



# *Our Lady of Peace*

## *Divine Mercy Sunday*

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration  
Sunday, April 24th from 3:00-4:00pm  
includes the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Confession available from 2:00-3:00pm



All are invited. . . Our Lord pours out an ocean of  
grace and mercy on all who approach him.

*Jesus I trust in You*

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**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

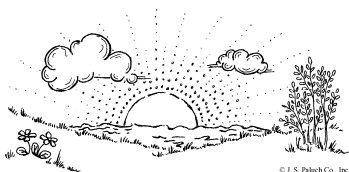
**New Parishioners** Welcome!  
Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or online.

**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  
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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.



**Sunday of Divine Mercy)**  
**April 24, 2022**

Once I was dead,  
but now I am alive forever and ever.

— *Revelation 1:18a*

**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 2022**

24th Household Cleaning Products



Pantry is OPEN April 26th  
(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** - Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, / that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**First Reading** - The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

**Psalm** - Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** - John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

**Gospel** - The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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**Family Discussion of the Week: Living Without Fear**

He placed his right hand on me saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever." (Rev. 1:17b-18a)

**Adults:** When has your faith in the living Christ helped you overcome fear?

**Kids:** What could you do this Easter season to help someone feel less afraid?

**DIFFICULTY, SURVIVAL, AND GLORY**

In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus' resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God's royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas' declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, APRIL 25 2022

7:00AM Harry C. Dombrowski -  
Jerry Dombrowski & Family  
12:10PM Jerry Uht, Sr. - Friends

## TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

7:00AM Judy Arnold - Corky Young  
12:10PM Martin Mehall - Gaines & Finazzo Families  
1:30PM School Mass - Margaret Fitzgerald - Friends

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

7:00AM Lois Dunkle - Julie Dolecki  
11:15-Noon Confessions  
12:10PM Don Pulice - Joe & Dianne Yochim

## THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

7:00AM Carmelita Morabito - Family  
12:10PM Dennis Drake - Wife, Linda

## FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022

7:00AM Marion Will - Caroline Davis  
12:10PM Edward Bolt - Loretta Schaal

## SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

8:00AM Ursula Bamberger - Husband & Family  
8:30-9:00AM Confessions  
3:45-4:45PM Confessions  
5:00PM Margaret Hardner - Patricia

## SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

### Third Sunday of Easter

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP  
9:00AM Penny Bizzarro - Jerry Fachetti & Julie Ferrick  
11:00AM Chuck Iannello - Don & Carol Patsy  
1:00PM First Communion  
4:30PM Joseph Testa, Jr. -  
Sister, Edie & Nephew, Adam

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 April 24th*

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;  
Mk 16:15-20  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
Jn 6:16-21  
Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;  
Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]



Our Lady of Peace...

Pray for us.

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Deceased Members of Hardner Family - Patricia.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Ernest Csakany - Tim, Cindy & Keane Bokol.

## 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. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.  
Apr. 25: Christine O.

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

Apr. 27: Ann R.

Apr. 28: Ann F., Michael M.

Apr. 29: Linda M., Janet A.

Apr. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.

May 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.

*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...

**"Christ Is Risen....He is Risen Indeed!"** Happy Easter Octave and a blessed Divine Mercy Sunday to you! I am still caught up in the Spirit of God that blessed us throughout our Sacred Triduum last weekend. I thank everyone who was involved in our beautiful liturgies, especially our liturgical ministers and those who organized them. I am extremely grateful to our parish staff and in particular our Director of Music and Liturgy, Brian Kuzmin, our masters of ceremonies, Matt Sandstrom and Matt Drabant, and our lead sacristan, Charlie Rutkowski, our lead usher Paul Wickles, and Fr. Mark and Deacons John and Chris, for all the extra time they put in to help things run smoothly. Also, thank you to many of our music ministers, lectors, ushers, altar servers and others who helped with multiple services throughout the Triduum. I am grateful to Chris Ehrman and his team at Allburn Florist who handled our decorations, to Chuck and Linda Rohrbach who have handled changing the banners for years, to Rick Lopez who set the electrical for our lighting, to the Boy Scouts who handled the Easter Fire, to Tammie and Deacon John Mang and Michael and Denise Gaines who worked with our candidates for RCIA and RCIC all year. I also thank those who attended these liturgies and those who came for the first time (I hope you will continue to enjoy them and encourage others next year as well).

The celebration of Easter continues this weekend with full solemnity on this last day of the Octave (8 days). Recall that Easter does not end today- we continue to celebrate for 42 more days until Pentecost Sunday on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The fifty days of the Easter Season (Pentecost is a word meaning fifty) is longer than the forty days of Lent. It reminds us that for those who are Christian the joy and hope of the resurrection trumps the suffering and struggle of the cross. We keep the decorations up in church and look forward to some great celebrations for our parish during this great season- First Communion on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ascension Thursday on May 26<sup>th</sup>, and Deacon Chris' Ordination to Priesthood on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick Church. We have much to be grateful for at Our Lady of Peace so let us keep the Easter Momentum going.....now and forever.

May God bless our Easter Season 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...

**\*\*Divine Mercy Sunday (April 24th)** In addition to our Masses which will celebrate this special Feast, we will have Confessions from 2-3pm and a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration from 3-4pm.

**\*\*Divine Mercy Devotion** The devotion of Divine Mercy started in the 1930's when Jesus appeared to St. Faustina who was a sister of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She wrote a voluminous Diary of all the appearances and dialog with Jesus (which is available from any Catholic publisher) but from that encounter I will summarize the (7) main elements of the devotion that Jesus asked St. Faustina to promote:  
ONE- the actual Feast of Divine Mercy, or Divine Mercy Sunday. "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."  
TWO- the Image of the Divine Mercy. The Lord directed Sr. Faustina to have it made in the image of how he was appearing to her. It was to be signed, "Jesus, I trust You!" and was to be venerated. We have the image of Divine Mercy in our chapel to the right of the tabernacle but it will be in the main sanctuary this weekend for the feast so we can all venerate it.

THREE- the Divine Mercy Novena. Ideally, the novena is to begin on Good Friday and completed the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday, though it can be prayed at any time. The novena divides souls into different groups, which are prayed for on a specific day. Categories of souls include souls who are "lukewarm," "priests and religious," "devout and faithful," "sinful," and the "souls of little children."

FOUR- the Hour of Great Mercy, also known as the three o'clock hour. This is the hour that recalls Jesus' death on the cross. Saint Faustina records in her Diary that "It is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. It is Jesus' desire that the moment of His Death on the Cross (3PM) be venerated."

FIVE- the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy. Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist. It may be said at any time, but Christ specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before Divine Mercy Sunday. It is also appropriate to pray the chaplet during the Hour of Great Mercy. The chaplet is especially recommended to be said for those who are dying. There are pamphlets with instructions on how to pray the chaplet at the church.

SIX- the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion through which we meet our Lord Jesus Christ and are enveloped in oceans of His Divine Mercy.

SEVEN- the deeds of mercy in answer to Jesus' call to mercy. In her Diary, entry 742. St. Faustina records Christ's words, "I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it." Christ continued, "I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first - by deed, the second - by word, the third - by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy." With that in mind, it's helpful to recall that there are seven spiritual works of mercy and seven corporal works of mercy.

**Corporal Works of Mercy:** 1. Feed the hungry; 2. Give drink to the thirsty; 3. Clothe the naked; 4. Shelter the homeless; 5. Comfort the prisoners; 6. Visit the sick; 7. Bury the dead.



**Spiritual Works of Mercy:** 1. Teach the ignorant; 2. Pray for the living & dead; 3. Correct sinners; 4. Counsel those in doubt; 5. Console the sorrowful; 6. Bear wrongs patiently; 7. Forgive wrongs willingly.

**\*\*Masses this Week** Monday, April 25th- St. Mark the Evangelist; Tuesday, April 26th- Mass for Refugees and Exiles; Wednesday, April 27th- Easter Weekday; Thursday, April 28th- St. Louis Mary de Montfort, Priest (18th Century from Brittany, chief work- "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin" which promotes consecration to Mary; Friday, April 29th- St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (14th century Dominican tertiary co-patroness of Europe); Saturday, April 30th- St. Pius V, Pope (16th Century Dominican whose implementation of the Council of Trent was a significant part of the Catholic Counter-Reformation).

**\*\*Follow Up on the Synod** I again thank Gina Adams and Joe Bell who were our parish facilitators for the Synod on Synodality. I also thank the 104 participants at OLP. We had great sessions and input; and I will be considering all of this in our parish planning with the staff and Pastoral Council over the next several years. Elsewhere in the bulletin you will find the final summarized OLP report that was sent to the diocese.

**\*\*OLP Faithful to the Finish 5K and Parish Endowment**

Part of our mission at Our Lady of Peace is to ensure that the Christian way of life continues not just in our generation, but for generations to come. One new way we can do that is by supporting our Parish Endowment established with the Catholic Foundation of Northwest PA. This year, all the money raised by our annual Faithful to the Finish 5K will go toward the OLP Parish Endowment. The race date is May 14<sup>th</sup>, and like last year it will be virtual. See elsewhere in the bulletin for more information on the 5K and how you can help keep the faith community of OLP thriving for generations.

**\*\*OLP Appreciation Dinner** I am grateful to all those in our parish who volunteer in support of our various ministries that serve not only our parish but the greater Erie community. Back in January we postponed our annual Appreciation Dinner; but I am excited to announce that the dinner will be held on Saturday, May 21st at 6:15pm in the school cafeteria. It will take place after our first outdoor mass that same day at 5pm. All parishioners who volunteer on any level for parish ministries are invited, please call or email the office to register (833-7701x0 or [cynthia.berarducci@olp.org](mailto:cynthia.berarducci@olp.org)).

**\*\*Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2022 UPDATE: 449 pledges for \$203,994** We have reached our parish goal of \$200,000... Congratulations!! This allows us to complete our parish projects of replacing the chapel roof, replacing the HVAC in the rectory and updating the doors of the church. I would still greatly appreciate your support if you have not made a pledge. Please place your pledge envelope in the offertory at Mass or send/drop off at the parish office.



## **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

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

**April 17 – Easter**

**April 29-** Last day to hand in Church Activity forms

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

**April 17- Easter**

**April 29-** Last day to hand in Church Activity forms

**Practice for Confirmation:** Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>,  
- 5:30pm for students and sponsors

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

All forms can be found on our website, [www.olp.org](http://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](mailto:Tammie.mang@olp.org)

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED** - Please pray for Jennifer Bluey. May her family find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

**\*OLP Trip to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA for Production of "David"** Our parish will take a pilgrimage to see the production of "David" from June 14-16, 2022. \$435pp Double Occupancy; \$575pp Single Occupancy; \$50 Deposit w/RSVP (payment in full due by April 25th). Mark your calendars. For more info see page 7.

**\*\*Video Series on "75 Masterpieces that Every Christian Should Know" by Terry Glaspey** I will be starting a new video series on this book that relays the fascinating stories behind great works of art (Examples: Rembrandt's "The Return of the Prodigal Son"- 1669, and "The Incredulity of Saint Thomas" by Caravaggio-1601), literature (Examples: "The Brothers Karamazov" by Fyodor Dostoyevsky-1879 and "The Lord of the Rings" by JRR Tolkien- 1954), music (Examples: "St. Matthew Passion" by Johann Sebastian Bach- 1727, and "The Joshua Tree Album" by U2) and film (Examples: "It's a Wonderful Life" by Frank Capra- 1946, and "The Tree of Life" by Terrence Malick- 2011). I hope to release (3) videos a week on our Facebook Page. There will be a link on our website and YouTube Channel as well.

**\*\*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 travel insurance 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 at, [fr.rich@olp.org](mailto:fr.rich@olp.org), if you are considering going to either England or the Holy Land. Thank You!

## **Master Summary of Listening Sessions submitted to Diocese**

### ***What broad themes emerged? Consider things that were discussed repeatedly, during which the conversation felt moved by the Holy Spirit.***

- Need for more community and fellowship. Desire to have a better gathering space attached to the church so we can create more opportunities.
- Despite a desire to be together, many young families do not have the time to do so; either by obligation or because of different priorities
- There is a small passionate group that does a lot of the work at the parish. Simultaneously those same people are open to new people helping out, and new people want to help out, but there seems to be a lack of understanding of how to make that happen.
- Need to go deeper spiritually
- Need to understand better how to evangelize and how to talk about our faith. Many people do not feel confident enough to discuss matters of faith.
- Need to understand better why we do what we do
- Concern about people that are not coming back and how we get them back
- Divorced and homosexuals feel judged and unwelcomed
- Need for more communication on what parish committees are deciding and working on. There are a lot of people who do not understand what goes on in the parish even if those things have been published in the bulletin.
- How to combat the influence of technology and social media
- Need for more opportunities to freely express and share thoughts and discuss challenging topics. Loved this opportunity.
- Fear of speaking out due to fear of being judged or humiliated for sharing thoughts
- How to notice those in need that might be sitting right next to us
- Need to respect people who don't want to socialize or be involved
- Felt more connected to community when they are in smaller groups
- Need to feel more comfortable in inviting people. A personal invitation is key to getting people engaged.
- OLP is a welcoming place and parishioners love the parish team – priests (parishioners feel they are spread too thin), youth director, music minister, etc. The summer picnic was mentioned as a parish favorite.

### ***What other themes came up that felt significant and Spirit-led when they were mentioned, even if they weren't brought up frequently***

- Need to be aware of the nudges of the Holy Spirit
- The lives of children today are too busy
- Youth today are challenging our faith. Need to be prepared to guide them & be able to answer their questions.
- Instead of focusing on those that are not in the pews focus on the ones that are and really "feed" them
- One of the voices being ignored today is the Church itself. Folks are resistant to being open to learn more about their faith because they don't think there is more to learn. Along with this the Church needs to do a better job catechizing.
- Need to pray for those that are not in the pews. Needs to be more of a commitment to this.
- Church needs to sincerely listen to what people need & follow up. Don't present you are open when you are not. People see through this and it keeps them from coming.
- Church is more supportive than people feel
- Many years ago life was an extension of Mass and lived constantly. With everyone being so individualized we have moved away from community.
- With fewer priest the laity have more responsibility for non-sacramental issues and we need to realize we are called to this.
- Need to be aware of the non-Catholics that come to our parish and how uncomfortable they likely are. How do we make them feel more welcome?
- The bulletin alone is not a sufficient resource for distributing information. It is not being read like it might have been in years past.
- The political divide in America is felt at the parish level. This is not appropriate.

### ***What topics emerged that could benefit from additional prayerful discussion and listening in your community, and/or be deepened at a future listening session?***

- How to enhance and create awareness regarding Outreach opportunities & communication overall
- How to better welcome divorced, homosexuals and other unconventional family settings without compromising the dogma of the Church.
- Feels there is hesitation to discuss and solve these issues.
- Apologetics. How to better understand the Holy Spirit and the importance of him in our spirituality
- How to reach people where they are at. Everyone has different needs and comfort levels and are at different places spiritually.
- People are not coming to church because they don't feel welcome they are not coming because of misconceptions they have about the church by only hearing what they want to hear.
- Removing barriers to participation in parish life
- Ministry to young families. Presenting homilies and mass structure that is more relatable and suitable for those with young children.
- How to better connect the school and the church

## Master Summary of Listening Sessions submitted to Diocese (continued)

***Were there any themes that were brought up consistently by a certain group? (i.e. High School students or homebound parishioners) If so mention those here.***

- High School Students and Young Adults want church to be more spiritual and less like school
- High School students feel the negative pressure from peers when they want to participate in church activities but peers don't want to or don't take it as seriously as they do
- High School students feel adults don't value their thoughts and think they are always right rather than take the time to understand the youth side of things or where they are coming from.
- High School students feel the pressure to just believe and not ask questions
- Young adults want to go deeper spiritually – Need more Church. Would also like to see more opportunities for fellowship more consistently.
- Adults want more community
- Active parishioners have a strong desire to get more people to become active
- Young adults that are passionate about their faith are often uncomfortable, or feel unprepared in, taking on leadership roles.
- Less-than-active parishioners are not getting the information they need to become more active

***Quick Response – list up to 3 words or phrases that you would use to describe your listening sessions.***

- Desired
- Passionate - Spirit led
- Community



**2022 Catholic Services Appeal**  
**DIOCESE OF ERIE**

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

Every CSA donation also brings us closer to **being able to complete our own parish 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.

### **Our Lady of Peace Parish Invites You on a Pilgrimage to Sights & Sound's "David" Amishlands Pennsylvania**

**3 Days - 2 Nights**

**June 14-16, 2022**



**Fr. Rich Toohey, Spiritual Director**

**Cost: \$435.00 per person (Double Occupancy)**  
**\$575.00 per person (Single Occupancy)\***  
**\$50 Deposit with Reservation due ASAP**  
**Balance due April 25th**

**Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Peace**

#### **Package includes:**

- \*Daily Mass
- \*2 Nights Lodging
- \*2 Breakfasts; 2 Dinners, including a Family-style Dinner & Shady Maple Smorgasbord
- \*Performance of "5 Guys Named Moe" at Fulton Theatre
- \*Performance of "David" at the Millennium Theatre
- \*Guided Tour of the Amish Countryside, including stops at an Amish Craft Farm & Bake Shop
- \*Kitchen Kettle Village
- \*Souvenir Gift
- \*Luggage Handling, Motorcoach Transportation
- \*Taxes & Meal Gratuities

**For information and reservations contact:**  
**Cynthia Berarducci in the OLP Church Office**  
**814-833-7701 x201, [cynthia.berarducci@olp.org](mailto:cynthia.berarducci@olp.org)**

## 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!



#### myParish App

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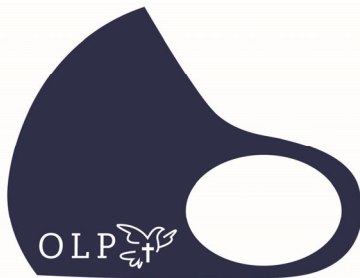


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## OLP Items for Sale: Water Bottles / Face Masks

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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:

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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April and May 2022

## Youth Ministry Schedule

### Weekly-Family Hour of Prayer

Every Monday, 6:30-7:30 pm 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 a Family Hour of Prayer:

**April 25th, May 2nd, 16th, 23rd**

- April 27th** HS Faith Night, 6:30-8pm, OLP Church Social Room.
- April 28th** MS Faith Night, 6:30-8pm, OLP Church Social Room.
- May 4th** HS Game Night, 6:30-8pm, OLP Church Social Room.
- May 5th** Join us for a holy hour of adoration at St. Joseph's Bread of Life Church 7-8pm, families welcome.
- May 6th** Kid's Night Out, 5-9:30pm. Contact Sarah to volunteer!
- May 7th** Festival of Praise at Franciscan University of Steubenville, leave OLP at 2:30pm, spend the afternoon/evening on campus, ending with a night of praise & worship. Families welcome-contact Sarah if coming!
- May 11th** MS/HS Game Night, 6:30-8pm, OLP Gym.
- May 18th** HS Faith Night, 6:30-8pm, OLP Church Social Room.
- May 19th** MS Faith Night, 6:30-8pm, OLP Church Social Room.

## 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](mailto:sarah.beaver@olp.org)

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



## Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

**4-24-2022 Child Abuse Prevention Month** - Throughout the gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. Mandated Reporters in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit: [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/) to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

### EASTER AND CRS RICE BOWL

**Happy Easter!** Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda and commit to share your Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world.

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



### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### Sunday of Divine Mercy

God of everlasting mercy,  
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast  
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,  
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,  
that all may grasp and rightly understand  
in what font they have been washed,  
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,  
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.  
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.



## Divine Mercy Sunday Service

Sunday, April 24th 3:00 - 4:00PM

Livestreamed from Our Lady of Peace Church

**2:00PM**

**Confessions**

**3:00-4:00PM**

**Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament including the Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung)**

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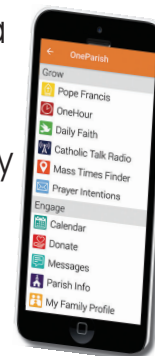
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\*Completed run/walk times should be uploaded on RunSignup.com or send to Cynthia at [olp@olp.org](mailto:olp@olp.org) by June 1st, at 5:00PM. Remember you can also upload your finishing selfie on RunSignup.

**All proceeds from our 5K Run/Walk will benefit the OLP Parish Endowment which will pay it forward and invest in our future.**

**Entry:** \$20.00 Single Registration Fee

\$70.00 Family of 4 or more living in the same household

**Online Registration:** visit: [RunSignup.com](https://RunSignup.com) to register

**Mail Entry & Payment to:** Faithful to the Finish, Our Lady of Peace, 2401 W. 38th Street, Erie PA, 16506.

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