A Family Perspective

Today’s gospel reports “I am the voice of the one crying out in the desert.” Who in your family is crying out with their crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don’t start, misunderstandings, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets? Although the list feels endless, there is one who hears you.

The words spoken at mass, “The Lord is with you,” are not just a hope, they are a fact.

Advent Adult Faith Formation Evening

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."

What does that look like at your house?

How exactly are we preparing our hearts for the greatest gift we’ve ever been given?

Join OLP in church on
Monday, December 14th from 6:30 - 8PM
as we “Watch & Pray” with Ed Sri and
“The Gift” with Tim Gray

If you would like to participate from home, you can watch the videos on FORMED. For instructions on how to join FORMED (for free) go to page 6 of this bulletin.

Only the Group Discussion will be livestreamed on our FaceBook page.

Special Masses This Week:
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Tuesday, December 15th - Advent Weekday
Wednesday, December 16th - LATE Advent Weekday
Thursday, December 17th - LATE Advent Weekday
Friday, December 18th - LATE Advent Weekday
Saturday, December 19th - LATE Advent Weekday
No Mass In Time of Pandemic because weekday Masses of Advent take precedence.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you at this moment sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.
Night: Donna, 866-0792  
Day: Prayer Request Line: faith should call the Parish Office.

Anyone seeking information on becoming Catholic or completing one’s initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office. 

**Parish Advent Project supporting our brothers and sisters in need in the Millcreek Area. Donations of the following are needed:** 
- Laundry Supplies  
- Bar Soap  
- Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Mouthwash  
- Personal Hygiene (Deodorant, Etc)  
- Shampoo/Conditioner (regular size)  
- Trash Bags  
- Household Cleaning Supplies  
- Dish Detergent  

**Sunday’s Readings:** 

**First Reading** - As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).  


**Second Reading** - Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).  

**Gospel** - I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).  


**Family Discussion of the Week:** Bring Joy Through Justice  
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation. (Isaiah 61:10)  

**Adults:** What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?  
**Kids:** What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?

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**West Millcreek Food Pantry** 

**The following are suggested items to purchase for each week; you may buy what is on sale; all non-perishables are acceptable. CEREAL is needed.**

**December 2020**

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**Pantry is OPEN December 22nd**

**(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in Millcreek & for OLP Parishioners,**

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

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**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.*

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**Parish Pastoral Team**
- Pastor: Rev. Rich Toohey  
- Parochial Vicar: Rev. Mark Hoffman  
- Priests in Residence: Rev. Shane Mathew; Rev. Dr. Glenn Bailey; Rev. Mr. John Mang; Rev. Mr. Joseph Yochim, Jr.  
- Permanent Deacons: Rev. Dr. Glenn Bailey; Rev. Mr. John Mang; Rev. Mr. Joseph Yochim, Jr.  
- School Principal: Mrs. Lisa Panighetti  
- Music/Liturgy Director: Mr. Brian Kuzmin  
- Faith Formation Director: Mrs. Tammie Mang  
- Youth Minister: Mr. Paul Vojtek

**Office Manager:** Mrs. Mary Beth Whitman  
**Office Secretary:** Mrs. Cynthia Berarducci  
**Maintenance Supervisor:** Mr. Michael Przepierski  
**Pastoral Council President:** Mr. Brian Kuzmin  
**Faith Formation Director:** Mrs. Tammie Mang  
**Youth Minister:** Mr. Paul Vojtek

**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.

**Third Sunday of Advent**

December 13, 2020

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.  
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16
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…

Congratulations Our Lady of Peace Parish on an awesome response to I Give Catholic two weeks ago! We officially ended up with 171 donors for $39,867 which exceeded our goals of 130 and $30,000. We also received two $1,000 awards from the Catholic Foundation of Erie for having the most unique donors and the largest single donation in the Diocese of Erie. Our grand total was $41,867! Recall that our target for the campaign was to alleviate our $30,000 operational deficit for the present fiscal year. The extra $11,867 will help offset our anticipated offertory deficit due to the pandemic. Not only did our parish receive awards in the Diocese of Erie, but we also ranked 28th for donors and 43rd for total money raised nationally. Thank you for this wonderful participation and we should all be proud of our OLP spiritual family!

Another reason to be proud is that we received a special award during the Parish Excellence Summit which took place recently. “Parish Excellence” is an organization recently established to “recognize parishes who have exemplified mission-driven innovation during the Covid-19 Pandemic.” There were 16 awards given out throughout the summit and Our Lady of Peace received the top award for “Adult Faith Formation via Technology.” We were nominated for this award by Mary Hickin, OLP parishioner and Director of Catechesis and Sacraments in the Faith Formation Office of the Diocese of Erie, and Tammie Mang, OLP Director of Faith Formation.

You can watch the video where we are presented the award and the list of all categories and winners at the ParishExcellence.com/awards on our website. We are presented with the award on Day 4 of the Parish Excellence Summit. OLP was awarded based on videos series offered including: “A Walk Through the Windows of Our Lady of Peace Church,” “A Walk Through 40 Catholic Customs” (based on the book, Signs of Life by Scott Hahn), and the “How the Church Changed the World” (based on essays written by Anthony Esolen that appeared in the Magnificat publication from 2013-2017), as well as our efforts to make other prayer and devotions available throughout the pandemic (novenas, eucharistic adoration, liturgy of the hours, divine mercy chaplets, rosaries, etc.). The video series are still available on our parish website at https://www.olp.org/faith-formation/spiritual-resources if you have not had a chance to view them. I am grateful to the parish clergy and staff who all helped support and produce these videos: Fr. Mark Hoffman, Deacons John Mang, Joe Yochim and Glenn Bailey, Brian Kuzmin, Cynthia Berarducci, and Mary Beth Whitman. A special thank you goes out to Mike Cooney who edited the Walk Through the Windows (which made that series clearly the most professional!).

Well done on these special accomplishments, OLP! Let’s keep the momentum going through this new season of Advent and Christmas! May God bless our 3rd week of Advent 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 again to Frank and Kathy Eberle** who recently installed the glass covering for the Last Supper Olive Wood Carving from the Holy Land. The handmade display case is now complete and it looks great!

**Christmas Tickets and clarification on Christmas Music**
Tickets for Christmas Masses will be available in the church beginning on Saturday, December 19th when the church opens at 7am. ALSO, to clarify, only the pre-recorded Mass that will be uploaded at 4pm on Christmas Eve will have full music and solemnity of our normal Christmas Masses. All the live Christmas Masses at OLP will have music similar to what we have had the last 6 weeks, i.e. instrumental opening and closing music, meditations at Offertory and Communion Procession and sung Mass parts.

**Special Masses This Week**
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Tuesday, December 15th-Advent Weekday; Wednesday, December 16th through Saturday, December 19th- LATE Advent Weekday.

**Adult Faith Formation in Advent**
Our last Advent Faith Formation event will be this Monday, December 14th from 6:30-8pm in the main church. We will use an Advent Collection on FORMED with presentations by Edward Sri (Watch and Pray) and Tim Gray (The Gift). The group discussions will be available via Facebook Live at 7:15pm. To best participate virtually, please watch the videos on FORMED before the discussion.

**Confessions during Advent**
In addition to our normal times during the week (Wednesdays 11:30am-12Noon; Saturdays at 8:30am and 3:45-4:45pm) we will also have confessions after ALL Sunday Masses including 4:30pm. Confession will take place in the chapel to maintain social distancing with the chairs set for face to face or anonymous both 6 feet from the confessor.

**65th Anniversary Acts of Kindness and Formation**
We have 3,537 acts of kindness and formation since our anniversary date of September 30th and deadline is Friday, January 1st.

**Gaudete Sunday**
Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introit (opening antiphon) for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). As we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is traditionally rose-colored, we allow the joy of Christmas that we anticipate soon to buoy us during our final days of hopeful anticipation and preparation.

Part of this build up in anticipation during this week
in the liturgy of the church, are the great "O Antiphons" of Advent. They are introduced at Evening Prayer on December 17th, and they are seven jewels of liturgical song, one for each day until Christmas Eve (which I see as a kind of Holy Week for Christmas and are traditionally called the days of "Late" Advent). They seem to sum up all our Advent longing for the Savior. The "O Antiphons" are intoned with special solemnity in monasteries at Vespers, before and after the Magnificat, Mary's prayer of praise and thanksgiving from the Gospel of Luke (2:42-55), which is sung or said every evening as the climax of this Hour of the Divine Office.

A vestige of the "Great O's" can be seen in verses of the familiar Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". Each antiphon is a name of Christ, one of his attributes mentioned in Scripture. The "O Antiphons" (Latin in parenthesis) appear below in English translation, with scriptural sources and suggested symbols. The first letters of the titles in Latin taken backwards form an acrostic of "Ero Cras" which translates to "I will be tomorrow", mirroring the theme of the antiphons.

The "O Antiphons"

December 17: (O Sapientia) O WISDOM, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: Come, and teach us the way of prudence.

December 18: (O Adonai) O LORD AND RULER of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come, and redeem us with outstretched arm.

December 19: (O Radix Jesse) O ROOT OF JESSE, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: Come to deliver us, and tarry not.

December 20: (O Clavis David) O KEY OF DAVID, and Scepter of the House of Israel, who opens and no man shuts, who shuts and no man opens: Come, and bring forth the captive from his prison, he who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 21: (O Oriens) O DAWN OF THE EAST, brightness of the light eternal, and Sun of Justice: Come, and enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22: (O Rex Gentium) O KING OF THE GENTILES and their desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one: Come, and deliver man, whom You formed out of the dust of the earth.

Congratulations!
The following OLP School students earned Renewable Tuition Scholarships for receiving one of the top ten scores on the 2020 Cathedral Preparatory School Entrance Exam:

$2,500
Jonah Bebko
Colin Troutman

$1,000
Declan Toohey

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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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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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**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Classes have begun for all Religious Education students. If you have not heard from your child’s catechist or Confirmation facilitator please contact Tammie Mang.

**December 20 Confirmation forms due:** Sponsor Form/Sponsor Certificate if Sponsor is not from OLP. These forms may be turned in before the due dates and can be dropped off at the church office when you go to Mass or mailed to:

*Our Lady of Peace Church*
*Faith Formation Office*
*2401 West 38th Street*
*Erie, PA 16506*

Jan. 3, 2021 - Confirmation zoom class NOT in-person class, facilitators will be contacting their students regarding the time.

Jan. 9 & 10, 2021 - Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation students at the following Masses: Saturday, Jan. 9 at 5PM, Sunday, Jan. 10 at 9AM and 11AM. Students must choose a date and email tammie.mang@olp.org with their choice by Jan. 3.

Jan. 18, 2021 - Confirmation Retreat. Morning session is 8:45am to 12:30pm. Afternoon session is 12:15 to 4:00pm. All retreat paperwork and payments of $10 are due no later than Jan. 10.

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.

**SCHOOL ADVENT PROJECT:**

**CELEBRATING 33 YEARS OF GIVING**

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Please mark your items for each grade level and drop-off to church no later than December 15th.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Special Collection This Week for the Retirement Fund for Religious**

**Make a Difference.** “Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses,” says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**Bulletin Deadlines for December and January**

Due to the Holidays there are early bulletin deadlines. They are as follows:

For Sunday, December 27, 2020, articles are due by December 14, 2020
For Sunday, January 3, 2021, articles are due December 18, 2020
For Sunday’s January 10, 2021, articles are due December 21, 2020
You may e-mail the info to: cynthia.berarducci@olp.org; fax it: 814.833.7702; or drop it off at the church office.

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In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all.

The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He does not send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done—to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives.

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**OUR LADY OF PEACE BIBLE STUDY PRESENTS**

**NO GREATER LOVE: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST’S PASSION**

Led by Edward Sri and filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that shows Christ’s amazing love for us as we walk with Him through the last hours of His life.

**When:** Tuesday nights, 7:00 to 8:30PM
January 12, 2021 to February 9, 2021

**Where:** Our Lady of Peace Church

OR

Streaming access online for a 1 year period through Ascension Press

**This is a 5-week Bible Study offered both in person and online.**

There will be a DVD presentation in the Church, followed by one large group discussion. Those who choose online streaming are welcome to join in the discussion via Facebook. There will be no small groups at this time due to social distancing requirements.

**Pre-Registration is required by December 18, 2020.**

Cost is $20.00, which includes one book, one workbook as well as online access.

Individuals in one household can share online access.

After the deadline of December 18th, the cost is $24.95 and participants will have to order directly from Ascension Press (1-800-376-0520).

**Please drop off or mail check and registration form to:**

Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 W. 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506

Attn: OLP Bible Study

Registration forms can also be dropped off in collection basket at Mass.

Any questions, please call Mary Beth Whitman, Parish Office: 833-7701 ext. 202

No previous experience necessary. All are welcome.

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Our Lady of Peace Bible Study: No Greater Love

You will be registered upon receipt of payment-due by December 18, 2020

**Make checks payable to:** Our Lady of Peace Church

Name__________________________________________

Address_________________________________________Zip________________

Phone_________________________________________Parish_________________

Email__________________________________________

Please specify: Tuesday night (in person)

Online streaming (Facebook discussion)

Combination of both in person and online participation

Registration $20.00 (includes one book, one workbook and online access)

Total:__________________________________________Cash__________or Check #_________________