Diocese of Erie who is working with the "My Parish App" Organization. Staff members and volunteers will be available at all Masses to help parishioners download the app. Look elsewhere in the bulletin for more details.

*****Vocation Chalice** Last weekend we introduced a new initiative at OLP called the "Vocation Chalice" in which families or individuals agree to take the chalice to their home for a week as a commitment to pray for vocations in an intentional way. The chalice will be handed out at the end of the Mass that the family or individual attends that weekend as a way to remind all of us to keep "asking the harvest master to send laborers for the harvest" (Matthew 9:38). Please call or stop by the parish office to sign up for a week or call Dave and Kathy Wayman at 454-8974 or email: taichiguy@icloud.com.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Elementary (Grades K-5) - Religious Ed classes meet this Sunday, Nov 19, 2017 from 10:30 to 12:15. Dismissal is from the cafeteria.

First Communion Parent meeting is this Sunday, Nov 19, 2017 at 5:30 in the church. First Communion dates and pews will be chosen at this meeting. Everyone will get the date of their choosing.

Secondary (Grades 6-10) - Religious Ed classes meet this Sunday, Nov 19, 2017, from 5:30 to 7:30 in the school..

Confirmation (Grade 11) - Formation classes next meet Sunday, Dec 3, 2017, from 6-8 PM in the school.

NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES SUNDAY, NOV 26, 2017

All forms can be found on our website under the Faith Formation tab at www.olp.org

For more info please contact Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director, at 838-9983 or Tammie.mang@olp.org



Buying a Poinsettia or Wreath for Christmas this year?

Then purchase a Voucher from our youth...

The **OLP Youth groups** are planning a visit to Washington, DC, on January 18 & 19, for the March for Life. Proceeds from the wreath and poinsettia sales will benefit this trip, and other OLP Youth activities.

Mason Farms

Vouchers for Poinsettia's

6" for \$10.00

Vouchers for 24" Fraser or Douglas Fir Wreath \$25.00



Purchase vouchers now from any **OLP Youth group members**, Darrell Meyers, Kathleen Peterson or the Church office, then take voucher, by December 24th, to Mason Farms, 732 Peninsula Drive, to pick out your poinsettia and/or wreath!



Great gift ideas...

If you should have any questions, please contact Darrell Meyers at 814.450.3697 or at Darrell.meyers@olp.org

The young people of our parish
thank you! ..
in advance for your continued support.

Annual Coat / Warm Clothing Drive

Time to clean out your closets and donate your gently used items.

coats/hats/gloves/
boots/winter sweaters

Coats/items must be
CLEAN and in
good working order...

Bring your items to the
box in the
Church Vestibule.

**Questions? Please call Cynthia in the Church
office at 833-7701 x 201.**

**Deadline for donating is
Wednesday, November 29th.**

Coats/Warm
Clothing
WILL NOT
be accepted
after that date.

**Let's collect lots of
"Warm Clothes"**

Sunday, December 3, 2017

The Office of Worship with the support of
Bishop Persico will present
Answer the Call

A Lessons and Carols by Michael Malthaner
that uses Old and New Testament Readings
and Choral Pieces to bridge Advent through the
birth of Christ.

The proceeds of this concert will benefit the
Retired Religious of the Erie Diocese.

A Family Perspective

As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants
with his money, so God has 'entrusted' our family to
us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to
play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves
in each other.

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

Our Lady of Peace Boy Scout Troop 59 Christmas Decorations Sale

Now is the time to clean out your old Christmas decorations and get new ones.

Troop 59 will be accepting all your used Christmas decorations.

Drop off your decorations:

OLP Scout House:

Monday, November 20th 6:00 – 8:00PM

Monday, November 27th 6:00 – 8:00PM

School Cafeteria:

Friday, December 1st 6:00 - 8:00PM



Christmas Decoration Sale:

OLP School Cafeteria

Saturday, December 2nd 8:00AM – 2:00PM

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Sunday, December 3rd 8:00AM – 1:00PM

The OLP Knights of Columbus
will be having their pancake breakfast
Sunday morning with a special visit from
Santa as well.



Donations from this sale of Christmas
decorations will benefit Troop 59 activities.

Any questions please contact
Gary Baran, 814-464-3446.

Bake Sale

Bells will be ringing!
Women Gather At The Well
are hosting a
"Family Tradition"
Bake Sale

Friday, December 8th
to
Sunday, December 10th
OLP Church Vestibule



Proceeds will be used
for a gift for our priests
of traditional brass wall bells to
announce their entrance into Mass!

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Your help is needed...

OLP Sunday Nursery

Teen and adult **volunteers are needed** in the Sunday Nursery during the 9:00AM Mass. Please consider volunteering for this "fun" hour of service once or twice a month. For more information, call Marilyn at 838-3338 (evenings).



The **OLP Sunday Nursery** is available for children ages 1-4 during the 9:00 Sunday Mass. It is located in the Social Room in the Church Basement.

Mark Your Calendars:

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Hosted by Mercyhurst Prep Performing Arts Department
November 19 at 2:00PM

\$10 Adults \$7 Seniors \$5 Students

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OLP Boy Scout Christmas Garage Sale

Saturday & Sunday, December 2nd & 3rd

Drop off donations: Monday, November 20, 27; December 1,
from 6:00-8:00PM

Any question, please call Gary Baran, 814-464-3446

Millcreek Food Pantry Collections

Thursday, November 23, 2017 9:00AM Mass

Sundays in December

Please bring your non-perishable food and monetary donations to OLP. Please mark your envelope: Food Pantry for the monetary donations. Thank you for supporting our neighbors.

A THANKFUL HEART

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.
—Cicero

Please cut-out both sections together so that you will have it ready for the Holy Hour for Peace...

(it is made to be folded in half)

Women Gather At The Well

invite you and your family
to participate in

The Blessed Sacrament Rosary

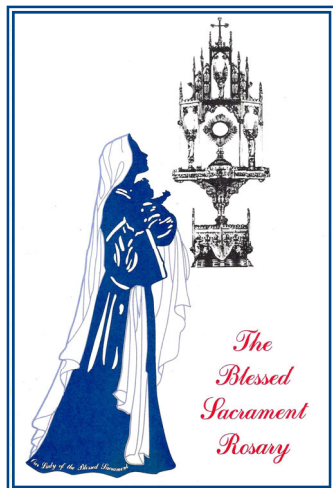
during the parish

Holy Hour for Peace

Sunday, December 31st

11:00PM

OLP Church



Please watch the bulletin
for more information.

The Blessed Sacrament Rosary

Mysteries of the Blessed Sacrament

- * **Mary conceives the Son of Man.**
- * **Jesus is born in Bethlehem and His glory is revealed to the world.**
- * **Jesus feeds the multitude and declares He is the Bread of Life.**
- * **Jesus initiates the first Eucharistic Banquet at the Last Supper.**
- * **Jesus rises from the dead and honors His Mother with her assumption into heaven.**



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The Knights of Columbus of OLP are having a raffle benefiting Our Lady of Peace parish & school projects called the **"12 Knights of Christmas."**

A drawing will be held over a 12 day period before Christmas.

The first drawing on December 13, and a drawing would be held over each of the next eleven days, ending on Christmas Eve. The winner on each day would receive the gift for that particular day PLUS all the gifts from the proceeding day's drawings. The final day winner would receive ALL the gifts plus the TV.

\$10.00 - 1 Ticket \$20.00 - 3 Tickets

The prizes for each day's drawings are:

1. Knights of Columbus Breakfast Tickets (2)
2. Pair of LED Camping/Emergency Lanterns
3. Box of Romolo Chocolates
4. Beer & Pop Warehouse Gift Certificate
5. 3 Wine Bottle Gift Set (must be 21)
6. Dirt Devil Vibe Corded Bagless Stick Vacuum
7. \$50 Dinner Ultimate Gift Cards
8. Black & Decker Drill Kit
9. Amazon Fire Stick
10. Keurig Coffee Maker
11. Tickets to Playhouse, Phil & Pops, \$50 Meal Card
12. Large Screen Smart TV

**Tickets
may be
purchased
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Special Collection This Weekend Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. In the United States, one of six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Men's Faith Sharing Group Conformed to Christ

The next meeting is Thursday, November 30th at 6:30PM in the OLP Social Room. Even if you have missed previous sessions—each one is new and interesting.

If you are looking to journey deeper into your faith—you can join at any time. 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. You can purchase the book on Amazon or your local book store.

REMEMBER—NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

