



# *Our Lady of Peace*

*God so loved the world  
that he gave  
his only-begotten Son,*

John 3:16-18

so that everyone  
who believes in him  
might not perish  
but might have eternal life.

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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.

**June 2023**



4th Granola Bars / Crackers

11th Cleaning / Laundry Supplies

18th Rice (Microwaveable/Instant)

25th Cereal / Oatmeal

**Pantry is OPEN June 13th & 27th**

**(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](mailto:deacon.john@olp.org) or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office, at 814-838-9983.

**Sunday's Readings:**

**Entrance Antiphon** - Blest be God the Father, / and the Only Begotten Son of God, / and also the Holy Spirit, / for he has shown us his merciful love.

**First Reading** - The LORD, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).

**Psalm** - Exaltation and glory to the end of time! (Daniel 3).

**Second Reading** - Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (2 Corinthians 13:11-13).

**Gospel** - God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (John 3:16-18).

**Family Discussion of the Week: A God of Love**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)

**Adults:** We live within the Trinity whenever we live in love. How does this mystery connect to your daily life?

**Kids:** How do you choose to live as a more loving person?

**GOD'S LIFE AND LOVE**

Throughout the liturgical cycle of Sundays and seasons, there are certain days that invite us to focus on particular aspects of our faith. Today is such a day, when we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. On this Sunday after Pentecost, we reflect on the mystery of our Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. From the moment of creation, through the encounter of Moses with God on the mountain, through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, our understanding and appreciation of God's very life has unfolded and deepened. Jesus came into the world to make God's life and love known, the love of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the love of God that brings us peace.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023**

7:00AM James Whitman - Family  
12:10PM Terri Johnson - Loretta Schaal

**TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023**

7:00AM Caroline DiPlacido - Frank, Suzanne & Family  
12:10PM Gerri Porfilio - Carol Bianchi  
6:30PM OLP School 8th Grade Graduation

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023**

7:00AM Colomba & John Leone - Sister & Family  
11:15-Noon Confessions  
12:10PM Frank & Helen Santangelo - Joan

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023**

7:00AM Chuck Rohrbach - Friends  
12:10PM Rose & Angelo Caito - Daughter

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023**

7:00AM Peggy Zurawski - Daughters  
12:10PM Debbie Sciamanda - Nora Boehm

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023**

8:00AM Jean DoNofrio - Children & Family  
8:30-9:00AM Confessions  
3:45-4:45PM Confessions  
5:00PM Margaret Hardner - Patricia

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**  
7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP  
9:00AM Mary Ellen Hoffman Agnello - Ed & Rina  
11:00AM Carol Galdon - Michael & Denise Gaines  
4:30PM John Kozak - Ruth & Tom Dombrowski  
5:15PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:00PM Solemn Evening Prayer & Benediction

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 Chuck Rohrbach - Carol Cosper.  
**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Robert Wiczorek - Parents & Family.

**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 June 4th*  
Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6; Mk 12:1-12  
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17  
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mk 12:18-27  
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34  
Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37  
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44  
Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

 Our Lady of Peace...  
Pray for us.

**BANN II**  
Jim Gatesman / Sarah Formanski  
**BANN II**  
Thomas Enssle / Rachel Zavasky



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

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

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



## From the Pastor's Desk...

A blessed Trinity Sunday to you! This Sunday I am excited to share with you a new initiative at our parish called "OLP Serves." On Saturday, August 19th, teams of volunteers from OLP will be sent to serve other members of our parish with small projects and work around their homes that they are unable to do on their own. This is a model that our parish has participated in over the years through Young People Who Care (YPWC) in Frenchville as well as Catholic Heart Work Camps throughout the country and ServErie throughout the city.

Members of our Parish Outreach Committee thought it would be great to apply this model to serve the needs of our own parish community. So, this weekend we are asking you to help us in one of three ways:

**One-** Help us identify projects that fellow parishioners might need to be done. People are not always comfortable asking for help so we need help identifying who we could offer to help.

**Two-** Volunteer for Saturday, August 19th from 8:30AM to 4:00PM.

**Three-** Make a donation to cover the cost of supplies and materials for those parishioners who might need help purchasing their supplies.

OLP Serves will be a great way to help our parish grow as a community and to grow in grace by serving and being willing to be served. Please join me in praying for this initiative and considering in what ways you can be a part of it.

May God bless OLP Serves and our 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...

**\*\*The Boy Scout Garage Sale is Saturday, June 10th from 8AM to 1PM.** Donation drop offs are Thursday and Friday (June 8-9) evenings from 6-8pm. Thank you for supporting our scouting program!

**\*\*Please see elsewhere for information on becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.** There will be an opportunity to sign up the weekend of June 10-11 and training will be held on Saturday, June 17th.

**\*\*For the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Sunday, June 11th from 5:15-6pm followed by Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction.**

**\*\*Deacon John Mang's 15th Anniversary of Ordination was May 16th.** Deacon John has served 14 of those years at Our Lady of Peace Parish. Please join me in congratulating Deacon John when you see him, praying for him and thanking him for his ministry to us and the church of the Diocese of Erie.

*Thank  
You*



**\*\*Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession** There will be a procession held in downtown Erie for the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) which is Sunday, June 11th at 2pm. It will start and end at St. Peter Cathedral. Adoration will also be held in the Cathedral during the Procession if you are unable to participate in the procession itself. This will begin the second year of the revival which focuses on the parish (whereas the first year focused on a diocesan level).

"The One Hour to Peace"... from Mass to Mission is an exciting parish wide formation experience coming this fall. By diving deeper into your faith and the most important hour of every week, you will find yourself less worried, more restful and energized in your daily life. You will realize that one hour with your parish family is not just one more "thing" to add to your busy schedule but is the way that we support each other through life's struggles and challenges. More information will be coming in early fall but for now, pray and plan to join us for a 5-week journey beginning in October.

**\*\*Safety at OLP** I would like to take a moment to address the incident that occurred at Blessed Sacrament a few weeks ago at the 7:30pm Sunday Mass.

First, I share the statement from Bishop Persico "...at the end of the 7:30PM Mass at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Erie, there was an incident involving a young man and some others attending Mass. Those present had many different experiences regarding the incident. Here are the facts we know:

According to the Erie Police Department, the 20-year-old man walked into the church wearing a hat under a hoodie. Witnesses say that as Mass came to an end, the young man was speaking with some parishioners who noticed he had a pocketknife and what appeared to be a gun in his pocket. One of the individuals speaking with the young man grabbed what turned out to be a BB gun and threw it to the ground. The young man did not brandish the knife or the gun and made no threats. He was held until police arrived and questioned him. The young man was found not to be a threat by the Erie Police Department and released. The District Attorney's Office has been made aware of the incident.

I thank God no one was hurt in this situation. There is a heightened awareness in our communities due to the many tragedies related to gun violence and to so much loss of life in our country, including in recent months. People are understandably paying attention and even taking action in situations that seem suspect. We pray for all of the people who attended Mass last evening — it was a frightening and confusing situation. We also pray for the young man involved. Churches and other places of worship are as at risk as schools and businesses today. We are continually working to create safe and secure places where people can worship in peace and safety. On more than one occasion I have called for stricter gun laws. Until that occurs, people will remain on high alert. At the same time, I have said we must work to strengthen families and improve access to mental health care and early intervention.

I encourage all of us to be charitable and kind and to make sure information shared about this incident remains factual.”

Several people reached out to me after this occurred to ask what Our Lady of Peace was doing to help create a safe and secure place for worship at our parish. So, I take this occasion to update you on what we are doing. In the fall of 2021, our Pastoral Council created a Safety Committee at Our Lady of Peace. I asked Tom Sargent, who was a pastoral council member at the time, to oversee the committee. We identified members of our community that have experience in this area- past and present members include Tom Sargent, Kevin Raines, Mike Dugan (Retired Millcreek Detective), Gary Carver (President of the West Ridge Fire Department) Mindi Wierzchowski (medical team lead), Matt Benacci (Millcreek Police), Camron Wilkins (owner of The Wilkins Company which specializes on security systems) and Kim Miles (OLP Usher/ Hospitality Representative).

Since its creation the Safety Committee has researched extensively what policies are presently in places of worship throughout the country (including All Saints Parish in Waterford which is the only parish in the Diocese of Erie which has an official team and policy), met with local emergency intervention experts and had them evaluate our parish and make recommendations for our church and campus, created a medical emergency team and policy as well as improving our inventory for supplies on hand in the church, and organized an AED/CPR/ First Aid Training for Ushers and other volunteers at the parish. They are also presently working on a weather emergency policy and a fire evaluation of the church and rectory.

The Safety Committee had also planned an Active Shooter Training for May 20<sup>th</sup> but that had to be postponed. The incident at Blessed Sacrament certainly reinforces the need for our Safety Committee to continue its work and we will reschedule the training in the next few months and communicate the details. We will also communicate some of the basic principles of emergency situations to the entire parish. I hope this affirms that our leadership at OLP takes the safety of our parishioners and guests seriously and we will continue to do our best to create that safe and secure environment that Bishop Persico spoke of in his statement. If you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to contact me at [fr.rich@olp.org](mailto:fr.rich@olp.org).

## Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Teach your child to protect him/herself at home** - We consider our homes to be safe places for our children but being home alone can pose risks for children. Here are a few tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe when you are not at home: Teach your child to never answer the door if home alone. Teach them to never tell anyone, on the phone, on social media, or while gaming, that their parents are not home. Make a rule to not allow friends into the home without the permission of a parent or babysitter. Have your child check in with Mom or Dad at set times during the day. Parents should reinforce the rules each time they leave their child home alone. For additional parent resources visit: [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/)

# 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 in the church office. 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



## Garage Sale Proceeds

Two parishioners plan a huge annual garage sale to benefit Hekima Place - a girls' orphanage and school in Kenya, Africa.

Hekima Place is a non-profit started by a woman, from Pittsburg, with a big heart. Arlene Chaney and Jeanne Marie Ryan have supported this orphanage/school for 10 years. The girls at Hekima Place are from infant through university. They are dedicated to housing and educating the girls so they can grow up to a better life and change how girls and women are viewed and treated in Africa.

You can help by supporting their sale, 9:00-5:00PM:

*June 16, 17, 18      June 23, 24, 25*

*June 30, July 1, 2*

3309 Asbury Road

**There is something for everyone at this sale: household items, yard/workshop items, vintage, misc. items; and two 25¢ tables**



# NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

RECRUITMENT WEEKEND

JUNE 10–11TH

If you have ever considered serving our parish community as a Eucharistic Minister, now is the time! Confirmed High School students are welcome.

Current Eucharistic Ministers will be in the vestibule after all of the weekend Masses to answer questions and provide information about this very important ministry. This will also be your opportunity to sign up for the necessary training.

Commissioned Eucharistic Ministers are fully initiated, active members of our church community.

Contact ministry leaders Charlie Rutkowski or Karen Martin - olpeom@gmail.com or 814-835-3608 with any questions.

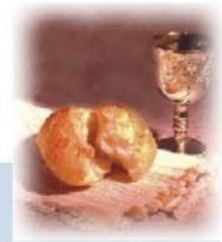
*Eucharistic Minister  
Training Session  
Saturday  
June 17th  
8:45AM to Noon  
in the Church*



Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.” **John 6:35**

**Please prayerfully consider joining this fulfilling ministry, bringing Christ’s Body and Precious Blood to our church community!**

# NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SIGNUP SHEET & TRAINING



If you have ever considered serving our parish community as a Eucharistic Minister, now is the time! Commissioned Eucharistic Ministers are fully initiated, active members of our church community.

If you are a parishioner, who is confirmed, attends Mass weekly, and in a marriage recognized by the Church, if married, are qualified to become a Eucharistic Minister.

Please fill out the information below and turn it into the Parish Office by June 12th if you would like to be a part of this wonderful Ministry.

Contact ministry leader Charlie Rutkowski or Karen Martin at olpeom@gmail.com or 814-835-3608 if you have an questions.

*Eucharistic Minister Training Sessions  
Saturday, June 17th at 8:45 AM-Noon*

Cut at perforation below and turn into Church Office

## 2023 - New Eucharistic Minister Information

Name					
Address					
City, State, Zip					
Phone Number					
E-Mail					
When did you become a member of the OLP Parish?					
Were you baptized? Please circle one	YES	NO	When?		Where?
Did you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church? Please circle one	YES	NO	When?		Where?
If you are married, was it recognized by the Catholic Church? Please circle one	YES	NO	When and where was it celebrated?		
Why do you feel called to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>				

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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.*

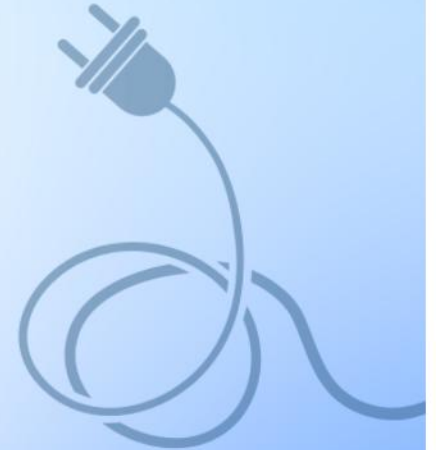
**CHECK ONE:**

- 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](http://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](http://www.olp.org) by clicking on the FORMED image. Enter your name & email and create a password.



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:**

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!**

## Advertiser of the Week:

Our bulletin is supported through the generosity of the advertisers - many of whom are our parishioners. Most are members of our local community. Please support our advertisers with your patronage. Tell the business owner that you appreciate their support of our parish through their ad in the bulletin.

## TOPICS SALON

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**1815 West 26th St., Erie, PA**  
**(814) 459-4247 [www.topicssalon.com](http://www.topicssalon.com)**







**Our Lady of Peace**  
**SUMMER**  
YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE



SAVE THE DATE:  
September 9th, 2023  
OLP Parish Picnic  
All are welcome!  
Starts with 5pm Mass.

## JUNE 2023

(ALL FAMILIES) Saturday, 6-10-23: Youth Group, 4-8pm, Beach 6  
(MS/HS) Saturday, 6-17-23: Youth Group, 2-5pm-followed with the Outdoor Mass & Bonfire  
-meet in the cafeteria  
(4th/5th GRADE) Tuesday, 6-20-23: Youth Group, 6:00-8:00pm, meet in small chapel  
(HS) Friday 6-23-23 to Sunday 6-25-23: Steubenville Youth Conference  
(ALL FAMILIES) Wednesday 6-28-23: Outdoor Movie Night, 8pm, 9 Square in the Air @7pm  
(MS/HS) Friday 6-30-23: Youth Group, 4:30-8:30pm, Beach 6

### A Family Perspective

As the Father “sent his son into the world” so parents send their children into the world “so that the world might be saved.” This is the missionary role of the Christian family. Your family is a school where your children develop convictions which enable them to make a difference in the world. Fathering is an awesome responsibility and not for the weak or transient.

### Depicting the Holy Trinity

The first Sunday after Pentecost, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This dogma concerning the reality of God is the key to understanding the truth of our Christian faith. The God of Israel is revealed to us as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier in the life and mission of Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Father sent his Son as Savior of the world. In a way that we can scarcely comprehend, these three Persons are only one God.

The doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity is a mystery of faith. It is not easy to understand, much less to imagine or portray the Trinity in sacred art. Nevertheless, many artists have tried to paint symbolically the truth of the Most Holy Trinity. In numerous images artists imagine the Father carrying Jesus on the cross and breathing the Holy Spirit over him in the form of a dove. In other representations, the Father and the Son are depicted as enthroned together above the clouds, breathing the Holy Spirit into existence. The wings of the dove are touching the lips of the Father and the Son, recalling the words of the Creed that it is the Holy Spirit “who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified.” In some images the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are shown in heaven receiving humanity, represented by Mary. Whatever the image, they all seek to express the inexpressible, profound truth of the Most Holy Trinity.

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration forms for the 2023-24 Faith Formation year are now available on our website under the Faith Formation tab. Confirmation registration forms for grades 9 and 10 can be found on the Confirmation page. Forms will also be emailed to current Faith Formation families the first week of June.

While the family is the first place our children learn the faith, faith formation classes deepen your child’s understanding of God’s love and mercy. The program at OLP is designed to support you in sharing Catholic teachings and accompany the whole family on their faith journey.

If your child is not enrolled in a catholic school, take a minute and register for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation program and journey together with us learning about and growing in the Catholic faith.

We are now accepting registrations for **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** from those students entering Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade this fall.

The theme of VBS 2023 is

*“Cathletics. . . training to be champions for Christ.”*

The cost is \$20 per child or \$25 per family and includes snacks each day as well as crafts and supplies. Please complete one form per child.

Registration forms can be found on the website, [olp.org](http://olp.org) under the Faith Formation tab on the Vacation Bible School page.

For more info please contact Tammie Mang,  
Faith Formation Director,  
814-838-9983 or [Tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:Tammie.mang@olp.org)



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:mj2miracles@gmail.com) with your availability.



**GARAGE  
SALE**

## OLP Boy Scout Garage Sale

**June 10, 2023**

**8:00AM to 1:00PM**

**OLP Cafeteria**

**Drop-off days: 6-8PM**

Thursday, June 8th

Friday, June 9th

*Proceeds benefit OLP  
Troop 59's activities.  
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*Bake Sale is Back!*

Contact: Nicole Kleckner, 814-403-5565

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**Catholic Prayer Corner**

**The Glory Be**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Anniversary Celebrations*

*for couples celebrating*

*25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more*

*Wedding Anniversaries in 2023*

*Sunday, August 6, 2023*

*Our Lady of Peace Church*

*2401 West 38th Street., Erie*

*2:00PM*

*Register by July 21st*

*either online at:*

*[www.erieccd.org/familylifeoffice/](http://www.erieccd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html)*

*anniv.html*

*or call Cynthia in the Church*

*office at 814-833-7701 x 0*

*Reception to follow in School Cafeteria*

*Happy Anniversary!*

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## **OUTDOOR MASS & bonfire**



**June 17th, 5-9pm**

Join us for Mass at 5pm in the parking lot between the church and school (bring a chair for comfortable seating).

Family bonfire will follow Mass at the pavilion behind the school: Hotdog and s'mores provided, please bring a dish to share.

*Our Lady of Peace*

## **SUNDAE FOR SUNDAYS!**



**SAVE THE DATES:**

Sunday, June 4th

Sunday, July 2nd

Sunday, August 27th

(All following the 4:30PM Mass)

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