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1. Count to 10 before you speak or react.
2. Take a few slow, deep breaths until you feel your body unclench a bit.
3. Go for a walk, even if it's just to the restroom and back. It can help break the tension and give you a chance to think things through.
4. Try a quick meditation or prayer to get some perspective.
5. If it's not urgent, sleep on it and respond tomorrow. This works especially well for stressful emails and social media trolls.
6. Walk away from the situation for a while, and handle it later once things have calmed down.
7. Break down big problems into smaller parts. Take one step at a time instead of trying to tackle everything at once.
8. Chill out with music or an inspirational podcast to help you rage less on the road.
9. Take a break to pet the dog, hug a loved one or help someone out.
10. Work out or do something active. Exercise is one of the best antidotes for stress.

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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you at this moment sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2020

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth."

— John 14:16-17



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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.

May 2020

17th Spaghetti Sauce / Spaghetti

24th Mac & Cheese / Peanut Butter

31st Canned Vegetables / Cereal

Pantry is OPEN May 12 & 26**(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in**

Millcreek, held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26th Street.

The Food Pantry is so thankful to everyone who has continued to make donations.

**The West Millcreek Food Pantry is asking for extra food donations.**

- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Mac & Cheese
- Any non-perishable food/item that you are able to donate
- Plastic Grocery Bags

Thank you.

Sunday's Readings:

First Reading - The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalms - Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

Second Reading - Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) *or* 1 Peter 4:13-16.

Gospel - I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) *or* Jn 17:1-11a.

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Family Discussion of the Week: *The Strength of Faith*

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. (John 14:23)

Adults: The Spirit gives us inner wisdom and strength. When have you experienced this?

Kids: The Holy Spirit makes you strong inside. When do you need to be strong?

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

"What is the reason for your hope?" Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not "What are you hoping for?" or "What are you hoping to do?" No, this isn't about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it's "Why do you hope?" Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020

- Elmer Zimmer - The Girls
- John S. Griffin - Helen

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020

- Sarah Harrington -
- Mom, Dad, Kayleigh, John & Daniel
- Bill DeLuca - Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020

- George Felege - Annie & Charlie
- Janet Sheldon - Sue & Family
- Violet & Alfred Adiutori - Family

11:30-Noon Confessions

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord

- Living & Deceased Members of OLP
- Rosanna Kerner - Joanne Haulik

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020

- Lee & Mary Lou Silverthorn - Family
- Don Young - Deacon Tony & Mary Alleruzzo

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2020

- John & Diane Thompson - Friends
- Nello Fiorenzo - Jim & Annette Fiorenzo

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

- Parishioners
- George Kaufman - Family
- Theresa Prassack - Husband, Jack
- Jack Fatica - Family

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 available only
by phone or email: 833-7701 / olp@olp.org

Confessions available:
Wednesdays 11:30-Noon;

Saturday 8:30-9AM and 3:45-4:45PM or
by appointment - call the Church Office

Readings for the Week of May 17th

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension)
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray
for: Constance Damore and Thomas Straub. May their
families find hope and consolation through their faith in the
resurrected Lord.

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:

May 17: Len & Cathy K, Helen W, Barbra W., Nancy D.
May 18: Frank G, Carlee Y., Rachel O.
May 19: Amber D, Chris L.
May 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Donna G.
May 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.
May 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y., Gloria M.
May 23: Heidi A.

*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

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 Patricia Trimble - Friends.

From the Pastor's Desk...

To my Spiritual Family of Our Lady of Peace-

Bishop Persico informed us May 7th that as of May 10th we can now open up scheduled confessions and Eucharistic Adoration during the yellow phase in Erie County. Public Masses are still **SUSPENDED** and the obligation to attend Mass has been lifted. So when will the suspension of public Mass be lifted?? Here's the process that the Bishop has set up to lead to that decision... this past week they asked all the priests of the deaneries in the Diocese to give input on how to handle public Mass at Deanery Meetings (the Diocese of Erie is broken into 11 Deaneries with a lead priest for each called a Dean- Fr. Michael Ferrick, the pastor of St. Peter Cathedral, is Dean of West Erie City). This week (May 20th) there will be Presbyteral Council Meeting (the advisory priests to the Bishop including his cabinet and all deans) that will then make some final decisions on how we will proceed. So hopefully we will hear more by the end of this week as to when we can start having public Masses.

In the meantime, our first Holy Day during the Pandemic and suspension of Masses will be this week on **Ascension Thursday, May 21st**. We will continue with our 9am Facebook Live Mass that day but with added music and solemnity. The Ascension is important for many reasons but in this time of Pandemic I emphasize Jesus' promise before he ascended that "He would be with us always... even until the end of time." Not just in the Sacraments or the community, which are extremely important, but with each of us personally in our hearts, in our lives, in our prayer. I continue to hope and pray that we all truly believe and know that God is still **TRULY** with us. Let's celebrate that in a special way this Thursday!

May God bless our world and church with the certitude that He is with us... and with safety, protection and peace... and our 6th 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...

****We continue to live-stream daily Mass at 9am and Sunday Mass at 10am during the YELLOW PROTOCOL in our state on our Facebook page, Our Lady of Peace Parish.**

****Aaron Kupniewski Birthday Fundraiser** Thank you to Aaron and his family as well as everyone who supported his birthday fundraiser last weekend. Aaron achieved his goal of raising \$1,100 for our OLP Needy Fund. He also received some media attention and therefore evangelized through his efforts. Well done, Aaron, your pastor and OLP family are proud of you!

****OLP NEEDY FUND AND PARISH OUTREACH** Are you in need of assistance as far as finances, groceries, medicines or other needs that our parish could possibly help? Please call the parish office, 833-7701.

****Special Masses for Pandemic**

Bishop Persico, with

Permission of the Congregation for Divine Worship, gave permission for a special Mass to be said "In Time of Pandemic." We have offered that Mass several times over the past weeks and will continue to do so. **THIS WEEK OUR PURPLE MASS "In Time of Pandemic" will be on Tuesday, May 19th at 9am.**

****Livestream Schedule for Prayer this Week**

Monday, May 18 th	3pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesday, May 20 th	3pm	Rosary
Friday, May 22 nd	3pm	Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

CALENDAR UPDATES DUE TO COVID-19...

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

****REBOOT with Chris Stefanik (May 15th)**

POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL

****Nedreski Family Donation**

A huge thank you to parishioners Mike and Amy Nedreski and their family for their generous donation of \$7,750 to help those who may be hurting due to the Pandemic. The Nedreski's purchased gift cards from 5 local businesses and donated them to our parish to help distribute to families in need through OLP Parish, School, and St. Martin Center. Our parish is inspired by the Nedreski's gracious gift!

****Bishop Persico has ALLOWED SCHEDULED CONFESSION TIMES TO RESUME.** We will return to our weekly schedule for confession- 11:30am-12 Noon Wednesdays; 8:30-9am and 3:45-4:45pm on Saturdays ALL Confessions will take place in the CHAPEL. Also you can call Fr. Rich or Fr. Hoffman to make an appointment. **PLEASE BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE PROTOCOLS FOR WEARING MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WHEN YOU COME TO CHURCH INCLUDING THE LINE FOR CONFESSION MARKED WITH ORANGE TAPE INSIDE THE MAIN CHURCH.**

****Pastoral Council Nominations**

Nomination forms for Pastoral Council can be found at the doors of the church and online. We will be replacing 2 members who are completing their terms (Greg Bosner and Lori Dever to whom we are so grateful!). You can find the online form at <https://bit.ly/OLPNomination2020>.

These forms explain the purpose of the council as well as indicating the present members. This process for selecting new members allows for a broader representation of the parish (started three years ago). You are asked to write a statement to the council outlining your reasons for nominating your candidate (or yourself) and then your nominee is asked to sign it as an indication that they accept the nomination. **The letters of nomination are to be turned into the parish office or submitted online by Monday, June 15th.**

****Crusader Derby Cancelled (scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020)** The deadline for reimbursement was LAST FRIDAY, MAY 15th. Those who want to be reimbursed for raffle tickets should contact Mary Beth Whitman at the parish office. For those who are in the financial position to consider it, we are asking you to donate your bought tickets OR to send in a donation as a way to raise at least part of the money that we usually raised through the Derby. The Parish will be using that money to invest in a computer/wiring/ Wi-fi overhaul for our church, parish offices and rectory. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me (fr.rich@olp.org).

****BISHOP PERSICO HAS ALLOWED INDIVIDUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TO RESUME FOR THE PUBLIC. PLEASE BE CERTAIN THAT YOU ARE FOLLOWING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS.**

*****"Walk Through 40 Catholic Customs and their Biblical Roots".**

The "Walk Through Catholic Customs" is based on the book, "Signs of Life" by Scott Hahn. **Each day a video will be posted at 8am (before the 9am Live Mass).** All past videos can be found on our website www.olp.org/faith-formation/spiritual-resources/40-catholic-customs. Here are the topics for this week:

DAY	TOPIC
Sunday, May 17 th	The Angelus
Monday, May 18 th	Grace at Meals
Tuesday, May 19 th	Examination of Conscience
Wednesday, May 20 th	Bible Study
Thursday, May 21 st	Spiritual Reading
Friday, May 22 nd	Retreat
Saturday, May 23 rd	Confirmation
Sunday, May 24 th	Marriage
Monday, May 25 th	Priesthood

****West Millcreek Food Pantry in Need** Due to the Pandemic, food pantries are in special need of food donations. PLEASE SEE THE LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS IN THE BULLETIN and drop off donations in the vestibule of the church. If you are unable to shop; but would like to contribute monetarily. Please place the donation in a marked envelope. ANY MONETARY DONATIONS YOU GIVE will be used either to go "shopping" for needed items by our staff and volunteers OR will be forwarded to the food pantry- based on what is best for them. You can make a donation to OLP for the food pantry and place in designated envelope and we will take it from there!

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

SAINT RITA OF CASCIA (1381-1457) May 22

If you're ever in Philadelphia on May 22, forget parking anywhere near Saint Rita's shrine. Cars line streets and fill medians as throngs pack a candlelight vigil and six Masses, honoring this patroness of lost causes, hopeless situations, and—as her statue in countless churches built by twentieth-century immigrants testifies—difficult marriages, troubled homes, and alienated children. Wise people warn, be careful what you pray for. "Divine Savior," Rita prayed, "let me suffer like you!" Obedient to parents who refused her wish to become a nun, Rita married a man who returned her devotion with twenty years of abuse. When enemies murdered him, Rita's two sons swore revenge. Paintings depict her pointing the angry boys toward Christ crucified, whom she begged to restrain them. Within the year, both sons died. Alone now, Rita went to the convent but was refused. The nuns feared violence, since one of them was related to the murderer. Rita arranged peace between the families, made vows, and became much sought after as a counselor and intercessor for forty years on earth—and ever since in heaven.

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Special Collection Next Week: International Needs Collection

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week.

Thank you.

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe serves essential pastoral needs in more than 20 countries.

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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.

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A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departures and transitions. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions. "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."

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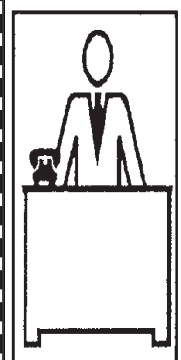
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The 2020 Catholic Services Appeal Commitment Sunday was held last weekend in our parish. The church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete 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.

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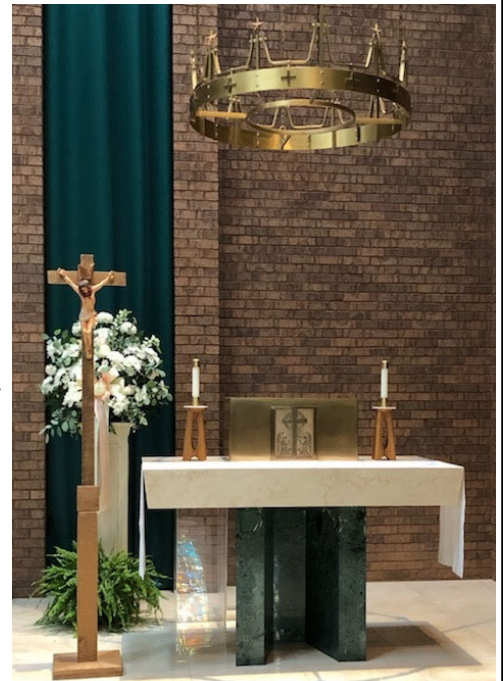
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- Clergy services provide ongoing education to priests and deacons, as well as guidance and assistance to parishes, institutions, pastors and people throughout the diocese.
- Tuition assistance programs help make Catholic education a possibility for families throughout the diocese.

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