



Our Lady of Peace



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018

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The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, 11:00AM Mass & 12:30PM respectively. A mandatory preparation class for parents is available:

2019: Jan. 28.

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 app.

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 25

Team 3

Karen H., Julie H., & Sarah F.

The heart of this Ministry is the focus on service to the community through the maintenance of the Worship space. This Ministry offers the members the opportunity to spend quiet time in prayer while they serve in this ministry.



Thank you everyone who serves on this important ministry of keeping our church clean and beautiful.

Prayerfully consider joining this ministry and please call the Church Office.

UPDATED DEADLINES:

Bulletin Deadlines for December, January

There are bulletins with an early deadline; they are:

For Sunday, December 9, 2018, articles are due by November 30, 2018

For Sunday, December 16, 2018, articles are due by December 7, 2018

For Sunday, December 23, 2018, articles are due by December 10, 2018

For Sunday, December 30, 2018, articles are due by December 14, 2018

For Sunday, January 6, 2019, articles are due by December 17, 2018

For Sunday, January 13, 2019, articles are due by January 4, 2019

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.

Sunday's Readings:

First Reading - One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalm - The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

Second Reading - Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel - For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

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CHRIST IS KING

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)—one people united in love and peace for all eternity.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, November 26, 2018

7:00AM Benny Garczynski - Gary & Katrina Loncki Family
 12:10PM Chet Abramczyk - Nancy & Dan Schupp

TUESDAY, November 27, 2018

7:00AM Patricia Miklos - Family
 12:10PM Helen Molder - Family
 2:00PM School Mass - Special Intention for Blessed Mother's Intentions - Joe & Dianne

WEDNESDAY, November 28, 2018

7:00AM Ann Cuzzola - Husband, Joe & Daughter, Amy
 12:10PM Jim Coates - Dan & Nancy Meyner

THURSDAY, November 29, 2018

7:00AM Patty Ann Miklos - Family
 12:10PM Terrance Krott - Wife, Carla
 1:30PM Mass at Parkside - Vinnie Smith - Family

FRIDAY, November 30, 2018

7:00AM Andrew Polakowski - Family
 12:10PM Nick Buto - Family

SATURDAY, December 1, 2018

8:00AM Frank Cardamone - Kathy & Matt Williams
 5:00PM John Alward - Family

SUNDAY, December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Parishioners
 9:00AM L. B. Jankowski - Wife, Mary Ann & Family
 11:00AM James Iesue - Family
 4:30PM Joe McCallion - Nancy & Bob Warzniak



SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Guido W. Bucci, Sr. - Ben & Glorine Pizzo.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Jack Schillinger - Michael & Denise Lawson.

Thanksgiving Food Drive Opportunity to assist...

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

You may bring your donations:

1. This Weekend, November 24/25
 Collecting items at all the Masses



Readings for the Week of November 25th

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
 Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

BANN I

Marl Schroeck / Daisy Rose



First Friday Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on **Friday, December 7th**, 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.

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. 25: Christine O.
- Nov. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.
- Nov. 27: Ann R.
- Nov. 28: Ann F., Michael M., Betty S.
- Nov. 29: Linda M., Janet A.
- Nov. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.
- Dec. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat 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...**

○ 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. Serra Prayer for Vocations

From the Pastor's Desk...

To my Spiritual Family of Our Lady of Peace-

A blessed Feast of Christ the King! This weekend we 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). This is a solemn feast so we welcome extra decorations at church and incense 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. In concluding our liturgical year, our Catholic Tradition encourages us to meditate on our eternal purpose and to recall that God created us to be with him forever in heaven, not on earth. So we are encouraged to be spiritually prepared at all times for our death and the season of Advent picks up on this theme next week as we reflect on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

This is also a good time to consider our physical preparation for our death as well in regard to our funeral arrangements, living will and end of life moral issues. In this first area, below I have included some of the basic reminders about the church's expectations when it comes to funeral arrangements and burial as well as some practical ideas from my experience of working with people in this situation. In regard to living wills, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference created a model living will that incorporates the Catholic moral tradition in our end of life desires which we have copies of at the doors of the church and I highly encourage you to utilize. And lastly when it comes to making difficult end of life decisions for you or your loved ones I encourage you to take advantage of the National Bioethics Center End-of-Life Hotline which I have highlighted below. As always, please feel free to contact Fr. Kyle or myself if you have questions or would like to discuss these issues further.

May God bless our Feast of Christ the King and our week ahead!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of our parish & school.... pray for us!
St. Nicholas, patron of the Erie Catholic School System. pray for us!
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the Catholic Church of the USA... 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...

****Blessing of Hunters and St. Hubert Medals** At the initiative of the Knights of Columbus and through their financial support, this weekend we will bless hunters and St. Hubert Medals (patron saint of hunters) at all Masses seeking protection as deer season opens. The medals will be available to take after Masses.

****Boy Scout Christmas Garage Sale/Pancake Breakfast with Santa**

Next weekend are two great events in preparation for Christmas that I thought flew under the radar last year. The Boy Scout Used Christmas items garage sale takes place Saturday and Sunday (December 1 and 2), and the monthly Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast welcomes Santa Claus to OLP from 8am-11am on Sunday (December 2nd). I highly encourage you to take advantage of both in your Christmas preparations.

****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.

****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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Elementary (Grades K-5) - Religious Ed meets next Sunday, December 2, 2018, in the school. Dismissal is from the cafeteria.

The First Grade retreat is December 2nd from 10:30 to 1:00PM. Students will be dismissed from the cafeteria.

Secondary (Grades 6-10) - Classes next meet December 2, 2018, from 5:30 to 7:30PM in the school.

Confirmation (Grade 11) - Formation classes next meet Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 6:00PM in the school.

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

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

****The Church in Dialogue: Sexual Orientation** I am pleased to say that we are introducing a new series at OLP called "The Church in Dialogue." Our first session in this new parish series will be on Sexual Orientation and will be held on Tuesday, November 27th at 6:30pm in the church. I am very grateful to the following people who agreed to be on our team to help lead the dialogue and answer questions: Dr. Glenn Bailey, an OLP Parishioner and well-respected local Psychologist who is in formation for the permanent diaconate for the Erie Diocese, will present the most recent scientific/psychological dimensions on sexual orientation; Kate Whiteford, the Director of Chastity Education and Curriculum Assistant for the Diocese of Erie, will present on the moral dimensions of this issue from our Catholic Tradition; Eric Dart, an OLP Parishioner who teaches courses on Theology and Pastoral Studies and is chairman of the Theology Department at Gannon University, will present the theological dimensions on this issue; and Joe Haas, the Executive Director of Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services for the Diocese of Erie, will be presenting on the pastoral perspective and challenge in bringing all these dimensions together.

We are very blessed to have this team lead us in this important dialogue so please consider joining us. Please come with a charitable attitude, openness to other people's perspectives, and the humility to recognize that none of us has the entire truth or answer.

****FORMED (Catholic On Demand)** Due to the generosity of several members of our community, we have raised enough money to acquire a one year subscription to FORMED for Our Lady of Peace Parish. We will have a **kick off weekend on the First Sunday of Advent (December 1/2)** where the program will be introduced at all the Masses and information on how to use it will be given. As a way to invite the parish to experience some of the great content that FORMED offers, we will then have a **3 week study on their program called "Presence: the Mystery of the Eucharist" the Mondays of Advent (December 3, 10 and 17)**. They will be held in the church from 6:30-8pm and will include the videos plus discussion groups. More



Our Lady of Peace Boy Scout Troop 59 Christmas Decorations Sale

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

Troop 59 will be accepting all your used Christmas decorations.

Drop off your decorations:



OLP Scout House:

Monday, November 26th 6:00 – 8:00PM

School Cafeteria:

Friday, November 30th 6:00 - 8:00PM

Christmas Decoration Sale:

OLP School Cafeteria

Saturday, December 1st 8:00AM – 2:00PM
5:00PM - 7:00PM

Sunday, December 2nd 8:00AM – 1:00PM



The OLP Knights of Columbus

will have their Pancake Breakfast Sunday morning with a special visit from Santa.



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

Questions please call: Gary Baran, 814-464-3446.



The Knights of Columbus Council of Our Lady of Peace will hold their monthly Pancake Breakfast with a visit from Santa!

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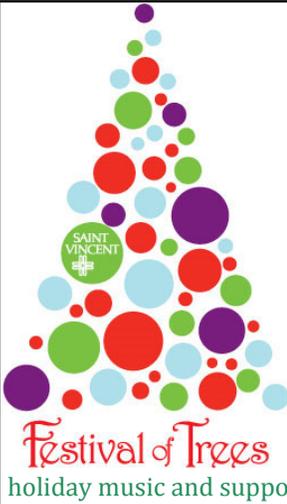
Monday's during Advent:

"Presence: the Mystery of the Eucharist"

**December 3, 10, 17
6:30 - 8:00PM**

Our Lady of Peace Church





Selah Praise Band of OLP
to perform at the
34th Annual Saint Vincent Festival of Trees

Sunday, November 25th 2:30 PM
Bayfront Convention Center

The Festival of Trees features a gallery of uniquely decorated Christmas trees, live entertainment, and a variety of fun-filled activities for children including Santa's Castle, live reindeer, and holiday displays. All proceeds from the event benefit the Children's Miracle Network and Saint Vincent Foundation. The Festival of Trees is open November 23 through November 25. Come enjoy the holiday music and support a great cause at the same time!

A Family Perspective

When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point, we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are you the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

Volunteers needed for Advent Wreath Lighting



The lights of the candles on the Advent wreath break through the darkness, reminding us of the Light of Christ that we anticipate during this holy season.

The Advent Wreath serves as a powerful visual reminder of the holiness of the season. The light of the candles invites us to quiet ourselves during this busy time and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Whether at home or at Church, it provides an invitation to wait and pray in hopeful anticipation for the coming of Christ. We are called to welcome the light of Christ into our lives.

Our tradition here at OLP has included offering all parishioners the opportunity to assist with the wreath lighting during the weekend Masses throughout the four Sundays of Advent. We will be continuing that tradition this year and invite you to prayerfully consider volunteering.

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule now through Sunday, November 25th.

The candle lighting is a very simple, yet significant, part of our Advent journey. Please consider being a part of this OLP tradition.

SpiritSong Teen Choir

Has your child ever expressed an interest in singing at church? Here is an opportunity for your child to share their talents with



our parish community at the 5:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

STOP BY OUR NEXT REHEARSAL AND CHECK US OUT!

WHO: SpiritSong welcomes all youth in 5th through 12th grades.

REHEARSALS: Wednesdays from 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM.

WHEN DOES SPIRITSONG REGULARLY SING: At the Saturday, 5:00 PM Mass twice a month.

To join SpiritSong for Christmas or if you have any questions about this ministry, please contact:

Debby Holmes 746-1539 or
debbyholmes75@gmail.com

West Millcreek Food Pantry

The following are suggested items to purchase for each week; you may buy what is on sale; all non-perishables are acceptable.



November 2018

25th Cereal & Baked Beans

Pantry is OPEN November 27th
(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those
living in Millcreek, held at the Westminster
Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26th Street.

City Mission Service

Saturdays, January 19; February 16; March 16.

10:00AM to 1:00PM

Contact Scott Barnes 814-881-8889

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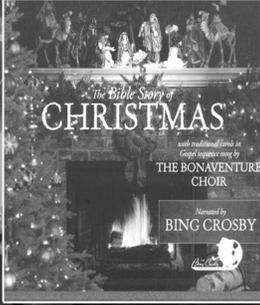
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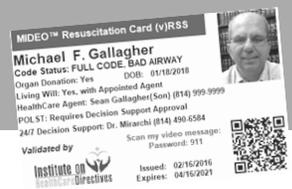
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The Knights of Columbus of OLP are having a raffle benefiting Our Lady of Peace parish & school projects called the "12 Knights of Christmas." A drawing will be held over a 12 day period before Christmas.

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. Camping Lanterns
3. Box of Romolo Chocolates
4. Beer & Pop Warehouse Gift Certificate
5. 3 Wine Bottle Gift Set (must be 21)
6. Bagless Stick Vacuum
7. \$50 Dinner Ultimate Gift Cards
8. Drill Kit
9. Streaming Media Player
10. Keurig Coffee Maker
11. Tickets to Playhouse, Phil & Pops, \$50 Meal Card
12. 58" Samsung TV with Sound Bar



Tickets may be purchased in the Church Office



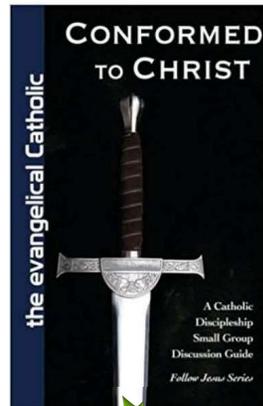
Men's Faith Sharing Group
Conformed to Christ

The next meeting is November 29th at 6:30PM in the OLP Church Meeting 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.

Week 6: Church – Questions 6-10
No meeting in December



Star of Wonder
A Holiday Concert with the Young People's Chorus of Erie

Friday, December 7, 2018
7:00PM

Our Lady of Peace Church, Erie

- Dr. Gabrielle Dietrich, Artistic Director & Conductor
- Joyce Kriner & Emily Cabanillas, Pianists
- Featuring YPC Erie Choirs: Chorale - Concert Chorus - Young Men's Chorus - Cantare

Adult \$10 Children \$5
To order tickets, call 814-898-6789



Rosary Society
Confraternity of Christian Mothers

2018 Rosary Christmas Party:
Thursday, December 6, 2018
6:00PM Social 6:45PM Dinner
Zem Zem Shrine Club (West 38th 7 & Zuck)
\$20.00/person Reservation & money due to
Chris DeRosa (835-7346) RSVP by Nov. 30th
Join us for an evening of good food,
good fellowship, music & fun!

OLP Seniors Group

→ The OLP Seniors Group will meet on
Thursday, December 6th 12:00PM
Shriners 38th & Zuck Rd
for their Christmas Party

Please bring unwrapped new toy for donation.

Call Mary, 864-0217, or Diane 836-7565, or by email: OLPSeniors@gmail.com for more information.