



Our Lady of Peace



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 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.

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Anyone seeking information on becoming Catholic or completing one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office.

Prayer Request Line:

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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 24

Team 3:

Karen H., Julie H., Sarah F.

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.

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!

First Friday Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on **Friday, January 5th**, 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 - I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm - For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading - To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel - Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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Please see page 5 for the Mass Schedule

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Priscilla Passarelli - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Anthony A. Patsy - Daughter.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Dave Christenson, son of Skip Christenson and brother of Lisa Filipski; and for James Heim. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

Ushers Society

The Ushers Society meeting
Tuesday, January 2nd, at 7:00PM
in the Church Social Room

Traveling Vocation Chalice Prayers for Vocations

To promote family prayer and awareness of vocations, we have introduced 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 or to sign-up, please contact:
Dave Wayman, 454-8974, or
taichiguy@icloud.com.**

Readings for the Week of December 24th

Monday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

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. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.
Dec. 25: Christine O., Lori B.
Dec. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.
Dec. 27: Ann R.
Dec. 28: Ann F., Michael M., Betty S.
Dec. 29: Linda M., Richard M.
Dec. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.
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

○ God, who wills not the death of a sinner * but rather that he be converted and live * grant we beseech you * through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin * Saint Joseph, her spouse * St. Junipero Serra * and all the saints * an increase of laborers for your Church * fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls * through the same Jesus Christ * Your Son * Who lives and reigns with You * In the unity of the Holy Spirit * God forever * and ever. Amen.

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Christmas Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve

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

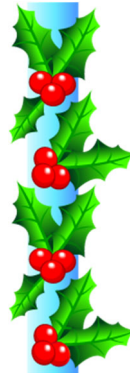


MONDAY, December 25, 2017

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

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
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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.

Youth & Family Ministry News

This Week, December 24 to December 30

- Merry Christmas from the Youth & Family Ministry Committee!

Next Week, December 31 to January 6

- Happy New Year
- 1/4/18, 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!
- 1/4/18, Thursday, 6pm to 7:30pm: **EPIC Ministry** for youth in grades 5 - 8. NEW LOCATION: Church Social Room - enter through the front by the church office. Guys bring drinks/girls bring snacks. New peeps get entered into a drawing for cool stuff - bringing friends is therefore encouraged! ALL are welcome regardless of church affiliation!. Parents are also invited to stay and join in the fun.

This week we will focus on New Year's Resolutions!

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.

REGISTER NOW for the 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, 814-833-7701, ext. 234, you can also 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.



NOTE: Women in the Word

Women in the Word is cancelled for the next 2 weeks to help moms spend time with their families. We will resume after the new year on January 11.

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From the Pastor's Desk...

To my Spiritual Family of Our Lady of Peace-

An anticipated Merry Christmas to you! I hope you received my Christmas note with your envelopes last month and I remind you again to take note of the **special liturgy schedule for the Christmas Octave and Season**. I have included the schedule for the Christmas Season elsewhere in the bulletin. Also, please note that the parish office will be closed all this week and thank you for understanding the need to give our parish staff a well-deserved break.

Remember the mystery of Christmas and the Incarnation of Jesus is so important for us as Catholics that we do not limit its celebration to one day. We celebrate the truth and joy of Christmas in an intensified way for 8 days liturgically (Dec. 25-Jan. 1) during the CHRISTMAS OCTAVE. All the daily Masses are celebrated as if it is Christmas day with the Gloria, incense, song and all the decorations. Consider going to an extra Mass or two or engage in other spiritual practices during the Octave to say thank you to God for the blessings of Christmas!

May God bless our last days of Advent and our Christmas octave ahead!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Peace.... pray for us!

St. Joseph, universal patron of the church.... pray for us!

St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie.... pray for us!

Other notes from the pastor...

****Appreciation Dinner** 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**.

****Christmas Gloria** The Gloria returns to Mass on Christmas Eve as we join the Angels who sang the opening line of the Gloria on that first Christmas Night. Let's prepare to give Glory to God in our Christmas celebrations!

****Christmas Season** The Christmas Season lasts for just over two weeks this year. Highlights include the Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 31st), Mary the Mother of God (Monday, January 1st), the Epiphany (Sunday, January 7th where we will have the Proclamation of the dates for Easter and other significant dates of the Liturgical Year). The Christmas Season will conclude on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 8th.

****"Voices of Christmas" Concert** Congratulations to Leslie Lopez (director) and the Voice of Peace Choir who joined the choir from Messiah Lutheran Church for a great concert last week! They

helped us prepare for Christmas by hearing from and praying with the main voices of the Christmas story. This was a new collaboration of the two choirs and I hope there can be more opportunities in the future. The music was powerful and inspiring-well done!

****Thank you** to everyone who volunteered for and attended the Stars and Promises Concert last week and special thanks to Cynthia Berarducci who organized the event. We were able to raise over \$1,200 for our OLP Needy Fund.

****2018 OLP Calendars** are available at all the exits. Please thank all of the sponsors who make the calendar possible for the OLP Community.

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Fr. Shane Mathew has been assigned to the faculty of Gannon University and as a resident here at Our Lady of Peace starting January 2nd. As part of that assignment, Fr. Shane will help with some Mass coverage here at OLP. He will most likely be moving into our rectory this coming week and we look forward to welcoming him.



Welcome to Our Lady of Peace Fr. Shane

OLP Volunteers...

You are appreciated!
And to show our appreciation
you are invited to a dinner in
honor of your service.



Saturday, January 20, 2018
Our Lady of Peace School Cafeteria
5:00PM Mass
6:15-6:45PM Social Time
6:45PM Dinner

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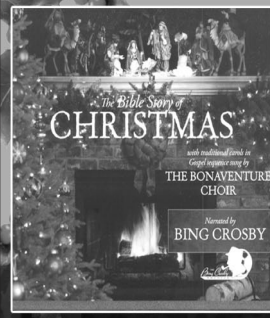




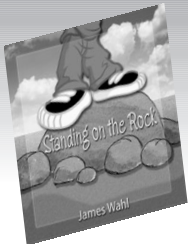
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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Elementary (Grades K-5) - Religious Ed classes next meet Sunday, January 7, 2018 from 10:30 to 12:15. Dismissal is from the cafeteria.

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

Next class, January 7, 2018, Grades 6-8 GIRLS Retreat. Students report to the cafeteria at 12:45PM. 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 next meet for their retreat on Monday, January 15, 2018. Students report to the cafeteria at 9:00AM. Lunch and a light breakfast will be provided. All are invited to join the candidates for Mass at 2:30 in the church.

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

"The Bells Will Be Ringing Soon"

Women Gather at The Well want to
"THANK YOU."

All the parishioners that contributed to our Traditional Bake Sale, all the extra tips, the women who baked during this very busy time. Those who helped me throughout the weekend. Thank you Jesus and Mary for bringing us all together to raise over \$1,000.

May your Christmas be full of Blessings and Joy.
May God continue to Bless Our Lady of Peace Parish.

A Family Perspective

Two important lessons in today's gospel speak to anyone who has ever felt afraid or uncertain; stressed or confused. No matter what is happening in your family, remember, "The Lord is with you."

The angel reminds us, "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

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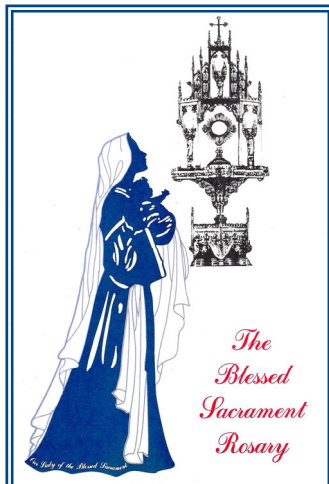
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The Blessed Sacrament Rosary

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.