



Our Lady of Peace

*he was named Jesus,
the name given him by the angel*



Luke 2:16-21

January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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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.

January 2023

1st Canned Tuna/Salmon/ Chicken

8th Baby Wipes / Diapers (any size)

15th Cooking Oils: Vegetable/Canola/Olive

22nd Rice / Pasta

29th Instant Potatoes / Dry Milk

Pantry is OPEN January 10th & 24th

(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 Coordinators of the West Millcreek Food Pantry were so thankful to the OLP Community for packing the 130 bags that were delivered on Monday, December 19. They said all the items are going to help a lot of families when they need it most.

Thank you, to OLP, for having such a big heart!



Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King / who rules heaven and earth for ever.

First Reading - All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm - The whole world has seen God's salvation (Psalm 98).

Second Reading - God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel - The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

Family Discussion of the Week: Living with Uncertainty

Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19)

Adults: When have you found it difficult to understand or accept a teaching of the church?

Kids: Who teaches you to have faith in God?

BLESSINGS

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023

7:00AM Special Intention
12:10PM Shirley Billingsley - Mary Fran Pirrello

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023

7:00AM Dominic Massucci - Bonnie Fetzner
12:10PM Anthony Gumino - Carol & Kevin
1:30PM School Mass - Anthony DiBacco - Ehrman Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023

7:00AM Special Intention
11:15AM-Noon Confessions
12:10PM Mary Ann Toohey - Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023

7:00AM Tomasz Zieja - Wife & Family
12:10PM Jim Fried - Fred & Evelyn

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023

First Friday Adoration 7:30AM - 7:00PM
7:00AM Bill Yezzi - Dick & Joyce Wingebach
12:10PM Andrew Polakowski - Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

8:00AM Linda Bucci - Gina & Craig Allison
8:30-9:00AM Confessions
3:45-4:45PM Confessions
5:00PM Joseph Prischak - Hanke Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
9:00AM Richard "Dick" Wilhelm - Gary & Cheryl Carver
11:00AM Anthony DiVincenzo - Ed & Rina
4:30PM Bob Brabender - Family

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 Andrew Polakowski - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Special Intention for Evan Hall - Family.

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!**



Readings for the Week of January 1st

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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



Our Lady of Peace...

Pray for us.

OLP 31 Club

Praying for vocations every day of the year!

Members agree to go to daily Mass on a particular day every month and offer that Mass for an increase of vocations to the Church. There is a great need for vocations. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayer, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Upcoming Mass commitments:

Jan. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.
Jan. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.
Jan. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.
Jan. 4: Arlene B., Catherine C., Denny D.
Jan. 5: Joyce K., Linda R.
Jan. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
Jan. 7: Margaret K.
Jan. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.

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...

Happy New Year and blessed feast of Mary Mother of God! On January 1st, Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, with a feast. This holiday is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. It is a reminder of the role she played in the salvation of humankind. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek "Theotokos," which means "God-bearer." Mary, being chosen by God, the Father, to bring Jesus Christ into this world, and her willingness to do so is great cause for celebration. Without her role, Jesus would not have been able to die for the sins of humans, thus giving them a second chance at redemption.

The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. By the 7th century, January 1st was observed as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the 13th century, the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ had come to replace the feast honoring Mary. However, in 1751, Pope Benedict XIV allowed Portugal's churches to devote a feast to Mary on the first Sunday in May. This was because of a push in Portugal for an official feast day celebrating Mary's divine maternity. Eventually, the feast was expanded to include other countries.

In 1914, the feast started to be observed on October 11th and in 1931, Pope Pius XI extended the feast to the entire church. In 1974, Pope Paul VI removed the feast of the Circumcision of Christ from the liturgical calendar. He replaced it with the feast of the "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God", bringing Mary's feast day back to the first day of the calendar year.

Speaking of motherhood, I want to take one last trip to Washington, DC for the March for Life that has occurred annually since 1973 in protest of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision that legalized abortion in the United States. On June 24, 2022, that decision was finally overturned and was a true answer to the Church's prayers. This was a providential highlight of the 2022 year! This trip now becomes for me, a prayer of thanksgiving rather than a protest. I have gone to the March for Life at least 15 times over my priesthood and I feel deeply compelled to make this last pilgrimage of thanksgiving before turning our attention to Harrisburg and petitioning our state government to make abortion illegal (which we will do in September 2023).

So, I invite you to join me on this pilgrimage of thanksgiving. We will start with a **Holy Hour for Life on Thursday, January 19th at 9:30pm in the church.** Then we leave for DC at 10:45pm and drive through the night. We will attend a Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception at 7:30am and then eventually make our way to the political rally at Noon at the National Mall. Speakers at the rally include Jonathan Roumie (who plays Jesus in the Chosen and is Catholic) and Tony Dungy (a hall of fame former NFL football coach and strong Christian). We will then march to the Supreme Court to thank God and the court for their decision and then head back to Erie by 11/12 that night. I encourage families, individuals and youth to join me in this pilgrimage of thanksgiving. More information will

be coming in the next few weeks so mark your calendars and get ready to March.

May God bless our first week of 2023 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...

****Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord Holy Hour** Since Christmas and the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God are on Sundays this year, the Epiphany will be on the second Sunday of January (January 8th) and the Baptism of the Lord, the last day of the Christmas Season, will be on Monday, January 9th. We will end the Christmas Season on the Baptism of the Lord, with a **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration at 7pm for Migrants and the Immigration Issue in the US** as well as Solemn Evening Prayer with Benediction.

****Masses this Week** *Monday, Jan. 2nd*- Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church (4th Century Eastern fathers of the church); *Tuesday, Jan. 3rd*- The Most Holy Name of Jesus; *Wednesday, Jan. 4th*- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (first American born saint and founder of Catholic Schools in the US); *Thursday, Jan. 5th*- St. John Neumann, Bishop (19th Century Philadelphia); *Friday, Jan. 6th*- St. Andre Bessette, Religious (20th Century Canadian, First Saint of the Holy Cross Order); *Saturday, Jan. 7th*- St. Raymond of Penyafort, Religious (13th Century 2nd Master General of the Dominican Order, Collator of Canon Law).

****Recall that the Christmas Season lasts for just over 2 weeks this year.** Highlights include the Feast of the Holy Family (Friday, December 30th), Mary the Mother of God (Sunday, January 1st), and the Epiphany (Sunday, January 8th - when we will have the Proclamation of the dates for Easter and other significant dates of the Liturgical Year and hand out the house blessing cards). The Christmas Season will conclude on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 9th.

****Eucharistic Revival Parish Mission** **Our Lady of Peace Parish will host a Eucharistic Revival Mission on January 22nd, 23rd and 24th featuring Anthony Digmann from the Catholic Speaker Organization.** He is a husband and father of a young family, author, speaker and educator who has served professionally in Catholic schools, parish ministry, and on councils of his home Archdiocese of Dubuque since 2006. He has appeared on national and international Catholic media outlets such as EWTN, Catholic Digest, and Radio Maria. Anthony is the author of three books including: Using the Force: Star Wars and Catholicism; Made for Holiness: A Catholic Introduction to Demons and Exorcism; and Sign of Contradiction: Contraception, Family Planning, & Catholicism.

You won't want to miss the mission on Eucharistic Revival: Anthony uses Eucharistic miracles, Saints, devotions, theology, history and apologetics to help you re-encounter our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the Eucharist.

****Appreciation Dinner** Our Parish Appreciation Dinner will again be in May this year as opposed to the January timing we had done for several year. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 20th** and we will provide more information about it in the spring as it gets closer. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns and thank you for your patience and understanding.

****Thank you to everyone who participated in or supported our Advent activities at OLP over the last few weeks.**

1. Thank you to the Rosary Society for donating the cost of framing the picture of the Our Lady of Peace Relief from the School building that was blessed & hung in Church on December 7th. I also thank Fr. Mark Hoffman for his work in getting the photo and having it framed.
2. Thank you to the Catholic Foundation of NWPa which awarded OLP a grant for the Comfort and Joy Concert on Dec 9th/Youth Retreat on Dec 10th. We also received an anonymous donation to help defray the costs for the concert. Thank you to our concert volunteers as well.
3. I thank all those who donated household supplies for our Advent Community Experience as well as those who helped organize that event or pack that night. We helped provide supplies for 125 families through the West Millcreek Food Pantry.
4. Thank you to those who donated gift cards for the St. Martin Center Shining Stars Program.

****The 2023 Holy Land Pilgrimage is full.** We have 56 pilgrims signed up and there is now a waiting list. I apologize for how quickly that filled up but once people who were discerning heard it was filling up there was a big push of registrations. I encourage you to still get on the waiting list if you are interested in going. If the number gets significantly larger we might consider two buses.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Jan. 1 - No Religious Ed. Classes

Jan. 8 - Regular classes

Jan. 15- No Religious Ed. Classes

Jan. 22 - Regular classes

Jan. 29 - 1st Reconciliation Parent meeting 12:15 in the church

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

Jan 1 - No Religious Ed. Classes

Jan. 8 - Regular classes

Jan. 15 - No Religious Ed. Classes

Jan 22 - Regular classes

Jan. 29 - No Religious Ed. Classes

***Church Activity Forms are due on January 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



**The Knights of Columbus Council
of Our Lady of Peace**

Important Information:

1. Next Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, February 5, 2023
2. Regular Council Meetings moved to:
the 1st Thursday of each month (starting 1-5-2023)



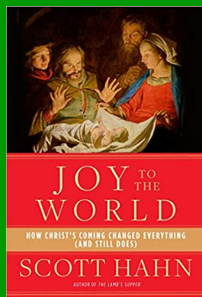
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In *Joy to the World*, Dr. Scott Hahn brings the first Noel to new light through his thought-provoking combination of exciting story-telling and penetrating biblical insight. Christmas, as it appears in the New Testament, is the story of a father, a mother, and a child, their relationships, their interactions, their principles, their individual lives, and their life in common. To see the lives of this "earthly family" is to catch a first glimpse of heaven. Dr. Hahn shows Christmas to be the story of a family.



The Women of Faith Group...

The **Women of Faith Group** will meet again in the new year. Our next meeting is *January 11th* from 6:30-8:00PM. We will continue to meet the second Wednesday of each month. We are meeting in the classroom (B-4) connected to the east end of the school cafeteria.

All women are welcome!
No need to have participated before.

This year we will be doing a study called *Living in the Father's Love*, by the Catholic Women's Organization called "Walking with Purpose."

Any Questions, contact:
Maria Good, 570-594-8339.

OLP: A COMMUNITY OF CARING...



GET INSPIRED! GET INVOLVED!

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Erie City Mission - Scott Barnes, 814-881-8889

Emmaus Soup Kitchen - Darrell Meyers, darrell.meyers@olp.org

Habitat for Humanity

Knights of Columbus - Gary Carver, carverg@roadrunner.com

Our Neighbors Place - Greg Sweigard, greg.sweigard@outlook.com

St. Patrick Haven - Tom Sargent/Heidi Arnold, pashingleman@gmail.com

ServErie - Darrell Meyers, darrell.meyers@olp.org

Sunday Supper - Pete & Debbie Piotrowski, debpio56@gmail.com

West Millcreek Food Pantry, Pat & Dennis Buto, 814-836-0944

Young People Who Care - Darrell Meyers, darrell.meyers@olp.org



Together we bring support,
raise awareness and
become a means
for Christ-centered change in Erie.



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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
MONDAY, JANUARY 23 &
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24
7:00PM**



Anthony Digmann EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Our Lady of Peace in conjunction with the Office for Divine
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"The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, yet it amazes me how many Catholics truly don't understand and/or believe this teaching or simply take it for granted. Anthony has a passion and desire to form disciples, and he fabulously uses Saints' stories, the Catechism, and Scripture to explain how Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. His energy and excitement are contagious and you leave each evening wanting more. I highly recommend Anthony; you will not be disappointed!"

-Rev. Anthony Kruse, Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Waterloo, Iowa

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
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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**.

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To the right are directions for the App and how to log into **FORMED**, both are great resources.



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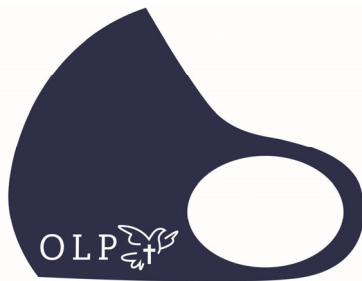


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We need your help in preparing and cooking food for our brothers and sisters in need.

Dates are Saturday's:

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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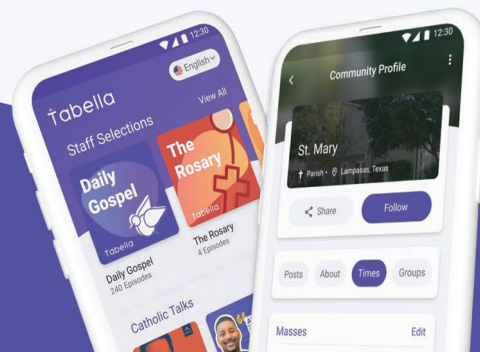
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Schedule Winter/Spring 2023

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January

Jan. 4th-HS YG-off campus 6:30-8:30pm
Jan. 9th-Holy hour, OLP Church, families welcome, starting at 7pm, with refreshments to follow
Jan. 11th-MS YG, Lib, 6:30-8pm
Jan. 17th-HS/MS YG 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
Jan. 27th-Kid's Night Out (email sarah.beaver@olp.org for details)

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

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

April

Holy Week Details To Come
Apr. 12th-HS/MS YG-Gym 6:30-8:30pm
Apr. 16th- Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour, 3pm, families welcome
Apr. 19th-HS YG, social room 6:30-8:30pm
Apr. 20th-MS YG, social room 6:30-8pm
Apr. 26th-MS/HS Ripple Effect Event 6-8:30pm
Apr. 30th-Holy hour, OLP Church, families welcome, starting at 7pm, with refreshments to follow

May

May 3rd-HS YG, off campus 6:30-8:30pm
May 5th-Kid's Night Out
May 10th-MS YG, Lib 6:30-8pm
May 15th-Holy hour, OLP Church, families welcome, starting at 7pm, with refreshments to follow
May 17th-HS YG, social room 6:30-8:30pm
May 18th-MS YG, social room 6:30-8pm
May 24th-MS/HS Ripple Effect Event 6-8:30pm
May 28th-Pentecost holy hour at 5:15pm, cake to follow, families welcome

OUR FASCINATING FAITH Resolve to Spread God's Mercy and Peace

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CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER Prayer at the Manger: With Mary and Joseph

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