



Our Lady of Peace

Teacher, what should we do?

EVEN THE TAX COLLECTORS CAME TO
BE BAPTIZED AND THEY SAID TO HIM

Luke 3:10-18



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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: 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.

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021**

With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.

— Isaiah 12:3

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.

December 2021

12th Mac & Cheese/Peanut Butter

19th Cereal / Baked Beans

26th Spaghetti Sauce / Spaghetti



Pantry is OPEN December 14 & 28
(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in
Millcreek & for OLP Parishioners, at
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
 - Nut Butters
 - Toilet Tissue
 - Paper Towels/Napkins
- The Food Pantry is so thankful to those continuing to donate.**

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. / Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading - Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm - Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading - Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel - John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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Family Discussion of the Week: The Joy of Kindness

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. (Philippians 4:4-5)

Adults: What might John the Baptist challenge you to do differently in your life?

Kids: Do you have extras that you can share with others this week?

REJOICE

The prophetic writings we hear in today's scriptures call us to rejoice and celebrate the goodness of God. Zephaniah, Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel all follow the rich tradition of the Biblical prophets, a tradition that reaches full expression in Jesus. The prophets warn that human failings have truly disastrous consequences. All are summoned to repent, and to change their lives. Today we hear the Good News that God's gracious love exceeds and overcomes all human corruption. God has not given up on us. Indeed, God keeps pursuing us, and eagerly seeks to reconcile with us. God's initiative to set the world aright culminates with Jesus, whose coming John the Baptist announces. John's prophetic message summons us to join in God's reconciling work, by living generously and justly in our daily lives. As we rejoice in God's grace, we then extend the fruits of this grace to all.

MASS INTENTIONS

Readings for the Week of December 12th

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

7:00AM Dave & Mary Christenson - Family
12:10PM Allison Bosner - Mom & Dad

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

7:00AM Ed Zurawski - Andrea & Dave Price
12:10PM Nunzio Cioccio - Family
1:30PM School Mass - Leo Schlecht - Wife & Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

7:00AM Ernest Csakany - Sr. Claudia Dombrowski
11:15-Noon Confessions
12:10PM Barbara Kurtis - Bob & Ann Swahn
5:00-7:00PM *The Light is On For You*
Time for Prayer & Sacrament of Reconciliation

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

7:00AM Patty Ann Miklos - Family
9:00AM School Advent Project Prayer Service
Representatives from the area agencies will be on hand to receive the gifts that the OLP Community has collected.
All are invited to attend.
12:10PM Sarah Harrington - Mom

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

7:00AM William R. Miklos - Family
12:10PM Nancy Dougan - Diane & Bill Groner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021

8:00AM Jacki Fontecchio - EJ & Judy Johns
8:30-9AM Confessions
2:00PM Wedding - Andy Bemis / Danielle Herbe
5:00PM Stephen "Sonny" Smith - Belinda Mozdy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Attilio Ciccozzi - Ehrman Family
9:00AM Edward Karpinski - Jackie, Dan & Family
11:00AM John Vojtek, Sr. - Paul Vojtek Family
4:30PM Parishioners
6:00-8:00PM Confessions with Eucharist Adoration

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

Confessions available (in the Chapel):

Wednesdays 11:15-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 Theresa Prassack - Husband, Jack.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Sarah Harrington - Mom, Dad, Kayleigh, Josh & Daniel.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Chuck Iannello; for Mary Ann Currie Miller; for Barbara Benacci; and for Marion Will. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

BANN III
Andy Bemis / Danielle Herbe



Our Lady of Peace...

Pray for us.

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. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Chris P.
Dec. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F., Donna R.
Dec. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.
Dec. 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B.
Dec. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.
Dec. 17: Len & Cathy K, Helen W, Barbara W., Nancy D.
Dec. 18: Frank G, Carlee Y., Rachel O.
Dec. 19: Amber D, Chris L.

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-

A blessed Gaudete Sunday to you! 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.

December 12th is also the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe which has great significance for the Catholic Church in the western hemisphere due to Mary's influence in helping bring Christ to North, South and Central America in the 16th century. I was blessed to go to Guadalupe in the Fall of 2006 and I still have a picture of St. Juan Diego kneeling before Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Kneeling is a common response when in the presence of the sacred. I would like to review here some of the points I made in my homily two weeks ago when we returned to the posture of kneeling after the Lamb of God at Mass. The first two are repeated from previous explanations. The rest focus on the dispositions I encourage to accompany our kneeling.

ONE- As was stated before- the Diocese of Erie had been remaining standing after the Lamb of God since 2003 when Bishop Trautman had implemented that posture.

TWO- The majority of Diocese in the United States kneel after the Lamb of God so Bishop Persico wants us to be united with most of the Catholic Church in the US in this posture.

THREE- Remember a basic tenet of our Catholic spirituality and liturgy is that external expressions and postures encourage interior dispositions which is why we emphasize guidelines about them. However, external postures do not guarantee the corresponding interior disposition so we must be thoughtful and intentional when we do them.

FOUR- Kneeling can be an expression of contrition and therefore is consistent with the congregational response to the presider's statement "Behold the Lamb of God..." which is "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only said the word and my soul shall be healed." I think of the classic painting by Rembrandt of the Prodigal Son that hangs in our office hallway which shows of the younger son kneeling in the embrace of his father as he says he is sorry.

FIVE- Kneeling is an expression of adoration. There are three moments in the Mass when Christ present in the Eucharist is shown or elevated before the congregation- after "This is my body given up for you," after "This is the chalice of my blood... do this in remembrance of me," and "Behold the Lamb of God." During the first two of these moments the congregation is kneeling and it seems fitting that we kneel in adoration at the third as well. This is not to suggest or minimize the other ways that Christ is present to us at

Mass (in the congregation, in the presiding priest, and in the Word of God) but there is something special about the substantial, tangible presence of Christ in the Eucharist which is important to recognize and adore in a special way.

SIX- Kneeling is an expression of humility. Humility is the virtue that is the foundation and beginning of growth in the spiritual life and right relationship with God. This is a moment to reinforce our absolute dependence on God for EVERYTHING and therefore to resist the temptation of the Garden of Eden that is present in our lives every day, which is to make ourselves God. We lower ourselves so that God can raise us in His image and likeness and not our own. If we elevate ourselves on our own, God has to lower us so that he can recreate us. Hopefully we choose humility on our own and do not make God force it out of us and I believe kneeling can be helpful in this.

Now for a few practical clarifications on the process...

ONE- If you are unable to kneel it is completely fine to sit but please do not stand for the sake of visibility for those who are kneeling. Please keep in mind the above points even if you are not kneeling- the interior dispositions are more important than the external expression.

TWO- Keep the kneelers down after the Great Amen so we do not have to put them up and down twice (and make more noise).

THREE- It seems easiest to remain kneeling until your row goes to Holy Communion but if you want or need to sit down while waiting that is completely fine.

FOUR- You are encouraged to kneel when returning to your pew but to keep singing either before or after you make a prayer of thanksgiving.

FIVE- Once the music stops, this is your most intimate opportunity for private prayer between you and God so take advantage of it. The image that is powerful for me to consider at this moment is the beloved disciple John laying his head on the chest of Jesus at the Last Supper (Jn 13:23). Let Jesus hold you in the embrace of Mass and Holy Communion, and love and thank him back.

SIX- There is no definite time that the congregation is asked to sit after kneeling after Communion. Personally when I attended Mass before being ordained I liked to remain kneeling until the priest says "Let us pray." I think it is appropriate to wait until at least the tabernacle is closed from reposing the Blessed Sacrament if you are able to stay kneeling until then. Some might wait until the presider sits and others may wait until the Prayer after Communion. I do not think we need to be rigid about this. Let's leave it to you and your preference. The key at this point is not to miss this amazing moment of Communion with our God and the community and to enter into it with heart, body and soul in a way that is best for you.

Let me know if you have any questions or clarifications on this.

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 to everyone who gave to OLP through iGiveCatholic over the last several weeks!** OLP ended up with 195 donors and \$42,195 which was most donors and donations received in the Diocese of Erie. We also were awarded the prizes (\$1,000 each) for most number of donors and largest donation (thank you George Zehner for your \$10,000 gift!). I also wanted to clarify again that the Catholic Foundation of Northwest PA organizes and covers the cost for all Catholic entities in our diocese to participate in this national campaign and not the diocese of Erie (which is what we initially said here at OLP).

****Last call for gift cards for the St. Martin Shining Stars Christmas Campaign.** You can bring the light of Christ to Christmas through a donation of gift cards for St. Martin Center. See page 7 for details. Thank you for those who have donated!

****Masses this Week** Monday, December 13th- St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (4th Century Sicily); Tuesday, December 14th- St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church (16th Century Spanish Carmelite Mystic and Reformer); Wednesday and Thursday, December 15/16- Advent Weekday; Friday and Saturday, December 17/18- Late Advent Weekday.


*****"The Light is on for You"** The Catholic Churches in Erie continue our recent Advent and Lent practice of having all the local churches open and confessions available. This will happen this Wednesday, December 15th from 4:30-6:30pm.

See the back cover for a list of all participating churches.

****Advent Confession Opportunities** In addition to our regular weekly times of 11:15am-12pm on Wednesdays and 8:30-9am and 3:45-4:45pm on Saturdays, we will also have confessions after all Sunday Masses during Advent, on Wednesday, December 15th from 4:30-6:30pm (as part of the Erie wide "the Light is on for You" Campaign) and Sunday, December 19th from 6-8pm and Wednesday, December 22nd from 6-8pm. December 19th and 22nd will also include Eucharistic Adoration.

****Chris Wheeler returns to OLP for the Christmas** Erie Seminarian and Transitional Deacon, Chris Wheeler, will be returning to us from December 18-25, and December 31-January 2nd. We look forward to his presence and ministry and continue to pray for him as he approaches his priestly ordination on Friday, May 27th at 7pm at St. Patrick Church.

****Christmas falls on a Saturday this year; please note that there will be NO Saturday evening (5pm) Mass on December 25th. The only Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family will be on Sunday, December 26th at our regular Sunday Mass times (7:30am, 9am, 11am, 4:30pm).**



****The "O Antiphons"** 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.

Sirach 24:2; Wisdom 8:1. Symbols: oil lamp, open book.

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.

Exodus 3:2, 20:1. Symbols: burning bush, stone tablets.

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. Isaiah 11:1-3. Symbol: vine or plant with flower (especially a rose).

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 & Host.

December 2021

Youth Ministry Schedule

Dec. 13th Middle School Youth Faith Night, 6:30-8pm in the church social room, join us for snacks and a night to discuss the faith.

Dec. 15th High School Youth Faith Night, 6:30-8pm in the church social room, join us for snacks and a night to discuss the faith.

Dec. 22nd All are welcome to join Sarah for a holy hour at St. Francis Xavier Parish with Fr. Jason. 8 pm, a night of peaceful reflection and praise & worship.

Dec. 31st All are welcome to join OLP to ring in the new year with a holy hour for peace starting at 11pm, ending with a toast to the New Year with the priests.

Email Sarah Beaver with any questions at sarah.beaver@olp.org

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades 1-8: Classes meet from 9:30-10:45AM in the school and church basement.

Dec. 12 - Grades 6-8, regular classes

Dec. 19 - Regular class for Grades 1-8

Dec. 26 - No Religious Ed. Classes

Grades 9-11: Classes meet from 5:30-7:30PM in the school and church basement.

Dec. 12 - Regular classes

Dec. 19 - Regular classes

Dec. 26 - No Religious Ed. Classes

All forms can be found on our website, www.olp.org, under the Faith Formation.

For more info please contact Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director,

814-838-9983 or Tammie.mang@olp.org



For a synodal Church

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Our synodal journey: discerning the will of the Holy Spirit as we listen to each other.



Have you heard about the SYNOD?

Visit the Diocese of Erie microsite regarding the Synod on Synodality:
<https://www.eriecd.org/synod.html>

The Knights of Columbus of OLP are having a raffle benefiting Our Lady of Peace parish & school projects called the "12 Knights of Christmas." A drawing will be held over a 12 day period before Christmas.

The first drawing on December 13, and a drawing would be held over each of the next eleven days, ending on Christmas Eve. The winner on each day receives the gift for that particular day PLUS all the gifts from the proceeding day's drawings. The final day winner would receive ALL the gifts plus the TV.

\$10.00 - 1 Ticket \$20.00 - 3 Tickets

The prizes for each day's drawings are:

- Day 1. Knights of Columbus Breakfast Tickets (2)
- Day 2. Pair of Lanterns/Lamps
- Day 3. Romolos Chocolate
- Day 4. Beer & Pop Warehouse Gift Cards
- Day 5. Wine Bottle Set (must be 21)
- Day 6. Cordless Drill Kit
- Day 7. Oakwood Restaurant Gift Card
- Day 8. 3-in-1 Stick Vacuum
- Day 9. Indoor Smokeless Grill
- Day 10. InstaPot Cooker
- Day 11. Philharmonic Tickets & Oakwood Restaurant Gift Card
- Day 12. Large Screen TV & Sound Bar

Tickets may be purchased in the Church Office



Prepare the way of love this Advent

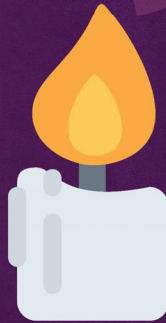
Our Parish Service Project for Advent includes :

Thank you to all you donated for the Millcreek Food Panty packing party on December 10th.

St. Martin Center Shining Stars. . . \$25-\$50 Gift cards from Target, Walmart, Five Below and Kohl's are needed. The Parish is sponsoring 120 children in need this year.

You can make a difference in the life of a child this Christmas.

Drop off donations in the church office



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



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Special Collection This Week: Retirement Fund for Religious



Retirement Fund for Religious
Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Our Lady of Peace Boy Scout Troop 59 Christmas Decorations Sale



To all at OLP a big
"Thank You"

from the Boy Scouts for our
**Christmas Garage
Sale.** It was



a huge success all
because of You!

We thank you very much.

Keep a lookout for our
Annual June Garage Sale.

Again, thank you for supporting the
OLP Boy Scouts Troop 59.

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year*



OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project

Henry Ward Beecher said, "Every charitable act is a stepping stone toward heaven."

Our Lady of Peace **Casserole Club** participants have "stepped" many stones to heaven! Everyone at Maria House Project give thanks to you for many years of helping Fr. James Peterson's mission.



The December casseroles, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church social room (basement) on Saturday, December 18th, between 3:30 and 4:30pm. **Casseroles** should be pre-cooked, frozen in a disposable container, with reheating directions attached. Names or addresses should not be included. If you would like us to pick it up call us: Skip or Dottie Glover at 814-440-3496 or email us at scottiedippy@gmail.com. You may also leave the **casserole** with the student in the office during the drop-off time.

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to everyone.*

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

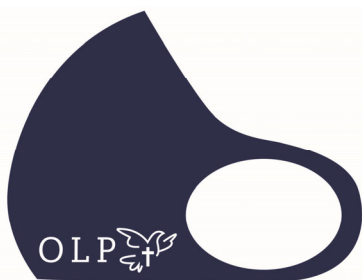
Ways to stay connected:

Some of our communications will be by Email please make sure the office has your current email address.

We send a weekly email with updates and resources you can use to strengthen your Spiritual life. Also visit our website:
www.ulp.org.

Downloaded the **MyParishApp** as we use the App as well.

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



**OLP Items for Sale:
Water Bottles / Face Masks**

\$5.00 each



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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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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:
Dec. 18
Time: 9:00AM to 1:00PM
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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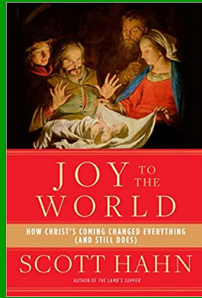


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Stop and see what's new at the
OLP Catholic Resource Kiosk
in the vestibule of the church.

Book: \$5
NEW: *Joy to the World*

In *Joy to the World*, Dr. Scott Hahn brings the first Noel to new light through his thought-provoking combination of exciting story-telling and penetrating biblical insight. Christmas, as it appears in the New Testament, is the story of a father, a mother, and a child, their relationships, their interactions, their principles, their individual lives, and their life in common. To see the lives of this "earthly family" is to catch a first glimpse of heaven. Dr. Hahn shows Christmas to be the story of a family.



**A Stewardship of Sharing
Month of November 2021
Fiscal Year July 2021 - June 2022**

Weekly Envelope	\$ 73,518
Loose	\$ 2,283
Holy Days	\$...2,035
Monthly School Support.....	\$ 1,579
Total Monthly Offertory.....	\$ 77,415
Budgeted Monthly Offertory	\$ 77,917
Monthly Deficit	\$ 502
Diocesan Designated Fund Support	\$ 1,746

**2021 CSA
February 2021 to January 2022**

Goal	\$ 179,000
Pledge Payments Received to Date.....	\$ 197,394
Total Pledges	\$ 205,704
488 Families - Goal is 500 Families	

Every dollar raised supports important Diocesan services and every dollar raised over our assessment will be kept in the parish for parish improvements. Our 2021 -2022 Diocesan assessment is \$137,524.



**Council Corner
December 2021**

At the Pastoral Council meeting on November 22nd we continued discussion on the initiatives the Council is currently engaged in with Parish staff and Lay leadership.

The Council is working with Parish and School Administration staff to collaborate on the use of shared office/meeting space in the Church and the school buildings.

In support of Our Lady of Peace Church's Advent effort to sponsor 120 children through St. Martin Center's Shining Stars, Council members are donating to this important project.

Our Lady of Peace Pastoral Council welcomes the opportunity to hear your thoughts and input. Please feel free to contact any Council member or by email at OLPPastoralCouncil@gmail.com.

Your Pastoral Council members are: Stacy Congdon, Cheryl DiPietro, Kathleen Fross, Cathy Kuzma, Jennifer Malue, Justin Miles, Herb Morrow, Sue Quinn, Ann Rutkowski, Thomas Sargent, Nancy Sherwood, Dominick Sisinni, and Debbie Steiner.

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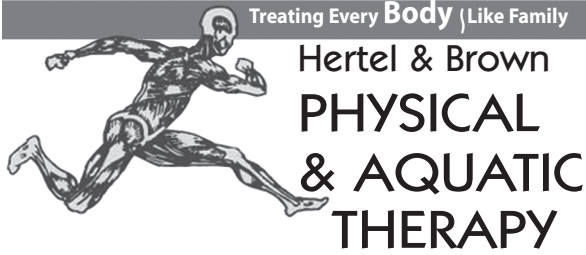
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Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro	St. Lawrence, Albion
Our Lady of Peace	St. Luke
Sacred Heart	St. Peter Cathedral
	St. Stephen of Hungary

Wednesday, December 15, 2021
4:30 - 6:30 pm

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give NECESSITIES to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.

Bulletin Deadlines for Christmas and New Years

Below are the early deadlines for the bulletin:

For Sunday, January 2, 2022, articles are due December 17, 2021

For Sunday, January 9, 2022, articles are due December 20, 2021

You may e-mail the info to: cynthia.berarducci@olp.org
or drop it off at the church office.

Thank you for your cooperation with these early deadlines.

