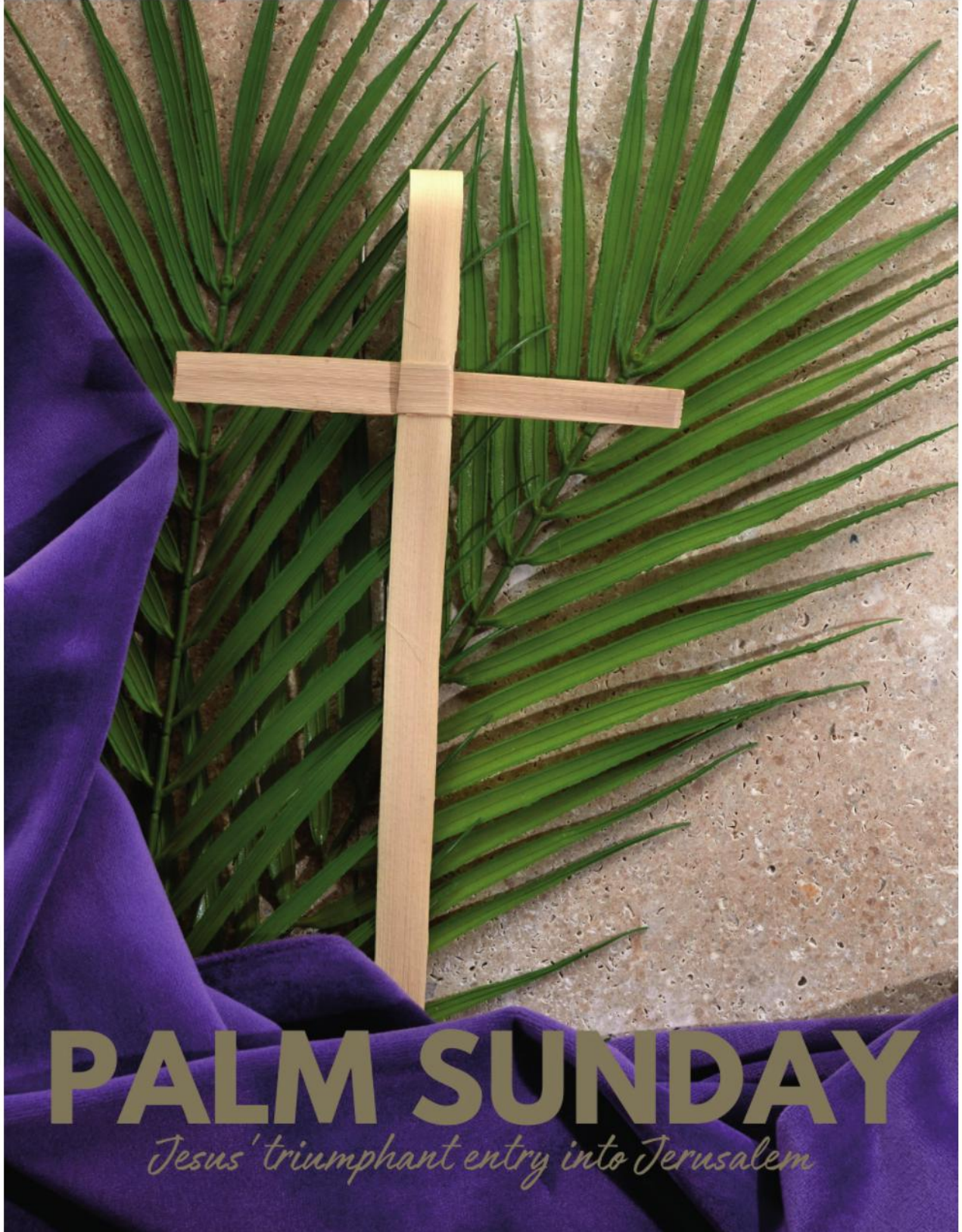




Our Lady of Peace



PALM SUNDAY

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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.

April 2023



2nd Nut Butters / Crackers

9th Cereal / Oatmeal

16th Cleaning Supplies

23rd Cooking Oils / Cooking Sprays

30th Soup / Stew / Chili

Pantry is OPEN April 11th & 25th

(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!

A Family Perspective

The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - Six days before the Passover, / when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, / the children ran to meet him; / in their hands they carried palm branches / and with a loud voice cried out: / Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! / O gates, lift high your heads; / grow higher, ancient doors. / Let him enter, the king of glory! / Who is this king of glory? / He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. / Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

Gospel at the Procession with Palms - Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading - In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm - O my God, why have you cast me off? (Psalm 22)

Second Reading - Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel - The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 [27:11-54]).

Family Discussion of the Week: Obedience and Humility

Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:7-8)

Adults: We are called to die to ourselves in love for others. How do you live that in your own life?

Kids: How do you allow Jesus to live in your heart?

ENCOUNTER WITH THE CROSS

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

Monday of Holy Week

- 7:00AM Carrie DiPlacido - Craig & Gina Fanzini Allison
- 12:10PM Jerry Kenwood - Dorothy Schneidmiller & Family
- 1:00PM **Chrism Mass**, St. Peter Cathedral, Erie



TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

Tuesday of Holy Week

- 7:00AM Joseph Macaluso - Carol & Kevin
- 12:10PM Helen Bruno - Haythorn & Swonger Families
- 12:40PM **til Noon Wednesday - 24 HOUR Adoration, OLP Chapel**
- 1:30PM **School Mass** - Jean DoNofrio - Children & Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023

Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7:00AM Chris Martin - Michael Martin Family
- 12:10PM Joe Prischak - Joan Santangelo & Family
- 1:00PM **Jesus Christ Superstar**
Presented by OLP 8th Grade

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023

Holy Thursday

- 7:00AM Morning Prayer
- 7:00PM **Mass of the Lord's Supper** - Living & Deceased Priests Who Served OLP
Collection for the Needy Fund of the Parish
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Until Evening Prayer at 11:00PM (OLP Cafeteria)**



FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

Good Friday

- 7:00AM Morning Prayer
 - 12-1PM Confessions
 - 1:30PM **Passion/Veneration of Cross/ Distribution of Communion**
Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land
 - 3-4PM Confessions
 - 7:00PM Tenebrae
- (A Good Friday Service with prayer, readings & song)*

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023

Holy Saturday

- 8:00AM Morning Prayer
- 12:00PM **Blessing of Easter Food Baskets**
- 8:30PM **Great Vigil of Easter**
Living & Deceased Members of OLP



SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

- 7:30AM John Wiley - Friends
- 9:00AM Anthony & Amelia Patsy - Daughter
- 11:00AM Lawrence & Pat Smith - Children



NO 4:30 Mass

Readings for the Week of April 2nd

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: **Chrism Mass**: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Dorothy Zavasky - Family.
CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Joe Prischak - Family.

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. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.
- Apr. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.
- Apr. 4: Arlene B., Catherine C., Denny D.
- Apr. 5: Joyce K.
- Apr. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
- Apr. 7: Margaret K.
- Apr. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.
- Apr. 9: Ellie A., Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.

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 Palm Sunday to you! This is the beginning of Holy Week which is the most unique and important week of our whole liturgical year so I challenge you to enter into the special liturgies and to make this week look different spiritually for you than any other. See below for the full schedule of prayer and liturgy.

I want to take this opportunity to review our parish participation in a new movement in the Catholic Church nationally which has been a true blessing to me. The movement is called Amazing Parish. I reviewed this last June when our Parish Leadership Team (PLT) went to the Amazing Parish Summit in Denver but I want to review and to also give you an update.

I was first approached to consider Amazing Parish back in 2019 by the Faith Formation of the Diocese on behalf of Bishop Persico. I was taking steps to move forward when COVID hit and that set us back 2 years. The Diocese reapproached me in 2022 and everything that AP stood for resonated in me and I knew it was what I and the parish needed, but I still was hesitant because I knew it would take more work. Thankfully the Holy Spirit pushed me past that and last spring, I took the first step of creating a Parish Leadership Team (PLT). This is not the staff or pastoral council, but a small group that helps lead the parish with the pastor in overseeing the spiritual and organizational health of the parish. I identified the following members of our parish for our PLT at OLP- Gina Adams, Warren Beaver, Justin Miles, Mary Beth Whitman, and myself. Then the PLT went to the AP Summit in Denver to be immersed and trained in the culture that AP promotes. Since that Summit last June, I have been meeting weekly with this group and they continue to help me guide our parish. I am extremely grateful to them for their commitment to me and our parish.

To understand more about what the AP principles are, here is a brief summary of its mission: "Amazing Parish exists to revitalize the Church by equipping her pastors and leaders with the training, resources and support they need to create vibrant and thriving parishes. Although every parish is unique, we've found that there are three common "building blocks" that form the foundation of an amazing parish." Those three building blocks are: 1. A Culture of Prayer. 2. A Culture of Healthy Teamwork. 3. A Culture of Active Discipleship. The PLT is now working with the staff, pastoral council and key volunteers to help engage in these building blocks and help create the culture they promote.

This year I plan to more actively share with you details about what these "cultures" look like. As we bring these principles to more of our parish I hope you can be open to what they encourage in us. Amazing Parish is providing me and our parish the formation and vision that seminary training and the diocese have not been able to provide. I am more hopeful about the future of our church now that I have experienced Amazing Parish. It has benefitted me in my spiritual life and challenged me in my ministry. Please pray for this movement in our parish and diocese and



pray for our PLT that we can be open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in leading our parish community forward into new life and purpose.

May God bless our Holy Week ahead!

Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of our parish & school.... pray for us!

St. Nicholas, patron of the Erie Catholic School System. pray for us!

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the Catholic Church of the USA... pray for us!

St. Joseph, universal patron of the church.... pray for us!

St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie.... pray for us!

Other notes from the pastor...

**Holy Week Confessions:

Wednesday, April 5th: 11:15am-12Noon; 6-7pm

Good Friday, April 7th: 12Noon-1pm, 3-4pm and 6-7pm

Holy Saturday, April 8th: 8:30-9am; 11:15am-Noon

**Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2023 UPDATE: 420 pledges

for \$206,669– that means we have already exceeded our Diocesan assessment of \$137,000 and are \$6,000 from our goal of \$212,000 which will go toward replacing the yellowed and worn plexiglass over the outside of the stain glass windows of the church with new tempered glass. If you have not yet handed in your CSA pledge, please send, drop off or bring it to Mass in the next few weekends and include it in the offertory. Thank you for your support.



**Fast from the Closing Song at Mass during Lent

Recall that during the Lenten Season we also enter a liturgical fast by omitting the Gloria and Alleluia during Mass (two of the most celebratory Mass parts that we sing). To extend that further; and as a way to encourage us to spend more time in silence in the Lenten Season, we will not sing a hymn at the end of the Mass. For the past few weeks we had instrumental music at the end of Mass, and this weekend (Laetare Sunday) we will have a song. Then no music at all at the end of Mass for the next two weekends. As part of that, I ask you to leave the church in silence and wait until you are in the vestibules or outside to have conversations. This also allows those who want to stay in the church for silent prayer to do so. I know that many of you like to stay and socialize after Mass in the pews, so I am asking you to make a little sacrifice and to adjust your process to help us remember that in Lent things are supposed to be different.

**St. Mark's Auxiliary Card Party and Raffle

Support the seminarians for our Diocese by purchasing a raffle ticket or attendance ticket for their annual card party which will be held Thursday, April 20th at St. Mark Catholic Center. See elsewhere for more details.

**Faithful to the Finish 5K Our Annual 5K will be in person this year on Saturday, May 13th at 8am at Presque Isle. Remember that last year we determined that all money raised by our 5K will go towards building our parish endowment which we opened with the Catholic Foundation of Northwest PA several years ago. Go to: runsignup.com to register.

****OLP Trip to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA for Production of "Moses" is June 13-15, 2023.** Please call the office if you are interested in going as full payment is due by April 6th. Please see page 7 for more info.

****Our Annual Parish Appreciation Dinner is Saturday, May 20th at 6:15pm in the school cafeteria.** All parishioners who volunteer on any level for parish ministries are invited and are asked to RSVP. You can call or email the office to register.

****HOLY WEEK** This weekend is the beginning of Holy Week with Palm Sunday. Other special opportunities for Holy Week include:

1. **Monday, April 3rd is the Mass of the Sacred Chrism at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie (at 1pm).** There Bishop Persico will bless the holy oils for the entire Diocese for the new year (the Oil of the Catechumenate, the Oil of the Infirm, and the Sacred Chrism). Also at that Mass the priests of the diocese renew their promises with the Bishop to serve the spiritual needs of our diocese and parishes as ordained clergy. Consider yourself invited- I would love to see you there!

2. **Tuesday, April 4th to Wednesday, April 5th- As we had done for several years, we will have a special 24 hour opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration during Holy Week.** It begins on Tuesday, April 4th at the end of the 12:10pm Mass and continues in the church until 12pm on Wednesday, April 5th. We will need 2 committed adorers for every half hour so please consider signing up for a 30 or 60 minute slot. This is a great opportunity to reflect more deeply on all that the Triduum means to us and to grow in relationship with our God who loves you so much.

3. **Wednesday, April 5th will include the Jesus Christ Superstar Prayer Experience led by the 8th grade class at OLP School. It will be held at 1pm in the church.** We thank our 8th graders in advance for all the time they put into providing this unique meditation on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus for our school and parish.

4. **The Sacred Triduum at OLP:** These three most holy days of the year for us as Catholics are fast approaching. Starting Holy Thursday Night (April 6th) and leading until Easter Sunday (April 9th), we walk through the events of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection that CHANGED AND SAVED THE WORLD FOREVER (what we officially call the Paschal Mystery). Please make every effort to prioritize these wonderful celebrations as a way to thank God for our Salvation in Christ and to help us grow in our living them out in our own lives.

A. **Holy Thursday** starts with Morning Prayer at 7am and then we celebrate the Mass of the Last Supper at 7pm followed by prayer at the reposition altar in the cafeteria until 11pm Night Prayer.

B. **Good Friday** (April 7th) starts with Morning Prayer at 7am, The Passion of the Lord Service is 1:30pm (with Confessions from 12-1pm and 3-4pm), and a Tenebrae Service at 7pm.

C. **Holy Saturday** (April 8th) starts with Morning Prayer at 8am, the Blessing of Easter Foods at 12noon, and the Great Easter Vigil at 8:30pm.

D. **Easter Sunday** (April 9th) Masses are 7:30am, 9am and 11am.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

April 1 - First Communion retreat- 9:30-11:30am

April 2 - No Religious Ed. Classes

April 9 - No Religious Ed. Classes

April 16 - Last Religious Ed. Class

April 28 - First Communion practice- 5:30pm

April 29 - First Communion 11am

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

April 2 - No Religious Ed. Classes

April 9 - No Religious Ed. Classes

April 16 - Last Religious Ed. Class

***Church Activity Forms are due on April 16th ***

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

Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

Child Abuse Prevention Month - Reporting known or suspected child abuse: It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the 2021 Pennsylvania statewide report there were 5,036 substantiated reports of child abuse in Pennsylvania. 2,171 or 39.9% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse, 1,418 were physical abuse. Parents remain the persons most responsible for abuse of their children. *To report suspected abuse of a minor, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7). In the Diocese of Erie for particular questions on reporting abuse, you may call The Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.*

SERVERIE

**ServErie Saturday – April 22, 2023
8:00AM - Noon**

The launch site will be hosted here at Our Lady of Peace church. Volunteers will be bussed to and from their worksites.

Adults and youth are invited to participate.

Please contact Darrell Meyers, darrell.meyers@olp.org, 814-450-3697, with questions.



March 9, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each Good Friday, as we recall the passion and death of our Lord in the liturgy, we pray in the Solemn Intercessions: "Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world...." Perhaps nowhere in the world does this petition find a greater echo in the holy days of the Easter Triduum than in the Holy Land. In the very places where Jesus was born, taught, healed, suffered and died, the Church is enduring constant hardship, and struggles to survive.

On Good Friday, April 7, Catholics throughout the world are asked to give generously to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection in support of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in standing in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Your support means that the Church there can conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers.

As our diocesan family prepares to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, I encourage you to participate in the events of Holy Week. Know that you are in my prayer. Please know also of my gratitude for your generous response on behalf of the Christians of the Holy Land. May the Lord bless you abundantly this Holy Week, this Easter, and beyond.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

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Join Our Lady of Peace on a 3-Day Pilgrimage to Lancaster, PA

June 13-15, 2023

Cost \$540 per person (double occupancy)
\$690 per person (single occupancy)

Package Includes:

2 Nights lodging at the Heritage Hotel,
2 breakfasts, 2 dinners
"Grease" at the Fulton Theatre
MOSES at Sight & Sound Theatre

Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania
Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery,
Tour/Mass - Young People Who Care
Tour/Mass - St. Vincent Seminary



\$50 Deposit due with reservation, balance due by April 6th.
Questions, call Cynthia at 814-833-7701.



OUR LADY OF PEACE YOUTH GROUP Schedule Spring 2023

For more info contact sarah.beaver@olp.org

March

Mar. 3rd-Kid's Night Out
Mar. 5-5th-HS Winter Retreat
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

Welcome... Entering the Church at the Easter Vigil



Tyler Volkman
Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist



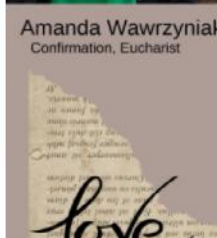
Dan Dunn
Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist



Amanda Wawrzyniak
Confirmation, Eucharist



Aaliyah Spencer
Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist



Whitney Bozich
Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist



Jacob Cline
Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

Palm Sunday



Holy Week begins today. During this week we will act out parts of Christ's life and share in the mystery of His suffering, death and resurrection. From Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, to the Lord's Supper, washing of feet, going with Jesus to Gethsemane, embracing the Cross (veneration), and his crucifixion. The Triduum (Holy Thursday evening through Holy Saturday) is one day liturgically leading us to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

Lord God, I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.
Here I stand, at the start of this holy week,
the week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death, and I am
distracted by many things.
Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name.
The one who opens the gates of righteousness. The one who answers when we call.
I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me, and for sending your son to us, in
human frailty.
To walk the road we walk.
Open my eyes that I may see him coming, may praise him with a pure heart,
may walk in the way of his suffering, and share also in his resurrection.
(ibelieve.com)

Today, we join those who honored Jesus during his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We take palms as a symbol of the ways that we can honor and adore Jesus more in our lives and to reaffirm our desire to welcome Him and never take Him for granted.

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, a week that for Christians looks different than any other week of the year.



Chrism Mass

Monday, April 3, 1: 00pm at St. Peter Cathedral

Today, Bishop Persico will bless the holy oils for the Diocese. The Oil of the Catechumenate will be used in Baptisms of infants and adults to instill wisdom and the strength to avoid evil and to prepare for a life with Christ. The Oil of the Infirm is used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, in which God gives the sick the grace and strength to bear the illness or infirmity. The Sacred Chrism is used for confirmation as well as being part of the Baptismal rite and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is a fragrant balsam that represents the "aroma of Christ." It is also a key moment of unity for the Diocese, as the local priests renew their vow of obedience to the Bishop and commitment to serve.

Lord God, six days before his death, your son sat with Lazarus, whom he raised from the dead, and ate dinner with his friends.

Your gospel tells us that Martha served and Mary knelt at Jesus' feet to anoint them with costly perfume. The disciple who was about to betray him said that it was a waste. He didn't care about the poor, really- and Mary felt ashamed.

Lord, often we cannot discern what is best: When to pour out costly perfume for your sake, even if the world thinks it is a waste. When to be busy serving, or when to rest at your Son's feet and learn.

Give us ears to hear you and eyes to see you.

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24 Hour Adoration

Tuesday, April 4-Wednesday, April 5

Our Lenten Season began on Ash Wednesday when we received ashes on our forehead as a reminder to "repent and believe in the Lord."

In this Lenten Season, there have been opportunities for confession and on Friday's we pray the Stations, all showing that we **believe**. Beginning at noon on Tuesday, April 4th we will have **24 HOURS OF ADORATION** in the main church concluding at noon on Wednesday, April 5th.

Spend time this Holy Week growing closer to Him, he longs for you to know Him.

Lord God, we tremble to think that it was one of Jesus' own friends who betrayed him.

One who sat by him, who broke bread with him.

Give us strength, we pray, to walk faithfully with Jesus;

even when the road we walk is rocky, even when the message of the cross seems like foolishness, and even when we feel betrayed.

You, Lord, are always faithful. We stumble, we become lost, but you are steady and sure.

Give us the grace to endure our troubles, and reveal to us the glory of your kingdom.

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Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 6, 7:00pm



Take and eat . . . take and drink.
Do this in memory of me.
Do what I have done for you.

Today we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper as we remember the first Mass that Jesus celebrated with the Apostles, when he invited them to take and eat. . . take and drink; and then commanded them to "do this in memory of me." After washing his disciples feet, Jesus says, "do what I have done for you." He is telling them and us that foot washing is an image of the Church we are called to be - a parish where service is at the heart of what we do, strengthened by the Eucharist.

After Mass, as church we "go to the garden" with Jesus, processing with the Blessed Sacrament to the cafeteria. There the Eucharist is reposed in the tabernacle until 11:00pm when all present will say Night Prayer.

Lord God, You sent your Son into the world, and before his hour had come, he washed his disciples' feet. You had given all things into his hands.

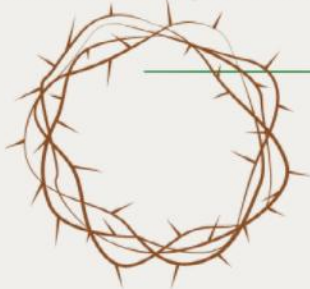
He had come for you, and was going to you, and what did he do?

He knelt down on the floor and washed his friends feet.

He was their teacher and their Lord, yet he washed their feet.

Lord God, help us learn from his example; Help us to do as he has done for us.

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Good Friday

Friday, April 7, 1:30pm

Good Friday is the most somber day of the whole year. We are encouraged to make every effort to be prayerful and quiet, especially during the hours of Noon and 3:00pm. This is the only day in the liturgical year where there is no Mass and the tabernacle is empty. We gather for the "Celebration of the Lord's Passion." The scriptures for the liturgy are filled with images of suffering and they point clearly to Jesus. Jesus, the servant who is beaten and disfigured, who empties himself of everything and is led to Pilate is none other than the only Son of God. There are special intercessions and the highlight of the ritual is the Adoration of the Holy Cross. All come forward, to reverence, genuflect or bow before the instrument of our salvation. The service concludes with a simple communion service using hosts consecrated at the Holy Thursday celebration. All leave in solemn silence.

Lord God, we wait, on Friday, for the resurrection of Sunday.

And sometimes our lives seem a succession of Fridays and we cannot see what is "Good."

Teach us to call your name as Jesus did. Make us trust in you like little children.

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Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 8, Noon

Lord God, on the Sabbath, Jesus rested.

He was in the grave.

He had finished his work.

To most people's eyes, it looked as if it were all over. He was dead and buried.

But only as a seed dies when it is planted in the earth, not to decay, but to spring to new life.

Teach us to take refuge in you when we are afraid.

Teach us that death is not our end.

Teach us to hope always in you and in the resurrection, the making of all things new.

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The blessing of the Easter foods dates back to the Middle Ages when milk, eggs, fat, and meat were forbidden during the Lenten fast and abstinence. When the feast of Easter brought the rigorous fast to an end, people showed their joy and gratitude by first taking the food to the church for a blessing. On Holy Saturday morning, families bring symbolic items in their Easter baskets to the church for a special blessing. Traditionally baskets are lined with a white cloth, filled with decorated eggs (Christ's Resurrection), lamb shaped butter (Christ as the Lamb of God), bread (Jesus is the Bread of Life), meats (great joy and abundance), salt, pepper, oil, vinegar (we are "the salt of the earth" and a reminder of the bitter herbs of Passover) and decorated with greens symbolizing spring renewal.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 8, 8:30pm



The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Easter Triduum celebrating the passion and resurrection of Jesus. It begins in the darkness with a service of light. The lighting of the fire and the Easter candle are signs of Christ, "the light of the world," and celebrates the victory of light over darkness.

There are a series of readings recalling God's interventions in history, from creation to the redemption of Israel from Egypt, ending with the story of Jesus' resurrection. The great "alleluia," which had been banished from our prayer since Ash Wednesday, returns proclaiming with joy the triumph of God's Son. Water is blessed in an elaborate ceremony. We invoke the presence of the holy men and women who have gone before us and lead the Elect into the waters of Baptism. Those already baptized Christian will then be received into full communion with the Church. The whole congregation is then sprinkled in the waters of life, recalling our own baptism. The newly baptized then complete their initiation through the sacrament of Confirmation. At the joyful celebration of the Eucharist, some will receive communion for the first time.

Having been immersed in the Lord's passion, in the stories of salvation history, and in the waters of rebirth, we journey now through the fifty days of Easter toward the celebration of Pentecost. We pray that the realities and mysteries of the Triduum will remain with us - commitment, service, victory, resurrection, washing, welcoming - all are part of the Easter experience and the lifelong experience of the Church.

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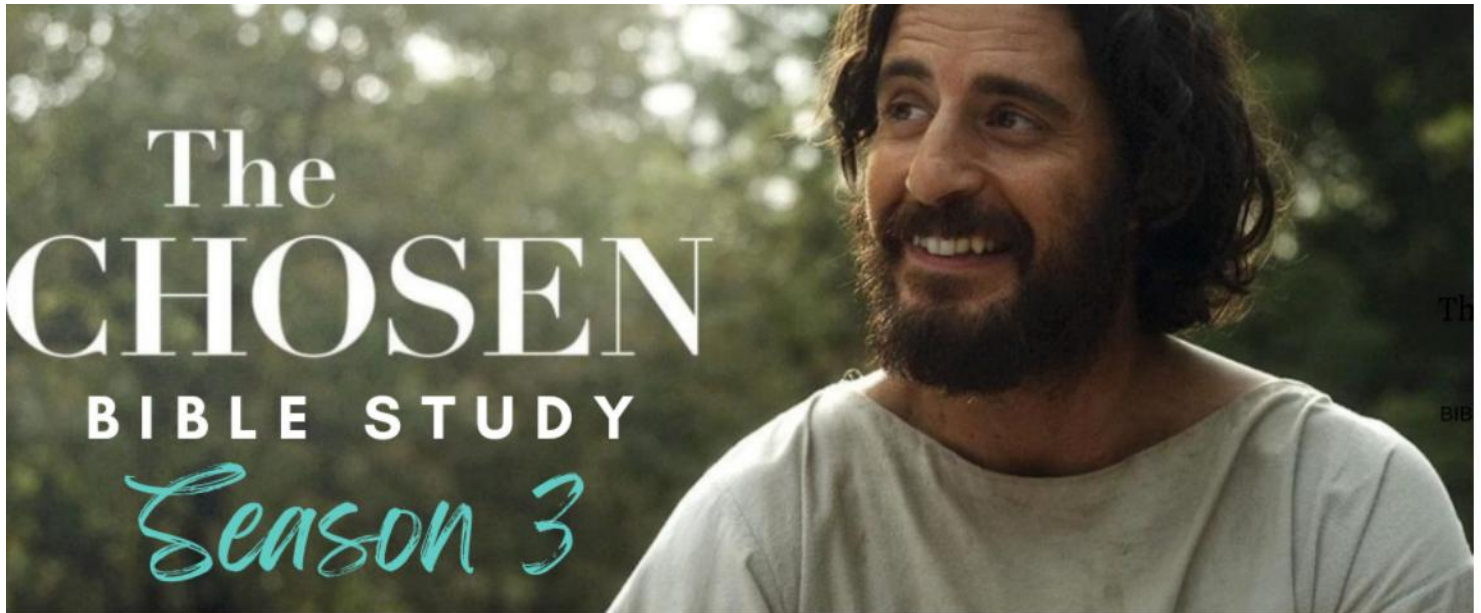
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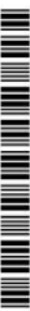
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