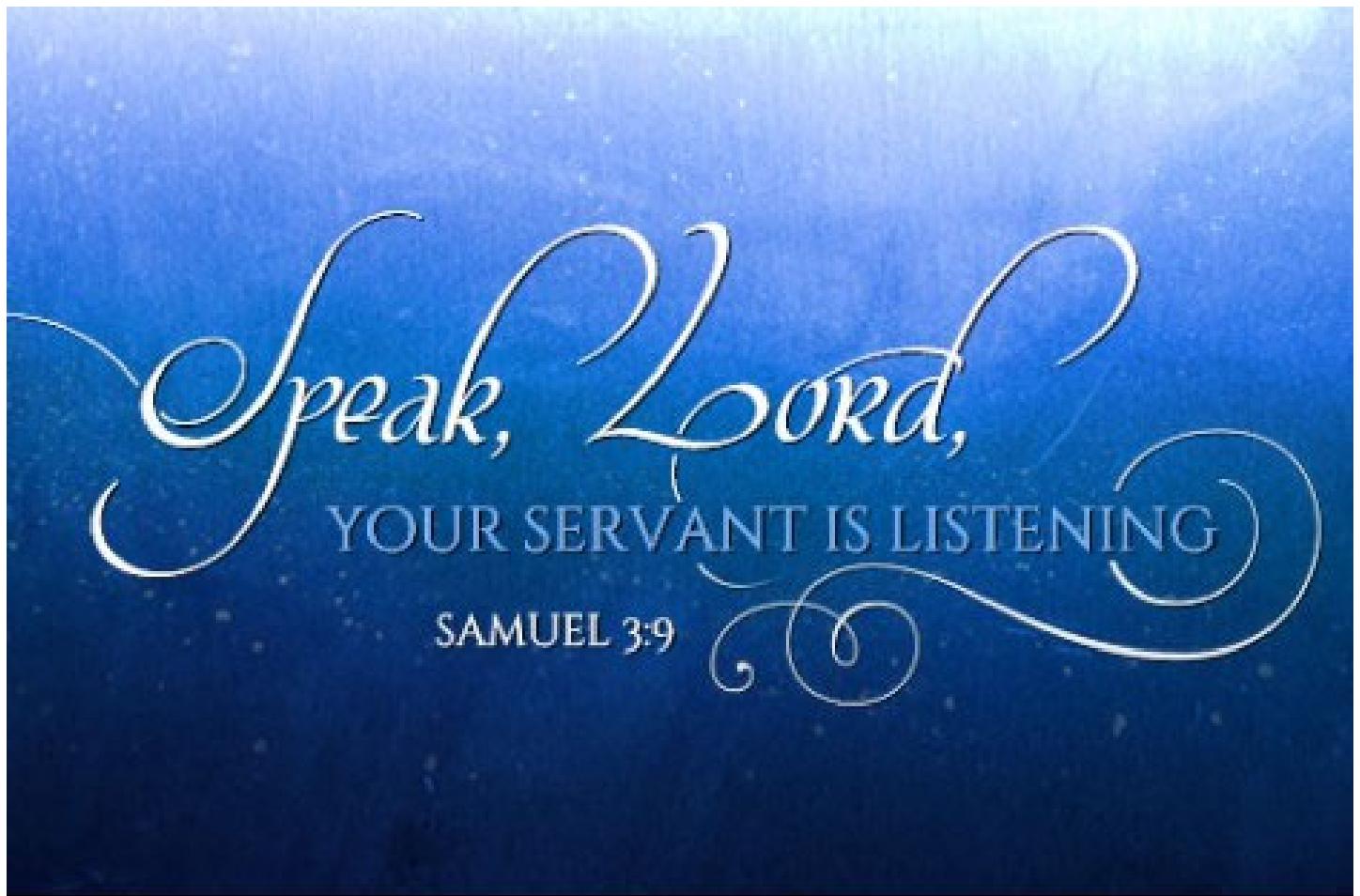




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The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the First & Third Sunday of each month, 11:00AMMass & 12:30PM respectively. A mandatory preparation class for parents is available on these dates: **2017:** Nov. 20. **2018:** Jan. 22

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 January 14****Team 6:**

Barb S., Margie P., Mary E.

Thank you to all those who are willing to help with this important ministry of keeping our church clean and beautiful.

Those interested in joining this ministry please call the Church Office.

Looking for a place to recycle used printer cartridges?**Look no further!**

OLP has a convenient box in the main vestibule of the church.

Simply bring your used ink cartridges from home or the office and leave in the box, we take care of the rest.

This is a great way to recycle and this also works as a small fundraiser for the OLP school.

*"The Mass
gives grace
just because
the Mass
is offered."*

Fr. John Hardon

Sunday's Readings:**First Reading** - Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).**Psalm** - Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).**Second Reading** - Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).**Gospel** - Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectioary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved**THE LAMB OF GOD**

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be renamed Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018

7:00AM Gene Zarnick - Wife, Mary Ann & Family
12:10PM Priscilla Passarelli - Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018

7:00AM Elfreida Cooney - Carroll Family
12:10PM David Adiutori - Wife & Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

7:00AM Bill Anthony - Carroll Family
12:10PM Darlene Kerner - Love, Mom, Dad, & Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018

7:00AM Elaine Waters - Joe & Dianne Yochim
9:00AM School Mass - Angeline DiRienzo Vacco - Family
12:10PM Florence Lackovic - Marge Filipowski

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

7:00AM Marian Yochim - Joe & Diane Yochim
12:10PM Helen Bruno - Haythorn & Swonger Families

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

8:00AM Special Intention for the OLP Rosary Members
5:00PM Dorothy Karpinski - Children

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM Michael Buccigrossi - Son, Marc & Deena Buccigrossi
11:00AM Elaine Watters - Kathy & Matt Williams
4:30PM Andrew Novak - Family

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Chuck Zukowski - Judy & Amy.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Gene Zarnick - Wife, Mary Ann & Family.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Elaine Straub. May her family find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

Daily at 11:40AM

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary is prayed daily at 11:40AM, just before the 12:10 Mass.

Mary invites all her children, if possible, to come and pray her Rosary. Many blessings will be yours! God bless you!

Daily after 12:10 Mass

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed daily after the 12:10 Mass in Mary's Chapel. **All are welcome!**



Readings for the Week of January 14th

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| Monday: | 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mk 2:18-22 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;
Mk 2:23-28 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
Mk 3:1-6 |
| Thursday: | 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;
Mk 3:7-12 |
| Friday: | 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19 |
| Saturday: | 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21 |
| Sunday: | Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31;
Mk 1:14-20 |

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:

Jan. 14: Nancy A., Mary Beth N., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.

Jan. 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B., Mandy K.

Jan. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Ed Z., Laura D., Kevin D.

Jan. 17: Len & Cathy K., Helen W., Barbra W., Nancy D.

Jan. 18: Frank G., Carly Y., Rachel O.

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

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

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-

January 18-25, 2018 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. So the Roman Catholic Church joins Christians everywhere in a concentrated effort to pray for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2018 is "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power" (Exodus 15:6). For more information go to: www.geii.org

The "Church Unity Octave," a forerunner of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, was developed by Father Paul Wattson, SA, at Graymoor in Garrison, New York, and was first observed at Graymoor from January 18-25, 1908. Today, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity invites the whole Christian community throughout the world to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus "that they all may be one" (*John 17:21*).

As we pray for Christian unity it is important to review how Catholics approach ecumenism. For Catholics, the word *ecumenism* refers to all of the activities and initiatives of the Church and her members to promote mutual understanding and, ultimately, unity among all Christians. Ecumenism is based on the unity and universality of the Church, which possesses all the goods given by God for salvation, and on the Church's proper relationship with non-Catholic Christian bodies which share some of these goods, including baptism. It is important to not fall into one of two errors common in ecumenism: Either to reject ecumenism altogether because one believes it is wrong to recognize salvific gifts outside the Catholic Church, or to pursue a false ecumenism which seeks unity at the expense of truth. The shortest route to a proper understanding of ecumenism in the modern context is to read Vatican II's *Decree on Ecumenism*, which is a relatively brief and eminently clear document. The principles on which the decree is based are rooted in Scripture, the Fathers of the Church, and ideas set forth in modern times by such popes as Leo XIII and Pius XII. Modern popes have repeatedly insisted on the importance of ecumenism. After thirty years of experience with the mandate of Vatican II, Pope John Paul II issued a longer and deeper document on the subject, *Ut Unum Sint (That They May Be One)* in 1995.

We must continue to pray for and seek ways to overcome what divides our Christian Churches and not ignore the differences. So let this focused week motivate us to learn about our differences with other churches and pray that our leaders inspired by the Holy Spirit can help us overcome what divides us.

May God bless 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...

****House Blessings** The Christmas Season, and more specifically the Epiphany, is the traditional time of year for house blessings. Fr. Kyle and I are available to come to your homes and bless them with you. Feel free to call either one of us and set up a time to do so.

****Pro-life Activity/ March for Life in Washington DC** Please pray for Fr. Kyle, Kathleen Peterson and myself as we join other

youth and adults from OLP as well as a group from St. George in participating in the March for Life this Friday, January 19th. Before we depart we will have a holy hour from 10:30-11:30PM on Thursday at OLP which everyone is welcome to join. Again if you missed the opportunity last month, you are welcome to help sponsor the trip by dropping a donation off at the parish office. **For the last ten years or so the US Bishops have designated January 22nd as the **Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** since it is the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Decision that legalized abortion in the US in 1973. With that purpose in mind, we will have a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, January 22nd from 7-8PM. I encourage you to join in this prayer or find another way to engage in special prayer and fasting for this special intention.

The OLP Prayer Ministry

This is a ministry for those individuals who are unable to attend usual parish functions perhaps due to an impairment, lack of transportation or illness. This active ministry can be done from home, a nursing home, the hospital, etc. Those who participate will be asked to voluntarily pray for a specific group, ministry or function as the meeting, ministry or function is occurring.

Prayer is vital to our lives and keeps us connected as members of the Body of Christ.

For more information or if you have questions, contact: Deacon John at deacon.john@olp.org or Tammie Mang in the Faith Formation Office at 814-838-9983, tammie.mang@olp.org.

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**A Family Perspective**

Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today:

"What are you looking for?"

What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal.

To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Elementary (Grades K-5) - Religious Ed classes next meet Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 10:30 to 12:15. Dismissal is from the cafeteria.

Secondary (Grades 6-10) - Religious Ed classes next meet Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 5:30 in the church. Dismissal from the school at 7:30PM.

Next class, January 21, 2018 Grades 6-8 BOYS Retreat. Students report to the cafeteria at 12:45PM. Students will attend Mass and have dinner. Dismissal is at 7:30. **GIRLS 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 JANUARY 14, 2018.

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

OLP Casserole Club

Mother Teresa said, "We cannot do great things on this earth, only small things with great love." When thanked for bringing a **casserole** a very common reply is, "Oh, its just a **casserole**." Be assured that since this began, there has never been a "small **casserole**." The food is wonderful, delicious and appreciated. Much more though is the "great love" that comes with each one. The residents, volunteers, staff, and board thank you.



The January casseroles can be delivered to the OLP Social Room (downstairs) on Saturday, January 20th, 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.

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.

Erie Catholic School System

invites you to join us for open houses at all six schools on

Sunday, January 28,

2018, from 10:00AM to 3:30PM (schedule below).



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Sunday, January 28

10:00AM to 1:00PM

Our Lady of Peace School
St. George School
St. Jude School

12:30 to 3:30PM

Blessed Sacrament School
St. James School
St. Luke School

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.

Download Our Parish App!

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Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

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

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- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
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January 8, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his 2017 World Communications Day Message, Pope Francis takes an unblinking look at how information is impacting our culture. While acknowledging that a constant focus on bad news contributes to anxiety and fear, he knows we cannot ignore the challenges of our times.

Yet he still finds room for hope.

"I would like to contribute to the search for an open and creative style of communication that never seeks to glamourize evil, but instead to concentrate on solutions and to inspire a positive and responsible approach on the part of its recipients," he writes. "I ask everyone to offer the people of our time storylines that are at heart 'good news.'"

That is exactly what we try to do in the Diocese of Erie. Overseeing our efforts to evangelize, to teach, to empower and to minister to those in need – not to mention the logistics of interacting with 97 parishes, 43 schools and dozens of ministries and agencies spread out across 10,000 square miles – requires that we share an enormous amount of information. I am committed to transparency, and work closely with our Communications Office to make sure we use every avenue possible to keep you informed.

But it's about more than information. We prioritize inspiration as well. As *Faith* magazine begins its 13th year of publication, it's clear there will never be any shortage of stories about people in our diocese who are living out the Gospel with creativity and generosity. This year, we also are preparing to launch an updated website, designed to be welcoming, engaging and user friendly. And I have been enjoying reaching out to you with my new Twitter account in recent months.

Each of these efforts is important to our lifelong journey as disciples. That's why I'm asking you to please support the *Help Spread the Faith* collection January 27-28.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



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Please arrive at Perry Square by 10:45 a.m.

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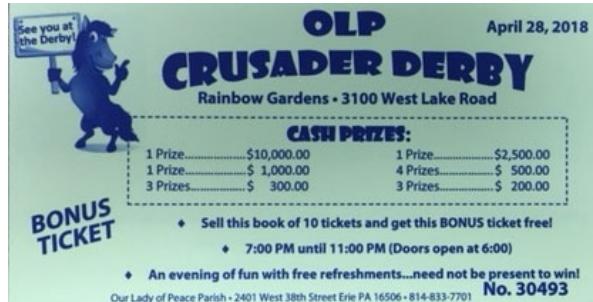
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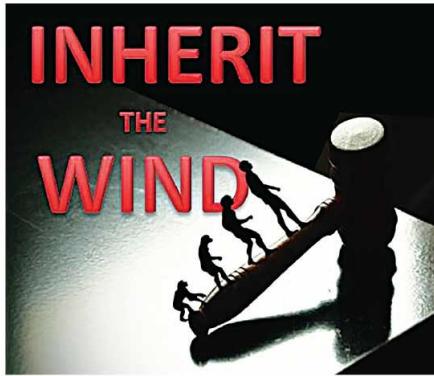
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Inherit the Wind was written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee in response to the then current McCarthy Trials on Communism, using a fictionalized version of the famous Scopes "Monkey" trial as an allegory. In the 1920s, a school teacher, Bertram Cates is put on trial for violating the Butler Act, a state law that prohibits public school teachers from teaching evolution instead of creationism. Drawing intense national attention in the media with writer E. K. Hornbeck reporting, two of the nation's leading lawyers to head to head: Matthew Harrison Brady for the prosecution, and Henry Drummond for the defense.

Men's Faith Sharing Group

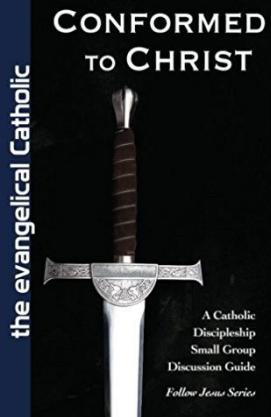
Conformed to Christ

The next meeting is Thursday, January 25th 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.



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Maxine Reinsel, 814-833-7389**