

Our Lady of Peace



Divine Mercy Sunday Service
Next Sunday, April 19th 3:00 - 4:00PM
Livestreamed on our FaceBook page from Our Lady of Peace Parish

3:00-4:00PM Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, which includes the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

(A guide is on our webpage at www.olp.org, Faith Formation, Spiritual Resources)

Confession by appointment only

April 19, 2020 Sunday of Divine Mercy

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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.

Sunday of Divine Mercy April 19, 2020

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

~John 20:29b



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



19th Mac & Cheese / Peanut Butter 26th Cereal / Baked Beans

Also needed: Pasta & Canned Soup

Pantry is OPEN April 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:

First Reading - All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm - Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118). **Second Reading** - God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel - The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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Family Discussion of the Week: **Encouraging Others**

Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe. (John 20:27)

Adults: We show our faith when we demonstrate courage in the face of difficulty. What could you do this week to help strengthen someone?

Kids: What could you do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?

GET REAL!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a "realistic" view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, "Get real!" when we hear Luke's account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in "exultation," and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn't be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke's intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation's original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, "Get real!" but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God's joy and beauty.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020

- Don Langer Bernie & Margaret Kowalski
- Amelia & Edward Boraten Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020

- James Arnold Arnold Family
- Robert Majewski Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020

- Carol Johnson Jane
- Shirley Zacherl Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

- Mary Ann Toohey Bill & Mo Miller
- Jim MacKrell Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020

- Marge Wojkielewicz Family
- Harry C. Dombrowski Jerry Dombrowski & Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

- Brenda Pundt Matthew & Darlene Pundt & LeeAnn Twidle
- Margaret Hardner Patricia

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

- Althea Laurito Sandra Ambro
- LaVerne Carner Fred & Evelyn
- Ursla Bamberger Husband
- 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 are by appointment only - call the Church Office 833-7701

<u>SANCTUARY LAMP</u> - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Lee Silverthorn, Sr. - Leslie Messenger.

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

Readings for the Week of April 19th

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;

Mk 16:15-20

Friday:

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;

1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



Pray for us.

OLP 31 Club

Praying for vocations every day of the year!

Members of the 31 Club agree to go to daily Mass on a particular day every month and offer that Mass for an increase of vocations to the Church. There is a great need for vocations in the Church today. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayer, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Upcoming Mass commitments:

Apr. 19: Amber D, Chris L.

Apr. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Donna G.

Apr. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.

Apr. 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y., Gloria M.

Apr. 23: Heidi A.

Apr. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.

Apr. 25: Christine O.

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.

From the Pastor's Desk...

To my Spiritual Family of Our Lady of Peace-

A blessed Divine Mercy Sunday to you! This is the last day of the Easter Octave which St. John Paul II established as Divine Mercy Sunday in 2000 when he canonized St. Faustina. We will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration which will include the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet from 3-4pm available on our Facebook page. Unfortunately we will not be able to have our normal scheduled confessions before and during the Holy Hour so you are encouraged to call one of our priests if you would like to make an appointment for Confession.

As I mentioned in our live streamed Divine Mercy Chaplet during Holy Week, the devotion of Divine Mercy started in the 1930's when Jesus appeared to St. Faustina who was a sister of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She wrote a voluminous diary of all the appearances and dialog with Jesus. I will summarize the 7 main elements of the devotion that Jesus asked St. Faustina to promote:

ONE- the actual Feast of Divine Mercy, or Divine Mercy Sunday. "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

TWO- the Image of the Divine Mercy. The Lord directed Sr. Faustina to have it made. It was to be signed, "Jesus, I trust in You!" and was to be venerated. We have the image of Divine Mercy in our chapel to the right of the tabernacle.

THREE- the Divine Mercy Novena. Ideally, the novena is to begin on Good Friday and completed the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday, though it can be prayed at any time. The novena divides souls into different groups, which are prayed for on a specific day. Categories of souls include souls who are "lukewarm," "priests and religious," "devout and faithful," "sinful," and the "souls of little children." We will livestream the Novena each day at 3pm during the Easter Octave on our Facebook page.

FOUR- the Hour of Great Mercy, also known as the three o'clock hour. This hour that recalls Jesus' death on the cross. Saint Faustina records in her Diary that "It is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. It is Jesus' desire that the moment of His Death on the Cross (3 p.m.) be venerated."

FIVE- the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist. It may be said at any time, but Christ specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before Divine Mercy Sunday. It is also appropriate to pray the chaplet during the Hour of Great Mercy. The chaplet is especially recommended to be said for those who are dying.

SIX- the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion through which we meet our Lord Jesus Christ and are enveloped in oceans of His Divine Mercy.

SEVEN- the deeds of mercy in answer to Jesus' call to mercy. In her Diary, entry 742. St. Faustina records Christ's words, "I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it." Christ continued, "I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first - by deed, the second - by word, the third - by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof

of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy."

With that in mind, it's helpful to recall that there are seven spiritual works of mercy and seven corporal works of mercy. They are:

<u>Corporal Works</u>: 1. Feed the hungry; 2. Give drink to the thirsty; 3. Clothe the naked; 4. Shelter the homeless; 5. Comfort the prisoners; 6. Visit the sick; 7. Bury the dead

Spiritual Works: 1. Teach the ignorant; 2. Pray for the living & dead; 3. Correct sinners; 4. Counsel those in doubt; 5. Console the sorrowful; 6. Bear wrongs patiently; 7. Forgive wrongs willingly

This is such a beautiful and complete devotion; let's embrace it this Divine Mercy Sunday so that we can grow in God's love and mercy and invite others to be transformed by it as well!

May God bless our world with divine mercy and peace... and our 2^{nd} week of Easter 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...

**First Communions (April 26th and May 3rd) POSTPONED

Due to the extension of the National Stay At Home Order through April 30th we are postponing our celebrations of First Communion until a later date to be determined. We were trying to hold on to see if we could still have our May 3rd celebration; however it is hard to believe that a gathering of that size would be prudent if even allowed. So for the sake of planning for all involved we postponed them. Please contact me at fr.rich@olp.org if you have any questions or concerns.

**Thank You For Your Generosity on Palm Sunday The weekend of Palm Sunday (2 weeks ago) we received many weekly offerings to the parish. This was a HUGE boost to our parish revenues that saw a big dip the first two weeks of the suspended Masses. Thank you so much for your support! Remember that your offertory is the main way we finance our parish mission and ministry at OLP which continues even during this time of isolation. We are most grateful for your generosity during this crisis!

**We are live-streaming daily Mass at 9am and Sunday Mass at 10am during the Stay at Home Order. All livestreaming is done through our Facebook page (www.facebook.com), Our Lady of Peace Parish (look for our dove logo). Once on the page, if you "like" the page it is often easier to find it later. The Videos link can be found on the left hand side; this is where our previous livestreamed services are saved as well as our live events. The website (www.olp.org) is updated regularly with spiritual resources as well as the recorded services. ALL these resources are under the Faith Formation tab, Spiritual Resources page. Click on the Daily and Sunday Mass Videos on the right hand side to link directly to our Facebook page.

**OLP Needy Fund and Parish Outreach Recently, I mentioned that our parish staff and Pastoral Council were looking at ways we can reach out to members of our parish, particularly the vulnerable during the Stay at Home Order from our government. Below are some ways we are reaching out:

ONE- If you are in need of assistance as far as finances, groceries, medicines or other needs please call the parish. We will connect you with local agencies that offer assistance.

TWO- can you donate financially to our OLP Helping Hands Fund? I know it is a difficult time for many of us financially, but if you are in the space to donate please consider helping us build up this fund. Remember that all money in this fund goes toward our fellow parishioners in need and is not used for requests we may receive from people not affiliated with our parish.

THREE- can you volunteer your time to help with grocery, medicine or other essential need deliveries? There are ways that this can be done while still observing the guidelines for social distancing.

Please email the parish at oldo.org in response to all three of those questions and we will organize this effort to best of our ability. We hope this can be a way to help us grow as a community in this difficult time and so allow the Paschal Mystery to be alive in us.

**Walk Thru the Windows of OLP/Christian Song Recommendation

I have been talking about learning about our beautiful windows at OLP since my arrival at the parish over three years ago. So I thought this time of limited freedom would be a great opportunity to finally do that. For the 30 days of April we are having a 5 minute explanation of each window given by members of our OLP clergy. There are 28 windows throughout the main church, chapel and vestibule and there will be an introduction and conclusion to the series to complete the 30 days of April. Each video will include an explanation of the window as well as a spiritual lesson; may our windows feed our mind and our soul. In connection with my encouragement last week to utilize this time of isolation to get more exposure to Christian music, I am recommending a Christian Song with each window that will also be posted on Facebook. Keep an eye out for those recommendations and I hope they will inspire you as they have inspired me.

**Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2020 So far we have received 454 pledges for \$182,566. 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.

CALENDAR UPDATES DUE TO COVID-19...

- **ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED until further notice
- **FIRST COMMUNION April 26th & May 3rd POSTPONED
- **Eucharistic Adoration CANCELLED until further notice
- **OLP School Classes: SUSPENDED until April 30th
- **OLP Faith Formation: SUSPENDED until April 30th
- **Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Persico

(Monday, April 20th): POSTPONED

- **OLP Crusader Derby (Saturday, May 2nd) CANCELLED
- **REBOOT with Chris Stefanik (May 15th) POSTPONED

The Following Directives were issued by the Vatican last 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:

- I. The Holy See has also extended to the following groups the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence:
- 2. Those subject to quarantine in hospitals or in their own homes due to suspicion of COVID-19 or exposure to it
- 3. 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 (e.g., Hail Mary)

Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids

Child Abuse Prevention Month - The "Creating A Safe

Environment" training program is an integral component to the prevention effort in our diocese. The mandated program trains employees and volunteers in the warning signs of abuse and how to report suspected abuse of a minor. Since 2003 over 59,000 adults in the diocese have received the training to recognize and report child abuse. With the help of the safe environment training program, the faithful are guided and educated about the responsibility to keep God's children protected and safe. Visit https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/ to take the training program or learn what is required for employees and volunteers to work with children in diocesan parishes/schools/agencies.

A Family Perspective

"Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven" means the Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace modeled by their parents. Any grudges we carry can only make us more miserable with time.



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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.

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

All Faith Formation Classes/Retreats are cancelled through April 30th. 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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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 Fabrica di San Pietr

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,

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.

to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis



Request Regarding Convalescent Home Residents

In an effort to have the most up-to-date information regarding OLP senior parishioners who now reside in Nursing / Convalescent / Rehabilitation centers, we ask that either the person or their next of kin please let us know of their location information. Our parish has been trying very hard to stay connected to our elders as a serious part of our mission to minster to parishioners in special living facilities. We want them to know they are not forgotten.

The situation is that many of the community living centers do ask for the resident's "religion", but few, if any ask their "parish." That makes a quick phone call or roster of OLP residents very difficult to produce. If and until that changes, we ask that a designated person please phone our office or drop us an email with the elder parishioner's *name*, *facility*, *room number*, *and room phone number* (*if applicable*).

Thank you for your assistance. Several quick minutes of your time will mean a great deal to a senior OLP parishioner.

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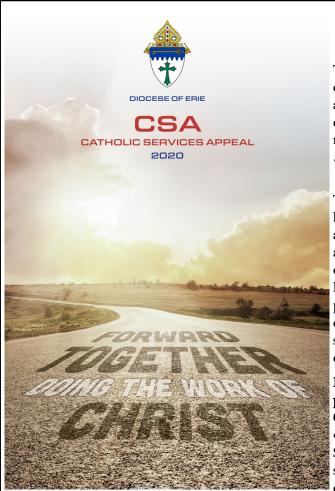
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2020 Catholic Services Appeal Forward Together: Doing the Work of Christ

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.





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Thank you for all the you have done during this Lenten season.

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