

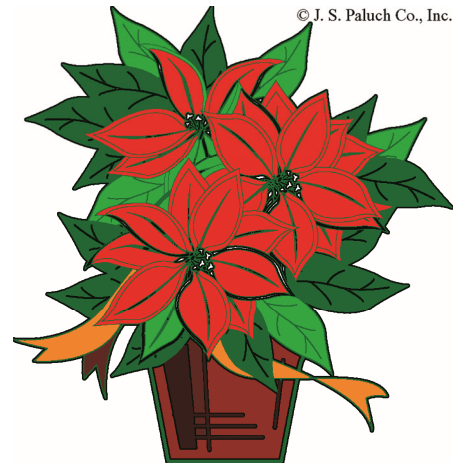


Our Lady of Peace

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Christmas Mass
Schedule



“*Christmas* isn’t just a temporal celebration
or the memory of a beautiful (event);
Christmas is more...

Christmas is an *encounter!*”

~Pope Francis

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The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, 11:00AM Mass & 12:30PM respectively. A mandatory preparation class for parents is available (6-7PM):

2020: Call the office for info. Call the Parish office to register.

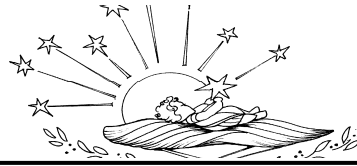
Sacrament of Matrimony An appointment with a parish priest six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesdays 11:30-12:00 or by appt. Saturdays 8:30-9AM; 3:45-4:45PM

New Parishioners Welcome! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or online.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Anyone seeking information on becoming Catholic or completing one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office.

Prayer Request Line:
Day: Kandace, 453-6515
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Our Mission Statement:

Our Lady of Peace is a Catholic Community of Faith called to proclaim the greatness of the Lord through Worship, Service, Education and Ministry.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Dec. 20, 2020
The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35

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

20th Mac & Cheese / Peanut Butter

27th Cereal / Canned Vegetables

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.

The folks at the Food Pantry have expressed their heartfelt thanks to all

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.

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 - I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalms - For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading - To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel - Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Acceptance of God's Will

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord" let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:38)

Adults: How do you open your heart to what God wants for you? How do you follow the pathway that leads to happiness?

Kids: Is there something hard you need to do this week? What might make it easier?

THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

Special Masses This Week:

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Tuesday, December 22nd - LATE Advent Weekday

Wednesday, December 23rd - LATE Advent Weekday and St. John of Kanty, Priest (15th Century philosopher, physicist and theologian from Poland)

Thursday, December 24th - LATE Advent Weekday

Friday, December 25th - the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Saturday, December 26th - Christmas Octave and feast of St. Stephan, the first Martyr.

Readings for the Week of December 20th

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

A Family Perspective

Two important lessons in today's gospel speak to anyone who has ever felt afraid or uncertain; stressed or confused. No matter what is happening in your family, remember, "The Lord is with you." The angel reminds us, "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

IMPORTANT NOTE: The governor's recent order limiting the size of indoor gatherings does not apply to the celebration of the Mass and other religious services that are explicitly exempt. Masses will continue to be offered at OLP following the guidelines for social distancing and wearing of masks.

Watch Our Lady of Peace Mass On Our YouTube Channel

7:00AM Weekdays
8:00AM Saturdays
9:00AM Sundays



Simply go to www.olp.org, scroll down to 'Find Us on Social Media,' click on YouTube and you will be connected to our YouTube Channel. Once there you can watch previous Masses and also Subscribe by clicking the red Subscribe button.

The church will remain open for private prayer daily from 7:00AM - 8:00PM.

The church office staff is 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

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Anthony Patsy - Daughter.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Major Tom Carr - Mom, Dad & Sister.

OLP 31 Club**Praying for vocations every day of the year!**

Members 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. 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:

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

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

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

Dec. 23: Heidi A.

Dec. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.

Dec. 25: Christine O.

Dec. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.

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...

An anticipated Merry Christmas to you! We still have the spiritual work of preparing our hearts to celebrate Christmas for a few more days. The Gospel this weekend presents an image for Advent that I have been praying with this season and had not in the past. The image is Mary's pregnancy. I was struck more this year with the idea of pregnancy being a wonderful image for Advent because it is all about joyful expectation mixed with some anxiety and discomfort. The image of pregnancy and birth is such a powerful example of the joy, beauty, awe, suffering and difficulty that come with birthing love in the world. I have been asking God for the grace to approach this Christmas with the same hope and excitement that I would have for my own child's birth. I have also asked for the willingness to accept the pain, suffering and discomfort that might be asked of me in helping Jesus be born in the lives of others through me. I encourage you to pray with this image of pregnancy in these last days of Late Advent.

I hope everyone can approach our Christmas celebration in this unique year with intentional patience and cooperation. A few practical things to review- please note that tickets for Christmas Masses will be available in the church THIS WEEKEND and throughout the week. For a full schedule of Christmas Masses please see page 7 in this bulletin. Remember, only the pre-recorded Mass that will be uploaded at 4pm on Christmas Eve, will have the full music and solemnity of our normal Christmas Masses. All the live Christmas Masses at OLP will have music like we have had the last 6 weeks. All the Christmas Masses will be streamed live in the gym and that Holy Communion will be distributed to all who are in the gym for the Masses. For those participating in Mass virtually, Holy Communion will be distributed from 6:15-6:45pm on Christmas Eve as well as 9-9:30am on Christmas Day.

May God bless our last days of Late Advent and our Christmas celebrations 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...

****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. Recall that during COVID we have been having confessions in the chapel with the chairs for face to face or anonymous both 6 feet from the confessor.

****Special Masses This Week** Monday, December 21st- Late Advent Weekday and St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church (16th Century Jesuit and called the "second apostle to Germany); Tuesday, December 22nd and Thursday, December 24th- Late Advent Weekday; Wednesday, December 23rd- Late Advent Weekday and St. John of Kanty, Priest (15th Century philosopher, physicist and theologian from Poland); Friday, December 25th- the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas); December 26th-Christmas Octave and feast of St. Stephan, the First Martyr. **No Mass In Time of Pandemic because weekday Masses of Advent take precedent.**

****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 Gloria** The Gloria returns to Mass on Christmas Eve as we join the Angels who sang the opening line of the Gloria on that first Christmas Night. Let us prepare to give Glory to God in our Christmas celebrations!

****Christmas Octave** Every year I emphasize the importance of the entire Christmas Octave when we celebrate the truth and joy of Christmas in an intensified way for 8 days liturgically (Dec. 25-Jan.1). All the Masses are celebrated as if it is Christmas day with the Gloria, song and all the decorations. Consider going to an extra Mass or two or engage in other spiritual practices during the Octave to say thank you to God for the blessings of Christmas!

****Christmas Season** The Christmas Season lasts for almost 3 weeks. Highlights include the Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 27th), Mary the Mother of God (Friday, January 1st), the Epiphany (Sunday, January 3rd where we will have the Proclamation of the dates for Easter and other significant dates of the Liturgical Year). The Christmas Season will conclude on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 10th. We will have Solemn Evening Prayer with Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm (after Adoration from 5:15pm-6pm) on January 10th.

****Parish Calendars** Our parish calendars are in for 2021! I am very grateful to our sponsors-Maleno Development and Real Estate, First National Bank/Manager Chris Hanes, Beer and Pop Warehouse, Cynthia Berarducci, Realtor at Howard Hanna, E.C.C.A INC, and the Knights of Columbus OLP Council 11454.

****Holy Hour for Peace** We will continue the recent tradition here at OLP of ringing in the New Year with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11pm-12 Midnight on New Year's Eve (Monday, December 31st). What a great way to start the new year by receiving the Blessing (Benediction) of Jesus through His Eucharistic Presence right at Midnight! We will pray for peace in our world though a litany of peace.

****Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is Friday, January 1st and is a holy day of obligation and the last day of the Octave of Christmas.** It has also been designated for years as

the World Day of Prayer for Peace. For all those reasons, it is a great day to participate in Mass which will be held at 5:30pm on Thursday, December 31st and 10am on Friday, January 1st.

The "O Antiphons"

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.

Isaiah 22:22. Symbols: key; broken chains.

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.

Psalms 19:6-7. Symbol: rising sun.

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.

Psalms 2:7-8, Ephesians 2:14-20. Symbols, Crown, scepter.

December 23: (O Emmanuel) O EMMANUEL, God with us, our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior: Come to save us, O Lord our God.

Isaiah 7:14; 33:22. Symbols: tablets of stone, Chalice and Host.

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

****I Give Catholic Campaign** 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 both exceeded our goals of 130 and \$30,000. We also received two \$1,000 awards from the Catholic Foundation of Erie for having the highest number of donors and the highest single donation in the Diocese of Erie. Our grand total was \$41,867! Recall that our target for the campaign was to eliminate 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 the highest number of donors and money raised by any institution or ministry in the Diocese of Erie, but we also placed 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!

****Parish Excellence Award** Another reason for our parish to be proud is that we received a special award during the Parish Excellence Summit which took place in mid-November. "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, the Director of Faith Formation at OLP.

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!).

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

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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**.

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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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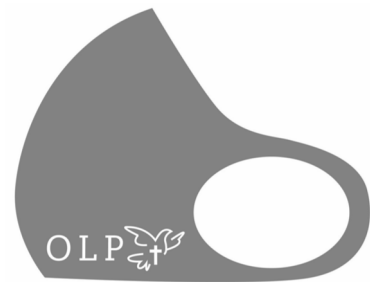
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MONDAY, December 21, 2020

7:00AM Patrick McLaughlin -
7AM Mass Group
12:10PM Richard Notaro -
Family



TUESDAY, December 22, 2020

7:00AM Alex Horwath -
Jean Verdecchia
12:10PM Mary Ann Toohey -
Michael & Denise Gaines
1:30PM School Mass - Deceased
Members of the Barboni Family
- Ehrman Family

WEDNESDAY, December 23, 2020

7:00AM Irene Bien - Letizo Family
11:30-Noon Confessions
12:10PM Rose Buto - Family

THURSDAY, December 24, 2020

7:00AM Edward & Eleanor Chimenti
- EJ & Judy Johns

Christmas Mass Schedule

THURSDAY, December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

5:00PM Peggy Pulice - Family
7:30PM Dennis Drake -
Wife, Linda
Midnight 12:00AM Parishioners



FRIDAY, December 25, 2020

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

8:00AM Willard Passauer - Mary Yeaney
10:00AM Michael & Mary Ann Fetzer -
Tom & June Carr

All Christmas Masses will be live-streamed on our YouTube Channel.

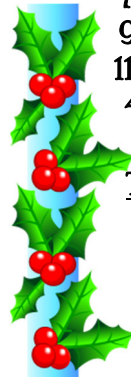
SATURDAY, December 26, 2020

8:00AM Gertrude Milkowski -
Daughter, Nancy
5:00PM Charles Gerbracht - Sally Barrett

SUNDAY, December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

7:30AM John & Marge Wojtkielewicz - Family
9:00AM Hank & JoAnne Starr - Family
11:00AM Marie Kengersky - Jim & Jo Rudolph
4:30PM Parishioners



MONDAY, December 28, 2020

7:00AM Ann Cuzzola - Family
12:10PM Larry & Patricia Smith - Family

TUESDAY, December 29, 2020

7:00AM Virginia Wiley - Matt, Kathy & Brian
12:10PM Jennie Dzeskewicz - Rose Garbulinski

WEDNESDAY, December 30, 2020

7:00AM Marcy Lubin - Family
12:10PM Dorothy Czajka - Sister

THURSDAY, December 31, 2020

7:00AM Bernard Wiercinski - Jean Verdecchia
12:10PM Josephine Przybycin -
Fred & Evelyn Fried

New Year's Mass Schedule

THURSDAY, December 31, 2020

Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy
Mother of God
5:30PM - Marian Mong - Sister, Lorraine
Trampenau & Family



FRIDAY, January 1, 2021

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
10:00AM Parishioners

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