



Our Lady of Peace

EXPECTATIONS

MATTHEW 11:2-11

Are you the one?

Blind regain their sight

Lame walk

Lepers are cleansed

Deaf hear

Dead are raised

Good News is proclaimed to the poor



December 11, 2022

Third 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

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

First Reading - The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm - The Lord saves us when he comes (Psalm 146).

Second Reading - Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel - Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

Family Discussion of the Week: Actions Worthy of Praise

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." (Matthew 11:11)

Adults: How do you prepare yourself to meet Christ in those around you?

Kids: What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace. Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

7:00AM John Dombrowski -
Jim & Diane Gallagher & Family
12:10PM Stanley Mackowski - Wife & Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022

7:00AM Sandy Verbish -
Jim & Diane Gallagher & Family
12:10PM Dave Christenson - Family
1:30PM School Mass - John Wiley - Friends

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

7:00AM Debbie Sciamanda - EJ & Judy Johns
11:15AM-Noon Confessions
12:10PM Leo Schlecht - Helen Walchack
5:00-7:00PM *The Light is On For You*
Time for Prayer & Sacrament of Reconciliation

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

7:00AM Cindy Kolupajlo -
Jim & Diane Gallagher & Family
9:00AM School Advent Project Prayer Service
Representatives from area agencies will be here to receive the gifts that have been collected. All are invited to attend.
12:10PM Nunzio Cioccio - Daughter & Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

7:00AM Patty Ann Miklos - Family
12:10PM Sarah Harrington -
Mom, Dad, Kayleigh, Josh & Daniel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

8:00AM Leona Pettinato - Melissa Miller
8:30-9:00AM Confessions
3:45-4:45PM Confessions
5:00PM William R. Miklos - Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
9:00AM Rachael Metz - Karen Wilco
11:00AM Leo Schlecht - Linda & Richard DiRienzo
4:30PM Delphine & Jimmy Arduini - Daughter
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

BANNI

Brian Bartone / Jenn Malue



SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Joe Pettinato - Family.

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

Readings for the Week of December 11th

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
or any readings from the Common of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;
Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;
Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

A Family Perspective

The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, Facebook, videos or music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Chuck Rohrbach. May his family 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. 11: Dave D., Paul M., Connie S.
- Dec. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Chris P.
- Dec. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F., Donna R.
- Dec. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.
- Dec. 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B.
- Dec. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.
- Dec. 17: Len & Cathy K, Helen W., Barbra W., Nancy D.
- Dec. 18: Frank G, Carlee Y., Rachel O.

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...

A blessed Gaudete Sunday to you! Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introit (opening antiphon) for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). As we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is traditionally rose-colored, we allow the joy of Christmas that we anticipate soon to buoy us during our final days of hopeful anticipation and preparation.

On another note, part of this build up in anticipation during this week in the liturgy of the church, are the great "O Antiphons" of Advent (see the bulletin for the full antiphons). They are introduced at Evening Prayer on December 17th, and they are seven jewels of liturgical song, one for each day until Christmas Eve (which I see as a kind of Holy Week for Christmas and are traditionally called the days of "Late" Advent). They seem to sum up all our Advent longing for the Savior. The "O Antiphons" are intoned with special solemnity in monasteries at Vespers, before and after the Magnificat, Mary's prayer of praise and thanksgiving from the Gospel of Luke (2:42-55), which is sung or said every evening as the climax of this Hour of the Divine Office.

A vestige of the "Great O's" can be seen in verses of the familiar Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". Each antiphon is a name of Christ, one of his attributes mentioned in Scripture. The "O Antiphons" (Latin in parenthesis) appear below in English translation, with scriptural sources and suggested symbols. The first letters of the titles in Latin taken backwards form an acrostic of "Ero Cras" which translates to "I will be tomorrow," mirroring the theme of the antiphons.

May God bless our Third 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...

****iGiveOLP/iGiveCatholic** A huge thank you to all who donated to the #iGiveCatholic Campaign! We met both of our parish goals with 159 donations and \$45,340! This was number one in both categories throughout the Diocese of Erie and 37th in number of donors and 71st in donations received nationally! This is a major help to overcome our budget deficit for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

****Masses this Week** *Monday, Dec. 12th*- Our Lady of Guadalupe; *Tuesday, Dec. 13th*- St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (4th Century patron of eye issues and festivals of light); *Wednesday, Dec. 14th*- St. John of the Cross, Priest (16th century Spanish Carmelite reformer and mystic); *Thursday, Dec. 15th*- *Friday, Dec. 16th* and *Saturday, Dec. 17th*- Advent Weekdays. 

****Christmas falls on a Sunday this year so please note that there will be (2) Masses Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25th) at 8am and 10am. Christmas Eve Masses on Saturday, December 24th will be: 5pm, 7:30pm and 12 Midnight.**

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER, GIVING and COMMUNITY AT OLP


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.

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/paste, 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, OLP is making a difference in the lives of those in the community. **All items for the Service Project 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 7:15pm. 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.

****"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 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 are 

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.

****Nativity Scene at Our Lady of Peace Parish:** We are blessed to have a beautiful nativity set at Our Lady of Peace which was purchased in 2012 through the generous donations of many parishioners under the leadership of Fr. Jason Feigh while he was Parochial Vicar (2011-2013). I am very grateful to all those who were part of that effort! I know our manger scene is a significant part of our Christmas decorations every year, and that it certainly helps us meditate on the Christmas truth of the Son of God becoming flesh as a baby in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago.

Shortly after my arrival at OLP, I established a Renovation Committee that was looking at the possibility of building a gathering space for the church. As part of that process, the group studied "Built of Living Stone," the guidelines for liturgical space created by the U.S. Catholic Bishops (USCCB). This process led the Liturgy Committee to prayerfully discern our parish approach with our nativity set. The study indicates the bishops desire to not have any "decorations" in the sanctuary that may take away from the focus of Christ's presence in His Word and Sacrament in the Mass.

In this time of Eucharistic Revival in the church, we are called to go deeper in our understanding of, appreciation for, and experience of the Eucharist and Christ's presence in the Mass. The Liturgy Committee and I would like to move the nativity scene out of the sanctuary this Christmas season and into the area of the Sacred Heart Shrine in the back of church. This move will also allow the entire nativity scene to be seen together, all in one place. On behalf of our Liturgy Committee, we appreciate your openness to this decision. After the Christmas season the Liturgy Committee will evaluate this move and welcome your input!

Below I list some of the documentation that the committee discussed as part of this discernment.

Built of Living Stones - § 124 § "Plans for seasonal decorations should include other areas besides the sanctuary. Decorations are intended to draw people to the true nature of the mystery being celebrated rather than being ends in themselves. Natural flowers, plants, wreaths and fabric hangings, and other seasonal objects can be arranged to enhance the primary liturgical points of focus. The altar should remain clear and free-standing, not walled in by massive floral displays or the Christmas crib, and pathways in the narthex, nave, and sanctuary should remain clear."

Book of Blessings- Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene:

1541 In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to Saint Francis of Assisi who made the Christmas creche or manger for Christmas eve of 1223. However, as early as the fourth century

representations of the nativity of the Lord were painted as wall decorations depicting not only the infancy narrative accounts of Christ's birth, but also the words of the prophets Isaiah and Habakkuk taken to mean that the Messiah would be born in the midst of animals in a manger."

1544 "If the manger is set up in the church, it must not be placed in the presbyterium (sanctuary). A place should be chosen that is suitable for prayer and devotion and is easily accessible by the faithful."

****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 "O Antiphons"

December 17: (*O Sapientia*) O WISDOM, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: Come, and teach us the way of prudence.

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

December 18: (*O Adonai*) O LORD AND RULER of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come, and redeem us with outstretched arm.

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

December 19: (*O Radix Jesse*) O ROOT OF JESSE, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: Come to deliver us, and tarry not.

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

December 20: (*O Clavis David*) O KEY OF DAVID, and Scepter of the House of Israel, who opens and no man shuts, who shuts and no man opens: Come, and bring forth the captive from his prison, he who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Isaiah 22:22. Symbols: key; broken chains.

December 21: (*O Oriens*) O DAWN OF THE EAST, brightness of the light eternal, and Sun of Justice: Come, and enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Psalms 19:6-7. Symbol: rising sun.

December 22: (*O Rex Gentium*) O KING OF THE GENTILES and their desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one: Come, and deliver man, whom You formed out of the dust of the earth.

Psalms 2:7-8, Ephesians 2:14-20. Symbols, Crown, scepter.

December 23: (*O Emmanuel*) O EMMANUEL, God with us, our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior: Come to save us, O Lord our God.

Isaiah 7:14; 33:22. Symbols: tablets of stone, Chalice and Host.



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.

Special Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

**Retirement Fund for Religious
Dec. 10-11, 2022**



Please prayerfully consider making a contribution.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

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. 11- Regular classes

Dec. 18- Regular classes

Dec. 25- No Religious Ed. Classes

***Church Activity Forms are due Dec. 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



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 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.



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

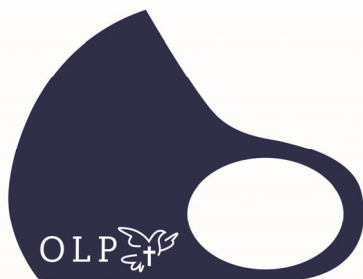
Ways to stay connected:

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

Qualifies for service hours!

Advertiser of the Week:

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<p>Caregivers: \$13.00-\$16.00/HOUR \$0.50 increase after 6 months \$0.50 increase after 1 year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 years of age, or older • Current, valid driver's license • High School Diploma/ GED 	<p>LPN's \$20/hour minimum RN's \$26/hour minimum Pay based on experience</p> <p style="font-size: x-x-small;">401k, Medical, Dental & Vision coverage - plus Sick, PTO, and Holiday for Part Time and Full Time employees.</p>
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APPLY ONLINE: www.EHCAJobs.com EOE





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


**FOOD PANTRY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
Must be 18 years of age

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Afternoon: 1-3:30

Friday
Morning: 8:45-12:15
Afternoon: 1-3:30

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Interested? Contact:
Wanda Rodriguez 814-452-6113 x227

Please join Deacon Dave Jacquel and the parishioners of St. Mark and Mt. Calvary parishes for a

HOLY HOUR

for Vocations

December 17th, 2022 at 3:15pm

- *EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT*
- * SCRIPTURE READINGS*
- *REFLECTION*
- *TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER*
- *BENEDICTION*




At St. Mark Church 695 Smithson Ave Erie

Cash Bingo hosted by Holy Trinity

When: Dec. 11th Holiday Extravaganza!
Where: Polish Falcons, 431 East 3rd Street, Erie
Cost: \$25.00 (1pk.), \$5 each add'l pk.
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The **December casseroles**, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church social room (basement) on *Saturday, December 17th*, between 3:30 and 4:30pm. If you would like us to pick it up call us: Skip or Dottie Glover at 814-440-3496 or email us at scottiedippy@gmail.com. You may also leave the **casserole** in the church office during the drop-off time. **Casseroles** should be pre-cooked, frozen in a disposable container, with reheating directions attached. Names or addresses are NOT to be included.

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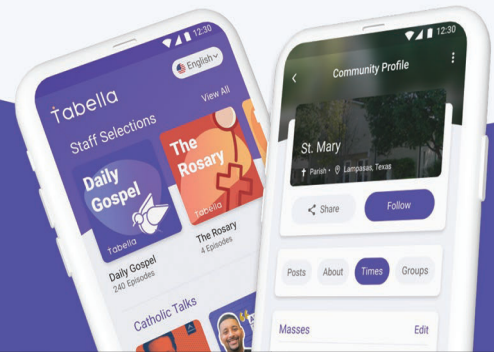
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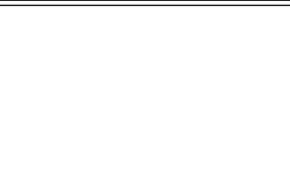


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Whether it's been a month or 50 years, all are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare their hearts for Christmas.

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| All Saints, Waterford | St. Francis Xavier, McKean |
| Blessed Sacrament | St. George |
| Holy Cross | St. Joseph/Bread of Life |
| Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro | St. Jude the Apostle |
| Our Lady of Mount Carmel | St. Julia |
| Our Lady of Peace | St. Lawrence, Albion |
| Sacred Heart | St. Luke |
| St. Boniface | St. Peter Cathedral |

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlatzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepeyac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady's identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the archbishop's request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter's cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his *tilma* (mantle) to the archbishop. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present the roses, Mary's image was imprinted on the mantle! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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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. 3-5th-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

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Patience gains all things.
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