



Our Lady of Peace

Prepare **THE WAY OF THE LORD**



Matthew 3:1-12

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

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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 11:15AM-12:00PM
Saturdays 8:30-9AM; 3:45-4:45PM
or by appointment.

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.

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 2022

- 4th Applesauce / Nut Butters
- 11th Canned Vegetables / Soup
- 18th Rice / Oatmeal
- 25th Pasta Sauce / Pasta



Pantry is OPEN December 13th & 20th (due to Christmas) (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
- Laundry Supplies
- Toilet Tissue/Kleenex
- Paper Towels/Napkins
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Reusable Grocery Bags

Thank you!

The OLP Prayer Ministry

This is a ministry for those individuals who are unable to attend usual parish functions perhaps due to an impairment, lack of transportation or illness. This active ministry can be done from home, a nursing home, the hospital, etc. Those who participate will be asked to voluntarily pray for a specific group, ministry or function as the meeting, ministry or function is occurring.

Prayer is vital to our lives and keeps us connected as members of the Body of Christ.

For more information, contact: Deacon John at deacon.john@olp.org or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office at 814-838-9983.

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - O people of Sion, behold, / the Lord will come to save the nations, / and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard / in the joy of your heart.

First Reading - He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm - Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

Second Reading - Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel - Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

Family Discussion of the Week: Our Need to Change

This is the one (John the Baptist) of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." (Matthew 3:3)

Adults: What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

Kids: What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?

HARMONY

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Readings for the Week of December 4th

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
 Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
 Lk 1:26-38
 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: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
 Mt 11:2-11

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022

7:00AM John Alward - Family
 12:10PM John Molder - Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022

7:00AM Carrie DiPlacido -
 Jim & Diane Gallagher & Family
 12:10PM Joseph Kostolansky, Sr. - Daughter, Joan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022

7:00AM Marty Kaverman -
 Jim & Diane Gallagher & Family
 11:15AM-Noon Confessions
 12:10PM Ed Szymanowski - Wife & Family

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Vigil - Holy Day of Obligation**

5:30PM Benjamin Hynes - Friends of St. Venantius

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Holy Day of Obligation**

7:00AM Jerry Kenwood -
 Dorothy Schneidmiller & Family
 12:10PM Joseph Morettini - Son, Tony
 1:30PM School Mass - Henry Trchanowicz -
 Gin Torrelli

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022

7:00AM Jonathan Trapp - Families Together Ministry
 12:10PM John Molder - Van Hoozer Family
 7:00PM *Comfort & Joy Concert featuring
 Steve Angrisano & Sarah Hart* (tickets required)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

8:00AM Thomas Vojtek - Paul Vojtek Family
 8:30-9:00AM Confessions
 3:45-4:45PM Confessions
 5:00PM Mary Lou Wagner - Daughter, Corky

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

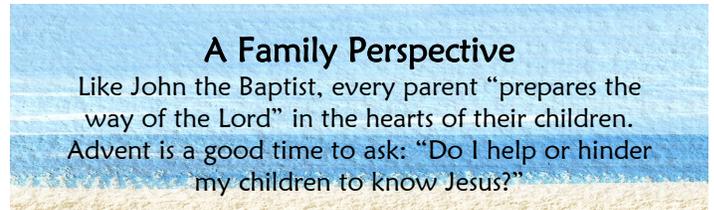
7:30AM Alberta Bigwood - Granddaughter, Melissa
 9:00AM JoAnne Starr - Michael Cooney Family
 11:00AM Allison Bosner - Mom & Dad
 4:30PM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
Confessions available after the Sunday morning Masses

The church will remain open for private prayer
 Monday through Thursday from 7:00AM - 8:00PM and
 Friday 7:00AM - 4:00PM

Confessions available (in the Chapel):

Wednesdays 11:15-Noon
 Saturday 8:30-9:00AM and 3:45-4:45PM
 or by appointment - call the Church Office

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Penny Bizzarro -Joe, Denis, Ryan, Nick & Antonio.
CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Henry Trchanowicz -Gin Torrelli.



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Leo Frawley; for Dave Bello; and for John Wiley. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

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

If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 397-6443. There are no dues and no meetings, only opportunities for grace and the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.

**When at Mass offer the Mass for
 Vocations by praying the prayer below:**

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner * but rather that he be converted and live * grant we beseech you * through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin * Saint Joseph, her spouse * St. Junipero Serra * and all the saints * an increase of laborers for your Church * fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls * through the same Jesus Christ * Your Son * Who lives and reigns with You * In the unity of the Holy Spirit * God forever * and ever. Amen.
 Serra Prayer for Vocations

From the Pastor's Desk...

As we enter the month of December, I want to review some great opportunities for prayer, community and service at Our Lady of Peace:

The Comfort and Joy Concert with nationally known musicians and presenters, Steve Agrinsano and Sarah Hart on Friday, December 9th at 7pm. Tickets are required and a free will donation will be taken at the concert. Tickets can be acquired online (olp.org) or at the parish office. I am very grateful for a grant from the Catholic Foundation of Northwest PA that makes this possible. Please take advantage of this great opportunity and help us get the word out as well!

Our Parish Advent Service Project is two-fold: (1) We are collecting household items for the 130 families served by the Millcreek Food Pantry. Items needed include: laundry detergent, cleaning products, deodorant, soap/bodywash, dish detergent, toothbrush/past, and shampoo. (2) **We are collecting gift cards for 150 children in the St. Martin Center Shining Stars program.** Gift cards \$25-\$50 are needed from Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Five Below, McDonald's or Little Caesars; these gift cards help provide Christmas to needy families in Erie. Together, the OLP Community is making a difference in the lives of those in the community. **All items for both Service Projects should be dropped off at the church office.**

Pray'N Pack'N Play'N Community Advent Experience on Friday, December 16th from 5:30-8pm in the school cafeteria. Dinner is at 5:30pm, Prayer Service at 6pm with activities and packing at 6:15pm. Dinner will continue to be served until 7:30pm. All packing items are needed by December 14th. See list above.

New Evangelization Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with music by Selah on Monday, December 19th at 7pm.

I thank our staff and volunteers who are helping organize these opportunities! These are great ways to enter more fully into the true meaning of Advent and help us to prepare our hearts for Christmas; so please make an effort to take part in some or all of these events.

May God bless our Second 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...

****THIS weekend is the Annual Boy Scout Christmas Garage Sale as well as the Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa.** See page 6 for more details and thank you for your support of these important groups in our parish.

****Masses this Week** *Monday, Dec. 5th*- Advent Weekday; *Tuesday, Dec. 6th* - St. Nicholas, Bishop; *Wednesday, Dec. 6th*- St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; *Thursday, Dec. 8th*- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; *Friday, Dec. 9th*- St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin; *Saturday, Dec. 10th*- Our Lady of Loreto.

****I Give OLP/I Give Catholic** A huge thank you to all who donated to the #iGiveCatholic Campaign! A full report will be in next week's bulletin.

****"The Light Is On For You"** Over 10 Catholic parishes in Erie County are participating in a national campaign called "The Light is On for You" on Wednesday, December 14th. These churches (including OLP) will be open for Confession from 5-7pm (the Christ Candle in the church as well as the light in the confessional will be on!). All are welcome to come and I would encourage you to take advantage of this great initiative at any of the churches- wherever you are most comfortable. Also if you or anyone you know has been away from the Catholic Church or confession for a while do not let that stop you from receiving this great gift of God's mercy and peace, or inviting them to do so. I can promise you that any priest you go to in Erie County will be greatly pleased that you are there and will not condemn or judge you.

****Advent Penance Service/Confessions** In addition to the "Light is on for You", OLP will have a Penance Service on **Sunday, December 18th at 6:00pm.** We will also have individual confessions available after every Sunday Mass in Advent; as well as our practice of individual confessions on Wednesdays from 11:15am-12 Noon and Saturdays after the 8am Mass and from 3:45-4:45pm. And, as always, Fr. Dave and I would be happy to set up an appointment with you for Confession if these other opportunities do not fit your schedule. I cannot encourage you enough to take advantage of this great Sacrament this Advent.

****Pilgrimage: Holy Land November 6-18, 2023** Join Fr. Rich Toohey and Fr. Nick Rouch as your spiritual directors for this pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Flyers available in the church vestibule. Please let me know if you are considering going, contact me at fr.rich@olp.org. Visit: www.pilgrimages.com/frtoohey



The Christmas Show "Follow the Star" by Tennessee Backporch is back!

December 4, 2022 4:00PM
December 5, 2022 7:00PM
December 6, 2022 7:00PM
December 7, 2022 7:00PM



St. Francis Xavier Parish, 8880 W. Main St., McKean, PA
Tickets start at \$20. For more info visit: www.eventbrite.com, search: Follow the Star Christmas Show by Tennessee Backporch

YOUTH RETREAT



Open to all in the Diocese of Erie
Don't miss this morning of
worship & fellowship!

DECEMBER 10, 2022

SIGN IN STARTING AT 8:30AM-8:50AM; EVENT WILL CONCLUDE AT NOON
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ERIE AREA YOUTH GROUP
Schedule Fall-Spring 2022-23



December

- Dec. 2nd-HS/MS night
- Dec. 7th-HS YG-off campus-6:30-8:30pm
- Dec. 10th-MS/HS Sarah Hart & Steve Angrisano Event-8:30am-noon
- Dec. 14th-MS YG-OLP Social Room, 6:30-8pm
- Dec. 19th-Holy hour, OLP Church, families welcome, starting at 7pm
- Dec. 21st-HS YG Christmas Party, OLP Social Room 6:30-8:30pm
- Dec. 22nd-MS YG Christmas Party, OLP Social Room 6:30-8:30 pm
- Dec. 31st-11pm Holy hour at OLP

February

- Feb. 1st-HS YG, off campus 6:30-8:30pm
- Feb. 5-5th-DME Opportunity
- Feb. 8th-MS YG, Lib 6:30-8pm
- Feb. 15th-MS/HS Ripple Effect Event 6-8:30pm
- Feb. 20th-Holy hour, OLP Church, families welcome, starting at 7pm, with refreshments to follow
- Feb. 21st-Mardi Gras Party, families welcome, time & location TBD
- Feb. 23rd-MS YG, social room 6:30-8pm
- Feb. 24-26th-HS Winter Retreat

January

- Jan. 4th-HS YG-off campus 6:30-8:30pm
- Jan. 6th-Kid's Night Out
- Jan. 9th-Holy hour, OLP Church, families welcome, starting at 7pm
- Jan. 11th-MS YG, OLP Social Room, 6:30-8pm
- Jan. 17th-HS/MS YG OLP Social Room, 6:30-8:30pm
- Jan. 19th-Holy hour for Life 9:30pm, OLP Church
- Jan. 20th-March for Life Event, info TBD
- Jan. 25th-MS/HS Ripple Effect Event 6-8:30pm

March

- Mar. 3rd-Kid's Night Out
- Mar. 8th-HS YG, off campus 6:30-8:30pm
- Mar. 15th-MS/HS Ripple Effect Event 6-8:30pm
- Mar. 17-19th-MS Winter Retreat
- Mar. 20th-St. Joseph's Table, OLP Cafeteria, time TBD
- Mar. 29th- HS YG, social room 6:30-8:30pm
- Mar. 31-Apr. 2-DME Opportunity

Candlelit Advent Mass

The Extraordinary Form Mass Community at St. Hedwig Church, 521 East 3rd Street, Erie, will hold a Rorate Mass by candlelight on Saturday, December 10th at 6:45AM. All are welcome to come and join in this beautiful Advent tradition in honor of Our Blessed Mother. Visit: www.latinmasserie.org for more details.

PRAY'N • PACK'N • PLAY'N

Community ADVENT EXPERIENCE

Friday, December 16 - 5:30pm
OLP School Cafeteria

- Communal Dinner 5:45pm-6:15pm
(dinner will be available until 7:15pm)
- Advent activities including:
Cookie decorating
Crafts
Packing household items for the Millcreek Food Pantry

Don't get so caught up in preparing for Christ's coming that you forget to prepare yourself to participate in it.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Dec. 4 - No Religious Ed. Classes

Dec. 11- Regular classes

Dec. 18 – Regular classes

Dec. 25- No Religious Ed. Classes

Grades 9-11: Classes meet from 5:30-

7:30PM in the school and church basement.

Dec. 4- No Religious Ed. Classes

Dec. 11- Regular classes

Dec. 18- Regular classes

Dec. 25- No Religious Ed. Classes

***Church Activity Forms are due December 18th**

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



November 21, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another year has passed, and we are again approaching the annual collection for our Retired Religious to be held in parishes on December 10th and 11th. This event has significant benefits for the retired Sisters in our diocese, as well as the over 30,000 retired religious throughout the country.

The **Retirement Fund for Religious** offers financial support for those Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked for years for little or no stipends. Last year, the people in this diocese contributed \$145,858 to help defray the costs of medication, nursing care, medical equipment, transportation, physical and occupational therapy and other necessary needs. Your generous gift provides vital support for their ongoing health care, helping them to age in safety with dignity and comfort.

Senior Religious are our treasure in the Church. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, religious education programs, hospitals, social service agencies and countless other ministries throughout our diocese; many still serve those in need today. Those who are no longer able to serve actively support all that is being done through their ministry of prayer, while continuously remembering all those who support them.

Some of you may not presently know consecrated men and women, but they have affected your lives through their ministry to your parents and grandparents and through the many organizations now in place due to their foresightedness and generosity. Ministries started by Sisters have had a tremendous influence in this diocese and they stand as a legacy to those generous women who dedicated their lives in service to the reign of God and continue to find ways to minister to others. I join you in praising God for their faithful and generous service to the Church in the past and in the days and years to come.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please continue to pray for an increase of vocations to the consecrated life and for God's blessing on all our women and men religious. Know that you remain in their prayers. Please join me in supporting this year's **Retirement Fund for Religious**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



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Prepare the way of love this *Advent*

Parish Advent Service Project:

Millcreek Food Pantry. . . The parish is hosting an Advent Evening on December 16. "Packing Party" items needed are:

laundry detergent	fabric softener
cleaning products	dish detergent
deodorant (men/women)	toothbrush/toothpaste
soap/bodywash	shampoo
razor/feminine products	diapers

There are 130 families that regularly rely on the Millcreek Food Pantry

St. Martin Center Shining Stars. . .

\$25-\$50 Gift cards from Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Five Below, McDonalds or Little Caesars are needed by Tuesday, December 13th. The parish is sponsoring 150 children again this year.

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



Drop off all donations at the church office

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.

CHECK ONE:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want envelopes

Ways to stay connected:

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

In addition to the weekly emails, which contain updates and resources you can use to strengthen your Spiritual life, you may 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**, both are great resources.



**OLP Items for Sale:
 Water Bottles / Face Masks
 \$5.00 each**



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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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. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 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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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 snowblower.

\$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. Mini-Microwave Popcorn Popper
- Day 3. Romolos Chocolate
- Day 4. Beer & Pop Warehouse Gift Cards
- Day 5. Wine Bottle Set (must be 21)
- Day 6. 4K Streaming Firestick
- Day 7. McGarrey's Oakwood Restaurant Gift Card
- Day 8. Solar Blue Tooth Radio & Charger
- Day 9. NXone Mini-Fridge
- Day 10. Indoor/Outdoor Movie Projector
- Day 11. 32" Onn Smart TV
- Day 12. 21" Single Stage Troy-Bilt Snowblower

Tickets may be purchased in the Church Office



Bulletin Deadlines for Christmas and New Years

Advent is upon us and with it comes some early deadlines for the bulletin. They are as follows:

- For Sunday, December 18, 2022, articles are due by December 5, 2022
- For Sunday, December 25, 2022, articles are due by December 12, 2022
- For Sunday, January 1, 2023, articles are due December 19, 2022
- For Sunday, January 8, 2023, articles are due December 21, 2022

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

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation with these early deadlines.



The Knights of Columbus Council of Our Lady of Peace

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, December 4th

OLP Cafeteria from 8:00AM to 12:30PM

Menu:

Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns/Sausage/Juice/Coffee/Tea

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**Special Guest:
Santa Claus**



OLP Boy Scout Troop 59 Christmas Decorations Sale

Christmas Decoration Sale:

OLP School Cafeteria:

Saturday, December 3rd

4:00-7:00PM

Sunday, December 4th

8:00AM – 1:00PM



All donations benefit Troop 59 activities.

Questions contact: Alyson Dana, 814-490-3493

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All Saints, Waterford
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Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro
Our Lady of Peace
Sacred Heart
St. Francis Xavier, McKean

St. George
St. Joseph/Bread of Life
St. Jude the Apostle
St. Julia
St. Lawrence, Albion
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OUR FASCINATING FAITH
The Immaculate Conception
(December 8)

December 8 we celebrate the patronal solemnity of the United States and the greatest of Mary's Advent festivals. On that day we remember Mary's conception in the womb of her mother (and nine months later, on September 8, we celebrate Mary's birth). In this liturgy, we affirm our belief that God prepared Mary to be the mother of the son of God by allowing her a share, from the moment of her conception, in the salvation that would be won for all by Christ.

Five mothers make their presence felt on December 8. The first is Eve, the mother of all the living. The second is Mary's mother, who conceived, brought to birth, and nurtured an "immaculate" daughter who would become the mother of the Word made Flesh. The third is Elizabeth, who conceived her son John "in her old age." The fourth, of course, is Mary herself. Finally, the letter to the Ephesians and the texts of the Mass for this feast remind us that the Church has been "chosen" to be a spiritual mother. We pray: "The image of the Virgin is found in your Church . . . Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith."

In this Advent time, we are called, as Mary was, to make room for Christ in our hearts. What will it take, what will be the cost for us to become, as Mary became, real "bearers of the Word?" Let us be open to the intercession of Mary on our behalf, that we may become more and more like her beloved Son.

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Healing Service at Our Lady of Mercy: The healing service will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Rd., Harborcreek, on **December 5th at 7:00PM**. Everyone needs healing at many different levels and areas of their lives. Please join us for an evening of prayer, music, the laying on of hands and quiet reflection. All are welcome. Contact 814-899-5342 for more info.

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