



Our Lady of Peace

AUGUST 16, 2020

*O woman,
great is
your faith!*

MATTHEW 15:28

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 16, 2020

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

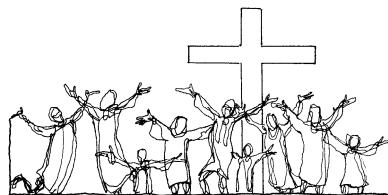
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)

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

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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.

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2020**

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.

— Isaiah 56:1

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.

August 2020

16th Toilet Tissue / Bar Soap

23rd Spaghetti Sauce / Spaghetti

30th Mac 'n Cheese / Peanut Butter

Pantry is OPEN August 11th & 25th

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



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

- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Whole Grain Cereal
- Any non-perishable food/item that you are able to donate
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Granola Bars

The Food Pantry is so thankful to those who have continued to make

Sunday's Readings:

First Reading — Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

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Family Discussion of the Week: All Are Welcome

For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (Isaiah 56:7)

Adults: The woman in this story was persistent in prayer. For what do you pray insistently?

Kids: For what do you ask God to give you most often?

WHY PRAY?

The "foreigners" as Isaiah calls them, the "Gentiles" as Paul calls them, or the "Canaanites" as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today's readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely "knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend," but also to "break, blow, burn, and make me new" (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, "Knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today's Gospel, the results will follow.

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MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020**

7:00AM Edward & Mary Jane Brothers—Family

12:10PM George Malizia—OLP School Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020

7:00AM Emma Passauer—Friends

12:10PM Greg Bossart—

Chip, Barb, Lenny, Nancy, Dave & Karen

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020

7:00AM Janet Cuthbertson—Husband

11:30-Noon Confessions

12:10PM Evelyn Reider—Pat Hardner

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020

7:00AM Mary DiBacco—Agnello Family

12:10PM Fima Galla—Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020

7:00AM Alan Bigwood—

Children, Paul, Michelle & Melissa

12:10PM Patrick DiPaolo—Aunt Patty

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2020

8:00AM Tony Pisano—Friends

8:30-9AM Confessions**3:45-4:45PM Confessions**

5:00PM Special Intention for Deceased Members of the Daugherty Family—Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM Rose Banaszek—Morabito Family

9:00AM John & Sally Balkovic -

Joseph & Carol Chriest

11:00AM Raffaele & Angelina Pingitore &

Saverio Aiello—Ada Aiello & Children

4:30PM Parishioners

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 available (in the Chapel):

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 August 16th

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;

Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for: George Cook; for Charles E. Fried, brother of Fred Fried; for Joyce Izbicki, cousin of Evelyn Fried; and for John Jensen. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

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:

Aug. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.

Aug. 17: Len & Cathy K, Helen W, Barbara W., Nancy D.

Aug. 18: Frank G, Carlee Y., Rachel O.

Aug. 19: Amber D, Chris L.

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

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

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

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 Jason Daugherty—Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Brian John Fried—Mom & Dad.

From the Pastor's Desk...

To my Spiritual Family of Our Lady of Peace-

It is hard to believe we are five months into the COVID 19 Pandemic. I want to affirm everyone in our parish, community, nation and world for getting this far in a situation that has turned many lives upside down. A few groups for which I wanted to specifically express my support are:

ONE- all those who have continued to support our outreach programs at OLP. The volunteers that have continued to serve through Emmaus Soup Kitchen, the City Mission, St. Patrick Haven (members of the 7am Mass group), and Sunday Suppers (OLP is preparing and serving this Sunday), as well as all who continue to generously give to the Millcreek Food Pantry by bringing items to church. **THANK YOU!**

TWO- all couples trying to get married during the pandemic who have had to reschedule, postpone, and change plans repeatedly. I commend the couples I have worked with for their perseverance and good attitudes and we continue to pray for all couples seeking marriage and all their family members and friends who it affects significantly.

THREE- all school teachers, administrators, staff, students and their parents who are working on the plans for coming back to school. I am sure we have all seen the changes and adjustments they have had to make over the last 2 months and I can only imagine the emotional and physical toil it has on everyone. Let's intensify our prayers and support for them as college academics have begun and the high school and grade school classes approach soon!

FOUR- all those who have been hospitalized or live in nursing homes, and their families and friends. I have walked with many who have had to deal with the restrictions on either end of being sick or supporting the sick and it is so difficult for them. We pray that they can find other ways to support and be supported during this time of separation.

FIVE- all those who have died or lost loved ones during the pandemic. Death is hard enough to deal with without the challenges of COVID so please pray with me for all those who have had to handle this most difficult part of our earthly journey during this time.

SIX- those who live alone. It can be challenging enough to deal with isolation let alone when it is intensified by societal limitations. Look out for those who live alone in your neighborhoods, social circles and families and pray that they know that they truly are NEVER alone with God.

We continue to offer a weekly Mass at OLP "In Time of Pandemic" to reaffirm our commitment to praying for this intention that is affecting everyone. In the imagery that I preached on last weekend, we plead with God to lift us up completely out of this pandemic if possible, but we also pray that we can trust that he is holding our hand if it continues. Let Jesus bring you peace, strength, courage, protection and healing as He walks with us on this hill of Calvary that is COVID.

May God bless all of us affected by this pandemic and our week ahead!

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...

****THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WAS ABLE TO SUPPORT OLP PARISH OR SCHOOL THROUGH ERIE GIVES LAST WEEK!**

****Masks Required in Church** Please remember that everyone who comes to church is required to wear a mask. You are expected to keep it over your mouth AND your nose. Please do not be offended if someone reminds you or asks you to place your mask over your nose as this is important in keeping us all safe and healthy. If you have any concerns in this regard, please let me know.


****Landscaping/ Memorials** In September we will be taking the next step in our landscaping plan made possible by your support of the 2019 CSA. There will be a facelift to the landscaping to the north and west sides of the church as well as planting a new tree near the scout house. The tree near the scout house and the new flowers and plants around the Marian Shrine to the west of the church are available to memorialize for your loved ones. The tree near the scout house will be a magnolia tree at \$300. The plants and flowers around Mary can be memorialized for \$50 per plant from multiple donors. The statue will be placed in a new area with flowering shrubs/plants to honor Mary in a special way. Please call the parish office if you are interested in these opportunities.

****Campus Clean Up** There will be a parish landscaping effort to trim trees and bushes as well as weeding and edging on **Friday, August 21st at 6pm and Saturday, August 22nd at 9am and will last for several hours.** Volunteers are needed to refresh the look of our campus. If you have gloves, buckets or tools you are encouraged to bring them.

****Weeding Ministry** We invite parishioners to help keep up with the weeding of our grounds throughout the spring, summer and fall on a regular basis. If you are willing, feel free to stop at any time convenient for you and weed away. If you need tools you can call the parish office to arrange it. Accumulated weeds can be disposed in the dumpster near the school building.

****Special Masses This Week** Monday, August 17th- Mass "In Time of Civil Disturbance"; Tuesday, August 18th- PURPLE MASS "In Time of Pandemic"; Thursday, August 20th -Feast of St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church; Friday, August 21st- Feast of St. Pius X, Pope; **Saturday, August 22nd- Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

****Octave of Mary/ Novena to the Queenship of Mary** I like to call the 8 days from the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15th) to the Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 22nd) the Octave of Mary. We will livestream a Novena to the Queenship of Mary on those days via Facebook Live. On the days of the octave, the live recording will start at 11:40am with the Rosary, followed by the Angelus at Noon and then the Novena to follow (all before the 12:10pm Mass). I hope you can join us in person or via the internet.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We are working to finalize plans for Religious Education classes for your student. All students in **grades K-10** will be learning at home, online, beginning in October. Textbooks will be provided with access to the publisher's online content. We are planning that students will receive assignments that are to be completed and emailed back to their teacher. As we are still working with the book publisher to get the best rate, the fee for the 2020-2021 year is not final. Once we have the new rates we will let you know. Watch for an email toward the end of August with complete information.

Confirmation students will have online assignments beginning in October. Face to face classes will begin in January. We will be sending an email to parents at the end of August with complete details. The group Emmaus requirement is cancelled for now but students needing service hours can still contact Darrell Meyers at 450-3697 or e-mail him at darrell.meyers@olp.org to schedule a date to serve.

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

SAINT PIUS X (1835-1914) August 21

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto "To restore all things in Christ" (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called "modernism," yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter's Square—"I bless peace, not war!"—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed Christian Europe despite his peacemaking efforts.

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Garage Sale Proceeds



Building the future, one girl at a time.



Two parishioners, Arlene Chaney and Jeanne Marie Ryan, have a huge annual garage sale to benefit Hekima Place, as they have supported the orphanage for many years which is in Kenya, Africa. Hekima Place is a small non-profit started by a women with a big heart, Kate Fletcher, from Pittsburg. They are dedicated to housing and educating the 85 girls, infant through university, so they can grow up to a better life and change how girls and women are viewed and treated in Africa.

Proceeds from this annual Garage Sale go towards this sponsorship. You can help by visiting their

GARAGE SALE

August 15, 16, 21,22

from 9:00AM - 5:00PM at 3309 Asbury Road

There is something for everyone at this sale:
trunks, household items, yard/workshop items, vintage,
miscellaneous items; and several 25¢ tables

Please pray for Kate (founder), the staff, and the girls of Hekima Place.

****"How the Church Has Changed the World"** Is a two volume series of essays by Anthony Esolen that was first published in Magnificat Magazine in 2016/2017. I will be summarizing one of those essays daily on Facebook starting Saturday, August 22nd "(the Queenship of Mary). There are 48 total essays and I will include an introduction and conclusion for a total of 50 videos. The last video will be published on Saturday, October 10th. Each day the video will be published at 6:30am so as to be available to those who join the 7am daily Mass on Facebook. I look forward to looking more fully at the impact our Catholic Church has had on our world, our culture and the history of humanity and I hope you can join me.

****RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** RCIA is the program through which adults become members of our Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). If you are interested in becoming Catholic (meaning you were never baptized or were baptized in another Christian denomination) or want to complete your Catholic initiation (you were baptized Catholic but never Confirmed), please contact the office ASAP to register for the program. **Our opening gathering for RCIA is this Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30pm in the Social Room.** If you just have questions about the program, please call Tammie Mang, Fr. Mark or myself at the parish office.

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



Our Lady of
Peace...

Pray for us.

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:

August 22; September 19

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

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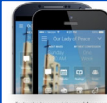
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As most of our communications will be by EMail please make sure the office has your current email.

We are sending weekly emails with updates and resources you can use to strengthen your Spiritual life. Also visit our website: **www.olp.org**.

Downloaded the **MyParishApp** as we will use the App as well to communicate during this time.

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



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R.C.I.A.

The initials RCIA stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is the rite by which the Catholic community welcomes adults into the Catholic Faith.



*Thinking of becoming Catholic?
Need to complete your Sacraments?
Just have some questions?*

Please contact either
Fr. Rich Toohey at 833-7701
Tammie Mang at 838-9983

Thank You from OLP Boy Scout Troop 59...

The Boy Scouts would like to offer their thanks to the parish family for the generous support of the **annual garage sale**. The sale was once again a huge success!

The boy scouts look forward to an exciting year of activities and service thanks to your generosity and continued support.

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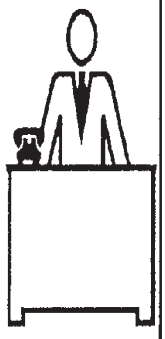
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A Family Perspective

The mother in today's gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is about sacrificing daily for your children.

"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.

Join the Social Justice & Life Office of the Diocese of Erie on Thursday, September 3rd, at 6:30PM via Zoom as we hear about ways to explore civil dialogue from Bishop Lawrence Persico and a representative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Justice, Peace and Human development. As followers of Christ, we are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet, many conversations have become filled with vitrol and harsh language. This presentation offers suggestions and insight on how to love our neighbors with whom we might disagree.

Questions may be directed to Patrice Swick, director of the Social Justice & Life Office, at pswick@ErieRCD.org.



This weekend, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please prayerfully consider a donation to this special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Support local non-profits and “PUMP UP FOR CHARITY” thru October 31st using the charity pump found at 38 Country Fair locations across Erie County: St. Martin Center, Erie Animal Network, Erie Philharmonic, Mercy Center for Women, NAMI of Erie County

A stack of colorful sticky notes is shown against a yellow background. The topmost note is light blue and features a large, bold black question mark in the center. Surrounding the question mark are five words in a handwritten style: 'Future' at the top left, 'Marriage' at the top right, 'Career' to the right of the question mark, 'Single Life' to the left of the question mark, and 'Priesthood' at the bottom right. Below the question mark, the words 'Religious Life' are written in a similar style. The stack of notes underneath is composed of various colors including pink, orange, green, and blue.

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