



Our Lady of Peace



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 5, 2020

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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.

RCA (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.

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

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



THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, *The Roman Missal*

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.

April 2020

5th Toilet Tissue / Bar Soap

12th Spaghetti Sauce / Spaghetti

19th Mac & Cheese / Peanut Butter

26th Cereal / Baked Beans

Pantry is OPEN April 14 & 28

(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:

Gospel at the Procession with Palms - Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading - In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm - My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading - Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel - The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 [27:11-54]).

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Question of the Week: *Obedience and Humility*

Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:7-8)

Adults: We are called to die to ourselves in love for others. How do you live that in your own life?

Kids: How do you allow Jesus to live in your heart?

HOSANNAI

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their "hosannas," they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant "Pray, save us." The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

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MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020****Monday of Holy Week**

- Mary Szocki - Husband
- Jo Ann Starr - Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020**Tuesday of Holy Week**

- Henry Majdecki - John Czarnecki
- Gertrude Milkowski - Daughter, Nancy

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020**Wednesday of Holy Week**

- Edward & Mary Jane Brothers - Family
- 11:30AM-12:00PM Confessions** (in the Chapel)
- Frank Cardamone - Matt & Kathy Williams

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020**Holy Thursday**

- Parishioners

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020**Good Friday**

Noon-1PM Confessions (in the Chapel)

6:00-7:00PM Confessions (in the Chapel)

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020**Holy Saturday**

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

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

- Dolores Berarducci - RCIA

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

- Larry Milkowski - Daughter, Nancy
- Jack & Midge Cooney - Family
- Parishioners

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

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

Readings for the Week of April 5th

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 - 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 - 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1:2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 - 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

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:

- Apr. 5: Ed B., Joyce K., Chuck & Linda R.
 Apr. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
 Apr. 7: Margaret K.
 Apr. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.
 Apr. 9: Ellie A., Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.
 Apr. 10: Ann T., Veronica W., Pat C., Pat M.
 Apr. 11: Dave D., Paul M., Connie 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...**

○ 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

BANN II

Matthew Forne / Angela Weaver



From the Pastor's Desk...

To my Spiritual Family of Our Lady of Peace-

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR and SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

See Bulletin Insert (will be posted on our website)

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...

****MASS INTENTIONS** 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.

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

So far we have received 443 pledges for \$174,016. 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 under the About tab. 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.

CALENDAR UPDATES DUE TO COVID-19...

****Eucharistic Adoration** CANCELLED until further notice

****ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED** until further notice

****Stations of the Cross:** CANCELLED

****OLP School Classes:** SUSPENDED for at least 2 more weeks

****OLP Faith Formation:** SUSPENDED for at least 2 more weeks

****First Reconciliation** POSTPONED until further notice

****Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Persico**
(Monday, April 20th): POSTPONED

****REBOOT with Chris Stefanik (May 15th)**
POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL

****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

A Family Perspective

The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

Congratulations to our Newest Eagle Scout!



Congratulations to Roman Straub, our newest Eagle Scout!

Roman constructed picnic tables for an outdoor class room at Strong Vincent Middle School.

Pictured from left to right:

Back Row: Gary Ross, Fr. Rich Toohey, Pastor, Howie Richards, Vince DeBernardo, Marcus Kalivoda, Larry Daley

Front Row: Carol Richards, Gary Baran, Scoutmaster, Jo Ann Puccio (Mother), Roman Straub (Eagle Scout), Mark Straub (father), Leann Williams, Doug Luthringer

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. Our website (www.olp.org) is updated regularly.

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

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



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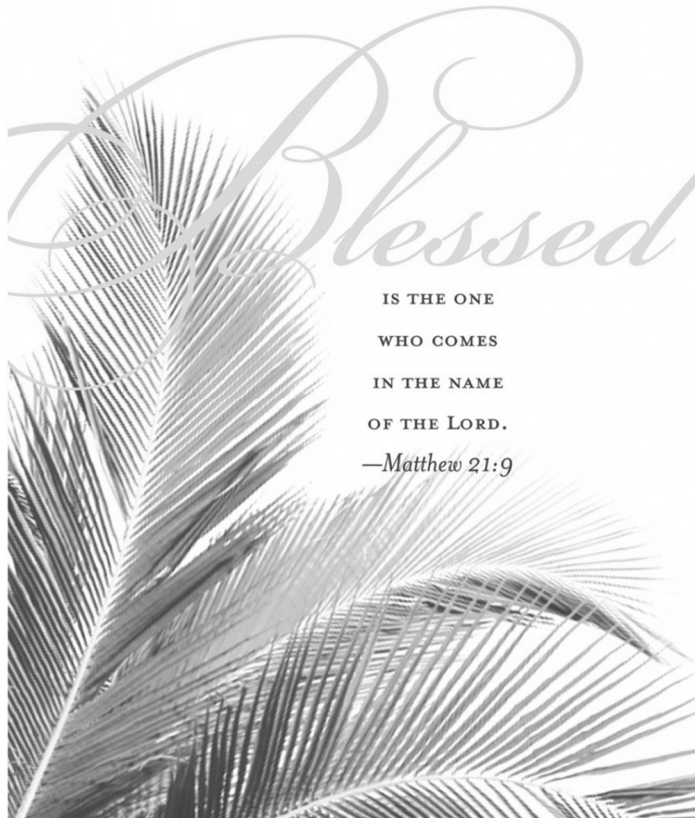
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- ☐ Want envelopes

Year End Giving Statements

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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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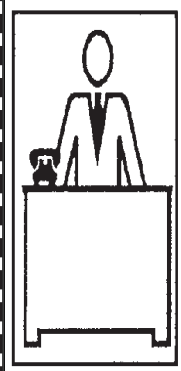
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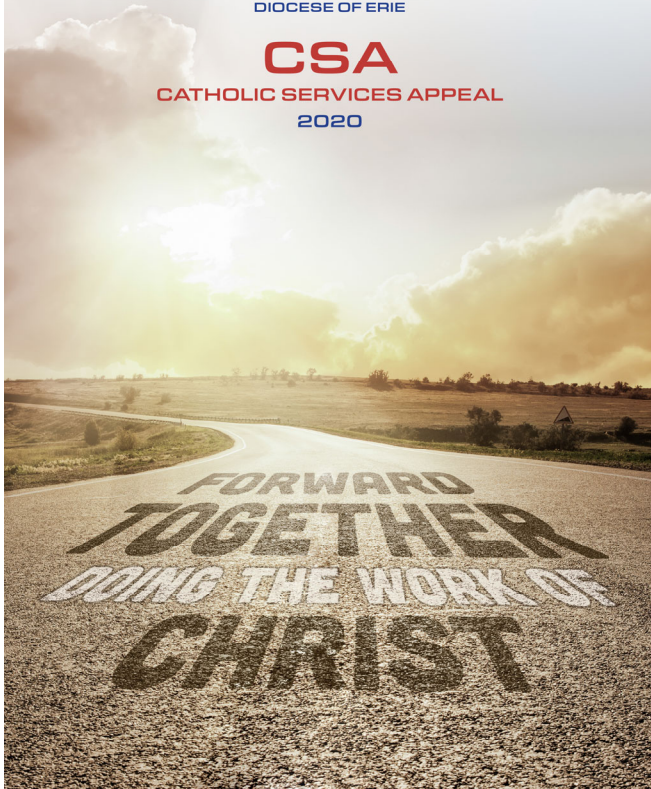
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Forward Together: Doing the Work of Christ

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:

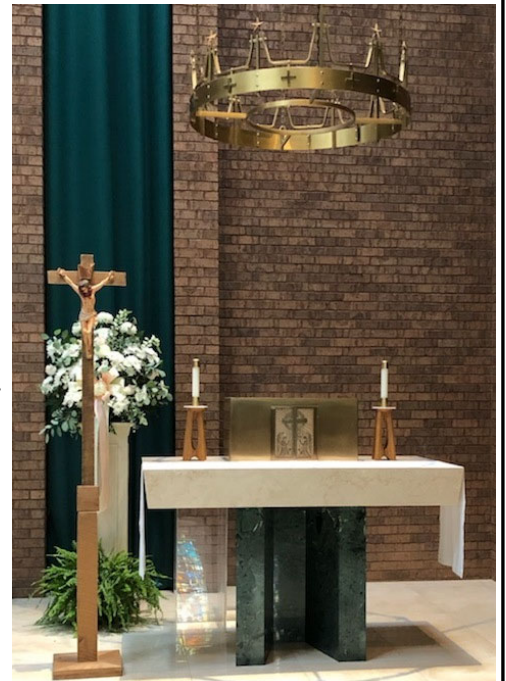
Cultivating Catholic Leadership

- 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
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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.

Do This in Memory of Me. As we enter Holy Week, we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist as our heavenly food. We continue to reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How does our faith inspire us to share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? **Visit: crsricebowl.org for more info.**

