



Our Lady of Peace



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 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: **2018:** Jan. 22, March 12.

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 17

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.

Bulletin Deadlines for December & January

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

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 so much for your cooperation with these early deadlines.

OLP Seniors Group

The OLP Seniors Group

will next meet in **March 2018** on the first.

There are no meetings in January or February.

For more information please call
Nancy, 833-6294.

See you in the Spring!

Sunday's Readings:

First Reading - As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm - My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading - Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel - I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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MASS INTENTIONS

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for the
Christmas Mass
Schedule**



A Family Perspective

Children learn by watching us. Do they see you helping others like the Good Samaritan, or do they see you avoiding others like the Levite in today's gospel? You should worry more about what your children see in your life than what they see on TV. Think about it.

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Jean M. Yezzi - Husband & Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Thomas Hauck - Wife & Family.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Betty Adams; for Dennis Jacobson; and for Margaret Meter. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

Readings for the Week of December 17th

- Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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. 17: Len & Cathy K, Helen W, Barbra W., Nancy D.
- Dec. 18: Frank G, Carly Y., Rachel O.
- Dec. 19: Amber D, Chris L, Kim G.
- Dec. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Jack Y., Donna G.
- Dec. 21: George O., Connie R., Maureen T., Rami S.
- Dec. 22: John G., Ruth H., Sally R., Dianne Y., Gloria M.
- Dec. 23: Heidi A.

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-

A blessed Gaudete Sunday to you! Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introit (opening antiphon) for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:5: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas. For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored. So be encouraged to continue your spiritual preparation for Christmas!

On that note of rejoicing, after significant consultation with the Parish Staff, Pastoral Council and Finance Council, it was decided that we will have an Appreciation Dinner for all of our parish volunteers who help in any capacity at the church to support our mission. The dinner will be held on **Saturday, January 20th in the OLP Cafeteria**. Our gathering will begin immediately following the 5:00pm Mass (so probably around 6:15pm) with social time and dinner served at 6:45pm. This is a chance for our generous volunteers to be served for once, as they have typically been the servants in their ministries, so the meal will be catered. If you volunteer in any way for the parish and can join us, please make a reservation by stopping by the parish office or calling 814-833-7701 by Noon on Friday, January 12th.

May God bless our volunteers and our third week of Advent 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...

****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 Penance Services with the other west Erie parishes which are.... St. George-Sunday, December 17th; and St. Jude- Thursday, December 21st. Both services will start at 7pm. OLP 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 17, 2017 from 10:30 to 12:15. Dismissal is from the cafeteria.

This class, Dec 17, Grade 5 to Reconciliation at Noon. They will be dismissed from the church.

Secondary (Grades 6-10) - Religious Ed classes next meet Sunday, Jan 7, 2018 from 5:30 in the church. Dismissal from the school at 7:30.

Next class, Jan 7, 2018 Grades 6-8 GIRLS Retreat. Students report to the cafeteria at 12:45. Students will attend mass and have dinner. Dismissal is at 7:30. **BOYS in grades 6-8 DO NOT have class.**

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

NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES DECEMBER 24 & 31, 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

** At the **Rosary Society** Christmas Dinner earlier this month, we recognized the incredible service of three of the officers of their group. Marilyn Mackowski, Patricia Mackowski and Mary Szocki have served the parish through the Rosary Society for a combined 98 years. The parish purchased a new lavabo set for the hand washing during Mass in their name in appreciation for their many years of service to our parish and they were presented with certificates of appreciation as well. Please join me in thanking these servants of the Lord in our parish!



****"Voices of Christmas" Cantata** The OLP Voice of Peace Choir is joining with the choir from Messiah Lutheran for a Christmas concert called "Voices of Christmas." It will be held this **Sunday, December 17th at 2pm at OLP**. This is a great opportunity to join with other Christians to focus on the uniting truth of this season that God became man in order to reconcile us to himself. I thank Brian Kuzmin, our director of liturgy and music, for coordinating this as well as the leadership at Messiah Lutheran and the choir members from both churches. Please come out and support this important ecumenical effort!



MONDAY, December 18, 2017

7:00AM Jozef Scibor, Sr. -
Kathy Maciak
12:10PM Raymond Wieszczyk -
Terese
7:00PM Holy Hour for Youth & Vocations

WEDNESDAY, December 20, 2017

7:00AM Genevieve Krasnesky - Family
12:10PM Edythe Griffin - Donna

FRIDAY, December 22, 2017

7:00AM William Trohoske -
Matt & Janet Wolf
12:10PM Rose Buto - Family

TUESDAY, December 19, 2017

7:00AM Marie Kengersky -
Jim Infantino
-9:15AM School Advent Prayer Service
12:10PM Richard Notaro - Helen

THURSDAY, December 21, 2017

7:00AM Terrance Krott -
Robert & Roberta Vitron
12:10PM Julia Wesmiller - Family

SATURDAY, December 23, 2017

8:00AM Jay Sharples -
Richard & Mary Szocki
5:00PM Robert Lapinsky -
Nancy & Darrell Myers



Christmas Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM Carolyn Brabender -
Nancy & Brad Madara
11:00AM Ralph C. Muller -
Joe & Dianne Yochim



SUNDAY, December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve

5:00PM Paul Verno - Paul DeMarco
7:30PM Michael & Marianne Fetzer -
Tom & June Carr
Midnight 12:00AM Parishioners

MONDAY, December 25, 2017

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

10:00AM Deceased Members of the
Galdon Family

TUESDAY, December 26, 2017

7:00AM Gertrude Milkowski -
Joan Santangelo & Family
12:10PM Edward Karpinski - Children
1:00PM Mass at Parkside:
Norman Rieger - Dan & Diane Dennington

THURSDAY, December 28, 2017

7:00AM Terrance Krott -
Robert & Roberta Vitron
12:10PM Larry Smith - Wife & Family

SATURDAY, December 30, 2017

8:00AM William Trohoske -
Carol Mando & Family
5:00PM Donna Gallagher - Husband

MONDAY, January 1, 2018

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00AM Stanley & Joan Romba - Family
10:00AM Maria Kengersky - William & Celine Tersine



WEDNESDAY, December 27, 2017

7:00AM Carl Coates - Mom & Dad
12:10PM John Wojtkielewicz - Wife & Family

FRIDAY, December 29, 2017

7:00AM Jim Coates - Dan & Nancy Meyner
12:10PM Chuck Zukowski - Rich & Mary Szocki

SUNDAY, December 31, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM Josephine M. Przybycin -
Fred & Evelyn Fried
11:00AM Mary Cook - Helen Fontino
4:30PM Churck Zukowski - Joe & Sue Lacy
11:00PM Holy Hour for Peace

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

CHECK ONE:

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____

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

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

Youth & Family Ministry News

This 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.

Next Week, December 24 to December 30

- Merry Christmas from the Youth & Family Ministry Committee!

NOTE: Women in the Word Due to lots of viruses going around, we are cancelling Women in the Word until after the New Year. Moms, stay home and enjoy the Advent and Christmas Season with your little ones and stay healthy!

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.

Last Call to get your Christmas Wreaths and Poinsettias! Vouchers for Mason Farms 24" wreaths and 6" poinsettias will be available for purchase through the church office, Darrell Meyers, Darrell.meyers@olp.org. Vouchers will be available only through December 22. All proceeds support the ProLife Youth Fund.

OLP Youth 4 Life Bus Trip, January 19, 2018 Register now for the OLP Youth 4 Life Bus Trip: \$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, 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 and go to the Youth & Family Ministry section to print out the forms.



"The Voices of Christmas" a Cantata by Joseph Martin

featuring:

Our Lady of Peace Voice of Peace Choir and Messiah Lutheran Senior Choir

Sunday, December 17, 2017 2:00PM OLP Church

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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!

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.



OLP Knights of Columbus

The OLP Knights of Columbus have received the Star Council Award for the second consecutive year. The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. Pictured from left to right are District Deputy Lewis Nordin, Past Grand Knight Douglas Fleming and Grand Knight Gregory Sweigard.



Women Gather At The Well

invite you and your family
to participate in

The Blessed Sacrament Rosary

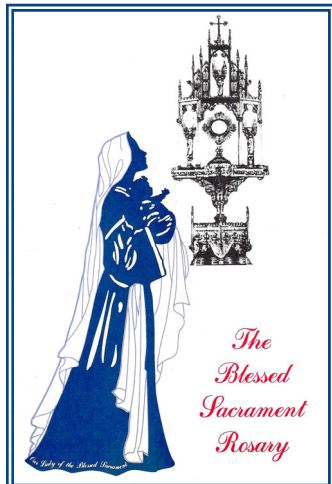
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Holy Hour for Peace

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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