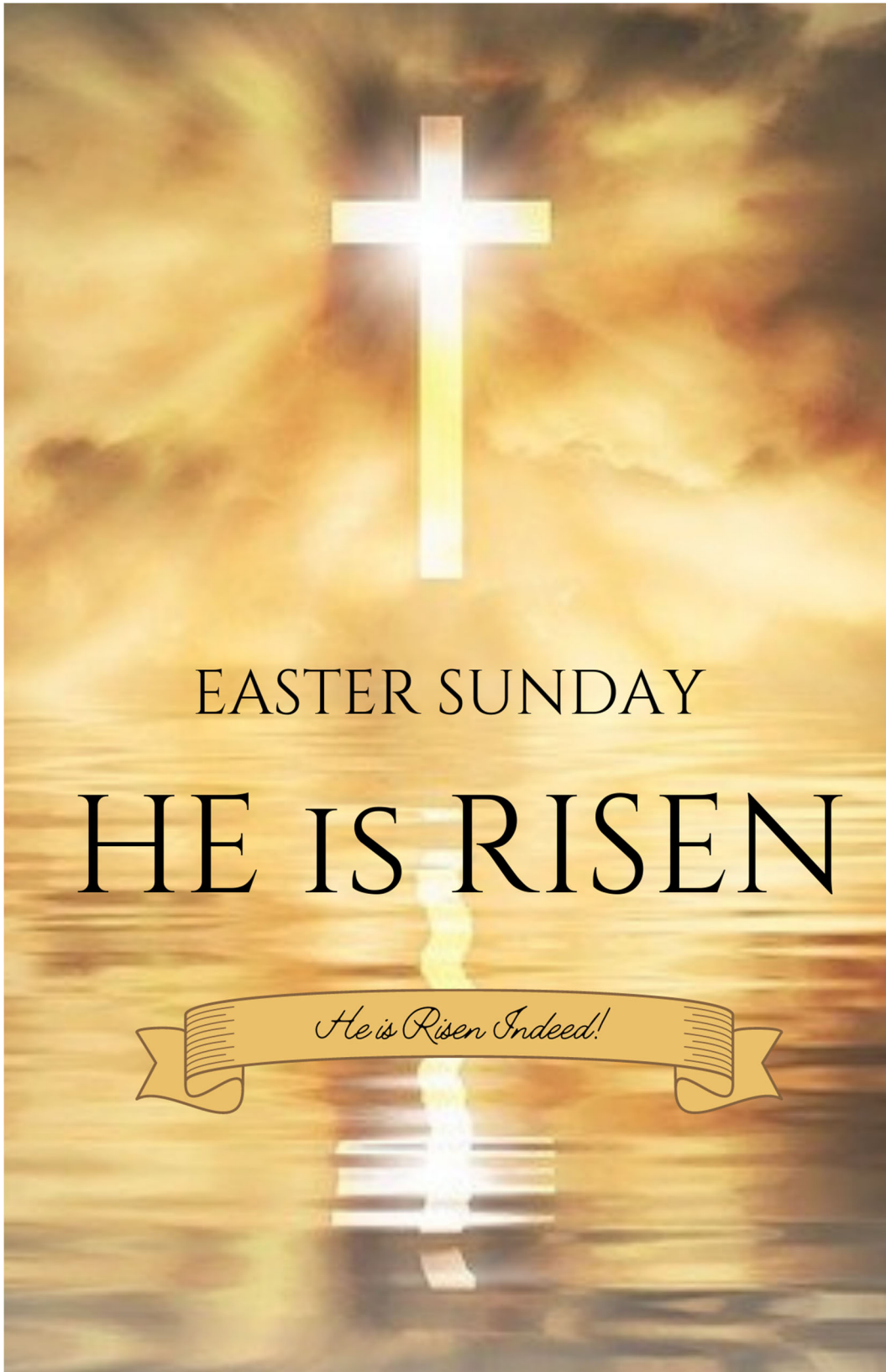




Our Lady of Peace



April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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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):

2021: 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: Kandana, 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.

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 always needed.

April 2021

4th Toilet Tissue / Bar Soap

11th Spaghetti Sauce / Spaghetti

18th Mac & Cheese / Peanut Butter

25th Cereal / Nut Butters

Pantry is OPEN April 13 & 27

(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in

Millcreek & for OLP Parishioners,

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
 - Plastic Grocery Bags
 - Powered Milk
- The Food Pantry is so thankful to those who have continued to make donations.*

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. / You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. / Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading - Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm - This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading - All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading - Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel - Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Mark 16:1-7.

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Family Discussion of the Week: Made New by Christ

Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened.

For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. (1 Corinthians 5:7)

Adults: What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?

Kids: What bad habit would you like to "clear out" during the hopeful time of this Easter season?

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: the Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a feast celebrating the one great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ's passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: "This is the day." It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter's speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ. Rejoice and be glad!

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021**

7:00AM Virginia Pierce - Jack Prassack
12:10PM Edward & Roberta Johns - EJ & Judy Johns

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021

7:00AM Peg Coughlan - Bill & Jeri Riordan
12:10PM Deceased Members of the Burke Family -
Tom & Phyllis Burke

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021

7:00AM Tony Rusnak - Wife, Peggy
11:30-Noon Confessions
12:10PM Larry Smith - Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

7:00AM Glenn Helsley - OLP Prayer Line
12:10PM Helen Hamilton - Elizabeth Leicht

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021

7:00AM James Feronti, Sr. - William & Agnes Cermac
12:10PM Mary Tarkowski - Mary & Philip Temple

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021

8:00AM Carm Morabito - Family
8:15-9AM Confessions
5:00PM Frank Cardamone -
Kathy, Matt & Brian Williams

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021**Divine Mercy Sunday**

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Del Beato Family -
Ehrman Family
9:00AM Hank Starr - Michael Cooney Family
11:00AM Bill Dann - Keith & Cynthia Berarducci
2:00-3:00PM Confessions
3:00-4:00PM Divine Mercy Service
4:30PM Parishioners

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

Readings for the Week of April 4th

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;
Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21;
Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

**Easter Sunday April 4, 2021**

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

*— Psalm 118:17***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:

Apr. 4: Arlene B.
Apr. 5: Ed B., Joyce K., Chuck & Linda R.
Apr. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
Apr. 7: Margaret K.
Apr. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P.,
Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.
Apr. 9: Ellie A., Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.
Apr. 10: Ann T., Veronica W., Pat C., Pat M.
Apr. 11: Dave D., Paul M., Connie S.

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

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

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Marie Tavani - Friends.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Happy Easter! And "Christ Is Risen.... He is Risen Indeed!" Every Easter I talk about this traditional Paschal greeting which is still used in many Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches, and some Roman Catholic Churches. This greeting goes back to the early church and reinforced the ultimate significance of what we celebrate on Easter Sunday... that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the defining truth for all Christians. It was said in a dialogue form in which one Christian would greet another with "Christus resurrexit!" (Latin for Christ is Risen!) and the other would respond "Vere resurrexit!" (He is Risen Indeed!). This form of greeting reminds us that our identity as Christians should be the first and most significant dimension of who we are.

On another note, a year ago as we started the shut down from the Coronavirus Pandemic, we asked the following questions as a way to see who needs help in our parish and who can provide help. I would like to ask them again as we still deal with impact of the pandemic:

ONE- are you in need of assistance as far as finances, groceries, medicines or other needs that our parish could possibly help with? As before, I am not guaranteeing you that we can provide what you need but we can try or connect you with the local agencies that may also be able to help.

TWO- can you donate financially to our OLP Needy Fund? I know it is a difficult time for many of us financially, but if you are in the space to donate please consider helping us build up this fund. Remember that all money in this fund goes toward our fellow parishioners in need and is not used for requests we may receive from people not affiliated with our parish.

THREE- can you volunteer your time to help with groceries, medicine or other essential need deliveries? Deliveries would be done in accordance with current guidelines and social distancing.

Please email the parish at olp@olp.org in response to these questions and we will organize this effort to best of our ability. We hope this can be a way to help us grow as a community in this difficult time and so allow the Paschal Mystery to be alive in us.

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...

****Special Masses/Easter Octave** The celebration of Easter (like Christmas) cannot be exhausted or limited to one day, so we as Catholics reserve eight of them, the OCTAVE of

EASTER, to celebrate as Easter Day. The celebration of this most central part of our Christian faith, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus, and its result, the conquering of sin and death FOREVER, requires a full week, plus one, to celebrate. We know that the celebration of the hope and joy the resurrection brings is what we celebrate EVERY SUNDAY (and what we celebrate for the 50 days of the Easter Season), but in these eight days we amplify the FESTIVE REALITY of Easter. The most concrete way we celebrate the octave is at daily Mass where the prayers for Easter Sunday are said every day and we incorporate song throughout the liturgy. The Gospel readings at Mass recount many of the post resurrection appearances of Jesus to the apostles and disciples. Also, the Easter dismissal at Mass ("Go in Peace, Alleluia, Alleluia") is used all week. Consider celebrating Easter all week at daily Mass or joining on our parish YouTube page.

****Divine Mercy Sunday** In 2000 St. John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. On Sunday, April 11th we will celebrate this feast with Confessions from 2-3pm and a Holy Hour with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3-4pm which will include the Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung).

****Communication/Social Media** This Easter Season I want to encourage you to check out and subscribe to our communication/social media resources at OLP. Here are my goals for our parish by Pentecost (May 23rd):

Facebook	1,476 Current Followers	Goal	1,750
YouTube	310 Current Subscribers	Goal	600
FORMED	465 Registered Family/Emails	Goal	600
Weekly Email	1,300 Current Subscribers	Goal	1,600
MyParish App	Consider downloading the app and using it at Mass and for your personal prayer		

Please share, like, register, follow or do whatever you have to do to help us increase our social media and communication footprint!

****Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)** Presently we have 122 parishioners/households using EFT and six using PayPal for planned weekly/monthly giving in support of parish ministry. I encourage you to consider planned giving as a way to support the parish and would love to see us get to 175 total planned givers by Pentecost. Visit www.olp.org for more information on how to sign up for this or call the office.

****Using OLP Envelopes at other Parish Masses** Please be aware that you can use your OLP envelopes at other churches when you attend Mass there. All parishes in Erie have an agreement to send any envelopes from other parishes back to their parish of origin each week. Of course, if you sign up for EFT you do not have to worry about that.

****St. Mark's Auxiliary Raffle** St. Mark's Auxiliary is an organization committed to supporting the seminarians of the Diocese of Erie. They have been unable to conduct their big fundraiser the last 2 years because of the pandemic and are holding a raffle in its place. Please see elsewhere in the

bulletin how to get involved. Deadline to mail is Monday, April 5, 2021; but you can drop off your check at the OLP office until Monday, April 12th and we will deliver to St. Mark Catholic Center for you. Thank you for your support of our seminarians.

****“Year of St. Joseph” Parish PLAN** This special year continues until December 8, 2021 and I wanted to share some of our plans:

ONE- We have moved our parish statue of St. Joseph into the front of the church to remind us to honor St. Joseph and to encourage veneration and seeking of his intercession.

TWO- **Saturday, May 1st is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker** and we will have a special Mass at 8am. Also that day is the ordination of our seminarian, Chris Wheeler, at 10:30am at St. Mark Catholic Center as a transitional deacon. That mass will be available online and more details will be shared as we get closer to that date. Please continue to keep Chris and his two classmates, Nick Fratus and Ben Daghir, in your prayers.

****Video Series on St. Joseph** Our newest video series on the titles of St. Joseph has begun. Please check out the videos on our YouTube Channel.

1. March 19th (Friday)- Joseph Most Valiant Protector of the Church
2. March 22nd (Monday)- Joseph Most Chaste
3. March 25th (Thursday)- Joseph Most Just
4. March 29th (Monday)- Joseph- Lover of Poverty
5. April 5th (Monday)- Joseph- Model of Workers
6. April 8th (Thursday)- Joseph Most Obedient and Head of Holy Family
7. April 12th (Monday)- Joseph Most Faithful
8. April 15th (Thursday)- Joseph- Mirror of Patience
9. April 19th (Monday)- Joseph Most Prudent
10. April 22nd (Thursday)- Joseph- Terror of Demons
11. April 26th (Monday)- Joseph- Patron of Dying and Solace of the Afflicted
12. May 1st (Saturday)- Joseph- Chaste Guardian of Virgins and Pillar of Families.

**** Johnson & Johnson Vaccine** “It is incorrect to state that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recommended that Catholics avoid the Johnson & Johnson single-shot COVID-19 vaccine - without including the context. In that same document, approved by the chairs of both their Pro-Life and Doctrine committees, the American bishops also say: “It is morally acceptable to receive COVID-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production processes.” This includes the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, when no others are available. I stand with the Vatican, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Pennsylvania Catholic Conference in recognizing that being vaccinated is an act of charity and serves the common good during this challenging moment in our society. Please visit www.ErieRCD.org/coronavirus.html to access the documents we released when the vaccinations first became available late last year, when the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The **First Communion Retreat** for Religious Education students is Saturday, April 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 in the church. Parents need not attend.

Confirmation facilitators will contact their students regarding classes for April.

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

A Family Perspective

That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John “did not know” what to do. In family life there are confusing moments when “we don’t know” what to do. Like the apostles we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.

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.

People for Life, Inc. 43rd Annual Pro-Life Breakfast

CANCELLED for 2021

Please visit: www.peopleforlife.org for more information.



issued their statement, and this week, when the Pa. Catholic Conference weighed in. These documents provide invaluable information to help people make the best decisions for themselves.”

****Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2021** We have 415 pledges for \$184,919. Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge or payment! We are still hoping to reach our goal of 500 pledges. There are extra pledge envelopes at the doors. You can return them in the offertory baskets at Mass or drop them off or send them in to the office.

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

Ways to stay connected during this time:

As most of our communications will be by EMail please make sure the office has your current email.

We are sending weekly emails with updates and resources you can use to strengthen your Spiritual life. Also visit our website: **www.olp.org**.

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

To the right are directions for the App and how to log into FORMED, which is one of our greatest resources.



Download Our Parish App!



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Our OLP app is available to download for iPhone and Android smartphones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. **Download the myParish app by texting APP to phone number 88202.** You will receive a reply with the app link to download. Once downloaded, select Our Lady of Peace, Erie, PA.

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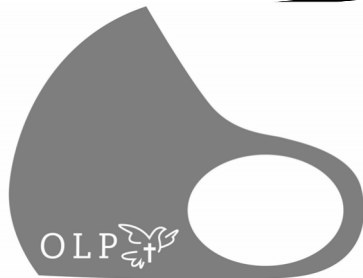
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The Eucharist: Food for Resurrection

How do we celebrate Easter, the greatest of our Christian feasts? By doing what we do every Sunday and every day: celebrating the Mass. On the first Easter, as the heartbroken disciples walked the road to Emmaus, the Lord was with them but they did not realize it. They only recognized him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 22:35).

It is the same for us. In the Mass—the breaking of the bread—we meet the risen Lord together. We meet him in each other—for by our baptism into his death and resurrection, we have become members of one body, the Body of Christ. We meet him in his word—in the liturgy the scriptures are proclaimed to us, that they might take root and grow in us. And we meet him in a special way in the Eucharist, the sacrament of his Body and Blood, which is food for resurrection: “whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:51). The Lord is risen indeed, and it is the Risen One who truly presides at this and every Eucharist.

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LENT AND CRS RICE BOWL

Happy Easter! We prayed, fasted and gave alms - and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving god that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs.



Please remember to bring in your Rice Bowls. You may drop them off in the box located in the church vestibule.

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:

April 17, May 22

Time: 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Qualifies for service hours!

Where: 11th & French St.

What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal

Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889

Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Child Abuse Prevention Month: Reporting known or suspected child abuse is everyone's responsibility: It is every adult's moral responsibility to report know or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the current Pennsylvania state report there were 5,202 substantiated reports of child abuse in Pennsylvania during 2019. 2,087 or 40% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse, 1,448 were physical abuse. To report suspected abuse of a minor, call **Childline** at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7). *For particular questions on reporting abuse you may call: Cindy Zemcik, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.*



Our Lady of Peace...

Pray for us.

St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary

Instead of the Annual Card Party a new Raffle will take place.

There will be three big cash prizes - one \$250 award, one \$500 award, and the grand award of \$1,000. Your donation of \$25 will be your chance to win. If you are able to give more, then you will receive an additional chance for every \$25 donated. Tickets will not be issued; your check will be your entry. A live drawing will be held on Facebook on April 15, 2021, at 7:00PM. (Search Facebook for the group St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary to find the live drawing.) **Enter by mail: Before April 5, 2021, mail your donation to:** St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary, % Marjorie Adamus, 3414 Eliot Road, Erie, PA 16508.

Please be sure to include your contact info: phone number, email.



Divine Mercy Sunday Service

Sunday, April 11th 3:00 - 4:00PM

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2:00PM

Confessions

3:00-4:00PM

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

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