



# *Our Lady of Peace*



## Second Sunday of Advent

*December 10, 2017*

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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

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**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 December 10**

**Team 1:**

Kathy W., Cheryl R., 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.

**Bulletin Deadlines for December and January**

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

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](mailto: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.*

**Advent Penance Service**  
**Monday, December 11, 2017**  
**7:00PM Our Lady of Peace Church**

**Sunday's Readings:**

**First Reading** - The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** - Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** - Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** - I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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**NEWS OF COMFORT**

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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**MASS INTENTIONS****MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017**

7:00AM David Heintz - Sister, Mary Ann  
 12:10PM Elia & Frances Berardinelli - Family  
 7:00PM **OLP Penance Service**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017**

7:00AM Alberta Bigwood -  
 Granddaughter, Melissa Bigwood  
 12:10PM Steven McLaughlin - Wife  
 7:00PM **Peter Mayer Group**  
**Family Christmas Concert**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017**

7:00AM Dave Cyterski - Borowy Family  
 12:10PM Chuck Zukowski - JoAnn Scully

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017**

7:00AM Gertrude Milkowski - Kelly Vaughn  
 9:00AM **School Mass** - Henrietta Berchtold -  
 Marie Erstfeld  
 12:10PM Amelia Thayer - Dave & Ruth Mathes

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017**

7:00AM Sarah Harrington - Kaveney Family  
 12:10PM Virginia Doyle - Joe & Dianne Yochim

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017**

8:00AM Ray Stebell - Wife, Jean & Children  
 5:00PM Patty Ann Miklos - Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017****Third Sunday of Advent**

7:30AM Attilio Ciccozzi -  
 The Ehrman Family  
 9:00AM William R. Miklos - Family  
 11:00AM Richard Brazus - Wife  
 4:30PM Parishioners



**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Joe Pettinato - Leona & Family.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Daniel K. Dylewski - Family.

*Advent*  
 A Season of Hope  
 & Expectation

*Readings for the Week of December 10th*

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**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:**

Dec. 10: Ann T., Veronica W., Peg Z., Pat C., Pat M., Mary S.  
 Dec. 11: Dave D., Paul M., Connie & Jack S.  
 Dec. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Alice O., Chris P.  
 Dec. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Phil T., Sarah F., Glenn B., Donna R.  
 Dec. 14: Nancy A., Mary Beth N., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.  
 Dec. 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B., Mandy K.  
 Dec. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Ed Z., Laura & Kevin D.  
*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 Second Sunday of Advent to you! This weekend we have an important opportunity to give back to and support a special group of people to whom our church is greatly indebted... Our retired religious sisters and brothers and order priests. I include here the main text from Bishop Persico's letter speaking eloquently about our annual Second Collection for Retired Religious in the Diocese of Erie.

"Senior religious are a treasure in the Church. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, religious education programs, hospitals and countless other ministries that still serve the Church today. Look around and see the good work these consecrated persons have done and continue to do in our diocese: St. Mary's Home, Benetwood, the Mercy Terrace Apartments and Mercy Hilltop Center, the Neighborhood Art Center and the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Networks, Emmaus Ministries, Erie Dawn, the Susquehanna Free Clinic and Young People Who Care, all stand as a legacy to those generous religious who have given and continue to give their lives in service to this diocese. Religious also direct Catholic Rural Ministry Centers in Oil City, Port Allegany, and DuBois, providing pastoral care to the people in those deaneries. I join you in praising God for the faithful and generous service to the Church of all our retired religious. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers financial support for these religious who often worked for years for small stipends. Your generous gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care and more, while ensuring that younger community members can continue the good works of their predecessors. I understand that you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for an increase of vocations to the consecrated life and for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious."

I know I have personally benefitted from the consecrated religious of our Diocese throughout my life at St. George, Cathedral Prep, St. Vincent Hospital, the Tribunal Office and St. Mary's East where my grandmother lived for five years, as well as being inspired to work alongside them in the Diocesan Offices, at Emmaus Soup Kitchen and Young People Who Care/Bethany Retreat Center among other places. And I am sure all of you could list the places and ways our consecrated religious have served and inspired you. So let's show our appreciation for those who are deservedly retired by our support of this collection.

May God bless our retired religious sisters, brothers and order priests 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...****\*\*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12 (USA) and Image**

When we reflect on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe we learn two important lessons, one of faith and one of understanding. Missionaries who first came to Mexico with the

conquistadors had little success in the beginning. After nearly a generation, only a few hundred Native Mexicans had converted to the Christian faith. Whether they simply did not understand what the missionaries had to offer or whether they resented these people who made them slaves, Christianity was not popular among the native people. Then in 1531 miracles began to happen. Jesus' own mother appeared to humble Juan Diego. The signs -- of the roses, of the uncle miraculously cured of a deadly illness, and especially of her beautiful image on Juan's mantle -- convinced the people there was something to be considered in Christianity. Within a short time, six million Native Mexicans had themselves baptized as Christians. The first lesson is that God has chosen Mary to lead us to Jesus. If it were not for her, the people of Central and North America would not know her son, and so they are eternally grateful. The second lesson we take from Mary herself. Mary appeared to Juan Diego not as a European madonna but as a beautiful Aztec princess speaking to him in his own Aztec language. If we want to help someone appreciate the gospel we bring, we must appreciate the culture and the mentality in which they live their lives. By understanding them, we can help them to understand and know Christ.



Our Lady of Guadalupe is patron of the Americas since she is the most significant apparition of Mary in all of North and South America. Like Mary gave birth to Jesus and helped bring him to the Eastern hemisphere of our world two thousand years ago, the argument can be made that she again helped give birth to him in the western hemisphere five hundred years ago at Guadalupe. Because of this connection and as a way to honor Mary in her different titles here at Our Lady of Peace, we will have an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe off the main sanctuary through her Feast on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*Advent Opportunities for Confession** One of the most significant spiritual actions/resolutions to consider during Advent is to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Advent is a season of new beginnings...Reconciliation is THE Sacrament of new beginnings. With that in mind, we are coordinating four Penance Services with the other west Erie parishes which are....**Our Lady of Peace- Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**; Blessed Sacrament- Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> (PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE SCHEDULE YOU WERE SENT WITH YOUR ENVELOPES); St. George- Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>; and St. Jude- Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. All the services will start at 7pm. We will also have individual confessions available after every Sunday morning Mass in Advent; as well as after the daily Masses on Friday, December 22 and after both Saturday Masses on December 23 (8am and 5pm). Also, we will continue our practice of individual confessions on all the Saturdays of Advent from 3:45-4:45pm. And as always Fr. Kyle and I would be happy to set up an appointment with you for Confession if these other opportunities do not fit your schedule. I cannot encourage you enough to take advantage of this great Sacrament this Advent.



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

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

This class, December 10, **Grade 4 to Reconciliation at Noon**. They will be dismissed from the church.

**Secondary (Grades 6-10)** - Religious Ed classes meet this Sunday, December 10, 2017, from 5:30 in the church. Dismissal from the school at 7:30PM.

**Confirmation (Grade 11)** - Formation classes next meet Sunday, December 17, 2017, at 5:45PM in the church for a teaching Mass. Families are welcome to attend.

All forms can be found on our website under the Faith Formation tab at [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org)

For more info please contact Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director, at 838-9983 or [Tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:Tammie.mang@olp.org)

**A Family Perspective**

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

**OLP Casserole Club**

In the words of Leonard Nemoj, "The miracle is this: the more we share, the more we have."

Thanks to all those who have shared with the men of Maria House Project through the **Casserole Club**. You have helped them to, as Mr. Spock says, "live long and prosper."



**December casseroles can be delivered to the OLP Social Room (downstairs) on Saturday, December 16th, from 3:30 to 4:30PM.** Casseroles should be cooked, frozen in a disposable container, with directions for re-heating attached. If this time is not convenient for you, if you need a **casserole** to be picked up, or have any questions, contact Skip or Dottie Glover at 814-440-3496, [scottiedip@yahoo.com](mailto:scottiedip@yahoo.com).

**An Advent Evening of Reflection**

**"Prepare Your Heart for Christmas"**

presented by Fr. David Renne

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

7:00PM Our Lady of Peace



Join us, as we welcome Fr. David, for an inspirational evening including music and fellowship.



**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**

**Great gift ideas...**

Purchase vouchers from any **OLP Youth group members**, Darrell Meyers, Kathleen Peterson or the Church office, then take voucher to Mason Farms, 732 Peninsula Drive, to pick out your poinsettia and/or wreath! Vouchers available until December 22nd.

If you should have any questions, please contact Darrell Meyers at 814.450.3697 or at

[Darrell.meyers@olp.org](mailto:Darrell.meyers@olp.org)

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



**THANK YOU to all of our OLP volunteers!**

We had two successful build opportunities this year, and once again, OLP volunteers stepped up and fully supported both the **Community Partnership** and the **Faith Build projects**.

**Small building crews:**

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Gary Bunting  | Brian Hickey   |
| Dennis Cooney | Darrell Meyers |
| Kevin Cooney  | Carolyn Patsy  |
| Matt Drabant  | Kathy Reichert |
| Jacob Doehral |                |
| Dave Wayman   |                |
| Aaron Doehral |                |
| Karen Doehral |                |



**Morning Snack, Lunch items, or Home Dedication Gifts:**

- Heidi Arnold
- Carol Richards
- Lisa Dolecki
- Barb Sirianni
- Christine Opron
- Kathy Wayman
- Peg Magoon (Why Catholic Group)



## 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 & Family Ministry News

### THIS Week, December 10 to December 16

- 12/12/17, Tuesday, \*4:00 to 4:45: **ENCOUNTER- Guided Children's Adoration** for children in grades 1 through 8. All children & parents are invited to attend this guided Eucharistic Adoration with Mrs. Mandy Kelly. No experience necessary, Mrs. Kelly will walk the children through this entire interactive Eucharistic experience. OLP school students will be dismissed with the walkers and should gather in the lobby where Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Kathleen Peterson will meet them at 3:30 to bring them to the church. Public & home school students should meet in the church vestibule by 4pm. (*\*Note the new time!*)
- 12/14/17, Thursday, 10:30am to 12:00pm: **Women in the Word** - Gathering for women of any age for prayer and fellowship. OLP Social Room. Babies and children most welcome!
- 12/14/17, Thursday, 6pm to 7:30pm: **EPIC Ministry** for youth in grades 5 - 8. School cafeteria. Guys bring drinks/girls bring snacks. This will be our Christmas Party-please bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift for one of the games. (If you are unable, not to worry, one will be provide for you.)

### NEXT Week, December 17 to December 23

- 12/18/17, Monday, 7:00pm to 8:00pm: **Youth & Vocation Holy Hour**-In the Church, all are encouraged to come and pray for our young people and an increase in vocations.
- 12/21/17, Thursday, 10:30am to 12:00pm: **Women in the Word** - Gathering for women of any age for prayer and fellowship. OLP Social Room. Babies and children most welcome!

### ONESIE Fundraiser for ProLife Youth Fund

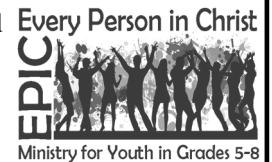
Onesies are hanging in the vestibule to 'purchase' to help raise funds for our ProLife Youth Fund and will remain until all are purchased or until the March for Life, January 19 (whichever comes first). The fundraiser is simple: select a onesie and return it in an envelope with the amount indicated. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Office of Youth and Family Ministry.

### WREATH & POINSETTIA VOUCHER Fundraiser

Vouchers for Mason Farms 24" wreaths and 6" poinsettias will be available for purchase through the church office, Darrell Meyers, [Darrell.meyers@olp.org](mailto:Darrell.meyers@olp.org). Vouchers will be available only through December 22. All proceeds support the ProLife Youth Fund.

### SAVE THE DATE: OLP Youth 4 Life Bus Trip, January 19, 2018

\$35.00/person and includes bus transportation, Youth Rally and Mass for Life in DC, the actual March for Life, a bagged breakfast, and a bagged lunch. The trip is open to anyone in grades 8 through 12. A limited number of seats are available. Contact Kathleen Peterson to register, [kathleen.peterson@olp.org](mailto:kathleen.peterson@olp.org), 814-833-7701, ext. 234, or you can pick up a registration form in the back of church on the Onesie Fundraiser display table, or visit [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org) and go to the Youth & Family Ministry section to print out the forms.



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# 30th Anniversary of Giving at OLP

Special Parish Invitation to be a part of the OLP School Advent Project.



Our Lady of Peace  
SCHOOL

## ADVENT PROJECT: CELEBRATING 30th ANNIVERSARY OF GIVING



Our Lady of Peace  
CHURCH



It began in 1987, when a representative from the Erie City Mission spoke to the fourth grade, telling them about less fortunate children in other parts of our city. It was difficult for students to imagine children who wished not for toys, but for new mittens or warm socks. Teachers Elaine Cleary and Joni Blackman suggested they could show real Christmas spirit by foregoing their own Kris-Kringle gifts and giving to others. Parent, Roberta Geib enlisted the support of other parents who helped their children have a direct role in choosing and wrapping gifts, making cards and supplying homemade cookies. That year, while students in all other grades were exchanging gifts, those fourth graders stood alone, proud and satisfied they had done something good for others. Their gift sent the message of what Christmas is really about and by 1989 this became a school-wide tradition at Our Lady of Peace School.

For the last six years, we have invited the parish community to join us in our charitable giving. Once again, we are asking those of you in our parish to be part of our Advent projects. Many charities, and many adults and children, have benefited from the generosity of OLP School throughout the years. It is with a great sense of pride that we share with you our plans for this Christmas season.

**PRE-SCHOOL / KINDERGARTEN** Catholic Charities [www.eriecd.org/charities.asp](http://www.eriecd.org/charities.asp)

Pre-School will be collecting pajamas for those in need. The kindergarten students will be collecting new baby items. Ideas are: bibs, baby blankets, diapers, baby shampoo/lotions, sleepers, etc. Pre-School and Kindergarten hopes that these pajamas and baby items for the on-site closet at the Catholic Charities Mother/Infant Program will help new mothers have baby accessories that will help their babies be happy and healthy.

**FIRST GRADE** Kids' Café [www.emmauserie.org](http://www.emmauserie.org)

The first grade collects monies to support this agency that provides impoverished children ages 6 to 17 with a home away from home after their school day ends. The Café helps neighborhood children with homework, provides recreational activities, and a hot meal before they go home.

**SECOND GRADE** Highmark Caring Place [www.highmarkcaringplace.com](http://www.highmarkcaringplace.com)

The second grade is earning and saving money for the center to help with the activities designed to help those who have lost loved ones. The students want them to know they have our love and support.

**THIRD GRADE** Erie Dawn [www.eriedawn.info](http://www.eriedawn.info)

The third grade will be collecting donations of money throughout the advent season to assist Erie Dawn in helping impoverished women find safe affordable housing. Grade three is excited about helping women find hope for themselves and their children.

**FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE** SSJ Neighborhood Network [www.ssjnn.org](http://www.ssjnn.org)

The fourth and fifth grades can help the Neighborhood Network in many ways. They are in need of hygiene products such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, and toothpaste. Cleaning and laundry products are needed as well as toilet paper and paper towels. Fourth and fifth grade hopes their donations will help the Sisters of St. Joseph supply people with things we take for granted.

**SIXTH GRADE** Mercy Center for Women [www.mcwerie.org](http://www.mcwerie.org)

The sixth graders are collecting paper products such as paper towels, toilet tissue, tissues and/or garbage bags, or women's products. They hope these items or a monetary donation will contribute to safe secure homes for the homeless women and children that are served by the Mercy Center for Women.

**SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE** St. Patrick's Haven [www.stpatrickshaven.org](http://www.stpatrickshaven.org)

The seventh & eighth graders are donating money, coffee, creamer, tube socks, spray deodorant, soap, shampoo and men's gloves to aid the temporary residence for homeless men in Erie. They feel it is important to remember those who others sometimes overlook and give these men a brighter Christmas season.

**This project helps all of us focus on the true meaning of Christmas.**

**It is in giving that we receive! Help us help others!**



**Parishioners:** Please mark your items for each grade and return them to the church office no later than Monday, December 18th.

*Join the OLP Community for an Advent Prayer Service, held in Church, where representatives will accept all donations on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at 9:15AM.*

**Thank you for your generosity!**



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### Area Penance Services

Monday, December 11th at Our Lady of Peace 7PM  
Thursday, December 14th at Blessed Sacrament 7PM  
Sunday, December 17th at St. George 7PM  
Thursday, December 21st at St. Jude 7PM

**Peter Mayer Group** (Peter, lead guitarist for Jimmy Buffett)  
**Stars and Promises 2017**

**"When You Come Home" Christmas Tour**  
**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

**Concert at 7:00PM Our Lady of Peace Church**  
Tickets: Artist Circle Seating \$50, available online only;  
General Admission \$25, available online and at Church Office  
Tickets online at: itickets.com

At the Stars & Promises family concert we will be singing & telling the stories of our theme; "When You Come Home." If you could use a stress free welcome home to listen & sing the songs of Christman, purchase a CD of what you just heard.

**"The Voices of Christmas" a Cantata w/Voice of Peace**  
**Sunday, December 17, 2017 2:00PM Our Lady of Peace**  
Featuring the combined vocal talents of: Messiah Lutheran Senior Choir and the OLP Voice of Peace Choir

**An Advent Evening of Reflection w/Fr. David Renne**  
**"Prepare Your Heart for Christmas"**

**Tuesday, December 19, 2017 7:00PM OLP**

Join us as we welcome Fr. David for an inspirational evening including music and fellowship.

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!

### The Women Gather at The Well are Hosting a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe at Our Lady of Peace through December 12th

The **Novena Rosary** will be prayed before each daily 12:10 Mass, one half hour prior. Also, before evening Mass; Saturday before 5:00 PM Mass; Sunday before 9:00AM and 4:30PM Masses. "Please Come Join Us! "

Our Lady of Guadalupe is our protector of America. We truly need to pray for Peace in our country, our families and the world.

**For the daily Novena visit:** <https://www.americaneedsfatima.org/Our-Blessed-Mother/novena-to-our-lady-of-guadalupe.html>



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
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