



# Our Lady of Peace

## 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**

## **Are you looking for a way to grow your business?**

Consider sponsoring the 2021 Annual OLP Calendar. The calendar is distributed to parishioners in December; your advertisement reaches more than 1,800 families. Your business sponsorship is featured on the bottom and is visible on each month of the calendar. Many families specifically choose to support those businesses who in turn support the church. Please call the office at 833-7701 for more information on sponsoring the calendar.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One of the last things Jesus said to his friends before his ascension was, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." (Mt. 28:19). This Great Commission is at the heart of our Catholic Christian faith. We are to proclaim the Gospel and spread the Good News to all who need to hear it. This is what we call evangelization. It begins at home with our families and extends throughout all the earth.

Every summer the Diocese of Erie joins dioceses around the world in the annual Missionary Cooperative program—in which Catholic missionaries come on a weekend to each of our parishes to educate us on the work they do, and take up an optional second collection to support that work. This year the coronavirus caused all of our scheduled missionary visits to be cancelled. Yet the Church's missionary work must continue. I am inviting pastors to choose a weekend to dedicate their homily specifically to the Church's missionary work. They will then take up an optional second collection. All of the funds donated to this special collection will be evenly divided among the missionary groups which had planned to visit the Diocese of Erie this summer. Thus, our generosity will allow them to continue their work amidst the challenges of this pandemic.

Evangelization is at the heart of the Christian life. Every year we learn about and support international missionary work through the Missionary Cooperative Plan. In this difficult year, I invite you to please continue to pray for the Church's missionary work and contribute to it as you are able. You and your families remain in my prayer.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

**Next Weekend: Diocesan Missionary Cooperative August 29/30**



August 23, 2020

Twenty-First 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

**Night:** Donna, 866-0792



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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.

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 23, 2020**

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

— Matthew 16:19

**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**

23rd Spaghetti Sauce / Spaghetti

30th Mac 'n Cheese / Peanut Butter

Pantry is OPEN August 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** — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

**Psalm** — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Christ” (Matthew 16:13-20).

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**Family Discussion of the Week: Representatives of Christ**

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:15-16)

**Adults:** If you were asked, how would you explain Jesus to a person who had not heard of him?

**Kids:** Who do you say Jesus is?

**TRUST**

Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust—the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that Jesus established.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020

7:00AM Walter Dodick—Wife & Family  
12:10PM Jim & Irene Malue—Malue Family

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020

7:00AM Joe Petty—McLaughlin Family  
12:10PM Fr. Tom Dougan—Friends of OLP

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020

7:00AM Louis Bruno—Haythorn & Swonger Families  
11:30-Noon **Confessions**  
12:10PM Ray Ostrowski—Wife & Family

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020

7:00AM Catherine Kenwood—Children  
12:10PM Catherine Kenwood—Family

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020

7:00AM Lee Silverthorn, Sr.—Leslie Messenger  
12:10PM Frank Santangelo—Wife, Joan

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020

8:00AM Z. Marion & Irene Zaczekiewicz—Son, Jim  
8:30-9AM **Confessions**  
3:45-4:45PM **Confessions**  
5:00PM Joseph Pettinato—Family

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Gertrude Milkowski—Daughter, Nancy  
9:00AM Marge "Ward" Wojtkielewicz—  
George & Christine Opron  
11:00AM Sylvester Kengersky—Greg & Sylvia Bosner  
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](mailto: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 23rd*

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;  
Jn 1:45-51  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;  
Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5;  
Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;  
Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21;  
Mk 6:17-29  
Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;  
Mt 16:21-27

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED** - Please pray for: Trenton Ryback, grandson of Larry & Pat Heinlein; for Patti Kirk, sister of Charlene Schroeck; and for Jeanette Spinelli. 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. The 31 Club is a program of the Serra Club of Erie [www.serraerie.org](http://www.serraerie.org).

### Upcoming Mass commitments:

Aug. 23: Heidi A.  
Aug. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.  
Aug. 25: Christine O.  
Aug. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.  
Aug. 27: Ann R.  
Aug. 28: Ann F., Michael M., Betty S.  
Aug. 29: Linda M., Janet 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.*

### BANNI

Paul Krott / Melanie McClain



**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of the Deceased Members of the Daugherty Family.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Lee Silverthorn, Sr.—James & Mary Ann Karle

### 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-

Our opening gathering for RCIA is **THIS Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Social Room**. RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the program through which adults become members of our Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). So 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 NOW to register for the program. If you just have questions about the program, please call Tammie Mang, Fr. Mark or myself at the parish office.

Even if you are a fully initiated Catholic, we still need your help with recruiting for RCIA. You can help in one of three specific ways:

**PRAY!** Pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire and convict people to conversion. This Thursday and Friday are a great opportunity to pray on the feasts of Sts. Monica and Augustine. Remember that they are both patron saints of conversion as St. Monica prayed for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine, for 30 years while he explored paganism and philosophy. They are also great intercessors for parents and grandparents who are praying for the return of their Catholic children and grandchildren who have fallen away from the church.

**ENCOURAGE!** If you know someone in your social network of family and friends who is searching or has been coming to Mass with you or others but has not fully joined, you could be the instrument God wants to use to encourage them and get them to take this important step.

**RECOMMEND!** If you know someone you would like to recommend to us, the parish staff, for RCIA, call us. Maybe you already encouraged them and they seem open but just will not take that final step or you have observed them from a distance and feel they might be open. We could reach out to them and possibly that could be the moment they respond.

We do not know if we do not ask. We do not want to look back some day and wonder because we never asked or encouraged them. So let's make one last push these next few weeks to see who God might be calling RIGHT NOW to be part of our church family.

May God bless our recruiting efforts 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!**

We raised \$16,467 through 128 donors for the parish and \$6,238 through 56 donors for the school. Both of those numbers are the highest in the 4 years that I have been here- I continue to be amazed and inspired by the generosity of our parish during this Pandemic!

**\*\*Next Weekend (August 29/30) we will conduct our Diocesan Missionary Cooperative.** Each year the Diocesan Mission Office arranges a visit from a foreign or domestic missionary to come to OLP to speak at all the Masses one weekend to encourage our spiritual and financial support for their missionary work. This year, unfortunately, we are not able to host a missionary so the diocese has asked that we designate one weekend to take up a special collection for all the groups that were scheduled to come to our diocese this year. All the money raised in the parishes will be split evenly among all the missions. So please be prepared to offer your support next weekend at all the Masses and if you do not come to church physically, consider sending in or dropping off a donation in a specially marked envelope that says Diocesan Missionary Cooperative. Thank you.

**\*\*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 from multiple donors. Please call the parish office if you are interested in these opportunities.

**\*\*Weeding Ministry** We would like to 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 24<sup>th</sup>- Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle; Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>- Mass "In Time of Civil Disturbance"; Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>- PURPLE MASS "In Time of Pandemic"; Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>-Feast of St. Monica (Mother of St. Augustine- patron saint of alcoholics, conversion, married women, mothers); Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>- Feast of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; **Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>- Feast of the Passion of St. John the Baptist.**

**\*\*"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 22<sup>nd</sup> "(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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**\*\*Masks Required Over Mouth AND Nose** Please remember



## 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](mailto: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](http://www.olp.org). For more info please contact Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director, at 838-9983 or [Tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:Tammie.mang@olp.org)

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. In fact I ask you to help me to monitor this and let me know if you see anyone not complying with this requirement.

**\*\*Special Prayer Intentions during this Pandemic** 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, as well as all who continue to generously give to the Millcreek Food Pantry by brining 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 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 been 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.



### SAINT MONICA (332-387) August 27

She had smiles for the neighbors, though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew, inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer—and nagging—finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose. For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time! On the way home to North Africa, Monica took sick and died near Rome. No child who has mourned a parent can read, unmoved, Augustine's tender account, in his *Confessions*, of Monica's last days. At this time of the year, when parents watch apprehensively as children leave for school, may Monica's perseverance and Augustine's long-prayed-for conversion ease anxiety and kindle hope.



—Peter

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## Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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### CHECK ONE:

- ☐ New Registration
- ☐ Change of Address
- ☐ Moving out of Parish
- ☐ Want envelopes



Our Lady of  
Peace...

Pray for us.

### Special Collection Last Week

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. All monies collected will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

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## Faithful to the Finish 5k

...persevering with the Lord

Virtual 5K Race October 3, 2020

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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 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.



### 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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### 2020 CSA February 2020 to January 2021

Goal .....	\$ 200,000
Pledge Payments Received to Date.....	\$ 148,053
<b>Total Pledges .....</b>	<b>\$ 190,800</b>

**484 Families - Goal is 700 Families**

Every dollar raised supports important Diocesan services and **every dollar raised over our assessment will be kept in the parish for parish improvements.** Our 2020-2021 Diocesan assessment is \$151,719.

### A Stewardship of Sharing Month of July 2020 Fiscal Year July 2020 - June 2021

Weekly Envelope.....	\$ 57,212
Loose.....	\$ 1,250
Monthly School Support.....	\$ 907
<b>Total Monthly Offertory.....</b>	<b>\$ 59,369</b>
Budgeted Monthly Offertory .....	\$ 77,083
<b>Monthly Deficit .....</b>	<b>\$ 17,714</b>
Diocesan Designated Fund Support .....	\$ 922

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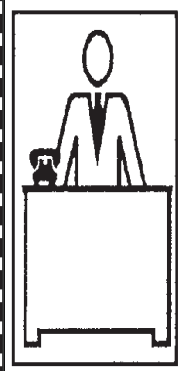
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## Love My Neighbor: Civility in Dialogue

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 vitriol and harsh language. This presentation offers suggestions and insight on how to love our neighbors with whom we might disagree.

Register for this event by August 28th at:  
<https://form.jotform.com/202113804687049>.

Questions may be directed to Patrice Swick, director of the Social Justice & Life Office, at [pswick@ErieRCD.org](mailto:pswick@ErieRCD.org).



### Special Masses This Week:

**Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> - Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

**Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> - Mass "In Time of Civil Disturbance"**

**Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> - PURPLE MASS “In Time of Pandemic”**

**Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> - Feast of St. Monica (Mother of St. Augustine—patron saint of alcoholics, conversion, married women, mothers)**

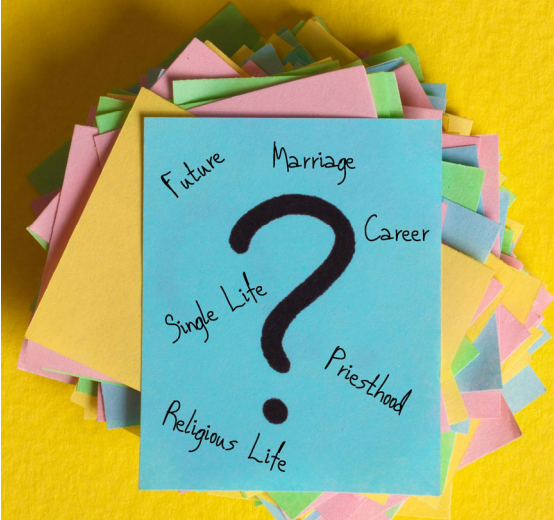
**Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>- Feast of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> - Feast of the Passion of St. John the Baptist**

## A Family Perspective

Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. But those who know us best are usually our own family. Who do they say you are?

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