



Our Lady of Peace



Do not fear; I am with you;
Do not be anxious: I am your God.

I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

~Isaiah 41:10

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020



As we prepare to enter Holy Week, please know palms will still be available for families to celebrate Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Prayer resources and palms will be available next week.

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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):

2020: Call the office for info.

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 29

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 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

29th Canned Vegetables /Bar Soap

**Pantry is OPEN**

(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 - Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm - With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading - If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel - Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

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Question of the Week: Life Everlasting

Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

Adults: Christ calls us from death to new life. To what new life are you being called during this Lent?

Kids: How does Jesus help you do what is good and avoid what is not?

GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020

- Ursla Bamberger - Husband
- Florence Lackodic - Daughter

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020

- Aylce Bortz - Helen Dombrowski
- Larry & Patricia Smith - Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

- Janet Cuthbertson - Husband

11:30AM-12:00PM Confessions (in the Chapel)

- Pasquale DiPaolo - Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020

- Jean Martin - Family
- Nello Fiorenzo - Wife, Betty

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020

First Friday Adoration from 7:30AM to 7:00PM

- Ann Heile - Jane
- Ed Tomczak - Wife, Jo Ann

6:00 PM Confessions (in the Chapel)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

- Jean Donofrio - Children

8:30-9:00AM Confessions (in the Chapel)

3:45-4:45PM Confessions (in the Chapel)

- Bud Gerbracht - Sally Barrett & Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- Parishioners
- Frances Piatkowski - Family
- Bill Dann - Keith & Cynthia Berarducci
- Helen Bruno - Haythorn & Swonger Families

These Mass intentions are being honored daily by our priests in private.

The church will remain open for private prayer daily from 7:00AM - 8:00PM.

The church office staff is only available by phone or email:

833-7701 / olp@olp.org

Adoration will take place in church every Wednesday from 8:00AM to 8:00PM. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

Confessions will be heard in the Chapel: anonymous or face to face - 6 feet apart.

- Readings for the Week of March 29th*
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| Monday: | Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11 |
| Tuesday: | Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30 |
| Wednesday: | Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42 |
| Thursday: | Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59 |
| Friday: | Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42 |
| Saturday: | Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56 |
| Sunday: | Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54] |

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Walter S. Halas - Fmaily.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Msgr. Daniel Arnold - Friends.

Please continue to pray for vocations, at home, on your scheduled day using the prayer below.

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. 29: Linda M., Janet A.

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

Mar. 31: Jim Z.

Apr. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.

Apr. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.

Apr. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.

Apr. 4: Arlene B.

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-

The 5th Sunday of Lent was traditionally called Passion Sunday before the new liturgical calendar of 1969. I am sure that as the restrictions regarding COVID-19 increase or extend, that we all have a new appreciation of what Passion (from the Latin word meaning "to suffer") involves. We are all being asked to make sacrifices that we did not choose- whether it be financial, emotional, physical or spiritual (not going to Mass and other limits to not gathering with our spiritual family). I hope we can remember that as Catholics we are blessed to be able to find meaning in our suffering/sacrifices. We are able to unite our sufferings with Jesus on the cross and offer them as a prayer for the salvation of souls and the specific needs of our lives. In this great Paschal Mystery, as members of the Mystical Body of Christ, we allow the eternal offering of the Son to the Father in the Holy Spirit to manifest in and through us. It is truly amazing when we reflect on it. So be intentional about allowing your sacrifices/suffering from this Pandemic to have spiritual power and to bear much fruit not only for others, but for ourselves.

One of those sacrifices that some of you are being asked to make is not being present for the Masses that you have requested to be said for your loved ones. Please know that the priests at OLP continue to offer those Masses for your intentions in private as indicated in the bulletin and I thank you for your understanding and willingness to make this sacrifice of not being there. So thank you for your understanding in this and let me know if you have any concerns or questions.

May God bless our world with health, protection and peace... and our 5th 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...****Eucharistic Adoration:**

Wednesdays while Mass is suspended 8am-8pm

****Confession opportunities in the CHAPEL - anonymous or face to face- 6 feet apart:**

Wednesdays- 11:30-12 Noon

Fridays- 6-7pm

Saturdays- 8:30-9am and 3:45-4:45pm

****ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED until further notice******Stations of the Cross: CANCELLED******OLP School Classes: SUSPENDED until April 6th at least******OLP Faith Formation: SUSPENDED for at least 2 more weeks******Monday Lenten Series: "Rediscover the Saints" CANCELLED******OLP Parish Penance Service on Sunday, March 29th CANCELLED******Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Persico (Monday, April 20th): POSTPONED******Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2020**

So far we have received 437 pledges for \$168,166. Thank you to all who have responded! Our parish goal is 700 pledges for \$200,000. Every dollar raised over our assessment from the Diocese (\$151,719) stays in our parish to fund the project identified by our parish leadership, liturgical renewal. More specifically a new gold processional cross; restoration of the church tabernacle, 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.

****Parish Needs** We know these are difficult times for everyone, including you and your family. Our Lady of Peace is committed to the spiritual care of our parishioners and the faithful in our community. We operate solely on your generosity which enables us to meet our financial obligations. During this crisis please consider signing up for our EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer), the link is on the website. The church remains open daily for personal prayer, and offertory envelopes can be placed in the labeled boxes near the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Blessed Mother statues. We have a donate button on our website under the about tab. We are grateful for your support of the ministry of Our Lady of Peace Church.

The Following Directives were issued by the Vatican this past week:*FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT GET TO CONFESSION:**

Recognizing that for many people, it is impossible to get to confession to obtain sacramental absolution, the Holy See reminds us that those individuals can still obtain the forgiveness of sins, even mortal sins, through an "act of perfect contrition."

- This consists of a prayer expressing a sincere request for forgiveness motivated by the love of God above all things, accompanied by a firm resolve to go to confession to obtain sacramental absolution as soon as possible (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1452).
- Note: Imperfect contrition is that motivated by fear of hell; perfect contrition is that motivated by love of God.
- The prayer called for in this case is an "act of perfect contrition", not a "perfect act of contrition" as is sometimes mistakenly expressed.

GRANTING OF OTHER PLENARY INDULGENCES:

The Holy See has also extended to the following groups the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence:

Those subject to quarantine in hospitals or in their own homes

due to suspicion of COVID-19 or exposure to it

Health care workers and family members caring for the sick
who expose themselves to the risk of contagion

The conditions for the indulgence are:

- Be free from the attachment to sin

*Offer the current hardships in faith and charity toward their brothers and sisters

*Intend to go to confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father as soon as possible

And one of the following:

*Unite oneself spiritually to the Mass through the media

*Pray the Rosary

*Pray the Stations of the Cross

*Pray the Creed, the Our Father, and a Marian prayer (ex. Hail Mary)

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

All Faith Formation Classes/Retreats are cancelled through April 12th. The Confirmation Mass scheduled for April 20th, has been postponed. Once more information is available families will be notified.

For more info please contact Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director, at 838-9983 or tammie.mang@olp.org

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Matthew Forne / Angela Weaver



PRAVERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Donald DiPlacido; Donald Kuzmin; Marie Kuzmin; Emelie DiSanti; Mary Terrill, mother of Kristin Stravinsky; and for Msgr. Dan Arnold. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

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:

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"There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy."

~Jesus to St. Faustina

A Family Perspective

Our families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.

Child Protection & Creating Safe Environments

Pledge to Heal: The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping victims of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. Counseling assistance is available for victims and/or their families through the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, VAC for short, Dr. Gerald Tobin, who can be reached at 814-451-1521. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims or concerned individuals can contact the diocese directly to report abuse at 814-451-1543. for additional information visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>.

Ways to stay connected during this time:

As most of our communications will be by Email please make sure the office has your current email.

We are sending weekly emails with updates as they become available and resources you can use to strengthen your Spiritual life while you are away from Mass. The website is updated regularly.

If you have not downloaded **MyParishApp** please see below, we will use the App as well to communicate during this time.

Below are directions on how to log into **FORMED**, which is one of our greatest resources.



Download Our Parish App!

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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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First Friday Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take 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:**
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A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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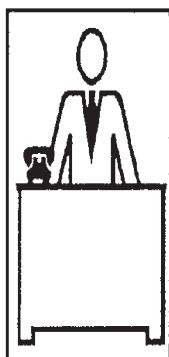
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2020 Catholic Services Appeal Forward Together: Doing the Work of Christ

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.

Opportunity to Dream. Young people must be provided good nutrition to be able to pursue their dreams. Did you have the opportunity to dream? What can you do to give young people the opportunity to dream? Visit: crsricebowl.org for more info.

