



Our Lady of Peace



Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 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 December 16

Team 6: Barb S., Mary E.

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.



*Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

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.

Thank You for Supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

Bulletin Deadlines for January

There are bulletins with an early deadline:

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 - Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalms - Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading - Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel - Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

Please see page 5 for the Christmas Mass Schedule



Readings for the Week of December 16th

Monday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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

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

Dec. 18: Frank G, Carlee 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., Sally R., Dianne Y., Gloria M.

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.

Start your year off by sharing your Time

City Mission Service

When: 10AM to 1:00PM

Saturday, January 19th

Saturday, February 16th

Saturday, March 16th

Where: 11th & French Street

What: Prepare & Serve the Lunch Meal.

Who: Any Parishioner 15 yrs. or older!

Contact: Scott Barnes 881-8889

*Qualifies for school & faith formation
service hours!*



Area Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 16: 6PM Our Lady of Peace

Thursday, December 20: 7PM St. Jude

OLP:

- Individual confessions available after Sunday morning Masses during Advent
- After Masses :
Saturday, December 22nd (8AM & 5PM) and
Monday, December 24 (7AM & 12:10PM)
- Saturday's 3:45 - 4:45PM

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

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Julia Wesmiller - Family.

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 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"). As we light the third candle of the Advent wreath which is traditionally rose-colored, we allow the joy of Christmas that we anticipate soon to buoy us during our final days of hopeful anticipation and preparation.

Part of this build up in anticipation during this week in the liturgy of the church, are the great "**O Antiphons**" of Advent. They are introduced at Evening Prayer on December 17th, and they are seven jewels of liturgical song, one for each day until Christmas Eve (which I see as a kind of Holy Week for Christmas and are traditionally called the days of "Late" Advent). They seem to sum up all our Advent longing for the Savior. The "O Antiphons" are intoned with special solemnity in monasteries at Vespers, before and after the *Magnificat*, Mary's prayer of praise and thanksgiving from the Gospel of Luke (2:42-55), which is sung or said every evening as the climax of this Hour of the Divine Office.

A vestige of the "Great O's" can be seen in verses of the familiar Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". Each antiphon is a name of Christ, one of his attributes mentioned in Scripture. The "O Antiphons" (Latin in parenthesis) appear below in English translation, with scriptural sources and suggested symbols. The first letters of the titles in Latin taken backwards form an acrostic of "Ero Cras" which translates to "I will be tomorrow", mirroring the theme of the antiphons.

So it is not too late to make the spiritual push to open our hearts even more to receive the gift of Jesus this Christmas... come to daily Mass, go to Confession (see below for the extra opportunities this week —or call the office to make an appointment), make a daily visit to church, say a Rosary, spend 5 minutes a day (or more) in silent pray and LISTEN, spend time daily reading the Bible, etc. It is not too late to wait, to listen, to prepare.

May God bless our third week of Advent and 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!
St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie.... 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!

The "O Antiphons"

December 17: (O Sapientia) O WISDOM, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: Come, and teach us the way of prudence.

Sirach 24:2; Wisdom 8:1. Symbols: oil lamp, open book.

December 18: (O Adonai) O LORD AND RULER of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come, and redeem us with outstretched arm.

Exodus 3:2, 20:1. Symbols: burning bush, stone tablets.

December 19: (O Radix Jesse) O ROOT OF JESSE, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: Come to deliver us, and tarry not.

Isaiah 11:1-3. Symbol: vine or plant with flower (especially a rose).

December 20: (O Clavis David) O KEY OF DAVID, and Scepter of the House of Israel, who opens and no man shuts, who shuts and no man opens: Come, and bring forth the captive from his prison, he who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Isaiah 22:22. Symbols: key; broken chains.

December 21: (O Oriens) O DAWN OF THE EAST, brightness of the light eternal, and Sun of Justice: Come, and enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Psalms 19:6-7. Symbol: rising sun.

December 22: (O Rex Gentium) O KING OF THE GENTILES and their desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one: Come, and deliver man, whom You formed out of the dust of the earth.

Psalms 2:7-8, Ephesians 2:14-20. Symbols, Crown, scepter.

December 23: (O Emmanuel) O EMMANUEL, God with us, our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior: Come to save us, O Lord our God.

Isaiah 7:14; 33:22. Symbols: tablets of stone, Chalice and Host.

Other notes from the pastor...

****Advent FORMED Series** As a way to invite the parish to experience some of the great content that FORMED offers, we are having a **study on the program called "Presence: the Mystery of the Eucharist" the Mondays of Advent (December 17)**. It is held in the church from 6:30-8pm and includes a video plus discussion.

****Advent Penance Services and other Opportunities** We are again coordinating Penance Services with the other west Erie parishes....**Our Lady of Peace- Sunday, December 16th at 6pm**; and St. Jude- Thursday, December 20th at 7pm. We will also have individual confessions available after every Sunday morning Mass in Advent; as well as after all Masses on Saturday, December 22nd (8am and 5pm) and Monday, December 24th (7am and 12:10pm). 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.

****Erie Night to Shine** Our Lady of Peace is excited to announce that we have been selected as a host parish for Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Night to Shine is a prom night experience for people ages 14 and older with special needs. **The complimentary event will be held at the Concourse of Union Station of Friday, February 8, 2019, from 6 to 9PM.** Night to Shine guests receive a red carpet welcome with paparazzi, hair, makeup and shoe shine stations, corsages and boutonnieres, dinner, photos, dancing and a crowning ceremony.

Caregivers are also invited to gather to socialize and enjoy snacks in a respite area. Night to Shine '19 will take place simultaneously at over 600 churches throughout the world. Volunteers are needed to be buddies to the guests as well as

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MONDAY, December 17, 2018

7:00AM William R. Miklos - Family
12:10PM Margaret Meter - Barb & Bill Eberlein
6:30-7:30PM Advent Reflection:
"Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist"
7:30-8:00PM Adoration

TUESDAY, December 18, 2018

7:00AM Dorothy George - Domenica Carbonelli
12:10PM Frank P. Agnello -
Charlie & Antonina Siggia
2:00PM School Mass - Deceased Members of
the Mogel Family - Ehrman Family

WEDNESDAY, December 19, 2018

7:00AM Julia Wesmiller - Family
12:10PM Thomas Hauck - Wife & Family

THURSDAY, December 20, 2018

7:00AM John Verdecchia - Jean Verdecchia
9:00AM School Advent Project Prayer Service
Representatives from the area agencies will be on hand to receive the gifts that the OLP School Community has collected. All are invited to attend.

12:10PM Genevieve Krasnesky - Family

FRIDAY, December 21, 2018

7:00AM Katie Abbott - Mary Abbott
12:10PM Dorson Hamilton - Ed & Loretta Balch

SATURDAY, December 22, 2018

8:00AM Norb Rydzewski - Jean Peterson
5:00PM Mary Bafik - Family



Christmas Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM Frank Petrunigar, Sr. -
Nick & Gloria Marinelli
11:00AM Richard Brazus - Wife, Marcia
4:30PM Rose Buto - Family



MONDAY, December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve

5:00PM Bill DeLuca - Family
7:30PM Michael & Marianne Fetzer -
Tom & June Carr
Midnight 12:00AM Parishioners

TUESDAY, December 25, 2018

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

10:00AM Carolyn Brabender -
Maribeth & John Cray

WEDNESDAY, December 26, 2018

7:00AM Gertrude Milkowski -
Joe & Dianne Yochim
12:10PM Edward Karpinski - Children

THURSDAY, December 27, 2018

7:00AM Carl Coates - Mom & Dad
12:10PM John Wojtkielewicz -
Marge & Family
1:30PM Mass at Parkside:
Vinnie Smith - Family

FRIDAY, December 28, 2018

7:00AM Joe Ott, Sr. - Friends
12:10PM Jim Coates - Peggy Hoffman

SATURDAY, December 29, 2018

8:00AM Ann Cuzzola -
Husband, Joe & Daughter, Amy
5:00PM Jean Stebell - CP Football Boosters



SUNDAY, December 30, 2018

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM Marie Kengersky -
Dick & Connie Venesky
11:00AM Peggy Pulice - Family
4:30PM Mary Lou Fulgenzio - Family

MONDAY, December 31, 2018

7:00AM Jack Dann - Keith & Cynthia Berarducci
12:10PM Josephine Przybycin - Fred & Evelyn Fried
Vigil:
5:30PM Marie Kengersky - Chris & Judy Bosner
11:00PM Holy Hour for Peace

TUESDAY, January 1, 2019

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
10:00AM Lori Maggart - Donna Pettinato

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 Ministry Corner:

From: Mr. Corey Ferraro

Hello all!

This week, we have an awesome Community Service Project on Thursday the 20th.

The Senior High members will be going to the Emmaus Soup Kitchen and will help to feed the homeless. We will meet at Emmaus at 3:30PM, and you will be done at 6:00PM. Please make sure to bring a Permission Slip with you! The Junior High members will meet in the Youth Room at 3:30PM to watch a video about the work that Emmaus does, and then will work to bake cookies and desserts for the people who go to Emmaus. We will do the baking in the school Cafeteria and will be done around 6:00PM as well.

Special thanks to Darrell Meyers, who helped me to set up these events. He does amazing work with Emmaus, and I am excited to get our Parish youth involved there. **Thanks everyone and I will see you all Thursday!**

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. CEREAL is needed.

December 2018

 16th Mac & Cheese/Peanut Butter
23rd Cereal / Baked Beans
30th Spaghetti Sauce / Spaghetti

Pantry is OPEN December 11th 9-11AM for those living in Millcreek, held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26th Street.



Download Our Parish App! myParish App



Our OLP app is available to download for iPhone and Android smartphones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications and an easy-to-access event calendar. **Download the myParish app by texting APP to phone number 88202.** You will receive a reply with the app link to download. Once downloaded, select Our Lady of Peace, Erie, PA.

First Friday Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on **Friday, January 4th**, 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.

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

Advertiser of the Week...

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Social Security Seminar

How does Social Security fit into my retirement income plan? When should I start taking benefits? What about taxes?

When: Tuesday Dec. 18th
from 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Where: Edward Jones,
2701 Evanston Ave.
Ste. 101, Erie, PA

RSVP: 814.838.3031

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in many other areas of Night to Shine. For more information and to register as guests or volunteers, please visit the website at www.NTSErie.org. Visit and "like" the Erie Night to Shine Facebook page. Questions can be emailed to NTSErie@gmail.com or directed to Linda Hennigan at 814-504-0581. **Sponsorships are available:** \$500 -Tiaras; \$500 -Crowns; \$750 -Dance Floor Surround; \$300 -Videographer; \$1,500 -Appetizers for Respite Area; \$300 -Musicians for Respite Area \$50 -Red Carpet & Stanchions. A **Fundraiser Fitness Class is being held on Saturday, December 29th from 10-11:30AM in the OLP Gym, led by Revelation Wellness instructor, Heather Konopka Gerlach. E-Mail: heather.simplynatural@gmail.com for more info.** **Since it went over so well last year, we will hold another **Parish 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 19th in the OLP Cafeteria**. Our gathering will begin immediately following the 5:00pm Mass (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 11th.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Elementary (Grades K-5) - Religious Ed meets this Sunday, December 16, 2018 from 10:30 am to 12:15 in the school. Dismissal is from the cafeteria.

Secondary (Grades 6-10) - Classes meet this Sunday, December 16, 2018 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the school.

Confirmation (Grade 11) - Formation classes next meet Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 6 to 8 pm in the school.

NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES DECEMBER 23 AND 30

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

Our Lady of Peace Boy Scout Troop 59 Christmas Decorations Sale

To all at OLP a big **"Thank You"** from the Boy Scouts for our **Christmas Garage Sale**. It was a big success all because of you!

We thank you very much.



Keep a lookout for our **Annual June Garage Sale**.

Again, thanks for supporting the Boy Scouts at OLP Troop 59.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Our Lady of Peace is happy to announce an exciting Catholic formation and entertainment option for you and your family. **FORMED.org** is an incredible online gateway to quality Catholic content, all in one place!

With **FORMED**, you can:

- Watch a quick five-minute video on the weekly Sunday readings
- Enjoy a movie with your family that is both nourishing and entertaining
- Enrich your marriage with the award winning video series *Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage*
- Help your children grow in character and faith
- And so much more!

FORMED provides amazing content for you to grow and explore your faith.

It's **FREE** and **EASY** to Register!

-Go to olp.formed.org (this is the code to use if necessary: 8GQD8J)

-Click **"Register"** and enter your name, email address, and desired password

You're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on **FORMED!**

We recommend you start with:

Divine Mercy In The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

(found under the heading "Highly-Acclaimed Series")

Advent Series/Adoration

December 17

6:30 - 8:00PM OLP Church

**"Presence:
the Mystery of the
Eucharist"**



All boys and girls ages 9 through 14 are invited to participate in the **2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**.

The local competition will be held **December 29th at 4:00PM at the OLP gym**. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is held annually with winners progressing through local, district, regional, and state competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years of age are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.



Entry forms will be available at the competition. All participants will shoot 15 Free Throws to determine the winners who will advance to the District competition. Bonus points may be awarded if you can dunk!

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel tells us to **SHARE!** This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give necessities to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.

31st 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 31st 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 seven 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 Wednesday, December 19th.

Join the OLP Community for an Advent Prayer Service, held in Church, where representatives will accept all donations on Thursday, December 20, 2018, at 9:00AM.

Thank you for your generosity!

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