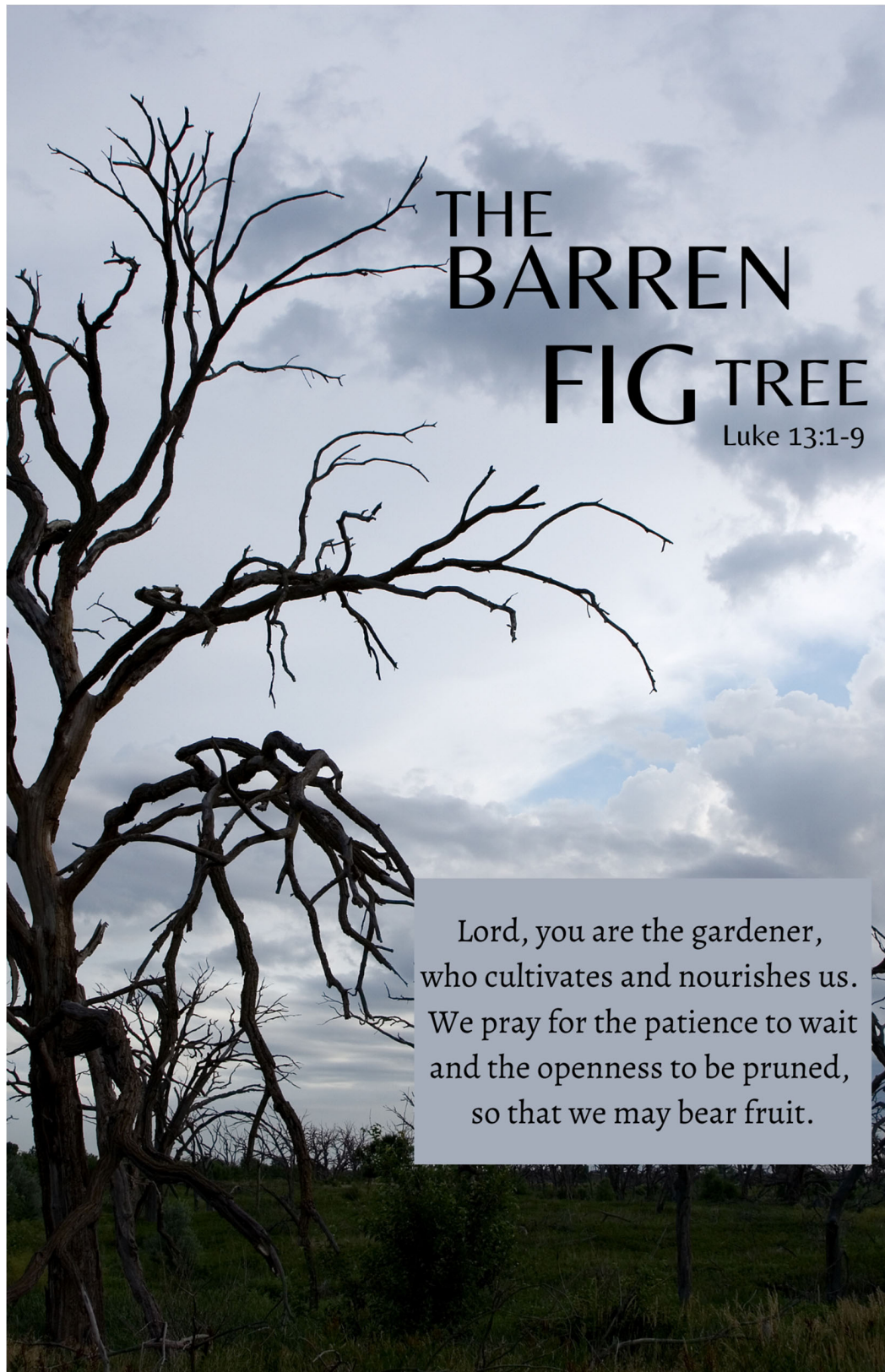




Our Lady of Peace



THE BARREN FIG TREE

Luke 13:1-9

Lord, you are the gardener,
who cultivates and nourishes us.
We pray for the patience to wait
and the openness to be pruned,
so that we may bear fruit.

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

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Rev. Mr. John Mang

Rev. Mr. Joseph Yochim, Jr.

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Mrs. Cynthia Berarducci

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Miss Sarah Beaver

Maintenance Supervisor

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Finance Council Chairman

Mr. Paul Wojtek

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 12:30PM. A mandatory preparation class for parents is available. *Call the office for info.*

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.

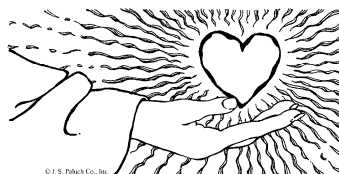
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)

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 Lent

March 20, 2022

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

— Psalm 103:8

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.

March 2022

20th Cereal / Baked Beans

27th Canned Vegetables / Bar Soap



Pantry is OPEN March 22nd

(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
- Pet Food
- Powered Milk
- Toilet Tissue
- Paper Towels/Napkins
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Cloth Grocery Bags

Thank you!

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - My eyes are always on the Lord, / for he rescues my feet from the snare. / Turn to me and have mercy on me, / for I am alone and poor.

First Reading - The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or Exodus 17:3-7.*

Psalm - The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or Psalm 95.*

Second Reading - We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*

Gospel - If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].*

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Family Discussion of the Week: Tempered With Humility

The reign of God is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches. (Lk. 13:19b)

Adults: What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God's loving care?

Kids: What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin now?

HOLY GROUND

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022

7:00AM Barb Benacci - Cherry Hill Neighbors
12:10PM Mary Lou Currie Miller - Sue Hickin

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

7:00AM Sandra Erb - Friends
12:10PM Special Intention for Ruth & Tom
Dombrowski - Denise & Michael Gaines
1:30PM School Mass - Esther Mang - Friends

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022

7:00AM Robert Fuller - Friends
11:15-Noon Confessions
12:10PM Chuck Iannello - Carol & Don Patsy

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022

7:00AM Julia Wesmiller - Husband, Harold
12:10PM Joseph & Sandy Kostolansky - Joan

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00AM Eileen Fulton - Mary Fulton & Scott Weaver
12:10PM Urban Barrett - Wife, Sally
6:00 PM Confessions
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

8:00AM John Wojtkielewicz - Family
8:30-9:00AM Confessions
3:45-4:45PM Confessions
5:00PM Linda Bizzarro - Darrell & Nancy Myers

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Confessions after all Sunday Masses

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
9:00AM David Kensinger - Jackie, Dan & Family
11:00AM Christine Walden - Family
RCIA Second Scrutiny
4:30PM Ed Tomczak - Wife, JoAnn

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
After all Sunday Masses during Lent
or by appointment - call the Church Office

Readings for the Week of March 20th

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



Our Lady of Peace...

Pray for us.

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Amelia & Anthony Patsy - Lucia DePalma.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Rachel Metz - Lucia DePalma.

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:

Mar. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Donna G.
Mar. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.
Mar. 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y., Gloria M.
Mar. 23: Heidi A.
Mar. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.
Mar. 25: Christine O.
Mar. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.
Mar. 27: Ann R.

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

Daily at 11:35AM

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary is prayed daily prior to the 12:10 Mass. Mary invites all her children to pray her Rosary. Also, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed following the 12:10 Mass in the Chapel. **All are welcome!**



From the Pastor's Desk...

As we enter the 3rd week of Lent, I am greatly disturbed, as I know many of you are, at the war unfolding in the Ukraine. Add this to what we have endured over the last 5 years as a church and world community, and it just feels like life and the spirits that are not of God continue to bombard us with the darkness and evil of this fallen world... the Priest Abuse Scandals, a Pandemic, and now a war effecting the world at large (all since I have been with you at OLP). I am tempted to give into the despair and feeling of helplessness that crowds in on all of us as we see the evils and aggression against the people of the Ukraine on top of all that has happened the last few years. But I resist those fears as I cling to my faith and the hope that I have in my Lord Jesus Christ. He is our refuge and our strength, as we pray in the psalms; and I can be strengthened in that. He is the anchor and rock which sustains us in any trial, cross or temptation. I exhort you to continue to cling with me to Christ. Keep hoping, keep believing, keep loving, and the God of the universe will hold you in the palm of his hand. If the people and leaders of the Ukraine can do this when their country, their homes, their possessions, and their very lives are at stake, so much more must we join them in that spirit of determination and perseverance.

We also must keep praying and offering whatever support we can financially to the people of the Ukraine during this moment of huge humanitarian need. Pray also for the conversion of Vladimir Putin and the people of Russia who support such aggression and violence. **We will offer our daily Masses one day each week (7am and 12:10pm) for peace in the Ukraine and the end of the war (this week it will be Tuesday, March 22nd) and our Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration this month will be for that same intention (Monday, March 21st).** I also suggest offering your Lenten disciplines of prayer and fasting for this intention.

On the financial end, I direct you to the Erie Diocesan Website which provides several options for support. The address is www.eriecd.org/ukraine.html. It includes options to support Catholic Relief Services, Erie PA for the Ukraine (started by the Slavic Community in Erie), Sts. Peter and Paul Byzantine Church in Punxsutawney (that will go to the Byzantine Church in Ukraine), and First Ukrainian Pentecostal Church in Erie.

Please contact me or the parish office with any questions or assistance we can provide in making these connections. And may God bless the Ukraine and our world with peace... and our week 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...

****Masses this Week** Monday, March 21st- Lenten Weekday; Tuesday, March 22nd- Mass in Time of War; Wednesday, March 23rd- St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop (16th Century- missionary and eventual Bishop of the New World); Thursday, March 24th- Lenten Weekday; **Friday, March 25th- the ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD- Solemn Feast and no abstaining from meat**; Saturday, March 26th- Lenten Weekday.

****Wish List: Used Tractor** Our tractor used for transporting things around our campus (not for mowing) is wearing out and we would like to try to replace it. If you or anyone you know has a tractor that is in decent condition and they are looking to replace, please contact the parish office.


****Medical Team at OLP** At the initiative of the Pastoral Council, we have established a Security Committee at OLP. Their first goal is to establish a Medical Team that would help respond to medical emergencies at all Masses and other community events. Medical professionals can sign up to be part of a schedule and to take the lead at any medical emergencies if they arise. We would love to have a team of 25 volunteers.

****Optional Face Masks for Liturgical Ministers** Beginning on March 12th/13th face masks will no longer be mandatory for those who serve as liturgical ministers at Masses at OLP. We are doing this for the same reasons that the schools and public indoor places are no longer requiring masks. We will still keep our separate section on the far east of the church that is reserved for only those wearing masks and everyone is still welcome to voluntarily wear a mask. ALSO. Ministers of Holy Communion will still mask while distributing the Body of Christ. I also want to stress that if the COVID status of our area rises back to HIGH (we are presently at MEDIUM) that we reserve the right to reimplement the masking for ministers if we feel it is for the common good. As always feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

****Lenten Confessions** In addition to our normal weekly confession times (Wednesdays from 11:15am-Noon, Saturdays from 8:30-9am and 3:45-4:45pm) we will have extra opportunities throughout Lent. They are Fridays from 6-7pm (before Stations) and after all Sunday Masses including 4:30pm. There will also be a Penance Service on Sunday, March 27th at 6pm and "the Light is On for You" is Wednesday, March 30th from 5-7pm (local churches are open and priests hearing confessions throughout Erie).

****Stations of the Cross** This great Lenten devotional is held on Fridays of Lent at 7pm.

****Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2022 UPDATE: 375 pledges for \$132,535** We have surpassed our diocesan assessment and additional funds raised support our parish projects of replacing the chapel roof, replacing the HVAC in the rectory and updating the doors of the church. Recall our parish financial goal for CSA 2022 is \$200,000. Please place your pledge envelopes in the offertory at Mass or send/drop off at the parish office.



****Remaining Synod Sessions** Our remaining synod sessions involve the following groups:

ONE- parents of our school or faith formation students. Our school principal, Ms. Shivani Suri, has reached out to our school families to invite our school parents to join a session on either Saturday, March 26th from 9-11am OR Thursday, March 31st from 7-9pm. They are to contact Gina Adams at ginamadams@aol.com to sign up for either session.

TWO- young adult or adult children of our parishioners who no longer practice their Catholic faith and live in Erie. We are asking the parents of these adult children to reach out to them and if they are willing to participate, to have them contact Gina Adams at ginamadams@aol.com to sign up. The synod session for this group will be Thursday, March 24th from 6:30-8:30pm.

THREE- a synod ZOOM meeting for those who may not be comfortable to meet in person. This session will be held Wednesday, March 23rd from 6:30-8:30pm and again those who would like to sign up should contact Gina at ginamadams@aol.com.

We have been doing a great job on the synod and I hope you can help me get the word out on these last 3 groups so that we can connect with and hear from as many groups as possible. Let me know if you have any questions on this and please continue to pray for the process in our diocese which continues to the end of March.

****Pilgrimages: England July 18-28, 2022 and Holy Land November 6-18, 2023** I realize with COVID it's hard to commit to the England pilgrimage but I wanted to remind you that you can purchase insurance 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 both pilgrimages, has said they hope to run both and will wait until spring to see where things stand for England. It would be very helpful if you could contact me if you are considering going to either England or the Holy Land. Please contact me at fr.rich@olp.org so I can get a better sense of where we stand. Thank You!



ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE Sunday, March 20 3:00—3:30PM

Hosted by Saint Luke Parish

Please gather at Saint Luke Parish, 421 E. 38th St., to pray for peace, especially in Ukraine.

Share our prayers, readings, and song offered for all who suffer persecution and loss of freedom.

This is not a Eucharistic Liturgy.



*Have a heart, lend a hand,
and make a difference.*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AT OLP

Erie City Mission - January 15, February 19, March 19

Contact Scott Barnes at 814-881-8889 to get involved

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

Contact Skip & Dottie Glover at scottiedippy@gmail.com

*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart." -Elizabeth Andrew*



- 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 jdoeqswa@outlook.com or call 814-882-6641. Pickup is available.

March 2022

Youth Ministry Schedule

WEEKLY-Family Hour of Prayer

Every Monday, 6:30-7:30pm in the OLP Mother's Chapel. The hour will include praise & worship and a reading from scripture. Everyone is welcome, this is a great family event to come to. The following Monday's will have our Hour of Prayer:

April 4th, 25th & May 2nd, 16th, 23rd.

March 21st

Join us for a holy hour of adoration at OLP with refreshments after, 7-8pm.

March 23rd

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

March 24th

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

March 30th

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

March 31st

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

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

Children's Liturgy



Looking for adults who want to share the faith with the children of the parish.

Commitment: Once a month at the 11 am Sunday Mass (allowing for a rotation between leaders)

If interested, please email sarah.beaver@olp.org

You may be the reason a child comes to know Jesus!



Cash Bingo benefits: Benedictine Sisters of Erie

When: April 3, July 17, Sept. 18, Nov. 13

Where: Polish Falcons, 421 East 3rd Street, Erie

Cost: \$25.00

~Doors open at Noon, bingo at 1:00PM, bar & kitchen open.

~Cash bingo, tips, \$100 lottery tree chances

Proceeds benefit the Benedictine Sisters of Erie ministries:
Day Care at 9th St, Neighborhood Art House & scholarships.

HELP SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY

YOUTH MINISTRY PEPPERONI BALL SALE

MARCH 26-27TH

Selling packs of pepperoni balls at all the Masses (until supplies last). There will be order forms available for later purchase.



LENT AND CRS RICE BOWL

Lent is a 40-day journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each day during Lent, we have the opportunity to be inspired by the stories of people and communities from around the world, and to take time to set aside a little of ourselves to make room for a stranger. This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl will introduce us to our neighbors in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda. We'll learn how the dreams of our sisters and brothers are inspiring them to overcome challenges that impact their daily lives. To dream bigger. To help their families and communities succeed.



Overcoming Disaster. In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing - destroying farms, homes and more - making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit: crsricebowl.org.

VIBRANT, DYNAMIC CHURCH NEEDS



2022 Catholic Services Appeal
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2022 Catholic Services Appeal Vibrant, Dynamic Church Needs YOU!

Each year, the bishop asks the faithful throughout the Diocese of Erie to support the CSA, the annual fundraising campaign of the diocese. Gifts to the CSA are put to work immediately to support the ministries and day-to-day programs of the Catholic Church in our diocese and are not invested or reserved for future use.

The 2022 Catholic Services Appeal Commitment Sunday will be held next weekend in our parish. The church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area.

Every CSA parish 2019 St. Joseph Table at OLP donation also brings us closer to **being able to complete our own projects:** ONE- the replacement of the HVAC system of the rectory at OLP (we raised \$16,000 for this during Erie Gives in 2021 but the total cost is between \$26,000-30,000). TWO- replacement of the Chapel Roof (the only part of the church/office areas that has not been replaced). THREE- replacement of the outer entrance doors at church. Presently our main doors toward 38th Street are not up to code and the south doors are worn out.

Donations to the CSA make the following work of Christ possible:

- **Pastoral Services:** The CSA supports the pastoral leadership that shepherd our church and provides ongoing education to priests and deacons. Other pastoral services providing expertise throughout the diocese are offered by the Office for Protection of Children and Youth.
- **Education:** Catholic schools have traditionally been the most effective way to pass on the faith to future generations. The Diocese of Erie, its parishes and Catholic institutions operate 20 elementary, three middle and seven secondary schools. Lifelong faith formation initiatives throughout the diocese include youth and young adult ministry opportunities, family life outreach and support for parish-based faith formation efforts.
- **Catholic Charities:** Catholic Charities agencies, ministries and programs respond to the call of the poor and promote a consistent life ethic. The Catholic Charities network of agencies and diocesan programs enables effective outreach and services far beyond what any one parish could provide alone.
- **Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania:** CSA funds provide a grant to the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania. The foundation is in service to all parishes, schools and Catholic ministries in the diocese, helping to build our Catholic legacy through endowments. It also provides professional fund development services to the Diocese of Erie.
- **Communications:** The diocesan Communications Office shares news and inspiration throughout the diocese in many ways, including its flagship publication, Faith magazine, the weekly Diocese of Erie-news, www.ErieRCD.org and Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- **Facilities Management and Financial Services:** Consultation on physical plant matters, safety issues and accident prevention, and environmental and regulatory compliance is available to pastors and parish staff through diocesan offices, as well as expertise on property and health insurances and financial services.
- **Tribunal:** In addition to involvement with canonical issues, the Tribunal processes requests for marriage dispensations

Job Opening: Development Associate Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania

They are seeking an organized, energetic individual who enjoys working on a wide variety of projects as part of a dynamic team. The position is full-time, non-exempt. The Development Associate will provide administrative support to the operations of the Foundation and contribute to a variety of constituent relations activities including assistance with marketing and communication materials and plans, social media, and donor events.

Full position profile and application may be found at:
<https://www.cfnwpa.org/employment>.

Job Opening: Program Manager Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville

Bethany Retreat Center is seeking a passionate, organized, outgoing self-motivator for a part-time retreat Program Manager. What you'll do: Schedule, plan, implement spiritual retreats/events; recruit/coordinate with retreat leaders/volunteers, maintain appropriate retreat records/reports. The ideal candidate is a good leader who can keep track of multiple retreats.

For more info or if interested, send a cover letter and resume to: Sister Suzanne Thibault at bethanyyouthcenter@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 129, Frenchville, PA 16836.

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.olp.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.



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.

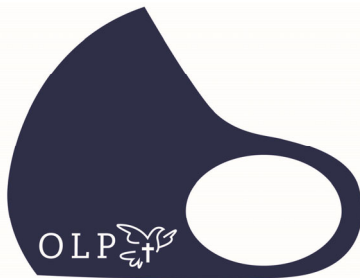


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OLP Items for Sale: Water Bottles / Face Masks

\$5.00 each

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 16, May 21, June 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

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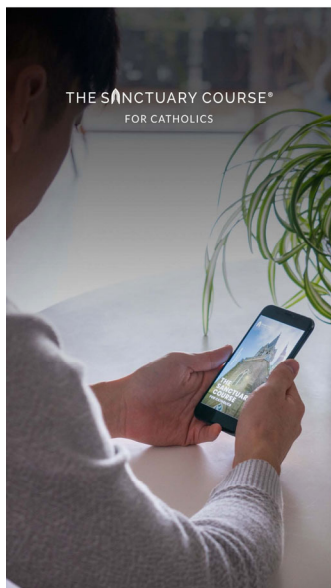
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Would you value joining others in a conversation about mental health and well-being? Would you like to discover what God, Scripture, and Church have to say in light of the experiences of mental health challenges? Join us for *The Sanctuary Course*. The topics covered feel particularly relevant for our current time, and the course creates an opportunity to connect with and support each other in meaningful ways.

The Sanctuary Course is an eight-part course designed to raise awareness and start conversations in local parishes regarding mental health. Created in collaboration with mental health professionals, theologians, and clergy, it offers faith communities the opportunity to learn about mental health and grow in their ability to support each other. Topics covered include: mental health and mental illness, stigma, recovery, companionship, self-care, and community. Accompanied with videos of the stories of real people who live with various mental health issues, as well as insights from archbishops, theologians, and psychologists. This course is presented from a Catholic perspective, but is open to anyone and everyone.

Where: St. Francis Xavier Parish,
8880 Main St. McKean, PA 16426

(Gathering Space on the westside of the Church),

When: Saturdays (April 2, May 7, June 4, July 9, August 6,
September 10, October 1, November 5)
1:00—2:30 p.m.

For More Information Contact: Irene Schneider 814-476-7657

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The Benedictine Sisters of Erie invite *young women ages 25 to 45* to join the monastic community for all or part of Holy Week and Easter, April 9-17, 2022. Find what you seek through the experience of prayer, community and justice-seeking during these sacred days. To make a reservation send an email to: vocations@eriebenedictines.org or call 814-899-0614 x2424. Provide your name and number and a good time to call.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Lent

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

A Family Perspective

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Mar. 20 - No Religious Ed. Classes

Mar. 27 - Regular classes for Grades 1-8

Church Activity Forms due

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

Mar. 20 - No Religious Ed. Classes

Mar. 27 - Regular classes

Church Activity Forms due for grades 9-10

Confirmation Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 7:00PM

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,
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Thinking about Priesthood?

Come to the St. Andrew Dinner

When: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 6:00-8:00 pm

Where: St. Francis Xavier Parish Center
8880 West Main Street
McKean, PA 16426

For whom: Young men striving to follow Jesus' call in
their lives and open to the possibility of
the seminary and priesthood

Age: Any mature young man

Cost: Free

Attire: Casual, but respectable

RSVP: St. Francis Xavier Parish — 814-476-7657

More Info: Contact Fr. Scott Jabo at SWJabo@eriercd.org
814-824-1200 / ErieVocations.org



Join Bishop Lawrence Persico,

Fr. Jason Feigh, Fr. Scott Jabo (Vocation Dir.), and other guest priests, as they
share their own vocation stories.

Schedule

6:00Arrive
6:05Light dinner
6:30Vocation stories (Bishop,
priests)
7:15Q&A, Discussion on
discernment, St. Mark Seminary info
7:30Eucharistic Adoration for
Vocations
8:00Depart



Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

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