



# 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

## **This Weekend: Diocesan Missionary Cooperative August 29/30**



August 30, 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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814-838-9983

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**Business Hours:** 8:00AM - 4:00PM

**Parish Pastoral Team**

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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.



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**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 30, 2020**

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

— Romans 12:2

**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**

**30th Mac 'n Cheese / Peanut Butter**

Pantry is OPEN

(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** — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

**Gospel** — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

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**Family Discussion of the Week: Come, Follow Me**

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

**Adults:** In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?

**THE CROSS OF JESUS**

The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020

7:00AM Joann Jackson—Alison Price  
12:10PM Douglas John Fleming—Family

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

7:00AM Mary Ann Arnold—Carroll Family  
12:10PM Edward & Mary Jane Brothers—Family

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

7:00AM Herbert Anderson—Joe & Carol Pillitteri  
11:30-Noon **Confessions**  
12:10PM Theresa Prassack—Husband, Jack

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

7:00AM Connie Weiser—Sue Hickin  
12:10PM Mary Kitzer—Family

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

7:00AM George & Mary Cook—Family  
12:10PM Special Intention for John & Theresa Glance  
(10th Anniversary)

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

8:00AM Carmella DeSanto—Joseph & Carol Pillitteri  
8:30-9AM **Confessions**  
3:45-4:45PM **Confessions**  
5:00PM Vincent Padalino—June Padalino & Family

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Parishioners  
9:00AM Edward & Mary Jane Brothers—Family  
11:00AM Special Intention for John Pulice—Family  
4:30PM Margaret Hanuschak—  
Charlie & Charlene Schroeck

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

### Labor Day

9:00AM Parishioners

*Church Offices Closed Today  
Will reopen 8:00AM Tuesday*

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

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in  
memory of Theresa Prassack—Husband.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory  
of Sarah & Kate Stazer—Mom.

*Readings for the Week of August 30th*

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;  
Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;  
Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5  
Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;  
Mt 18:15-20

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED** - Please pray  
for: Cynthia Morgan; and for Thomas L. Gardner, Jr. May  
their families find hope and consolation through their faith  
in the resurrected Lord.

### BANN II

Paul Krott / Melanie McClain



## 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. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.

Aug. 31: Jim Z.

Sept. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.

Sept. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.

Sept. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.

Sept. 4: Arlene B.

Sept. 5: Ed B., Joyce K., Chuck & Linda R.

*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

From the Pastor's Desk...

To my Spiritual Family of Our Lady of Peace-

Happy Back to School Week! For most elementary students and families, some type of education experience begins this week with orientations and in person as well as virtual classes. Most college students began two weeks ago and most high schools began last week. As I mentioned several weeks ago, I have a heart for and admiration for all school administrators, faculty and staff who have been working so hard to make plans for reopening schools and for the students and their parents who have had to have great patience, flexibility and trust in this uncertain time. Please know that your priests, deacons, staff and parish family are praying for you in an intensified way in these days. I would like to suggest that our First Friday Adoration be offered for all those affected by reopening schools.

As an update, OLP and all ECSS Schools will have class in person with major adjustments for proper testing, distancing and mask wearing. We have to limit class size so all grades are full except 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> so it's not too late to register or go on a waiting list.

Also, as far as school Masses go during the pandemic, we will have Mass each week on Tuesdays at 1:30pm. Only the class planning and leading the Mass will come to the church in person while the rest of the school participates virtually online. The doors of the church will be locked and any guests will be asked to enter through the parish office door where you will have to ring the buzzer to be let in. All guests are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing as normally expected at Masses in the church.

**The first school Mass will be Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am.** This is also the Feast of the Nativity of Mary and the 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the blessing of Our Lady of Peace School in 1957. (There was a great television piece called "A Celebration of Catholic Education in Erie" shown on WICU several Saturdays ago that tells the history of Catholic Schools in Erie as well as promoting the Erie Catholic School System of which OLP School is part- I would highly recommend it to you if and when it is available online).

May God bless our school communities in this new academic year 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...**

**\*\*First Friday Adoration** There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the main church this First Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am to 3pm Benediction. Committed adorers are asked to take the half hour slot(s) you signed up for and everyone is welcome to stop by at any time. The normal protocols of social distancing and wearing masks are required for all who attend. Adoration will be livestreamed after the 7am Mass until 8am and then again from 2:30pm until Benediction.

**\*\*Thank you to all who responded to our request to help clean up our parish campus!** We had several people come throughout the last few weeks and a decent crew for our 2 work sessions. In a competition no one knew we were having, the 7:30am Mass had the most volunteers for the 2 work sessions BUT the 9am Mass had the most volunteers over the last 2 weeks. Well done!

**\*\*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!

**\*\*THIS Weekend (August 29/30) is 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 new flowers and plants around the Marian Shrine to the west of the church are available to memorialize for your loved ones at \$50 from multiple donors. Please call the parish office if you are interested in these opportunities.

**\*\*Special Masses This Week** Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>- Mass "In Time of Civil Disturbance"; Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>- Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (6<sup>th</sup> Century); Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>- PURPLE MASS "In Time of Pandemic"; Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>- Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa).

**\*\*"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 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

## 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)

### SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT (540-604) September 3

Imagine, fourteen hundred years after death, boasting a best-selling CD! Yet outside the Church and within, Gregorian chant is enjoying a renaissance. Still, the timeless sacred music that bears his name is but part of Gregory's legacy. Renouncing civic service for monastic life, Gregory's administrative and diplomatic skills prompted continual summons from the cloister. Papal ambassador and advisor, he was eventually elected pope himself, renowned as a wise steward of the church's material possessions, generous benefactor of the poor, sponsor of missionaries, and promotor of monasticism. His liturgical enrichment of the Church endures not only in Gregorian chant, but in eloquent homilies still gracing the Liturgy of the Hours, the "Gregorian Canon" (Eucharistic Prayer I), and his spiritual classic, *Pastoral Care*, once presented to new bishops at ordination. Of countless impressive papal titles—Supreme Pontiff, Vicar of Christ, Successor of Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles—the title still so cherished that it heads official documents is the one Gregory coined to describe his papal ideal: Servant of the Servants of God. Together with being designated "the Great," a fitting epitaph.

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this and let me know if you see anyone not complying with this requirement.

**\*\*New RCIA Year has begun** 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.

**Welcome Students,  
Staff & Faculty  
Back to School**

## 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:

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

**Qualifies for  
service hours!**

## Faithful to the Finish 5k

...persevering with the Lord

Virtual 5K Race October 3, 2020

**Mark Your Calendar      Save the Date**  
**Slip on your comfy sneakers and get warmed up!**  
**The Annual Race will be virtual this year.**  
**Stay tuned for more info...**

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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.



### Download Our Parish App!



#### myParish App

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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### Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids

#### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments -

**Documentation for Safety:** Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All employees, volunteers and clergy in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children.

Visit <http://www.erieecd.org/childprotection/> to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.



### Special Masses This Week:

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**Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

**Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** - PURPLE MASS "In Time of Pandemic"

**Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** - Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta )(Mother Teresa)



Need ideas to help your family along the journey of life? Visit the **Families**

**Always Matter** website,  
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**"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](mailto: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.

### 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 vitrol 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).



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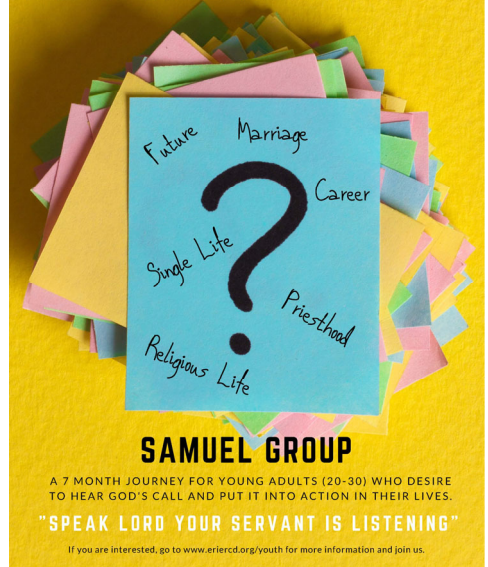
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### A Family Perspective

Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."

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*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.*