



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?
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Please contact either
Fr. Rich Toohey at 833-7701
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**Thank you for your generous support of the
Diocesan Missionary Cooperative,
which was held last weekend.**

The Missionary Cooperative Plan, under the auspices of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, brings Catholic missionary groups from around the world to parishes in the Diocese of Erie. These missionaries educate our parishioners about the mission work of the Church today- and the responsibility each of us has, by virtue of our baptism, to support that work. These missionaries not only increase our awareness of the Church's missionary activity, but also help promote vocations to the missions in the hearts of our young people.



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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.



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2020
“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”
— *Matthew 18:19*

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.

September 2020

6th	Cereal / Instant Mashed Potatoes
13th	Peanut Butter / Other Nut Butters
20th	Applesauce / Tuna or Canned fish
27th	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 donations.

Sunday's Readings:
First Reading - Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).
Psalms - If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading - Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).
Gospel - If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).
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Family Discussion of the Week: Helping Others Grow
Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.” (Matthew 18:15)
Adults: How have you been able to follow Christ more closely because others patiently loved you?
Kids: How can you help another person do the right thing?

A MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he “does not speak out” to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a “do your own thing” age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, “Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10).

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

Labor Day

9:00AM Parishioners

Church Offices Closed, Will reopen 8:00AM Tuesday

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00AM Walter Dodick—Wife & Family

9:00AM School Mass—Special Intention for the 63rd Anniversary of the School

12:10PM Special Intention for OLP Rosary Members

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

7:00AM Jeanette Spinelli—Ron & Barb Severo

11:30-Noon Confessions

12:10PM Brian Pierce—Laura Ott

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

7:00AM Jean M. Yezzi—Family

12:10PM Larry Milkowski—Daughter, Nancy

6:30PM Confirmation & RCIA Sacraments

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

Patriot Day

7:00AM Mark Borowy—Family

12:10PM Shirley Zacherl—Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

8:00AM Major Tom Carr—Mom, Dad & Sister

8:30-9AM Confessions

1:00PM Wedding—Paul Krott / Melanie McClain

3:45-4:45PM Confessions

5:00PM Edward W. Hoffman—Ed & Rina

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Phil Trejchel—Helen Sohl

9:00AM John & Sally Balkovic—
Joseph & Carol Chriest

11:00AM Patricia Smith—Family

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

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BANN I & II

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BANN I

Adam Silvis / Alyssa Seybert



Readings for the Week of September 6th

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessings of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for: William Filutze; for Anthony “Tony” Rusnak; for Shirley Bizzarro; and for Shirley Laine. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Lee Silverthorn, Sr.—Leslie Messenger.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Trenton Ryback—Friends of OLP.

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:

Sept. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.

Sept. 7: Margaret K.

Sept. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.

Sept. 9: Ellie A., Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.

Sept. 10: Ann T., Veronica W., Pat C., Pat M.

Sept. 11: Dave D., Paul M., Connie S.

Sept. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Chris P.

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 Labor Day Weekend! Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. As Catholics we see our daily labor as an instrument that God desires to use to make us holy. Is that your experience of your work? Let's pray in a special way this weekend for our parish family that we may do everything in our power to allow our work to draw us closer to God (which is really what holiness is). Also, we pray for those seeking work to persevere in their search and that our country and community leaders may find ways to help create new jobs and improve our economy- especially in this time of pandemic which has made this issue even more urgent. **We will specifically pray for these intentions at Mass at 9am on Labor Day, it's a great way to start off your holiday!** Please note that the parish offices will be closed for Labor Day holiday.

Tuesday, September 1st was the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and kicked off the **Season of Creation which spans five weeks between the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1) and the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4)**. This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live. Let's keep these goals in mind at Our Lady of Peace over the next month.

May God bless our environment 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...

****OLP School Update** OLP and all ECSS Schools started class in person last week with major adjustments for proper testing, distancing and mask wearing. Class sizes are limited due to the health and safety protocols; therefore all grades are full except 1st, 6th and 7th. It is not too late to register or go on a waiting list. School Masses will continue 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 will participate virtually. The doors of the church will be locked and any visitors will be asked to enter through the parish office. Please ring the buzzer to be let in.

Masks and social distance requirements are the same as daily/ weekend Masses in the church. **The first school Mass will be Tuesday, September 8th at 9am.** This is also the Feast of the Nativity of Mary and the 63rd Anniversary of the first Mass and school day at Our Lady of Peace School in 1957. (There was a recent television piece called "A Celebration of Catholic Education in Erie" shown on WICU 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).

****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 great 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!

****LAST Weekend (August 29/30) was 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. Unfortunately, this year 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. If you have not already done so, please consider sending in or dropping off a donation in a specially marked envelope labeled: Diocesan Missionary Cooperative. Thank you.

****Landscaping/ Memorials** This month we are 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.

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****"How the Church Has Changed the World"** is a 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

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 PETER CLAVER (1581-1654) September 9

Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed "that all men are created equal," two hundred fifty years before the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream," and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become "the slave of the slaves," and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: "We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures" (see *Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4*, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver's enduring witness.



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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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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.

****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). 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 have questions about the program, please call Tammie Mang, Fr. Mark or myself at the parish office.

It's easy to join our weekly e-newsletter.

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Text
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Name _____ Phone _____
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Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.

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- 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!



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The Annual Race will be virtual this year.
Stay tuned for more info...

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

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"**Sew What?**" is a group of volunteers who make pillowcases, blankets, quilts and stuffed animals for the less fortunate. They have delivered over 2,50 pillowcases, 200+ quilts and more than 150 animals to community service agencies in the Erie area.

"**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.

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Thursday, September 17, 2020

7:00-9:00PM

St. George Church

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Luke 21:28

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