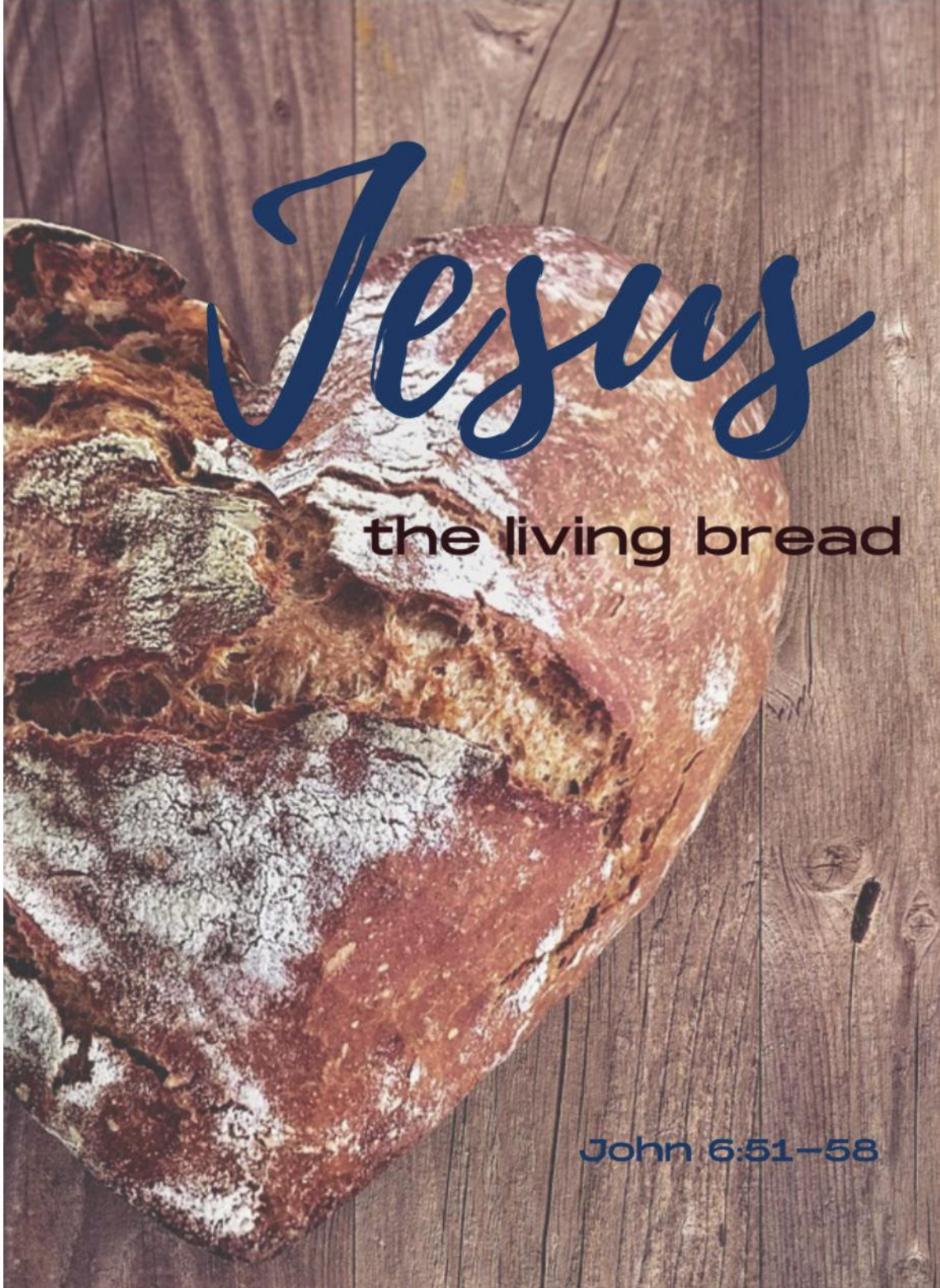




Our Lady of Peace



John 6:51-58

June 11, 2023

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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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

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 or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office, at 814-838-9983.

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - He fed them with the finest wheat / and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading - Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery and fed you with manna in the desert (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).

Psalm - God has blessed Jerusalem (Psalm 147).

Second Reading - Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

Gospel - Jesus said to the crowds, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51-58).

Family Discussion of the Week: Bread for Others

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh. (John 6:51)

Adults: What does it mean for you right now to be bread for others as Jesus was? **Kids:** In what ways can Jesus' presence in the Eucharist help you do good things for others?

NOURISHING FOOD

Manna in the desert, water from a rock, bread, wine. God provides food to nourish our bodies and our souls, to bring us into union with the Divine. This is what we celebrate on this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The Israelites who journeyed through the desert for forty years knew physical hunger, but they were also hungry for more—they needed to know that God was with them as they made their way through the dangerous desert. We too experience hunger. We need to be assured that the Lord is with us as we navigate the circumstances of our lives, some of which feel dangerous, if not to our bodies, certainly to our spirit. Our participation in the Eucharist provides this assurance and more: fed with Christ's Body and Blood, we are drawn into communion with Christ and one another.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Readings for the Week of June 11th

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 - 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36 - 10:8

7:00AM Deceased Members of the Mehler Family - Daughter, Sylvia
 12:10PM Winnie Fetzner - Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023

7:00AM Paul & Mary Naguszewski - Jerry & Mary Ann Anuszkiewicz
 12:10PM Ann Kostolansky - Daughter, Joan

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023

7:00AM Matilda Macaluso - Carol & Kevin
 11:15-Noon Confessions
 12:10PM L. B. Jankowski - Fred & Evelyn

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023

7:00AM Steve Frisina - Gina Adams
 12:10PM Donald Patrick Fried - Fred & Evelyn Fried

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00AM Leo Bujnowski - Son, Leon
 12:10PM Lester & Teresa Eichenlaub - Daughter, Mary
 6:00PM Wedding - Jim Gatesman / Sarah Formanski

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

8:00AM Tony Rusnak - Wife, Peggy & Family
 8:30-9:00AM Confessions
 2:00PM Wedding - Thomas Enssle / Rachel Zavasky
 3:45-4:45PM Confessions
 5:00PM Mary Lou Wagner - Corky Young

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Ralph Dangelo - Sargent Family
 9:00AM Anthony Patsy - Daughter
 11:00AM Americo Berarducci - Ed & Rina
 4:30PM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

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 L. B. Jankowski - Wife, Mary Ann.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Stanley Mackowski - Wife & 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!**



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Wanda Mozdy; for Joe Manzi; and for Gary Bauschard. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

A Family Perspective
 Parenting is a Eucharistic activity because from the first moment of conception children receive life from us. If we don't sacrifice ourselves, our children would not have life. This is the paschal mystery of parenting. Christ is present in each self-sacrifice.

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 11: Dave D., Paul M., Connie S.
- June 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Chris P.
- June 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F., Donna R.
- June 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.
- June 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B.
- June 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.
- June 17: Len & Cathy K, Helen W., Barbra W., Nancy D.
- June 18: Carlee Y., Rachel O.

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

When at Mass offer the Mass for Vocations by praying the prayer below:

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

Serra Prayer for Vocations

From the Pastor's Desk...

A blessed Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ to you! I encourage you to check out more information in my notes about some special opportunities for prayer today to celebrate the unique presence of our God in the Eucharist. I also want to emphasize that today is also the beginning of year two of the National Eucharistic Revival which focuses on the parish level (last year was diocesan level). One big aspect of our parish level focus at OLP will be the "One Hour to Peace... from Mass to Mission" formation experience in the Fall which we have been talking about and which we will focus more on in September. In addition to that, we will also be sending out more emails to the parish that celebrate different aspects of our Eucharistic faith (you should have already received some on special feasts over the last half year), there will be bulletin inserts to offer catechesis as well as food for thought on the Eucharist and we will sprinkle in some Eucharistic reflections in our homilies and holy hours. So keep your eyes open for these nuggets that I hope will help our parish continue to grow in Eucharistic Amazement!

I also share with information on the goals of the parish year of Eucharistic Revival from the National Eucharistic Revival.

"The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1324). In the Eucharist, we truly encounter the Lord Jesus and are plunged into his Paschal Mystery, and through this encounter our lives are transformed (cf. Desiderio Desideravi, nos. 10–11, 21). The Eucharist is not an object but a person who is alive and transforms lives. The person of Jesus Christ is at the heart of this Eucharistic moment in the United States. This is the work of revival. It is not an institutional work. We cannot demand revival but we can invite it, pray for it, and respond to it.

Beginning this summer, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, we arrive at the most pivotal year of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival called for by the bishops of the United States. God wants to bring revival to his Church through a rekindled relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, and this year, that invitation reaches the pews and beyond.

The purpose of the Year of Parish Revival is to discern how we might 'heal, form, convert, unify, and send' our parishioners through a 'rekindled relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist.'" There are four pillars that uphold the movement of Eucharistic revival in the United States: reinvigorate worship, create moments of personal encounter, engage in robust formation, and send Catholics forth as missionaries. This is the task of local parishes in this Year of Parish Revival: to revive their parishioners in their love with Jesus in the Eucharist and to send them forth to share this love with others. We must remember the power and responsibility of the local parish, especially in light of the jarring statistics about Eucharistic beliefs among Catholics. Seven in ten Catholics believe the Eucharist is merely a symbol, an encounter with an "it" instead of a "who." This reality should break our hearts, not because of what it means for Mass attendance or stewardship but because so many Catholics are missing the opportunity to know Jesus Christ. As our hearts break, we should remain hopeful and

empowered. We can directly impact these numbers. One thing is certain, though: in this movement of Eucharistic revival, the bishops of the United States are asking every parish to take one step further than their current efforts. The desired fruit is a Eucharistic encounter that leads to belief and becomes visible in practice. Revival requires encounter, and that encounter needs to happen—this year and every year following—in parishes across our country. "The parish is not an outdated institution," Pope Francis reminds us in *Evangelii Gaudium*. An encounter with Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord, is powerful because it changes us. It gives us our very character. The Year of Parish Revival offers pathways to encounter with, belief in, and worship of Jesus in the Eucharist."

May God bless our Year of Parish Revival 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...

****Deacon Luke Dagher has been assigned to Our Lady of Peace Parish for the summer so please join me in offering him a big welcome!** Luke was ordained a transitional deacon this past spring. He is originally from St. Mary Parish in St. Marys, PA. He is presently studying at St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore, MD. and he will be with us until mid-August.

****New Pastoral Council Members** Congratulations to Tori Sandstrom (young adult representative), Andrew Wawrzyniak and Mike Zavasky who were selected by lot as the newest members of our Pastoral Council at OLP. I thank the other parishioners who accepted nominations to the council this year and a big thank you to our outgoing council members- Jenn (Malue) Bartone, Sue Quinn, and Debbie Steiner!

****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.**

****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.

****OLP Serves** On August 19th, teams of volunteers from OLP will be sent to serve other members of our parish by completing 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 assistance with. People are not always comfortable asking for help, so we need your help in identifying those we can assist.

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. Donations should be dropped at the office and labeled OLP Serves.

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.

****OLP Raffle** Our annual parish fundraiser is underway. If you have not picked up your tickets in church, please do so to reduce our mailing costs. Each ticket sold supports the programs and mission of our parish. There is a grand prize of \$10,000 with five other prizes adding up to \$15,000 as well as monthly early bird drawings (June 17, July 14, and August 18). Remember to turn in the BONUS yellow ticket for every 10 tickets, giving you another chance at all the prizes.

Get your sold tickets in for a chance at our first Early Bird Prize on June 17th:

- Weber Grill
- Cuisinart 13 Piece Grill Set
- Cuisinart Pizza Grilling Pack
- Heavy Duty Oven Mitts
- Barbecue Hand Towel
- \$50 Gordon's Gift Certificate
- \$50 Outback Gift Card



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

On Sunday, June 11th, the new mobile ultrasound vehicle, funded through contributions to last year's baby bottle fundraiser, will be at OLP following the 9:00AM Mass. Stop by for a tour in the parking lot near the Scout House.

OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project

"Everyone can experience the joy of generosity; because everyone has something to give."

Jan Grace



The generosity from Our Lady of Peace benefiting Maria House Project is incredible! Your casseroles feed the body and warm the hearts of many. Thank you!

The June casseroles, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church social room (basement) on Saturday, June 17th, between 3:30 and 4:30pm. If you would like us to pick it up call us: Skip or Dottie Glover at 814-440-3496 or email us at scottiedippy@gmail.com. You may also leave the casserole in the church office during the drop-off time. Casseroles should be pre-cooked, frozen in a disposable container, with reheating directions attached. Names or addresses are NOT to be included.

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

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?					

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

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.



OLP Youth Serving the Poor at the Emmaus Soup Kitchen

For the past 23 years, Our Lady of Peace confirmation candidates have served at the Emmaus Soup Kitchen, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters in downtown Erie. In 2020, due to the pandemic, the requirement to serve at the kitchen changed to a voluntary service opportunity. As a result, we have seen an decrease in the number of our young people signing up to assist in this vital service.

This is an invitation to our high school youth in grades 10 through 12 to help the needy and continue this tradition. Summer is the perfect opportunity for you to help and if you need service hours, a great way to get this done before you return to school in the fall.

Help is needed on the following dates:

Thursday, June 15th, Monday, June 19th

Monday, July 17th, Thursday, July 20th

Thursday, August 17th, Monday, August 21st

Time of service is from 3:00 to 6:00PM each of these days.

Please contact Darrell Meyers, 814-450-3697 or darrell.meyers@olp.org for more info or to sign up.

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:

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Every year Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus falls on the first Friday after the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The devotion to the Sacred Heart comes from a French nun, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, to whom Jesus showed his heart in June 1675. He told her that his heart burned with love for human beings but Christians only offended him with insults, ingratitude, and indifference. Thus, the Sacred Heart of Jesus is shown with a flame of fire and surrounded by a crown of thorns.

How many times have we, as the Church or as individuals, pierced the heart of the Lord, our Spouse? Even so, the image of the heart of Jesus, pierced with thorns and aflame with love for us, continues to sing and call to us to be completely his. If we return to him, Jesus promises twelve blessings of peace, consolation, fervor, and other graces. The promises are generally for the good of our families, the conversion of sinners, and an increase in the faith. All of these promises focus on the infinite love of Jesus, who has our names engraved on his heart because of the love he has for us. Christ manifests himself as a spouse who desires the best for his bride, the Church. He commits himself to her and seeks to inflame her with love.

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Catholic Prayer Corner

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Lord Jesus,

let my heart never rest until it finds You,
who are its center, its love, and its happiness.

By the wound in Your heart

pardon the sins that I have committed
whether out of malice or out of evil desires.

Place my weak heart in Your own divine Heart,
continually under Your protection and guidance,
so that I may persevere in doing good
and in fleeing evil until my last breath. Amen.

—Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

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 have been emailed to current Faith Formation families last week. Please let us know if you did not receive the email.

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 – 5th 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; which 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 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

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.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html

or call Cynthia in the Church

office at 814-833-7701 x 0

Reception to follow in School Cafeteria

Happy Anniversary!



Building the future, one girl at a time.

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 women, 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

Quo Vadis Days



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Meet Our Seminarians

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