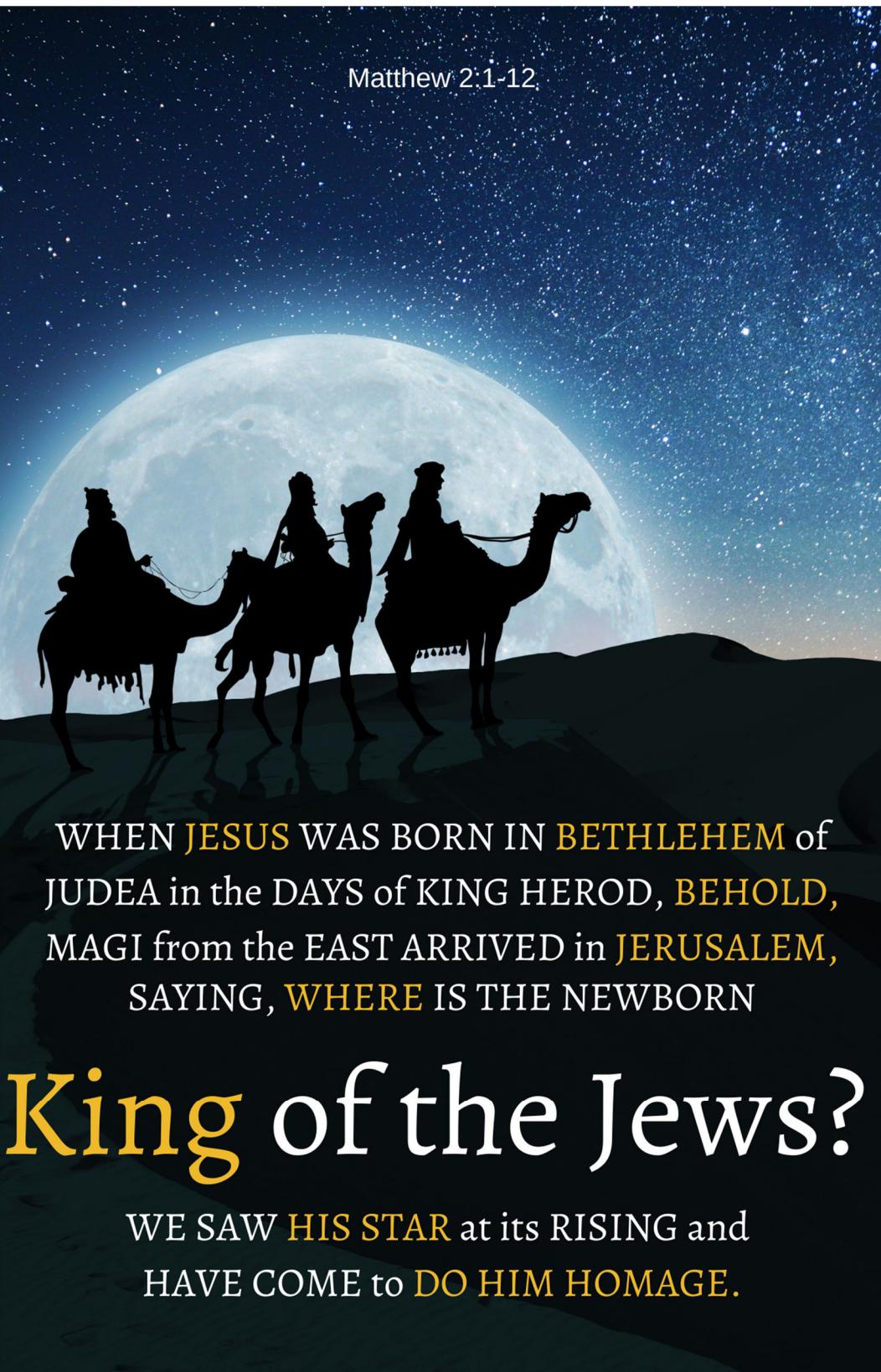




Our Lady of Peace

Matthew 2:1-12.



WHEN JESUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM of
JUDEA in the DAYS of KING HEROD, BEHOLD,
MAGI from the EAST ARRIVED in JERUSALEM,
SAYING, WHERE IS THE NEWBORN

King of the Jews?

WE SAW HIS STAR at its RISING and
HAVE COME to DO HIM HOMAGE.

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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 aptt.

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.

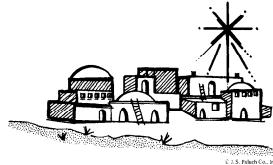
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Our Mission Statement:
Our Lady of Peace is a Catholic Community of Faith called to proclaim the greatness of the Lord through Worship, Service, Education and Ministry.

**The Epiphany of the Lord Jan. 2, 2022**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!

Your light has come,

the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60:1

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.

January 2022

- 2nd Toilet Tissue / Face Tissues
- 9th Spaghetti Sauce / Spaghetti
- 16th Mac & Cheese / Rice
- 23rd Cereal (Box & a to go Cup)
- 30th Can Stew / Jelly & Jam

**Pantry is OPEN January 11 & 25**

(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 - Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; / and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading - Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm - Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading - The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel - Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Overcoming Jealousy

Then Herod sent the (magi) to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage". (Matthew 2:8)

Adults: When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

Kids: When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

7:00AM Eileen Hanford - Saldanha Family
12:10PM Lois Fiscus - Paul Fiscus

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

7:00AM Charles Stroup - Dietz Family
12:10PM Mary Ann Toohey - Family
1:30PM School Mass - John Passarelli - Friends

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

7:00AM Tomasz Zieja - Wife & Children
11:15-Noon Confessions
12:10PM Jim Fried - Fred & Evelyn

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

7:00AM Andrew Polakowski - Family
12:10PM John S. Fetzner, Jr. - Bob & Ann Swahn

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022**First Friday Adoration 7:30AM - 3:00PM**

7:00AM Marion Will - 7AM Mass Group
12:10PM Al Church - Jackie & Dan Kensinger

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

8:00AM Mary Lou Miller -
 Diocese of Erie Faith Formation Office
8:30-9AM Confessions
5:00PM Bob Brabender - Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord
7:30AM Frank Robasky, Jr. - Esko & Judy Tarto
9:00AM Arlene Glance - Family
11:00AM Esther Mang - OLP Bible Study
4:30PM Parishioners
5:15PM Adoration
6:00PM Solemn Evening Prayer/Benediction

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 Andrew Polakowski - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Mary Ann Toohey - Friends.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for John P. Passarelli. May his family find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

Readings for the Week of January 2nd

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;



Our Lady of Peace...

Pray for us.

Daily at 11:40AM

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary is prayed daily at 11:30AM, just before the 12:10 Mass.



Mary invites all her children to pray her Rosary. Many blessings will be yours! **All are welcome!**

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:

Jan. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.
 Jan. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.
 Jan. 4: Arlene B.
 Jan. 5: Joyce K., Chuck & Linda R.
 Jan. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
 Jan. 7: Margaret K.
 Jan. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.

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

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 Epiphany to you! Once again we will bless and distribute the House Blessing cards this weekend on the Feast of the Epiphany. Recall that the "20+C+M+B+22" on the cards stands for the present year with the first letter of the 3 magi, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, which can also stand for the first letters of the Latin phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which translates to "Christ bless this home/dwelling." There is a prayer that you are encouraged to say on the back of the card as you place them over the main door to your house on the inside. It says- "May all who come to our home rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve Christ in everyone we meet. Amen." What a great year we will have if we can allow God to accomplish that prayer in us in our homes as well as our parish family here at Our Lady of Peace. So let us focus on that this last week of the Christmas Season and in 2022.

This weekend is also the traditional time for the Epiphany Proclamation. See below for the actual proclamation. Please mark the dates on your personal calendar and set aside those most important days of our liturgical year (Holy Week and Easter) for prayer and celebration with your parish family. Do not let those days be an after-thought but make them a priority around which to plan vacations, events, and other things that can keep us from worshiping.

Epiphany Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts (for the year 2022)

*Know, dear brothers and sisters,
that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus
Christ,*

*so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.*

*On the 2nd day of March will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten
season.*

*On the 17th day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter
Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*On the 26th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord
Jesus Christ.*

On the 5th of June, the feast of Pentecost.

*On the 19th day of June the feast of the Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ.*

*On the 27th day of November, the First Sunday of the
Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.
Amen.*

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...

****Christmas Gift "Living Joy" by Chris Stefanick** If you have not yet, you are encouraged to take a copy of this book located in the main vestibule as a small gift from your parish. Chris Stefanick is a world renown author in our Catholic faith and tradition. He is part of some of the material found on FORMED of which our parish subscribes. I thank Warren & Christine Beaver and Mike & Mary Beth Whitman who generously covered the cost of the books.

****Next Sunday is the final day of the Christmas Season and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 4:30pm Mass (around 5:15pm) until 6pm when we will have Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction. This is the final liturgical prayer of the Christmas Season.**

****Masses this Week** Monday, January 3rd, The Holy Name of Jesus; Tuesday, January 4th. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (19th Century American founder of Catholic Schools); Wednesday, January 5th- St. John Neumann, Bishop (19th Century Redemptorist Bishop of Philadelphia); Thursday, January 6th- St. Andre Bessette, Religious (20th Century Holy Cross Brother and builder of St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal); Friday, January 7th- St. Raymond Penafort, Priest (13th Century, 2nd master general of the Dominican Order after St. Dominic); Saturday, January 8th- Christmas Weekday.

****Chris Wheeler** Erie Seminarian and transitional deacon, Chris, has been with us over the Christmas Season and now returns to St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA for his final semester of study. Please continue to pray for him as he approaches his priestly ordination on Friday, May 27th at 7pm at St. Patrick Church.

****Parish Calendars** Our 2022 calendars are in! I am grateful to our sponsors- First National Bank/Manager Chris Hanes, Beer and Pop Warehouse, Scott Enterprises, Howard Hanna/ Realtor Cynthia Berarducci, E.C.C.A Inc, and the Knights of Columbus OLP Council 11454.

****Appreciation Dinner Postponed** Due to the present challenges of group gatherings we are going to postpone the annual Appreciation Dinner until the summer. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

****Pilgrimages to England in July 2022 and the Holy Land in November of 2023** I realize with COVID it is hard to commit to the 2022 pilgrimage to England but wanted to remind you that there is insurance you can purchase for both trips in case you have to cancel. My hope is to stick with both trips regardless of whether we reach 40 pilgrims. 206 Tours who is handling the organization of both pilgrimages has still said that they hope to run both and they want to wait until the spring to see where things stand for England.

One thing that would be very helpful to me is if you could contact me if you are considering going to England so I know how many people might be interested but are waiting to see how things develop with COVID. If you are considering either pilgrimage, please contact me at fr.rich@olp.org so I can know where we stand. Thank You!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades 1-8: Classes meet from 9:30-10:45AM in the school and church basement.
Jan. 2 - No Religious Ed. Classes
Jan. 9 - Grades 6-8, regular classes
Jan. 16 - No Religious Ed. Classes
Jan. 23 - Regular class for Grades 1-8
Jan. 30 - No Religious Ed. Classes
Jan. 30 - First Reconciliation Parent Mtg.- 12:15 in the church

Grades 9-11: Classes meet from 5:30-7:30PM in the school and church basement.
Jan. 2 - No Religious Ed. Classes
Jan. 9 - Regular classes
Jan. 16 - No Religious Ed. Classes
Jan. 23 - Regular classes
Jan. 30 - 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



The Knights of Columbus Council of Our Lady of Peace

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 9th

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- If you are cleaning out your closets or spare rooms and find any unwanted cotton, flannel or fleece material, please consider donating it to the "**Sew What**" group.

This group of women constructs pillowcases, quilts, blankets, hoods and stuffed animals for veterans, refugees and the less fortunate.

- The "**Sew What**" group is also looking for assistance: those with the ability to sew and/or knit are sought to work in their homes.
- The group also needs donations of yarn to make hats and scarves.

Anyone willing to donate their time or material may contact Kathy at pmac305@hotmail.com or call 814-882-6641. Pickup is available.

January 2022

Youth Ministry Schedule



WEEKLY

We're bringing back our weekly Hour Of Prayer. Every Monday, starting January 3rd, 6:30-7:30pm in the OLP Mother's Chapel. The hour will include praise & worship and other forms of prayer. Everyone is welcome, this is a great family event to come to. The following Monday's will have our Hour of Prayer: Jan 3rd, 17th, 24th, 31st.

Jan 6th

Join us for a holy hour of adoration at St. Joe's Catholic Church, 7-8pm.

Jan 13th

MS/HS Social Night, church social room, 6:30-8pm, a night of games & snacks.

Jan 20th

Join us for a holy hour of adoration at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in McKean, 8-9pm.

Jan 21st

HS March for Life Event. We are not going to Washington D.C. this year for the March. Instead we will be participating in an event with St. Mary's and Warren. We will depart OLP at 7am on the 21st and return at 3pm on the 21st. Our event will take place in Warren. The day will include mass, discussion, and an opportunity to meet others in the church. There are limited spots, so reserve a spot by emailing Sarah.

Jan 22nd

MS March for Life Event. 2-7pm. Including dinner, mass and a holy hour for life. Please reserve a spot by emailing Sarah.

Jan 22nd

Holy Hour for Life, 6pm OLP, all are welcome, bring the whole family.

Jan 26th

MS Faith Night, 6:30-8pm, OLP church social room, a night of faith discussion, games and snacks.

Jan 27th

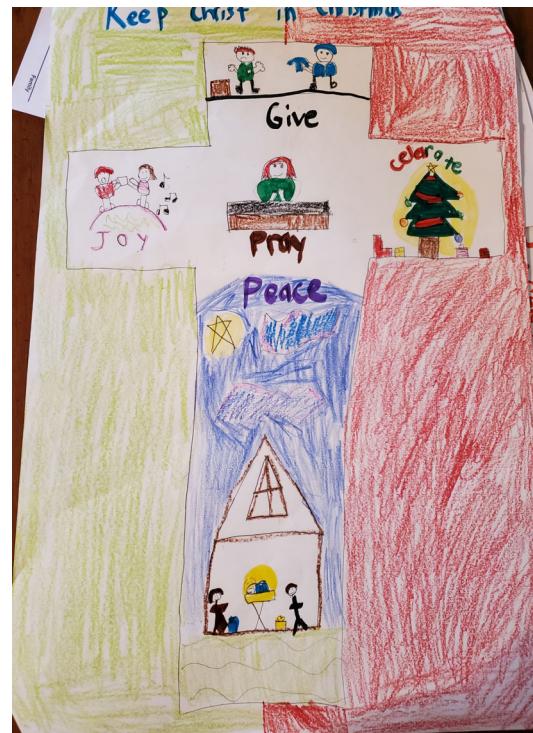
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Email Sarah Beaver with any questions at sarah.beaver@olp.org

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Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners:



Grade 6-8 Winner



Grade 3-5 Winner



Grade K-2 Winner

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who participated this year.

Picking the winners was very hard as the selections were very good.



A Family Perspective

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way" to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

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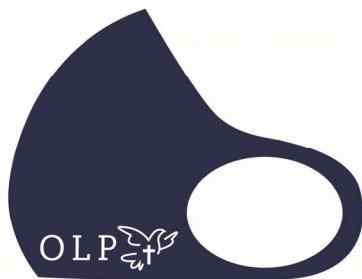
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Sunday Supper - February 27, May 22, August 21, November 6

Contact Pete & Debbie Piotrowski at petepio56@gmail.com

Casserole Club for Maria House - January 15, February 19, March 19

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7th Annual 138 Women's Conference

"Say Yes!" to the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30AM - 12:30PM on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This years conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at www.138women.com for more information and to register.



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Luke 1:38

1:38 Women

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