



Our Lady of Peace

THE HOLY SPIRIT changes everything

I will not leave you orphans;
I will come to you. . .
On that day you will realize
that I am in my Father
and you are in me and I in you.

John 14:15-21

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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.

May 2023

14th Baby Items: Formula/Snacks/Wipes

21st Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

28th Pasta Sauce/Pasta



Pantry is OPEN May 9th & 23rd

(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 are 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 info, contact: Deacon John Mang at deacon.john@olp.org or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office, at 814-838-9983.

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; / proclaim to the ends of the earth: / The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading - The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalms - May the whole world shout to God in jubilation (Psalm 66).

Second Reading - Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18).

Gospel - I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21).

Family Discussion of the Week: The Strength of Faith

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." (John 14:23)

Adults: The Spirit gives us inner wisdom and strength. When have you experienced this?

Kids: The Holy Spirit makes you strong inside. When do you need to be strong?

THE ADVOCATE

As Jesus prepared the apostles for the time when he would no longer be with them physically, and knowing that they would face hardship, trials, and persecution in the future, he promised them an Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Through baptism that same Spirit dwells within us, always with us to guide us in the truth of God's love and strengthen us so that we may know Christ and live as Christ's people. Now, as in every time, God knows it is not always easy to live as a Christian. With the assurance of the Holy Spirit's presence, we find the grace to love Jesus and to keep the Lord's commandments.

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023****46th Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of Peace Church (1977)**

7:00AM John Carr - Tom & June Carr
 12:10PM Maria Lopez - Restivo Family
 7:00PM Holy Hour -

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

7:00AM Irene Zaczekiewicz - Son, Jim
 12:10PM Louis Bruno - Haythorn & Swonger Families

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023

7:00AM Jean Farmer - Friend
 11:15-Noon Confessions
 12:10PM George Bosner - Greg & Sylvia Bosner

Vigil Mass: The Ascension of the Lord/Holy Day of Obligation

5:30PM Mary Ann Testa -
 Sister-in-Law Edie & Nephew, Adam

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023**The Ascension of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation**

7:00AM Chuck Rohrbach - John & Rose Ann Gutting
 12:10PM Debbie Sciamanda - Nora Boehm
 1:30PM School Mass - Attilio Ciccozzi -
 Ehrman Family

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

7:00AM Nancy Trubel - Friend
 12:10PM Sarah Harrington -
 Mom, Dad, Kayleigh, Josh & Daniel

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

8:00AM Jack O'Neill - Bonnie Fetzner & Daughters
 8:30-9:00AM Confessions
 3:45-4:45PM Confessions
 5:00PM Leo Pamula - Family

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
 9:00AM Jack C. Fatica - Family
 11:00AM Special Intention - Brian & Annemarie
 4:30PM John Kozak - Bernie & Bob Kosobucki

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

Joe Eichorn / Monica Zukowski

**Daily at 11:40AM**

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 May 14th*

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
 Jn 15:26 - 16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
 Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
 Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension)
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
 Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
 Jn 17:1-11a

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departments and transitions. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions. "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."

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:

May 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.
 Mar. 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B.
 Mar. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.
 Mar. 17: Len & Cathy K, Helen W., Barbra W., Nancy D.
 Mar. 18: Carlee Y., Rachel O.
 Mar. 19: Amber D, Chris L.
 Mar. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Donna G.
 Mar. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami 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 Mother's Day! Even though Mother's Day is not part of our religious, liturgical calendar, it is still a fitting day for our parish to celebrate the gift of motherhood that God provides for us. He does this through our biological mothers, but He also does this through our blessed Mother Mary and the Church (which is sometimes called Holy Mother Church). Motherhood is the source of life, it nurtures life and protects life and that is what our mothers, mother figures, Mary and the church do for all of us. We will offer a special blessing for all mothers at Masses this weekend and we pray that they be renewed in their incredible vocation of sacrificial love that they witness to us. Let's all make sure we tell our mothers today how grateful we are for them.

We also continue to honor our Blessed Mother throughout the month of May in a special way. The Our Lady of Fatima Statue will remain in the sanctuary of the main church throughout this month to remind us of that (and see in my notes about more Marian Feasts in May).

We have a special opportunity to honor our church this week as we celebrate the 46th anniversary of the dedication of our church building on Monday, May 15th. We will have Masses at 7am and 12:10pm (with music and more solemnity) and then have a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration at 7pm to pray for our parish in a special way. I hope you will plan to be a part of one of these liturgies to celebrate our anniversary.

May God bless all mothers and our 6th Week of Easter 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...

****Ascension Thursday is this week (May 18th) and is a holy day of obligation.** Masses at OLP are Wednesday, May 17th at 5:30pm and Thursday at 7am, 12:10pm and 1:30pm (School Mass).

****Pastoral Council Nominations** There is information at the doors of the church regarding nominations for the Pastoral Council here at OLP to replace the 3 members who are completing their terms. It explains the purpose of the council as well as indicating the present members. You are asked to write a letter outlining your reasons for nominating your candidate (or yourself) and then your nominee is to sign it as an indication that they accept the nomination. The letters of nomination are to be turned into the parish office by Friday, May 19th.

****Our Annual Parish Appreciation Dinner, Saturday, May 20th at 6:15pm in the school cafeteria.** All parishioners who volunteer for parish ministries are invited, please call the office by Monday, May 15th to RSVP.

****Habitat for Humanity** OLP Parish is participating in Habitat for Humanity builds on **Saturday, June 3rd- from 8am-12 Noon**. Please see page 7 for more information. 

****Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2023 UPDATE** Update: 459 pledges for \$227,494. That means we have our parish goal! Well done, OLP! It goes towards replacing the yellowed and worn plexiglass over the outside of the stain glass windows with new tempered glass. If you have not yet handed in your CSA pledge, please send, drop off or bring it to Mass and include it in the offertory. Thank you for your support.

****Prayer Wall** The month of May all are encouraged to place their note of PRAISE and ADORATION to God on the prayer wall. We offer praise especially during this Easter Season as God is all powerful, all present and deserving of our praise.

****Marian Opportunities for May** Being a Marian Parish, it is good to remember that we seek to honor Mary in a special way throughout the month of May. That began at Our Lady of Peace with our school celebration of Mary's Day last Friday. Other opportunities to honor Mary the rest of the month are...

Monday, May 15th, the 46th Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of Peace Church (1977)- we will have Masses at 7am and 12:10pm (with music) and a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration at 7pm for our parish on its anniversary.

Monday, May 29th, the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church- 9am Mass which will also be offered for Living and Deceased Veterans since it is Memorial Day. This is a newly instituted feast by Pope Francis in the last 5 years.

Wednesday, May 31st, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary- we will celebrate our normal daily Masses at 7am and 12:10pm.

Weekday Rosary at OLP in the main church which starts at 11:40am.

And I certainly encourage you to find other ways to honor Mary through your personal devotions this month as well. Mary was that gift given to us by Jesus from the cross so receive that gift and allow Mary to draw you closer to her Son Jesus this month in a special way!

****COVID Protocols** Last week our Liturgy Committee updated our COVID protocols.

We eliminated the hand sanitizers in the aisles of the church.

We reduced the section reserved for masks to the back half of the eastern section of pews in the church (from the split to the back- which is 6 pews).

The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion who distributes Communion to the far eastern section will no longer have to mask.

STILL in place is the protocol that our clergy and EMHCs will sanitize their hands after receiving Holy Communion and before distributing.

We will continue to Livestream the 9am Mass and say the Spiritual Communion Prayer for those who are unable to come to church for Mass.

The Diocese of Erie has maintained their expectation that we do not distribute the Precious Blood to the congregation at Mass.

**Please congratulate the following Parishioners
who made their First Holy Communion
at Our Lady of Peace:**

Ryleigh Anderson	Vincent Jarecki
Carmella Bardo	Joseph Magorien
Bryce Braendel	Julianna Monschein
Luca Cavalier	Chris Mungarurime
Gianna Coletta	Henry Peters
Benjamin Dahlkemper	Kyler Price
Lillian Danch	Gabriel Prischak II
Declan Dart	Elise Quivey
Amelia DeJohn	Remmi Ras
Giovanni Duchini	Nolan Rokosky
Emma Exley	Gabriella Ross
Zoe Ferralli	Jiana Saldanha
Matthew Ferrare	Charles Sanner
Laina Fisher	Evelyn Schermerhorn
Alanna Fluegel	Liz Shaffer
Anna Fluegel	Dominick Shaner
Brynn Frailey	Kathryn Stevens
Eli Fuhrman	Ellyiah Tarasovitch
Jack Giammarise	Mackenna Thomas
Josephine Good	Owen Vereb
Graham Hewitt	Shaun Vommaro
Connor Hoelke	Sophia Wawrzyniak
Mason Hunter	

**Please congratulate the following Parishioners
who made their Confirmation at Our Lady of
Peace with Bishop Lawrence Persico presiding:**

Caroline Agresti	Ella Cain
Emma Avey	Samuel Carbo
Kline Barnhart	Megan Cardella
Allison Bebko	Gian Catrabone
Jonah Bebko	Gianna Chiarelli
Mallory Becker	Anna Chivalette
Allison Bender	Shawn Chludzinski
Lilli Beuchert	Cameron Christman
Gregory Boam	Aiden Clifford
Ellie Brugger	Alexis Danch
Graydon Brugger	Andrew Danch
Andrew Burns	Quinn Dibble
Matthew Burns	David Dobberstein
Alyssa Bruschi	Joshua Drabant
Tyler Buttenfield	Ashton Duchini

Emily Dudenhoeffer	Cassidy Netkowicz
Sarah Dudenhoeffer	Kenneth Ngo
Benjamin Esper	Anthony Nicolia
Michael Ferraro	Nora Nies
Amelia Ferretti	Karlee Nolan
Megan Fleming	Elle Orlando
Avery Forne	Isabel Owens
Katelin Gausman	Brady Palmer
Kaitlyn Ginn	Antonio Pamula
Cameron Grieshaber	Carson Phillips
Tyler Haft	Jacob Piotrowski
Brianna Heidt	Josie Plaster
Emmily Heinemann	Anna Poranski
Emma Heinlein	Andrew Potosnak
Gary Hills	Aiden Probst
Matthew Hinman	Gracie Probst
Kara Hoffman	Hannah Randall
Jaiden Howland	Andrew Roddy
Gianna Iadeluca	Claire Ross
Emma Izbicki	Francesca Russo
Jackson Johns	Skyler Sadden
Caesar Kennelley	Kiara Saldanha
Nathaniel Klan	Andrew Sandell
Samantha Korytowski	Mya Schenker
Jacob Koshan	Juliana Simon
Nicholas Kupniewski	Grace Sirianni
Nicholas Lata	Casaday Smochek
Noah Lata	Connor Soety
Amelia Lyons	Rylan Sorge
Gavin Magorien	Maxim Spence
Leah Major	Landon Spero
Gracie Maya	Katelyn Stravinsky
Lauren McCarthy	Declan Toohey
Gerard McDonald IV	Colin Troutman
Eryn McFadden	Kylie Troutman
Jenna Mergler	Emilee Vereb
Hannah Mikovich	Cooper Wierzchowski
Gianna Mirarchi	Justin Yochim
Natalie Montagna	Monica Yochim
Cecelia Morgan	Samuel Zabrowsky
Miriam Murnock	Ashley Zdunski
Elisabeth Nagg	Michael Zelenak
R.J. Nagg	Dominic Zeto
Allison Nawrocki	

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Celebrate the gift of life and help us purchase a new Ultrasound Machine for The Women's Care Center.

Pick up your baby bottle this Mother's Day and fill it with your change, currency or check. Return your full bottle on Father's Day.

Checks should be made payable to the Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus Council of Our Lady of Peace

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, May 14th

OLP Cafeteria from 8:00 to 12:30PM

**Bring Mom for Breakfast
(Mom's eat for FREE)**

Menu:

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

Now Accepting Credit Cards

Adults \$8 Child \$4 5 & Under Free

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Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - National CyberTipline - The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline is the nation's centralized reporting system for the online exploitation of children. Anyone can make reports of suspected online enticement of children for sexual acts, molestation, child pornography, child sex tourism, child sex trafficking (includes prostitution), Child sextortion and unsolicited obscene materials sent to a child. Misleading domain names, misleading words or digital images on the internet can also be reported to the CyberTipline. NCMEC staff review each tip and work to find a potential location for the incident reported so that it may be made available to the appropriate law-enforcement agency for possible investigation. NCMEC provides resources/help in removing an online image. Reports can be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week online at www.cybertipline.org or by calling (800)843-5678. for additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project

"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others." Booker T. Washington

Maria House Project is grateful for all you do through the **Casserole Club** at Our Lady of Peace, and hopes you enjoy the happiness Booker T. Washington expresses in his quote.

The **May casseroles**, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church social room (basement) on *Saturday, May 20th*, 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.



OUR LADY OF PEACE YOUTH GROUP



For more info contact sarah.beavereolp.org

May

May 10th-MS YG, social room 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



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GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL CYO BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Open to any girl in grades 9-12 during the '23/'24 school year. Games will be played in the Fall of 2023 (Aug-Oct). This league will avoid any travel ball/high school seasons.

Details: We are looking to determine the level of interest. We are unsure how it will look until we know the number of players. Ideally, participants would play for their "home parish," however that will be determined based on the number of players/teams.

Questions or Interested in playing? Email Melissa & John Nawrocki at mj2miracles@gmail.com with your name, school, grade for '23/'24 and parish affiliation.

Interested in coaching? Email Melissa & John Nawrocki at mj2miracles@gmail.com with your availability.

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YOU are invited to volunteer for an OLP Service Project!



- When:** Saturday, June 3rd
- Time:** 7:45AM until Noon
- Where:** 2418 Pear Street in Erie
- What:** New construction; variety of tasks
Tools and equipment provided!
Non-construction volunteers also needed to provide snack at break-time.
- Who:** 16 years of age or older
(All must complete a waiver; parent signature needed for youth waiver)
Need at least 4 and no more than 12 construction volunteers
- Contact:** Nancy Milkowski at: nancy@habitaterie.org or (814)454-7025 ext.104



Happy Mother's Day



Save the Date and start cleaning out your closets...

*The OLP Boy Scout Troop 59
Annual Garage Sale*

Saturday, June 10, 2023 8:00AM to 1:00PM

Watch for more info...

Correction: ↓

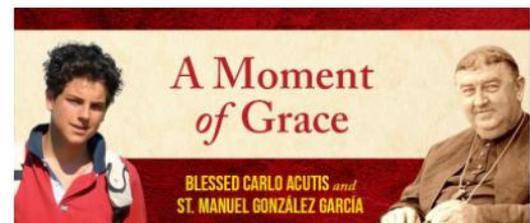
OLP Rosary/CCM Meeting
Tureen Dinner

Thursday, May 18, 2023

6:00PM OLP School Cafeteria

Questions, please call:
Marilyn 814-833-4683
or Pat 814-838-7145

The Diocese of Erie is one of 39 American dioceses with the privilege of hosting the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis *the first millennial to be beatified* and St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia *the Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle*.
Visit: <https://www.eriecd.org/relics.html> for the complete schedule which starts Tuesday, May 23rd at St. Jude the Apostle.



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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

Get Connected

NEW TO THE PARISH? WANT TO GET INVOLVED BY NOT SURE HOW?

- Register your family with the parish
- Check out the "events" page on our website, www.olp.org
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website or call the office at 814-833-7701 for help.
- Download myPairsh App by texting APP to 88202. Select Our Lady of Peace, Erie PA 
- Check out the great Catholic content on FORMED. Register through the website www.olp.org by clicking on the FORMED image. Enter your name & email and create a password.

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If you are cleaning out your closets or spare rooms and find any *unwanted cotton, flannel or fleece material*, please consider donating it to the **Sew What?** group. *Yarn, thread and batting is also needed.*

This group sews pillowcases, quilts, blankets, winter hoods, scarves, stuffed animals and other things for veterans, refugees and our Erie neighbors in need. Over the years **Sew What?** Has delivered thousands of items to community service agencies in the Erie area, relying solely on donations to perform its work.

Please contact: Mary E., 814-866-2854 or Joni B., 814-881-8324 to donate. Pickup is available.

Erie City Mission Volunteers Needed

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

Dates are Saturday's:

May 20, June 17, July 15

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!

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May 1, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As members of the worldwide Catholic family, we can be proud of the Church's outreach to our fellow brothers and sisters of the human family. Believers and non-believers alike know first-hand of the generosity of Catholics the world over. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless, wherever and whomever they may be. The Church has been doing this work for centuries, and today I ask your assistance that it may continue.

The annual Collection for International Needs, to be taken up in the Diocese of Erie on the weekend of May 20-21, offers a concrete way for us to reach out to those who live in distant lands. It is actually a combination of three national collections.

- It provides aid to Catholics in the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** to help build churches; train and educate seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders; publish Catholic newspapers; support orphanages; and support evangelization among children, youth, and adults.
- It also helps all people, regardless of race, creed, or nation through **Catholic Relief Services**, providing for the victims of war and natural disasters, aiding the Church suffering under persecution, alleviating poverty, and educating the poor. Catholic Relief Services has been particularly active in areas of the world recently afflicted by earthquake and tsunami disasters.
- It provides needed assistance to the **Church in Africa**, a rapidly growing and vibrant Church which is rich in vitality but poor in resources.

I ask your generous response to the Collection for International Needs on May 20-21. Just as important is your prayer for those in need, whether here in the Diocese of Erie, or across the globe. Please know that your gift is appreciated. You and your family remain in my prayer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

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**A Stewardship of Sharing
March 2023
Fiscal Year July 2022 - June 2023**

	Monthly	YTD
Weekly Envelope	\$ 71,887	\$678,702
Loose	3,944	36,255
Holy Days	17	11,517
Monthly School Support	1,348	13,250
Christmas/Easter/Flowers	2,963	18,321
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Total Offertory	\$80,159	\$758,045
Budgeted Offertory	\$ 81,125	\$730,125
(Deficit) Surplus	(\$966)	\$ 27,920
Diocesan Designated Fund Support	\$ 138	\$ 16,769

Ways to Support Our Parish

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- Drop your envelope in the collection basket at Mass or at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support.

**2023 CSA
February 2023 to January 2024**

Goal \$ 212,000
 Pledge Payments Received to Date.....\$ 139,674
Total Pledges\$ 226,864
455 Families - Goal is 500 Families

Every dollar raised supports important Diocesan services and every dollar raised over our assessment will be kept in the parish for parish improvements.
Our 2023-2024 Diocesan assessment is \$137,152.

WOMEN'S
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GROUP

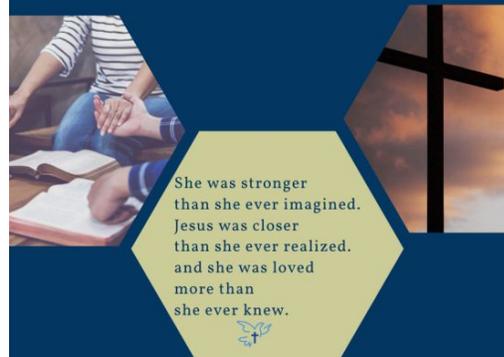
Every day women of faith courageously pursue lives to glorify God. This evening is a chance to encourage and journey with other women in their walks with Christ.

All are welcome to join us on May 17th from 6:30-8pm in the Meeting Room off the cafeteria.

Contact Maria Good at

570-597-8339 with any questions.

**no meetings June-August. Enjoy the summer break.



Save the Date...



*Plan to attend the
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to the Presbyteral Ordination of

The Reverend Mr. Christopher Alan Beran
The Reverend Mr. Cory Lee Pius

Friday, May 26, 2023
7:00PM

St. Peter Cathedral
230 West 10th Street, Erie, PA



**All Volunteers Welcome
Sunday Supper Mission**

Meal served at First Presbyterian Church

We need your help in preparing, cooking and feeding our brothers and sisters in need.

Planning Meeting: Wednesday May 24, 7PM

Where: OLP School Cafeteria Room B4

What: Select Menu and volunteer for tasks

Who: Any parishioner 15+ years

Date to Serve: Sunday June 4th, 3:30-5:30pm

Contact: Pete Piotrowski, 814-600-5386 or
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