



Our Lady of Peace

R.C.I.A.

The initials RCIA stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is the rite by which the Catholic community welcomes adults into the Catholic Faith.



*Thinking of becoming Catholic?
Need to complete your Sacraments?
Just have some questions?*

Please contact Fr. Rich Toohey at 833-7701 or Tammie Mang at 838-9983.

Our classes begin on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30PM. We look forward to hearing from you!

Is God Calling YOU?

Catechists needed for grades 4th and 6th

Why become a catechist?

- The best way to learn is to teach
- Your own faith will come alive
- You become an active part of the most active part of your parish
- A catechist is a role model
- You show your own family that you value religious education

Become a Catechist for the Our Lady of Peace Faith Formation 2019-2020 year!

Please contact Tammie Mang in the Faith Formation Office at 814-838-9983 or email tammie.mang@olp.org



Our Lady of Peace
CHURCH

*“Save the Date!”
“All Are Welcome!”*

OLP Annual Parish Picnic Saturday September 7th

Mass celebrated at 4:30PM outside (weather permitting) on the Church grounds with the picnic to follow.

**Sign-Up this weekend,
August 24th/25th
and next weekend,
August 31st/September 1st**



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, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via FaceBook or Twitter. **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.

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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 (6-7PM):

2019: Sept. 23, Nov. 25.
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.

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:**Day:** Kandace, 453-6515**Night:** Donna, 866-0792 or Christine, 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 August 25

Team 6: Barb S., Mary E., Joanie B.

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.



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

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

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.



August 2019
25th Toilet Tissue / Bar Soap

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

Sunday's Readings:

First Reading - Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalms - Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading - Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel - People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Readings for the Week of August 25th

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17;
Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;
Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019

7:00AM Louis Bruno - Haythorn & Swonger Families

9:00AM **School Mass** - Special Intention for the
OLP School Community

12:10PM Paul Madonia - Anna & Don Aicher

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019

7:00AM Ray Ostrowski - Wife & Family

12:10PM Bob Theiss - Craig Johnston & Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019

7:00AM Catherine Kenwood - Family

12:10PM Ann Cuzzola - Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2019

7:00AM Irene & Z. Marion Zaczekiewicz - Jim

12:10PM Thomas Hauck - Wife & Family

1:30PM **Mass at Parkside** - Ann Novak - Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2019

7:00AM Frank Santangelo - Wife, Joan

12:10PM Gert Milkowski - Daughter, Nancy

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019

8:00AM Ed Tomczak - Maxine Reinsel

5:00PM Eugene Lapinsky - Darrell & Nancy Meyers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Joe & Stella Rys - Children

9:00AM Maria Ferraro - Jay Ferraro

11:00AM Maria Roberts - Family

4:30PM Parishioners

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2019

Labor Day

9:00AM Ed & Mary Jane Brothers - Family

Church Offices Closed Today

Will reopen 8:00AM Tuesday



SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Leonard Tillerson - Wife, Agnes.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Bernadine Zdunski - David, Sandy & Aaron Maracci.

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 to come and pray her Rosary. Many blessings will be yours! God bless you! **All are welcome!**



BANN II

Matthew Maughn / Angela Simora

BANN I

Justin Mackowski / Abigail Hodges

BANN I

Vincent Vavala / Jillian May



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:

Aug. 25: Christine O.

Aug. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.

Aug. 27: Ann R.

Aug. 28: Ann F., Michael M., Betty S.

Aug. 29: Linda M., Janet A.

Aug. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.

Aug. 31: Jim Z.

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-

Last weekend there was a bulletin insert of a letter from Bishop Persico on the anniversary of the release of the Grand Jury Report on Abuse in the Catholic Church in Pennsylvania in August of 2018. We have more copies of the letter at the doors of the church and I encourage you to take one and read it if you missed it last weekend. The bishop continues to challenge us not to move on from this chapter in our church's history but to remember it and learn from it and continue to ask God to help all those affected by it with healing and renewal (the victims as well as the entire church).

Bishop Persico has again designated **September 15th (the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows and a Sunday this year) as day of prayer for this purpose.** So our church at Our Lady of Peace will be open from 7AM to 7PM to invite everyone to visit a Catholic Church and spend time in prayer in whatever way the Holy Spirit moves them. That weekend we will again recite the Litany for Healing, the prayer that the Diocese provided last year and we prayed for several months, at all the Masses. Also, in response to the Bishop's request that we have opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration with the special intentions of victim/survivors, the healing of the church and the sanctification of the clergy, we will have a **holy hour of Adoration during the day of prayer from 5:15-6:15PM** (right after the 4:30PM Mass).

I echo Bishop Persico words, "I have been inspired and grateful that many Catholics have demonstrated true discipleship, witnessing to their faith this past year. They have shown what it means to be charitable, to forgive and to live in hope. And they have understood how important this moment has been for victims/survivors. It is clear that bringing about healing and rebuilding trust is the work we are being called to do as church. It will take time, patience and fidelity, but the Lord will provide the grace we need."

May God bless our year ahead with that grace!

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...

****Good luck and prayers for all our parishioners returning to school this week! We will kick off the new school year here at Our Lady of Peace School with a Mass on Monday, August 26th at 9AM.** All parishioners and especially family members of our school children are encouraged to attend. Please keep all students, their families, faculty, administration and staff at all schools in your prayers this week!

****The Erie Catholic School System (ECSS) Car Show is approaching on Saturday, September 14th at St. Jude Church from 10AM-3PM.** There is also a Classic Car Raffle (1967 Ford Mustang) that will be drawn that day as well with a cost of \$20. We have students helping sell tickets for the raffle at the Masses this weekend. Check page 7 for more details or stop by the parish office to buy a ticket.

****OLP Parish Picnic**

Our next parish community event is the **Parish Picnic on Saturday, September 7th starting with a 4:30PM outdoor Mass (please note the change in time!)**. After the Mass we will have a potluck dinner with some food and drink being provided. There will be music, bingo, a Chinese raffle, children's games and activities, a bonfire with s'mores and conclude with fireworks at dark. Keep an eye on the bulletin for more details.

****An Environment of Welcome and Belonging** The parish picnic will be part of our second **"Welcome Weekend"** (September 7/8- first one was in May) in which at all Masses we will recognize new parishioners, we will invite our congregation to greet those around them, and there will be a registration table for those who want to register at OLP or want more information about our parish. Remember that these are just some steps we are taking institutionally to grow in the spirit of Welcome at OLP but the best way to grow as a welcoming parish is for each one of us to take on the responsibility of hospitality and ensuring that all people feel as though they belong when they come to OLP. For us to show real improvement in this area, we ALL need to make a serious commitment to it so please join me in making that commitment.

****Bible Study** I am excited for the start of a new bible study year. This year the group will be exploring two of the historical books of the Old Testament- 1 and 2 Samuel. These books see the transition of the people of Israel from the time of the Judges into the era of kings. We get to see the story of great prophets like Eli, Samuel and Nathan. The first kings of Israel are anointed with the tragic story of Saul and the climax of the kingdom of Israel under the great King David. If you have not really heard the full story of David, this is a great opportunity to do so. Remember that David is the prototype of the image of King which Jesus fulfills in His mission as messiah and one of the key persons through whom God chooses to renew, deepen and develop his covenant with the People of God. See the back cover for info on registration.

****Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** We are getting ready to start a new year of helping some of the adults in our community to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. If you or anyone you know might be considering becoming Catholic or receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as a Catholic, please contact the parish office. There will be an introductory meeting on **Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30PM in the Parish Social Room.**

****Catechists Needed** We are in need of a few more catechists for our Faith Formation Year that is fast approaching. Please prayerfully consider this important ministry in our parish and call the Faith Formation Office (838-9983) if you are feeling the nudge of the Holy Spirit towards this ministry.

****Last Call on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land****Walk Where Jesus Walked**

We presently have 31 official pilgrims (and 36 unofficial) registered for the Holy Land journey from October 26- November 5, 2019 (flying out of Pittsburgh). **Monday, August 26th is the last day to have guaranteed rooms and flights with registration** so this is the time to make the move if you have been holding out. As I have said before, this will be the experience of a life time and you will not read the Bible the same if you go so take advantage of this amazing opportunity if you can! Call the church office for more info. Pilgrimage is through 206 Tours, www.pilgrimages.com/frtoohy

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades K-8 - Classes meet 9:15AM to 10:45AM in the church and school. All students in grades K-8 are to attend 11:00AM Mass on September 15th and sit anywhere with their families. The meeting for parents of 6th through 8th graders is following Mass in the church.

First day of class for K-8 is September 22nd. The meeting for parents of K through 5th graders is at 9:30AM in the gym.

Confirmation (Grades 9-11) - Classes meet from 5:30-7:30PM in the school and church. The first day of classes is September 22nd. The parent/student meeting for grade 11 is at 5:30PM in the church. The parent/student meeting for grades 9 & 10 is at 6:30PM in the church.

If you have not yet registered please remit your form and payment by Monday to the church office. The comprehensive calendar and schedules for K-8, Grades 9 & 10 and Grade 11 were emailed to parents on August 9. If you didn't get this email you can find the info on the website under the Faith formation tab.

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

The phrase in today's gospel, "I don't know where you come from," is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid one generation has little in common with another. We must depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge this gap.

Fall Service Hours

Operation Shoebox needs help assembling items for shoeboxes that will be filled with gifts to be sent around the world - to help share the knowledge of God and Christ to places that has never been heard.



Work Days:

September 13 6:00PM-9:00PM (no meal)
September 14 9:00AM-4:00PM (light lunch provided)

Held: Grace Church, 7300 Grubb Road, McKean, PA
Questions: Call Kathy Schriefer, 814-823-2574 or email: jschriefer@neo.rr.com



Welcome Back to School:



Students, Teachers, Staff & Principals

JOIN OLP'S MUSIC MINISTRY

AS WE BEGIN ANOTHER SEASON OF GREAT MUSIC, WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE VOCALISTS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS TO JOIN US IN SHARING THEIR TALENTS WITH THE PARISH COMMUNITY.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: **BRIAN KUZMIN** - 833-7701, BRIAN.KUZMIN@OLP.ORG
FOR SELAH/SPIRITSONG: **DEBBY HOLMES** - 838-6306, FOR VOICE OF PEACE: **LESLEY LOPEZ** - 464-7177

CHECK ONE:

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

Youth Ministry Corner:

****Youth Ministry Update:**

With Corey's resignation taking effect this week we will be looking immediately for a new director of Youth Ministry for our parish. If you have any interest in this position or can recommend someone else please let me know.

Thank you for your generous support last week for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. The monies collected will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share it with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" on the left.

Charismatic Prayer Group

We are looking to start a charismatic prayer group at OLP. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Joe by email at: deacon.joe@olp.org or by contacting the church office. Please leave your name, phone number and which evenings would work best for you.

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Hospital Ministers of Holy Communion Needed

Saint Vincent and UPMC Hamot Hospitals are seeking parish approved Ministers of Holy Communion to bring Eucharist to the sick on a scheduled basis. Each hospital has a different scheduling system and procedures. If you are interested in a 1/month or weekly ministry in this capacity, please call our parish office to offer your name. Let us know if you have a preference of hospital.

Have you ever been admitted to a hospital and did not receive a visit from an OLP Hospital Visitor?

Here is a way to avoid that disappointment:

EVERY TIME you are admitted to the hospital, please make sure you **tell the admissions officer that you are a Catholic from Our Lady of Peace Parish**. That way, you are in the computer and will receive a visit. Without your information, they will not put you on the communion list.

Also, it never hurts to **CONTACT OUR PARISH OFFICE** to let us know you are in the hospital. We wanted to keep you up to date. God Bless you!

Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Council 278 are hosting a

Breakfast with Mike McCoy

**Sunday,
September 8, 2019
9:30AM**

**Blessed Sacrament
Cafeteria,
1626 W. 26th St.
A Message of
Hope and
Encouragement**

**Adults \$10 /
Children \$5**



The goal is to have families of faith in the Erie area come, be fed, and inspired to live their Christian faith fully.

Mike McCoy, an Erie native and Cathedral Prep and Notre Dame graduate, played defensive tackle for 11 years in the NFL.

Mike McCoy's passion is empowering people and helping them develop a larger vision for their lives. Mike will deliver a Faith-based message of Hope and Encouragement that will help everyone overcome challenges, deal with peer pressure and to develop the self-confidence to achieve true success as planned by our Creator.

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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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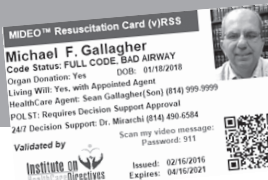
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