



Our Lady of Peace



**Rejoicing at
a wedding
celebration in
Cana, Jesus
replenishes the
wine supply.
(John 2:1-11).**

Join us for
**Open
House!**
Preschool through
Grade 8
**Sunday,
Jan. 27**

The Erie Catholic School System
invites you to join us for Open House.

See how our school communities combine Gospel values and great learning experiences to help each child realize their true potential — in the classroom and beyond.

Families are welcome to enjoy school tours, meet teachers, students and parents, and enter a drawing at each school to win a \$500 scholarship!

Open House Schedule:

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
• Blessed Sacrament School	• St. George School
• Our Lady of Peace School	• St. James School
• St. Jude School	

We hope you can join us! Visit ErieCatholic.org to learn more, or to schedule a private tour or shadow day.

Erie Catholic
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www.olp.org

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olp@olp.org

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814-838-3548

Faith Formation Office

814-838-9983

Office Hours: 8:00AM - 8:00PM**Business Hours:** 8:00AM - 4:00PM**Parish Pastoral Team****Pastor**

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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 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 20**Team 5: Meg E., Diane S., Denise G.**

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.

Volunteers Needed!

St. Martin Center, Inc.'s food pantry assists over 300 families a month with food and is in need of volunteers! Clients are seen on an emergency basis and during appointments from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:30.

Volunteers are also needed to assist twice a month with our Senior Citizen food box day. This includes some heavy lifting as our clients need some aid in lifting and transporting boxes to their vehicles.

Anyone interested in volunteering may call Stacey Hellmann: 452-6113 x208.

Sunday's Readings:

First Reading - As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen ones (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm - Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading - All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel - Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply (John 2:1-11).

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A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to see, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult "public life" at his baptism by John. Today's Gospel reading tells us of his "first sign," providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019

7:00AM Albert Bilotti - Family
12:10PM Mary Walker - Christine & Frank Altadonna

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019

7:00AM John Balkovic - OLP Ushers
12:10PM Bernie Helmer - Karen Pierce
2:00PM School Mass - Francis Cunningham - Daughter, Pat Adams & Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019

7:00AM John Bennett - Ehrman Family
12:10PM Tom Peterson - Ed & Margaret Ignaczak

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019

7:00AM Robert Naguszowski - 7AM Mass Group
12:10PM Jim Roach - Stan & Delores Nowak

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019

7:00AM Ursula Bamberger - Husband
12:10PM Tom Griffin - Donna Griffin

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019

8:00AM Francis Crofton - Marian & Mario D'Aurora
5:00PM Victoria & Raymond Heisler - Barry & Carrie Publicover

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30AM Susan Ambro - Family
9:00AM Joseph Ott - Family
Catholic Schools Week Mass
11:00AM Erin Omniewski Ruecklies - M/M Michael Gaines
4:30PM Parishioners

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

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Theresa Prassack - Jack.



Readings for the Week of January 20th

Monday:	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Saturday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

First Friday Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on **Friday, February 1st**, 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:

Jan. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Jack Y.,
Donna G.
 Jan. 21: George O., Connie R., Maureen T., Rami S.
 Jan. 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y., Gloria M.
 Jan. 23: Heidi A.
 Jan. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.
 Jan. 25: Christine O.
 Jan. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.
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...

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. Serra Prayer for Vocations

From the Pastor's Desk...

To my Spiritual Family of Our Lady of Peace-

This week the Roman Catholic Church joins Christians everywhere in a concentrated effort to pray for Christian Unity. 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*).

In 1966, the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Vatican Secretariat (now Council) for Promoting Christian Unity began collaborating to create a common international text for worldwide usage. Since 1968 these international texts, which are based on themes proposed by ecumenical groups around the world, have been developed, adapted and published for use in the United States by the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute.

The theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "**Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue.**" (*Deuteronomy 16:18-20*). Christian communities "become newly aware of their unity as they join in a common concern and a common response to an unjust reality. At the same time, confronted by these injustices, we are obliged, as Christians, to examine the ways in which we are complicit. Only by heeding Jesus's prayer 'that they all may be one' can we witness to living unity in diversity. It is through our unity in Christ that we will be able to combat injustice and serve the needs of its victims." Let's respond to the call of our Christian brothers and sisters in Jerusalem (and all over the world) for an end to religious persecution and allow the injustice of Christian persecution unite Christians everywhere in prayer and purpose.

Let's keep this intention of Christian Unity in our prayers at all Masses this week at OLP and in our personal prayer life that God may bless all efforts for Christian Unity 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...****Prolife Issues:**

ONE- thank you to everyone who donated money last weekend for our trip to Washington DC for the March for Life. We raised **\$1,864** which covered the parish part of the budget and some of the food expenses as well as allowing us to set aside some money for next year.

TWO- I remind you that **Tuesday, January 22nd is designated by our U.S. Bishops as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** (recall that is the 46th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision that legalized abortion in the United States). I encourage you to incorporate this important intention in your daily prayer and consider adding something to

your prayer efforts that day. Some communal options are to consider: daily Mass at 7am or 12:10pm, daily rosary at 11:40am, daily Divine Mercy Chaplet after 12:10pm Mass or just stop by the church between 6:30am and 8pm (the hours OLP is opened most weekdays).

THREE- the Annual Erie March for Life is Saturday, January 26th and starts at 11am at Perry Square. I sometimes unintentionally put more emphasis on the DC March but this is a great way to locally stand up for life and prayerfully witness to our commitment to speaking up for children in the womb.

****Catholic Schools Week/ OLP School Open House** There will be an OLP School Celebration to kick off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 27th. It will begin with the 9am Mass where our school students will join in prayer and lead our liturgical ministries. That will be followed with an Open House from 11am-1pm. If you or anyone you know is considering sending your children to our school, this is a great opportunity to check it out. And please help us get the word out on this and invite your neighbors, coworkers or friends to come. Your efforts to promote our school are invaluable!

****Christmas Thank You's** Now that our Christmas Season is over, I would like to again thank everyone who helped make Christmas at OLP a beautiful celebration and season. I specifically thank our staff members who put in overtime, all of our liturgical ministers, our music ministry (particularly Selah Praise Band, the Cherub Choir, Voice of Peace Choir and the combo group at Midnight Mass- who all put in extra time to practice!) and our environment committee led by Brian Kuzmin and Chris Ehrman and his crew from Alburn Florist who did a wonderful job in decorating the church and getting us in the Christmas Spirit (I received many, many compliments on how beautiful the church looked!). And thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the Boy Scouts who helped decorate and un-decorate the church over the past month. Also thank you to Charlie Rutkowski who donated new shelf racks for storage in the basement. Lastly, on behalf of Fr. Kyle, Fr. Shane and myself, I want to thank all of you who gave us personal Christmas gifts and cards. We were overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and generosity, and we continue to thank God for you, Our Lady of Parish family!

****Holy Land Pilgrimage** I will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Israel from **October 26-November 5, 2019**. Cost is \$4,299 per person and includes 1 night in Tel Aviv, 2 nights in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, 6 nights in Jerusalem with airfare, hotels, breakfast and dinner each day (lunch not included). Highlights include Nazareth, the Jordan River, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. See the actual locations of almost all of the mysteries of the Rosary: JOYFUL- the Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, the Presentation and Finding in the Temple; LUMINOUS- the Baptism of the Lord, the Wedding Feast of Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom (Mt. of Beatitudes), Transfiguration and the Last Supper; All the SORROWFUL on the Via Dolorosa; and 4 of the 5 GLORIOUS- Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost, and Assumption (we will only not get to see the location of the Coronation of Mary since it happened in Heaven!). Believe me when I say that if you go you will never read the Bible or pray the Rosary the same again! Stop by the office for a flyer or visit: www.pilgrimages.com/frtoohey for more info.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS**NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES DECEMBER 30**

Elementary (Grades K-5) - Religious Ed next meets Sunday, February 3, 2019, from 10:30 to 12:15 in the school. Dismissal is from the cafeteria.

Secondary (Grades 6-10) - Classes next meet Sunday, January 27, 2019, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the school.

Confirmation (Grade 11) - The Confirmation Retreat is Monday, January 21, 2018 at St. Francis Xavier Church in McKean. Students should be there no later than 9:15AM. There will be a light breakfast and the retreat will start at 9:30AM. Check olp.org under the Confirmation tab for more details.

NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES JANUARY 20, 2019

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

A Family Perspective

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand, or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

**Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids**

Human Trafficking and Protecting our Youth: Trafficking of youth is a form of modern slavery. It includes both sex trafficking and forced labor. Any child under age 18 engaged in commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking, even if the youth's participation is not forced or coerced. Be aware of recruiting tactics. Traffickers target victims through social media sites, telephone chat lines, afterschool programs, at shopping malls, bus depots, clubs/bars or through friends and acquaintances. To help protect your child, ask questions about your child's friends, monitor their computer use and know where he/she hangs out. For more information on protecting our youth from human trafficking visit: https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/trafficking_ts_2018.pdf. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/>

Start your year off by sharing your Time**City Mission Service**

When: 10AM to 1:00PM

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 and faith formation service hours!

**SELAH PRAISE BAND**

invites you to turn your passion of singing into praise!

WHO: Selah Praise Band welcomes members from 11th grade through adult.

WHEN: Selah Praise Band ministers weekly at the Sunday, 9:00 AM Mass.

REHEARSALS: Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Selah Praise Band not only sings at Mass on a regular basis, but they are also invited to participate in concerts at church and events outside of the OLP parish.

Occasionally throughout the year, Selah Praise Band is also invited to join with all of music ministry in the **Festival Ensemble** for the Triduum, Confirmation, and other special parish liturgies.

Although we welcome new members anytime throughout the year, we currently have a special need for Sopranos.

INTERESTED: We welcome any perspective members to sit in on any rehearsal just to try us out!

To join Selah Praise Band or if you have any questions about this ministry, please contact:

Debby Holmes at 746-1539 or debbyholmes75@gmail.com

Brian Kuzmin at 833-7701 or brian.kuzmin@olp.org

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____

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

CHECK ONE:

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



Youth Ministry Corner:

From: Mr. Corey Ferraro

Greetings everyone!

Here are a couple of important bits of info on upcoming Youth Group events:

1. This Thursday, January 24th, Youth Group will be back at St. Mary's Asbury Ridge doing Bingo again. Both groups will meet from 6:00 to 7:30PM. This is a service hour opportunity too!
2. All high school youth in our Parish are invited to make the February Divine Mercy Encounter (DME) retreat. It is on February 8th-10th. It is, hands down, the best retreat you could ever make...you truly do encounter Jesus at this retreat in a profound way. If you are interested in signing up, please go to www.divinemercyencounter.com/ for more info!

Thanks everyone, and have a blessed week!

People for Life, Inc.

Erie March for Life

Saturday, January 26, 2019 11AM

"Choose Hope!"

Begins at Perry Square and concludes by 12:30PM with a program at the Perry Squire Pavilion (please arrive by 10:45AM)

People for Life

1625 West 26th Street, Erie

Mailing Address: PO Box 1126, Erie, PA 16512
office@peopleforlife.org

Visit: www.Facebook.com/MaarchforLifeBusTrip
www.PeopleforLife.life

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.



- 20th Mac & Cheese / Peanut Butter
27th Cereal / Baked Beans

**Pantry is OPEN January 22nd
(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those
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6th Annual 22:32 Men Conference



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The Conference will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish on **March 2, 2019**. The speakers are Tom Peterson of Catholics Come Home; Sean Forrest, singer, author and missionary; and Sean O'Hare, entrepreneur and evangelist.

There will be vendor tables, Mass, and opportunities for Confession and Adoration. Cost is \$40 per person with discounts for college and high school students, as well as groups of 8 or more. Free parking around the church and school. Lunch is included in the price.

For more information visit www.2232men.com or call us at 814-455-7364.

8:00AM Registration
9:00AM- 3:30PM Event

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**2019 Erie Night to Shine
will be held
Friday, February 8, 2019**

**Location: Concourse of Union Station
123 West 14th Street
6:00 - 9:00PM**

On February 8, 2019,

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Every guest of Night to Shine enters this complimentary red carpet complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi. Once inside, guests receive the royal treatment including professional photography, hair and makeup stations, corsages and boutonnieres, shoe shines, a catered dinner, a Respite Room for parents and caretakers, and, of course a dance floor...all leading up to the moment when each guest is crowned a king or queen of the prom!



Parishioner Matthew Serafin
and Tim Tebow

**Like us on FaceBook: Erie Night to Shine
Website: www.NTSErie.org**

Volunteers Needed

**To volunteer register at:
www.ntserie.org/volunteer**

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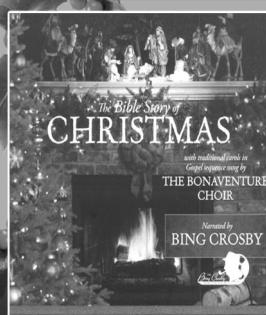
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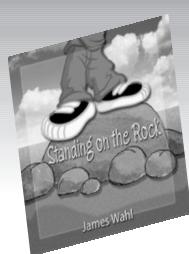
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