Our Lady of Peace

OLP CRUSADER DERBY

Mark your calendar for an exciting evening of horse races and winning cash prizes!

CALLING ALL CRUSADERS!

Our Lady of Peace All-School Reunion

WHO: All OLP graduates, faculty, staff & parents
WHEN: Friday, July 3, 2020
TIME: 7:00-11:00PM
WHERE: Shrine Club, West 38th & Zuck Rd
COST: $10.00 per person
Cash Bar/Light Hors d'oeuvres included

Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent!

Money/reservations are due by March 30, 2020 to:
Maria Ehrman
Our Lady of Peace School
2401 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506

The Light is on for you

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
March 11, 2020
5:00 - 7:00PM
at these churches:

Blessed Sacrament
Holy Cross
Holy Rosary
Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro
Our Lady of the Mount Carmel
Our Lady of Peace
Sacred Heart
St. Ann
St. Boniface
St Francis Xavier, McKean
St. George
St. James
St. Jude the Apostle
St. Lawrence, Albion
St. Luke
St. Peter Cathedral

St. Joseph Table Held at OLP Thursday, March 19, 2020

6:00PM Mass 7:00PM OLP Cafeteria

Come and join us in this celebration of St. Joseph!

All are invited to Mass at 6:00PM then to the OLP Cafeteria to share in this tradition.

Mass at 6:00PM (in Church)
Dinner 7:00PM (School Cafeteria)

6:00PM Mass to Celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph
*Bring Canned Foods to Mass
CANCELLED: St. Joseph Dinner

Monetary donations to the OLP Needy Fund are greatly accepted.

2019 St. Joseph Table at OLP

Parish Office Phone
814-833-7701
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814-833-7702
Website
www.olp.org
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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

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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): **2020:** Mar. 23, May 18. 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 or 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:
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 March 8

Team 4: Carol G., Beth F.

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

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

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.

March 2020

8th	Spaghetti Sauce / Spaghetti
15th	Mac & Cheese / Peanut Butter
22nd	Cereal / Baked Beans
29th	Canned Vegetables /Bar Soap

Pantry is OPEN March 10th & 24th (every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in Millcreek, held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26th Street.

The West Millcreek Food Pantry is asking for donations of the Reusable Grocery Bags.

Please place with food donations.

Thank you.

Sunday's Readings:

First Reading - The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm - Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading - God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel - Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

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Question of the Week: ***Call to Faithfulness***

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. (Matthew 17:1-2)

Adults: What difference does your faith in Jesus Christ make in your life?

Kids: What does it mean to you to be a holy person?

CHANGE

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020
7:00AM Mark Borowy - Family
12:10PM James Whitman - Family
6:30PM **Monday Lenten Series:**
"Rediscover the Saints" (OLP Cafeteria)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020
7:00AM Mary Ann Arnold - Jean Verdecchia
12:10PM Croce LaFuria - Wife & Children
2:00PM **School Mass** - Frank Csuhta - Ehrman Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020
7:00AM Special Intention
11:30AM-12:00PM **Confessions**
12:10PM John Przybycin - Fred & Evelyn Fried
2:00PM **Stations of the Cross w/OLP School, gr. 5-8**
5:00-7:00PM **The Light is on for You**
An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020
7:00AM Carm Morabito - Karen Armour
12:10PM Robert Hurley - Dietz Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020
7:00AM Helen Steger - Sons, Ron & Bill
12:10PM Patrick DiPaolo - Aunt Patty
6:00 PM **Confessions**
7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020
8:00AM Patricia Miklos - Family
8:30-9:00AM **Confessions**
3:45-4:45PM **Confessions**
5:00PM John Hardner - Patricia

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent
7:30AM Attilio Ciccozzi - Ehrman Family
9:00AM Arlene Glance - Family
RCIA 1st Scrutiny
11:00AM Linda Dann - Keith & Cynthia Berarducci
4:30PM Parishioners

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!**

Readings for the Week of March 8th

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of The McFadden Sisters - Family.

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:
Mar. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.
Mar. 9: Ellie A., Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.
Mar. 10: Ann T., Veronica W., Pat C., Pat M.
Mar. 11: Dave D., Paul M., Connie S.
Mar. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Chris P.
Mar. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F., Glenn B., Donna R.
Mar. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.

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

From the Pastor's Desk…

To my Spiritual Family of Our Lady of Peace-

THIS Wednesday, March 11th from 5:00 -7:00PM, parishes in Erie County, including Our Lady of Peace, will be open and offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation (SEE ELSEWHERE for a full list of participating parishes in Erie). **The evening is called "The Light is on for You."** It is an opportunity for people who have not gone to confession in a long time or have been away from the Church to come back and experience Jesus' love and forgiveness. The evening is open to everyone. We need your help to spread the word. If you know people who have been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or the Church, invite them to come to confession THIS Wednesday. If they do not remember what to say or do not remember the Act of Contrition, no problem. We will help them with everything. Again, please spread the word and encourage your friends and family members to take advantage of this evening. Remember, "The Light is on for You."

This initiative reinforces what I say every year…. there is no better way to embrace Lent and enter into the spirit of repentance and rebirth it calls us to than to experience the wonderful mercy and love of our God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In addition to the "Light is On for You," here are more opportunities for Confession over the next few weeks at Our Lady of Peace and around the area:

- **OLP Parish Penance Service on Sunday, March 29th at 6:30PM**
- St. George Penance Service on Sunday, April 5th at 7PM
- Fr. Larry Richards Passion Talk at 7PM on Wednesday, April 8th at St. Joseph Bread of Life Parish with Confessions to follow around 8:30/9PM
- 11:30AM-12PM on Wednesdays
- Fridays of Lent from 6-7PM before Stations of the Cross
- After all morning Masses on Sundays of Lent
- 8:30AM until done and 3:45-4:45PM on Saturdays
- By appointment

Take advantage of these opportunities to have a concrete, fully human encounter with the great mercy of God that offers us His peace, healing and love! **Also, please keep our children at Our Lady of Peace who will experience this sacrament for the first time on Saturday, March 21st in your prayers.**

May God bless all penitents & our 2nd week of Lent 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…

****St. Joseph Table (which we have celebrated the last 5 years) will take place on Thursday, March 19th after a 6PM Mass for the feast of St. Joseph**. Mark your calendar and be a part of strengthening our parish family's bond. See page for more info.

****REBOOT with Chris Stefanik** Our Lady of Peace is co-sponsoring REBOOT with Chris Stefanik on **Wednesday, May 13th from 7-9:30PM at St. Jude Church.** Chris is an internationally renowned speaker and author who wants to help you REDISCOVER God, and REDISCOVER the life you were made for. REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up), of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! Join us and start living the life you were made for.

****Temporary Suspension of the Sign of Peace and Distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass** As we all know, numerous people have expressed concerns over the transmission of the common cold, the flu, and now the coronavirus. Perhaps you have these concerns yourself. In order to put people more at ease in the celebration of the liturgy, and with the full support of Bishop Persico, we will be suspending the exchange of the sign of peace among parishioners until further notice. For this same reason, until further notice we also will also be suspending distribution of the Precious Blood during the reception of Communion. We continue to remember in prayer all those suffering from illness, and those who care for them.

****Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2020**

So far we have received 353 pledges for $140,966. Thank you to all who have responded! Our parish goal is 700 pledges for $200,000. Remember that every dollar raised over our assessment from the Diocese (this year is $151,719) stays in our parish to fund **the project identified by our parish Properties Committee in conjunction with our Finance Council and Liturgy Committee that is focused on liturgical renewal. More specifically we will purchase a new gold processional cross; restore the church tabernacle, crown; the chains that hold the crown; all our candle stands, holy water fonts, and other items for the sanctuary; replace the altar server albs; and acquire new altar cloths and banners for our sanctuary environment.**

****Monday Lenten Series** On the Mondays of Lent we will have a series called "Rediscover the Saints" based on the book we gave out at Christmas this year by Matthew Kelly. It will be held from 6:30-8PM in the school cafeteria. You do not have to read the book to participate but it will help if you have. So please bring your copy with you to the first session and we will have extra copies for those who need them. The dates are March 9, 16, 23 and 30.

****LENT: Stations of the Cross/ Confessions** Stations of the Cross will again be held at 7PM on Fridays during Lent and an extra time for confessions will be Fridays from 6-7PM.

****Women's Conference** OLP is again hosting the Diocesan Women's Conference on **Saturday, March 28th from 9AM -3:30PM.** The benefit of this conference is that it can target female spirituality and provide a great chance for women to be uniquely challenged and to come together to support each other in that way. I cannot encourage enough ALL the women of our parish to be a part of this day of grace! See page 7 on how to register.

"A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry."
~Anonymous

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades K-8 - Classes meet 9:15AM to 10:45AM in the school and church.
Mar. 8 Regular Classes/Parent Day Grade 7
Mar. 15 Regular Classes/Parent Day Grade 4/Mass after class
Mar. 15 Grades 6-8 Retreat beginning with 11AM Mass then to the cafeteria for lunch & retreat. Dismissal is 4PM from the school.
Mar. 21 First Reconciliation 9:30AM A-H & 11AM I-Z in the church
Mar. 22 NO RELIGIOUS ED

Confirmation (Grades 9-11) - Classes meet 5:30-7:30PM in the school & church.
Mar. 8 Regular Classes
Mar. 29 Regular Classes

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

Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

"Sew What?" is a group of volunteers who make pillowcases, blankets, quilts and stuffed animals for the less fortunate. They have delivered over 2,50 pillowcases, 200+ quilts and more than 150 animals to community service agencies in the Erie area.

"Sew What?" relies on donations to perform its work. Cotton, flannel and fleece material is needed. If you would like to donate fabric or would like to join the group or have any questions, contact Kathy at jdoeqswa@outlook.com or 814-882-6641. pickup for donations is available. sewing sessions are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 1:00PM.

Mark Your Calendar for Various Area Events

Monday Lenten Series - March 9, 16, 23, 30
6:30-8:00PM OLP Cafeteria
"Rediscover the Saints" (bring your book, extras available)
Confessions/Stations of the Cross
Friday's During Lent:
March 13, 20, 27; April 3
April 10 (Good Friday): Confessions 3-4PM, Stations 7PM
Thursday, March 19, 2020
St. Joseph Day Table Held at OLP
6:00PM Mass (church) 7:00PM Dinner (OLP Cafeteria)
All are invited to share in this tradition of celebrating St. Joseph. Please bring a meatless dish to share. Watch for more info. Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up.
Sunday, April 19, 2020
Divine Mercy Service
2:00PM Confessions
3:00PM Divine Mercy Service
Saturday, May 2, 2020
OLP Crusader Derby
7:00-11:00PM
Rainbow Gardens, 3100 West Lake Rd (inside Waldameer)
Tickets available to be picked up in Church.
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
REBOOT! With Chris Stefanick
7:00PM St. Jude the Apostle, Erie
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Friday, May 29, 2020
Priest Ordination
7:00PM St. Patrick Church, Erie
Deacons Kevin O'Connor Holland and Joseph Arthur Petrone will be ordained to the priesthood.
Sunday, May 31, 2020
11:00AM Mass Our Lady of Peace Church
(Rev.) Kevin Holland's Mass of Thanksgiving
Join in the celebration of (Fr.) Kevin's first Mass and a reception in the OLP Cafeteria.
Sunday, June 21 - Thursday, June 25, 2020
Young People Who Care Summer Mission Trip
Young People Who Care offers a service program for teens, 16 & older, college students and adults. You are involved in different ministries throughout the week: painting, yardwork, minor home repairs, nursing home visits, homeless shelter visits and much more based on the needs of the people in the area. For more info contact Darrell Meyers, darrell.meyers@olp.org
Sunday, November 29, 2020
New York Times Bestselling Author: Matthew Kelly
7:00PM St. George Church, Erie
Tickets available for Matthew Kelly's new event, ***Amazing Possibilities***, hosted by St. George and co-hosted by Our Lady of Peace. This is a life-changing event that you will not want to miss! Incredible things happen when you collaborate with God. ***Visit: DynamicCatholic.com*** *for more info and to purchase tickets. Recently we received the book written by Matthew Kelly: Rediscover the Saints.*

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

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First Friday Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will takes place on the **First Friday,** from 7:30AM to 3:00PM, in Mary's Chapel.

We could use a third person for First Friday Adoration in the following time-slots: 8AM, 8:30AM, 9AM, 12:30PM;, 1:30PM and lots of people to join us for Benediction at 3PM.

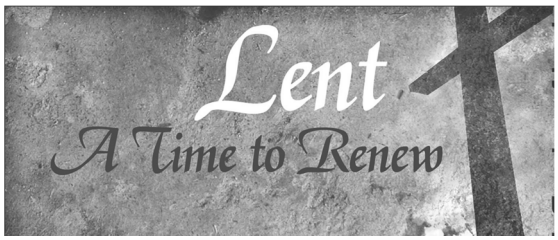
Our Lord Jesus welcomes you to spend time with Him, meditating on the final events of His earthly life.

Please sign up, in the vestibule, for 1/2 hour shifts.

Year End Giving Statements

To request your giving statement please contact Cynthia in the church office by:

Calling: 833.7701 x 201 or **E-mailing:** cynthia.berarducci@olp.org



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Cost: $25, contact Co-Chairperson Darrell Meyers at Darrell.meyers@olp.org or the OLP Church Office.

Stations of the Cross: Friday's during Lent 7:00PM

March 13: Scared Scripture
March 20: Mary's Way of the Cross
March 27: Everyone's Way of the Cross
April 3: Living Stations
April 10: Scared Scripture

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:
March 21; April 18; May 16
Time: 10:00AM to 1:30PM
Where: 11th & French St.
What: Prepare & Serve the Lunch Meal
Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older
Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889

Qualifies for service hours!

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2020 Women's Conferences held at Our Lady of Peace

1:38 Women's Conference

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Visit: **www.138women.com** for more info and to register

Early Registration ends January 31st

One Table of Erie Presents

Teaching Tolerance: Overcoming Hate

Speaker: Lecia Brooks, Southern Poverty Law Center, Chief Workplace Transformation Officer

Thursday, March 11, 2020
6:00 ~ 7:30PM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie
7180 Perry Highway, Erie

Ms. Brooks will present (via video conferencing) a brief history of the Southern Poverty Law Center, its programs, and current work to identify and combat hate groups in the United States.

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OLP YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY CHOIR

It's not too late to join us for our next Mass!

We had a wonderful turnout for our first Mass with our **NEW Youth Music Ministry Choir**. We had participants from 4th grade through college age. This is a great opportunity for your son or daughter to see what it's like to sing in a youth choir with minimal commitment!
Who: Youth in 4th through 12th grade
When: 11AM Mass on two Sunday's: March 15, April 19
Rehearsals: Right before Mass! We ask the youth to gather in the chapel by 10:15AM to rehearse before Mass begins.
How to Join: We prefer to know in advance who is participating, but also welcome walk-ins! To save a seat in the choir for your child, please provide your child's name, age and which Sunday they will participate in and email it to: debbyholmes75@gmail.com
For more info:
Debby Holmes, Director, 746-1539, debbyholmes75@gmail.com
Brian Kuzmin, OLP Director of Music & Liturgy, 833-7701x203, brian.kuzmin@olp.org

"This opportunity counts for Salt & Light for the Faith Formation Students in grades 6-8. Participants will be excused early from Faith Formation to participate with parental permission."
~ Mrs. Mang, Faith Formation Director

2020 Catholic Services Appeal
Forward Together: Doing the Work of Christ

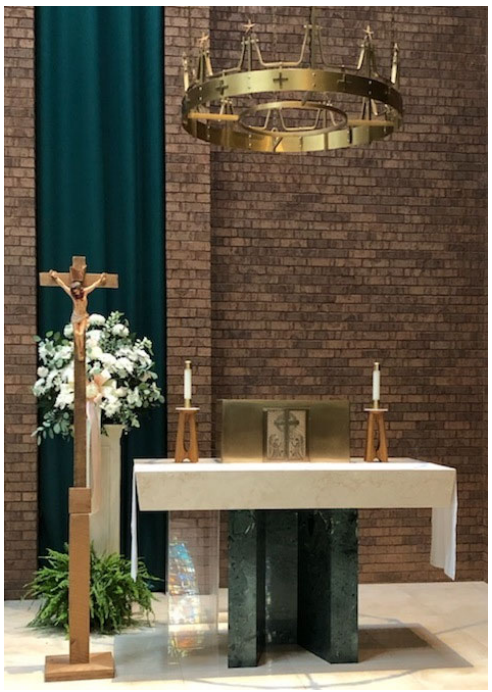
The Catholic Services Appeal (SCA) is the annual fundraising campaign for the 13-county Diocese of Erie. Parishioners are asked by Bishop Lawrence Persico for financial support that extends beyond individual parishes to fund the projects, ministries and departments of the diocese. *The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the church.*

The 2020 Catholic Services Appeal Commitment Sunday was held last weekend in our parish. The church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish project of which we are focusing on liturgical renewal. More specifically we will purchase a new gold processional cross; restore the original church tabernacle, crown, candle stands and holy water fonts. We will also replace the altar server albs and purchase seasonal liturgical altar cloths to enhance our worship space.

Donations to the CSA make the following work of Christ possible:

Cultivating Catholic Leadership

- The Catholic Schools Office supports Catholic education in 32 Catholic schools in the diocese.
- Lifelong faith formation initiatives throughout the diocese include youth and young adult ministry opportunities, family life outreach and support for parish-based faith formation efforts.
- Clergy services provide ongoing education to priests and deacons, as well as guidance and assistance to parishes, institutions, pastors and people throughout the diocese.
- Tuition assistance programs help make Catholic education a possibility for families throughout the diocese.



Scan the QR Code to watch the CSA video, which is approximately 4 minutes.

LENT AND CRS RICE BOWL

Lent is a 40-day journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each day during Lent, we have the opportunity to be inspired by the stories of people and communities from around the world, and to take time to set aside a little of ourselves to make room for a stranger. This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl invites you, your family and community to journey with Christ through fear to fortitude, recognizing God's invitation to reach out beyond ourselves to encounter the needs of all.

Meet Trinh. Trinh's family are farmers in Vietman who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? **Visit: crsricebowl.org for more info.**