

Our Lady of Peace



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Area Catholic High School **Open House** for 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders Sunday, November 3, 2019 **Mercyhurst Preparatory School** 538 East Grandview Blvd, Erie Noon to 3:00PM General sessions will be held at 1:00PM and 2:00PM. Guest students are eligible to enter for a chance to win two Apple Airpods w/charging case. (Must be present to win.) Be sure to visit our DREAM Lab and try zSpace, which combines Augmented Reality (AR) with Virtual Reality (VR). This interactive tool is helping to fundamentally change the educational experience, esp. in the areas of (STEAM) science, technology, engineering, art & math. MPS is the first high school in the area to acquire this technology. Any 8th gr. student that applies online at mpslakers.com/admissions on or before Nov. 3, will be eligible to win 1 of 5 awards of a \$1,000 tuition voucher to Mercyhurst Prep for their freshman year. Free t-shirt to first 300 students. For more info call 824-2323; visit www.mpslakers.com.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK



Let Me Be Ministries presents LEAD ME

an evening of Faith & Inspiration for men of all ages on *Thursday, November 14, 2019,* at 7:00PM at the Breen Center at St. Ignatius, 2008 W. 30th Street, Cleveland, OH. Four great regional presenters offering a TED Talk style presentation, along with Worship Music by the Sacred Heart Band. For more info visit: www.LEADMETODAY.com or contact OLP Parishioner

Darrell Meyers at 450-3697 for info or car pooling arrangements.



Wednesday, November 6, 2019 7:00NM

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania will hold an information session November 9th at 10:00AM for women seeking to deepen their spiritual lives as an *agrégée*. The event will be held at the Sisters of St. Joseph Community Living Center, 5031 West Ridge Rd., Erie. *Agrégées* are baptized, Catholic women who permanently commit themselves to God through the spirit and mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Candidates participate in a two-year formation process before acceptance as an *agrégée*. For more info or to make a reservation, contact Sister Susan Herzing, SSJ, at 814-836-4066 or s.sherzing@ssjerie.org.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

Parish Office Phone 814-833-7701 Fax 814-833-7702 Website www.olp.org E-mail olp@olp.org School 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 Rev. Rich Toohey **Parochial Vicar** Rev. Mark Hoffman Priest in Residence Rev. Shane Mathew Permanent Deacons Rev. Dr. Glenn Bailey Rev. Mr. John Mang Rev. Mr. Joseph Yochim, Jr. School Principal Mrs. Lisa Panighetti Music/Liturgy Director Mr. Brian Kuzmin Faith Formation Director Mrs. Tammie Mang Youth Minister

Office Manager Mrs. Mary Beth Whitman **Office Secretary** Mrs. Cynthia Berarducci Maintenance Supervisor Mr. Michael Przepierski Pastoral Council President Ms. Nancy Milkowski Finance Council Chairman Mr. Paul Vojtek 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: Nov. 25 2020: Jan. 27 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 Wednesdays 11:30-12:00 or by appt. Saturdays 8:30-9AM; 3:45-4:45PM 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

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 3

Team 4: Bev H., Carol G., Beth F., Mary Ann B.

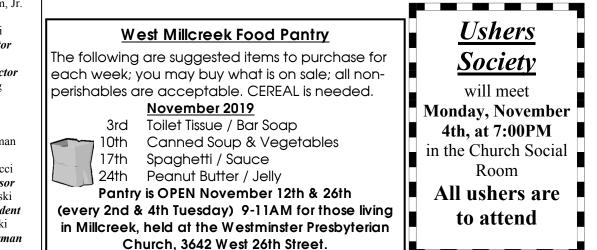
The heart of this Ministry is the focus on service to the community through the maintenance of the Worship space. This Ministry offers the members the opportunity to spend quiet time in

prayer while they serve in this ministry.

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



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



Sunday's Readings:

First Reading - Lord, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2). **Psalm** - I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145). **Second Reading** - May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2).

Gospel - Today salvation has come to the tax collector Zacchaeus' house (Luke 19:1-10).

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A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GOD

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God's glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to "the LORD of the whole universe." Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God's greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke's Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019

7:00AM Richard B. Johannesmeyer - Family **12:10PM** Anna Mae Meyers - Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

- 7:00AM Barbara Platz OLP Rosary Society
- **12:10PM** Bob Theiss Malue Family
- 2:00PM School Mass Special Intention for Jack Conner - Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019

7:00AM Phil Trejchel - Harry & Jackie Chereson 11:30AM-12:00PM Confessions

11:50AWI-12:00PWI Contessions

12:10PM Angela Cosentino - Angela LaFuria **7:00PM** Holy Hour for Vocations

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019

7:00AM Paul Ragan - Paul Vojtek Family
12:10PM Clem Scalzitti -Children, Gary, Gayle, Pam & Nancy

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019

7:00AM Audrey Zimmer - Barry, Keith & Julie **12:10PM** Leonard Tillerson - Wife, Agnes

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019

8:00AM <u>NOVEMBER</u> 8:30-9:00AM Confessions 3:45-4:45PM Confessions 5:00PM Maude Daugherty - Pulice Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Parishioners **9:00AM** Marilyn Ferraro - Jay, Corey and Julie

- 11:00AM Marie Kengersky Dick & Jane Kettler
- **4:30PM** Bob Theiss Gina Adams

<u>SANCTUARY LAMP</u> - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Jean M. Yezzi - Family.

<u>**CHAPEL LAMP</u>** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Bob Theiss - Malue Family.</u>

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! <u>All are welcome!</u>

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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. The 31 Club is a program of the Serra Club of Erie www.serraerie.org.

Upcoming Mass commitments:

- Nov. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.
- Nov. 4: Arlene B.
- Nov. 5: Ed B., Joyce K., Chuck & Linda R.
- Nov. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
- Nov. 7: Margaret K.
- Nov. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.
- Nov. 9: Ellie A., Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.

If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 397-6443. 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

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From the Desk of the Parochial Vicar Father Mark Hoffman

Dear Friends,

We all have a past. One of the assignments I loved so dearly from my past was being the Vocation Director for the Diocese of Erie. It was a time of honor for me personally because I was often the first one a high school guy or young adult man would share that he was feeling the "tug" in his heart to consider becoming a priest.

So just how does a man, regardless of age, discover his call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ? Well, that answer has many variations, but there are several consistencies which I have noticed over the years.

The first common feeling is a comfort with his religion. A candidate for Seminary may not talk much about a call at all. He may be very quiet - "holding his cards close to his chest" as some may say. Why the secrecy? No young man wants to be misunderstood. Time and again, seminary candidates have approached me sharing that friends (and family!) have asked him if he "didn't like girls" or "I guess being a priest is fine... jobs are hard to get these days." Neither reflects his heart! The best candidates for the seminary are very attracted to girls. Many have dated - perhaps several girls over their dating years. Others may not have dated just one girl, but have had wonderful relationships in their schools or circle of friends. Some guys just choose not talk boldly about their thinking of priesthood, but many "drop hints" about their openness to the priestly vocation. They feel a comfort with God and are serious about their Catholic faith. And, to me, an important indicator of a good vocation is when they enter wanting to understand their calling – first and foremost, and do not want to beat their own drum or their particular issue to change in the church. Those usually indicate formational issues. Their core is a relationship with Jesus Christ and His church.

The other common feeling a solid candidate for seminary often has is the joy of serving. A possible candidate is often the person who seeks out the right fit for service in their home parish or campus ministry. Others seek volunteer opportunities in their local town or neighborhood. Priesthood is very much about leading in service and humble example. It was disastrous when a candidate entered into my office and had it all mapped out, down to the design of his chalice and vestment. Those are wonderful "tools of the trade," but the man himself is the primary instrument of vocational service. I had to determine if the seminarian could be invited to put "church things" in perspective and be open to learning the teachings of Christ as echoed in authentic church teachings. In short—will seminary candidates have the "heart of the Church" and not a self-generated agenda. Essentially, I had to ask: Is grateful joy to Jesus Christ their true foundation?

I would like to invite any man from our parish, high school and older, who would like to discuss service to the church as a priest to please contact Father Rich or me any time. Helping you is a passion for us.

Next May 29, 2020, Deacon Kevin Holland, if it is the will of God, will be ordained for priestly service to the Diocese of Erie. Deacon Kevin will become the 10th native son of OLP to answer the call to priesthood. We look forward to the joy of more priestly candidates in the future. Please pray for Deacon Kevin and all men who are discerning a religious vocation.

#iGiveCatholic

What is #iGiveCatholic?

#iGIVECAHOL **#iGiveCatholic** is a one-day online giving event for the faithful in dioceses across the nation (and the world)) to come together and

raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries on #GivingTuesday, December 3, 2019. Last year, **#iGiveCatholic** raised more that \$5.6 million for organizations in participating dioceses.

What is #iGiveCatholic?

#Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

When is #iGiveCatholic?

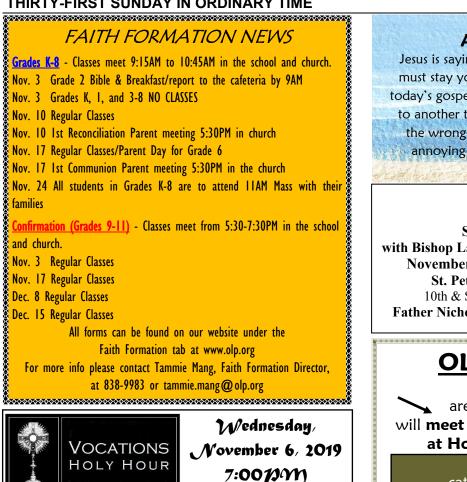
This year **#iGiveCatholic** in on #GivingTuesday, December 3, 2019, and takes place at iGiveCatholic.org.

All donations made on the *#iGiveCatholic* Giving Day are tax deductible in the full amount.

OLP's Day of Giving: Thursday, November 21st. the Feast of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Other notes from the pastor...

**Holy Hour for Vocations The week of November 3-9 is National Vocation Awareness Week. We will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration for that intention on Wednesday, November 6th at 7PM. Please join us in asking the Lord to provide more workers for the vineyard. I am grateful to Selah Praise Band for leading our Praise and Worship music for the holy hour during their regular practice time.

#iGiveCatholic #iGiveCatholic is a one-day online giving event for the faithful in dioceses across the nation (and the world!) to come together and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic parishes and schools on #GivingTuesday, December 3rd. Our Lady of Peace will take part is in this Day of Giving and have chosen Thursday, November 21st as #iGiveCatholic/OLP.

**Restored School Cross Thank you to the OLP Rosary Society who donated the \$2,500 required to restore the 14 foot cross on the front of the school building. Also thank you to Gary James of James Restoration who did the work on the cross in gold leaf (which is what the original had back in 1957). Gary is also doing the restoration work on the front of the church. The cross was blessed and returned to the front of the school.

**Playground Chimes Thank you to Jake Kohmuench who in the last few weeks installed a new chime set with our playground behind the school for his Eagle Scout Project!! I continue to be grateful to our scouts and their families as well as the scout leaders for all that they do for our parish and school.

A Family Perspective

Jesus is saying to you what he said to Zacchaeus, "I must stay your house today." It doesn't matter if in today's gospel Jesus "intended to pass through Jericho to another town." In families we sometimes stop at the wrong places. It is wisdom to "pass through" annoying family situations so we can enjoy the goodness of each other.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Canonization of Saint John Henry Newman with Bishop Lawrence Persico, JCL

November 6th 5:15PM St. Peter Cathedral 10th & Sassafras Streets Father Nicholas Rouch, homilist



OLP Seniors Group The OLP Seniors are still getting together and will meet Thursday, November 7, 2019, at Hoss's (3302 West 26th St, Erie). Plan on meeting and catching up with each other.

****Picnic Pavilion** After years of discussion and planning, the work on the picnic pavilion began last week. I thank Wally Wilhelm and the Knights of Columbus for taking the lead on this and donating \$12,000 towards the project. I also thank the following other groups from our parish and school who donated money towards the pavilion- Rosary Society- \$5,000, School Athletics- \$2,000, Families Together Ministry- Ushers Society-\$500, School FSA-. I also thank parishioner Mike Anthony from Presque Isle Concrete, who gave us a considerable discount for the cement work and pole placement. The main structure is now in place. The picnic tables, electric and water will be completed in the spring.

Upcoming Cursillo Retreat There will be a **Women's Cursillo on November 21-24th at Our Lady of Mercy in Harborcreek. It is a great opportunity to be renewed in your spiritual life and your relationship with God so please consider this gift to yourself. Call the office or contact me if you are interested. **Liturgical Ministry Evening of Reflection in January liturgical ministers are asked to mark their calendars on Sunday, January 12th for a special evening reflection on the virtue of hospitality and welcoming. We will begin with Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6PM and the evening will conclude at 8PM. More information will be coming in the next month. **Annual Coat/Warm Clothing Drive We will conduct our Annual Coat/Warm Clothing Drive in January 2020. Please save your items until then. If you would like to help with this project please call Cynthia in the office (833-7701x0). Thank you.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

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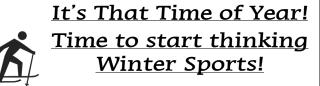
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Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.



<u>Peak n' Peak Ski &</u> <u>Snowboard Passes</u>

Peak n' Peak Ski & Snowboard passes are now available for purchase through the OLP Ski Club.

Peak n' Peak Fall Fest and other advertised discounts will be applied.

This is a huge savings over the regular daily and seasonal rates.

All sales support OLP Ski Club.

For rate sheets and info contact Chris Kurpiewski at ckurp@velocity.net or 814-602-3772.

Attention High School Boys:

CYO Basketball Open Gym sessions are scheduled for the following dates: Sunday, November 3 7-9PM Sunday, November 10 8-10PM



The first official practice is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th.

If interested or for more info, contact Coach Darrell Meyers at 814-450-3697 or email darrell.meyers@olp.org

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Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education has changed!

Participating brands have changed their packaging from the traditional Box Tops to the new Box Tops label.

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard



to build a NEW-and-improved, user friendly Box Tops mobile app.

The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

Be sure to download the new app or update your existing app



If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to the school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

Learn more about these changes at BTFE.COM

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.

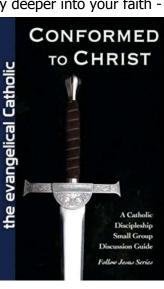
For more information or if you have questions, contact: Deacon John at <u>deacon.john@olp.org</u> or Tammie Mang in the Faith Formation Office at 814-838-9983, tammie.mang@olp.org.

Men's Faith Sharing Group Wednesday, November 6, 2019 6:30-8:00PM OLP Social Room

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 consider joining us. If you are interested, please email at olpmfsg@gmail.com or call 835-3608 and leave your name.



Erie City Mission Volunteers Needed

We need your help in preparing and cooking food for our brothers and sisters in need.

Dates are Saturday's:

November 16th



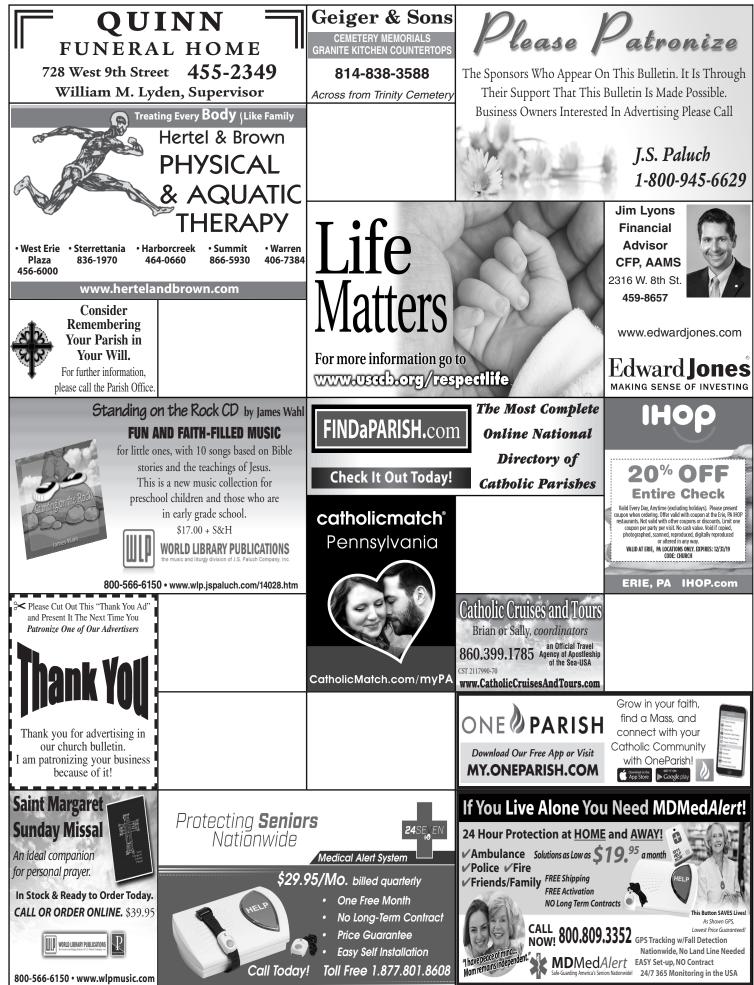
December 21st <u>Time</u>: 10:00AM to 1:30PM <u>Where</u>: 11th & French St. <u>What</u>: Prepare & Serve the Lunch Meal <u>Time</u>: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older <u>Contact</u>: Scott Barnes, 881-8889 We need your help! Qualifies for service hours!



Continued prayers for the pilgrims continuing on their journey through the Holy Land.

They will attend Mass at:

Sunday - The Cenacle-Mt. Zion "ad Ceonaculum" **Monday** - Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher/Holy Tomb, Jerusalem **Tuesday** - Chapel at Notre Dame



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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.

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.

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

Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule from Saturday, November 2nd, through Sunday, November 24th.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have participated in the wreath lighting within the past two years, please refrain from signing up until November 17th to allow others the opportunity to participate. Thank you for your consideration!

Restless Till You Rest in Him -Guided Movement and Contemplative Prayer

The Fall/Advent sessions of Restless Till You Rest in Him will be starting *Sunday, November 10, 2019, 7:00PM* - OLP Gym.

We will spend an hour in prayer including some meditation, music and guided stretching. This will help us prepare our mind, body and spirit for the upcoming holidays and aide us in finding the peace and mindset we desire but



cant always achieve on our own. Watch the bulletin for more class times and follow us on FB at <u>facebook.com/</u>

<u>RestlessTillYouRestInHim</u> for more info and to get the latest updates.

This class is free and open to everyone regardless of faith background, so bring a friend! All you need is an exercise mat and pillow!

Questions, contact Christina Murnock, 814-882-1017.

SpiritSong Youth Choir

invites you to turn your passion for singing into praise!

Who: SpiritSong welcomes all youth in 4th through 12th grade

When: SpiritSong ministries at two OLP Masses per month

Rehearsals: Wednesday from 5:30-6:30PM in the church

Flexible: We understand how busy families are and assure you that we do our best to work with family schedules so *SpiritSong* members can minister as often as possible

Additional Opportunities: *SpiritSong* members are offered opportunities throughout the year to join with other members of OLP music ministry for the Triduum, Easter Vigil, Confirmation, parish picnic Mass, and other special parish liturgies. Occasionally throughout the year, *SpiritSong* is also invited to join Selah Praise Band for special events and seasonal liturgies including Christmas Eve at 5:00 Mass.

SpiritSong welcomes new members at any time throughout the year. Interested youth are welcome to sit in on any rehearsal just to try it out!

Questions or wish to join?

Debby Holmes, Director, 814-746-1539, debbyholmes75@gmail.com Brian Kuzmin, OLP Director of Music & Liturgy, 833-7701x203, brian.kuzmin@olp.org

Upcoming Youth Ministry activities and events:

- Wednesday, November 6th Holy Hour for Vocations. This is open to all youth, Junior and Senior high age. Meet in the Church Social Room at 6:30PM, Adoration in the church at 7:00PM
- Thursday, November 21st 7:00PM. Junior High Youth - service project. Open to those in grades 5 through 8. Meet in the church Social Room.

For additional information contact Darrel Meyers at 450-3697 or darrell.meyers@olp.org.



Bulletin Deadlines for November, December and January

The Holidays are fast approaching and with it comes early bulletin deadlines. Some dates have multiple bulletins due at the same time.

They are as follows:

For Sunday, November 17, 2019, articles are due by November 8, 2019 For Sunday, November 24, 2019, articles are due by November 15, 2019 For Sunday, December 1, 2019, articles are due by November 18, 2019 For Sunday, December 8, 2019, articles are due by November 18, 2019 For Sunday, December 15, 2019, articles are due by December 6, 2019 For Sunday, December 22, 2019, articles are due by December 6, 2019 For Sunday, December 29, 2019 articles are due by December 6, 2019 For Sunday, December 29, 2019 articles are due by December 13, 2019 For Sunday, January 5, 2020, articles are due December 13, 2019 For Sunday's January 12, 2020, articles are due January 3, 2020 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.