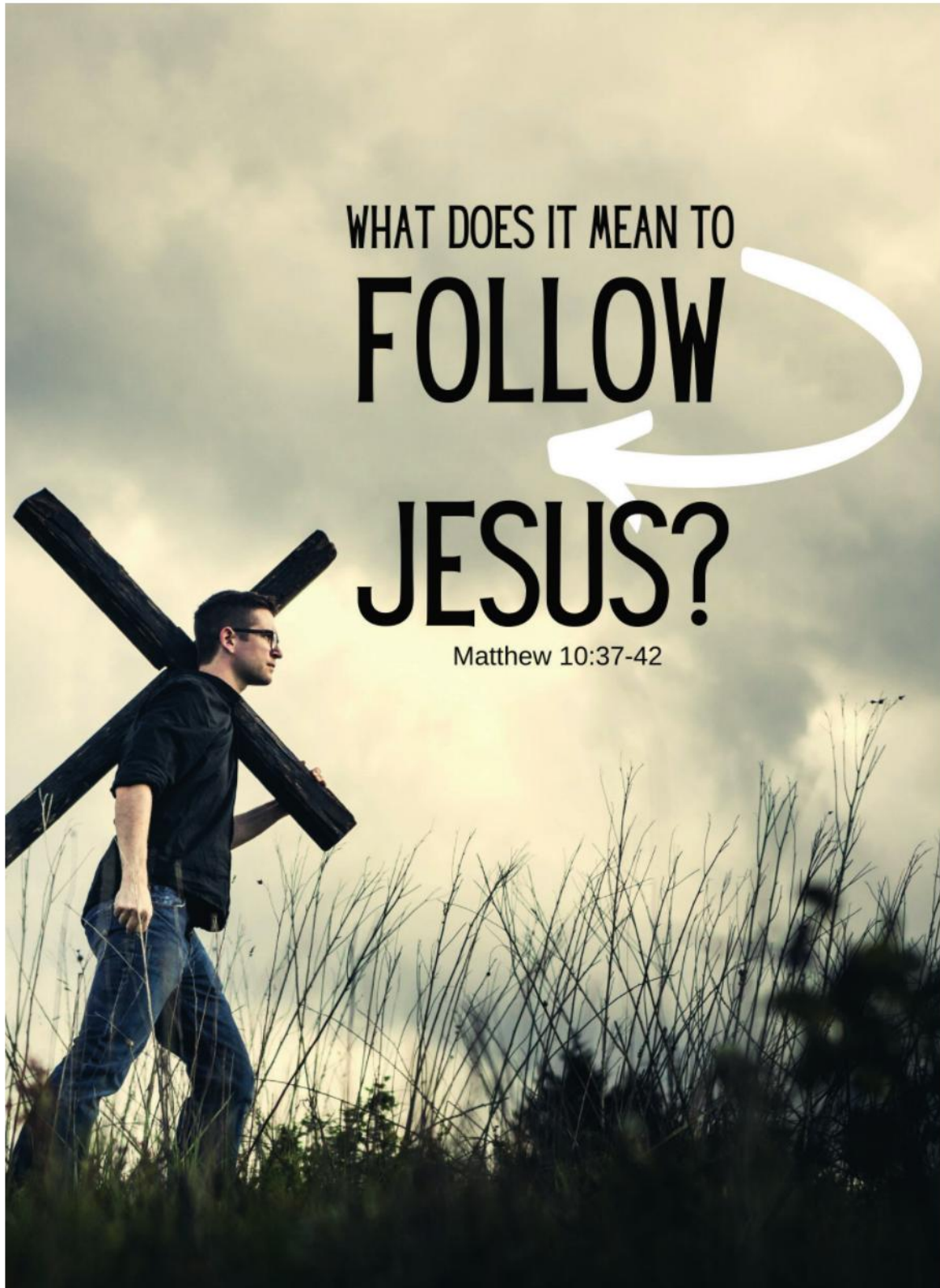




Our Lady of Peace



July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



July 2023

2nd Condiments: Ketchup/Mustard
9th Applesauce / Nut Butters
16th Meals in a Box / Rice
23rd Canned Tuna/Salmon/Chicken
30th Pasta Sauce / Pasta

Pantry is OPEN July 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!

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 - All peoples, clap your hands. / Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading - Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

Psalm - I will always sing of the Lord's promises (Psalm 89).

Second Reading - We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

Gospel - Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matt. 10:37-42).

Family Discussion of the Week: Showing Christ to Others

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. (Matthew 10:39)

Adults: When have you felt more fully alive by giving of yourself to another?

Kids: When have you been able to put what someone else needs ahead of what you want for yourself?

RECIPE FOR RIGHT LIVING

Our readings today could be seen as a simple recipe for right living. In the Hebrew Bible, hospitality is regarded as one of the highest virtues. Conditions were harsh, and when people received guests or strangers, they washed their feet, provided a meal, and offered shelter if they could. In Second Kings, a woman's generosity is rewarded with the prospect of a child. In Romans we are called to recognize our baptism in Christ. We are called to be "dead to sin, and living in Christ Jesus." In the Gospel passage from Saint Luke, Jesus bids us to take up our cross, and to receive others as if we were receiving Christ. Put them together, and all of them are a call to see the holy, to see God in others, and to live our lives in Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023

7:00AM William Yezzi - Dietz Family
 12:10PM John Dombrowski - Mom & Family

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023

Independence Day

9:00AM Special Intention for the United States of America



*Please note:
 The church offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 3rd & 4th, and will reopen on Wednesday, July 5th.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023

7:00AM Harry Cherson - Wife & Family
 12:10PM Shirley Bosner - Greg & Sylvia Bosner

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023

7:00AM Caroline DiPlacido - Frank & Suzanne
 12:10PM Jackie Jo Mozdy Fox - Fred & Evelyn Fried

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023

7:00AM Richard Abel - Jack & Roseann Gutting
 12:10PM Patrick Stellato - Family

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023

8:00AM Mary Holland - Holland Children & Grandchildren
 8:30-9:00AM Confessions
 5:00PM Leo Pamula - Family

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
 9:00AM Frances McDade - Fred & Evelyn
 11:00AM Nancy Pinna - Finazzo Family
 4:30PM Patty French - Meg Alin

The church will remain open for private prayer Monday through Thursday from 7:00AM - 8:00PM and Friday 7:00AM - 4:00PM

Confessions available:
 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 Patricia Jo Kostolansky - Sister-in-law, Joan.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Sam Johnson - Gloria Szymanowski.

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 July 2nd

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
 Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17
 Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

BANN II

Troy Honard / Alexandra Imbrogno



A Family Perspective

Today's gospel challenges us to resist the individualism of our culture. Everything we are and have is pure gift which we are expected to share especially to the "lowly ones." What has been freely given needs to be shared freely. No strings attached.

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:

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

Happy Fourth of July Weekend! We pray for our country this weekend in a special way as well as on July 4th at our Mass for Independence Day which I encourage you to celebrate with me at 9am.

This is Deacon Luke's first full weekend with us since his assignment started due to other commitments, so we continue to welcome him. Deacon Luke is starting a bible study this summer which I encourage you to consider. He will also be writing an 8-part series on the Eucharist to help us continue to prepare for our "One Hour to Peace... from Mass to Mission" experience in the Fall. These are great formation opportunities, and I thank Deacon Luke for his time.

Another way I would like to help you grow in personal faith formation on the intellectual and spiritual level is by opening my book collection to the parish. My former office has been turned into a parish "library" as well as an appointment and meeting room. It will be available to you during parish office hours. You are asked to check in with office and they will let you into the library. You can then sign out any book that you would like to borrow (on the sheet in the library) and return it when you are done with it (to the office). This is different than the bookshelf in the office hallway which also has books that you are welcome to borrow but you do not have to sign them out. Also, if you have books you would like to donate to the bookshelf or library, please drop them off at the office and we will place them accordingly. I hope this is an opportunity to share with you the wisdom and inspiration that I have been blessed to receive through the many great Catholic books that are available in our tradition.

May God bless America 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...

****Mass for Independence Day will be Tuesday, July 4th at 9am. Please note that the parish office will be closed for the holiday on Monday and Tuesday this week.**

****Special Masses this Week** Monday, July 3rd-St. Thomas, Apostle; Tuesday, July 4th- Mass for Independence Day; Wednesday, July 5th- St. Elizabeth of Portugal (patron saint of Catholic Charities USA); Thursday, July 6th- St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr (early 20th century Italy); Friday, July 7th- Votive Mass, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; Saturday, July 8th- Blessed Virgin Mary, Cause of Our Joy.

****Deacon Luke Bible Study** Deacon Luke will lead a 4-part Bible Study called "*the Crux*" during his time at OLP this summer. This study dives into the most important themes of the Bible. It will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm and Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:30am in the social room on the following dates: July 5/6, July 12/13, July 26/27 and August 2/3. Mark your calendars and call the office 814-833-7701 x0 to let us know when you will be attending.

****First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be July 7th from 7:30am until 7pm at which time there will be Benediction.**

****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.

****Clergy Assignments at OLP** Recently throughout the Diocese of Erie, announcements were made about the assignments of clergy. The following are those that affected us here at OLP:

1. Bishop Persico has reassigned me as pastor of OLP for a term of 6 years effectively immediately until July 31, 2029. I am very excited about this and look forward to continuing the good things that we are about here at OLP together.

2. At Fr. Dave Whiteford's request, Bishop Persico has granted Fr. Dave a leave of absence from active ministry for personal reasons effective immediately. Let's keep Fr. Dave in our prayers, that the Lord may provide him with what he needs to return to active ministry soon. I regret that Fr. Dave's abrupt departure did not allow us to say goodbye. Feel free to contact him at the following address: c/o Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Whiteford, 3508 Dublin Road, Waterford, PA 16441.

3. Bishop has appointed Fr. Dan Hoffman as Parochial Vicar for OLP, effective July 11. Fr. Dan is no stranger to OLP, being a native son. He was ordained in 2009 and has served in a variety of parishes, including two parishes in Potter County most recently. We're a busy parish so I look forward to Fr. Dan's help, and I know you will warmly welcome him. Fr. Dan has a great priestly heart and love of God and I look forward to serving our parish and community with him.

Also, earlier this year, Fr. Shane Mathew was assigned to another five-year term at Gannon University with sacramental assistance at St. Jude and residence at Our Lady of Peace (which usually has Fr. Shane celebrating one or two daily Masses at OLP).

****Bishop Persico Letter to Erie County Parishes and Pastoral Letter on Pastoral Planning to the entire Diocese of Erie**

Bishop Persico had sent a letter to all Catholics of Erie County last weekend and it was read at all Masses and included in the bulletin. To read the letter please see last week's bulletin on our parish website (www.olp.org) or go to the Erie Diocese website (www.eriercd.org/planning-letters.html).

The Bishop's overall Pastoral Letter to the entire diocese regarding the pastoral planning was released on June 7, 2023 and can be found at... www.eriercd.org/images/pdf/PastoralPlanningLetter_June2023C.pdf. This is only the 2nd pastoral letter Bishop Persico has written to the entire diocese during his term of service (11 years) so it is important that you read it.

****OLP Raffle** Thank you to all who have gotten your tickets back already. We are off to a good start (30% of our goal of 3,800 tickets). Our next early bird prize drawing is July 14th for the Family Game Package:

- LED Cornhole Game (perfect for night play)
- Hyperloop (spike ball)
- Lawn Dice (outdoor Yahtzee)
- Pickle Ball Set
- \$25 McDonald's Gift Card
- \$25 Sara's Gift Card



Supporting the raffle is supporting the ministries and programs of the parish as well as building maintenance and upkeep. Need more tickets, stop by the office.

****Parish/School Movie Nights** There will be one more outdoor movie night at OLP this summer. The movie is shown on the south gym wall. All are welcome to gather at any time, the movie starts as dusk. You are asked to bring your own chairs/blankets. Drinks and popcorn available for purchase. **Wednesday, August 23rd - Encanto at 8:30pm.**

Congratulations to the following men who became 4th Degree members of the Knights of Columbus:



First Row:

Pete Piotrowski (new member), Dr. Ken Grugel, Robert Olon (new member)

Second Row:

Doug Fleming, Grant Miller (new member), Rudy Passauer, Tony Wujcik (new member), Denny Deiner (new member)

Our Lady of Peace
SUMMER
YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

JULY 2023

(MS/HS) Wednesday 7-5-23: Youth Group, 5:30-8:30pm, meet in small chapel
(HS) Friday 7-7-23 to Sunday 7-9-23: Divine Mercy Encounter
(HS) Sunday 7-16-23 to Saturday 7-22-23: Catholic Heart Workcamp
(ALL FAMILIES) Tuesday, 7-25-23: Youth Group, 5:30-8:30pm, Beach 6
(4th/5th GRADE) Thursday 7-27-23: Youth Group, 5:30-8:30pm, meet in small chapel
(ALL AGES) Monday 7-31-23 to Friday 8-4-23: Vacation Bible School

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

OLP RAFFLE
... PEACE, PRAYERS AND PRIZES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 @7PM DRAWING AT PARISH PICNIC

3,750
3,000
2,250
1,500
750

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000
2ND PRIZE - \$ 2,500
3RD PRIZE - \$ 1,000
4TH PRIZE - \$ 500
5TH PRIZE - \$ 500
6TH PRIZE - \$ 500

WON'T YOU HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 3,800 TICKETS

Every ticket helps to fund ministry and programming for the parish

OLP Parish Picnic

Saturday,
Sept. 9th
following the
5:00PM Outdoor Mass

More details to follow.

SAVE THE DATE

The Crux Bible Study

Led by Deacon Luke Dagher

The theme of the Bible study will be *The Crux* or “the central theme” of the scriptures.
 The Bible study will be held at Our Lady of Peace in the Social Room.
 Two times are available each week.

Schedule:

Wednesdays from 7-8pm	Lesson Theme	Thursdays from 10:30-11:30am
July 5th	<i>“Who do you say that I am?”</i> The true identity of Jesus	July 6th
July 12th	<i>The Cross</i> The very center of the Christian faith	July 13th
July 19th	*No Bible Study this week (Catholic Heart Workcamp)	July 20th
July 26th	<i>The Covenant Family of God</i> Uniting the story of salvation	July 27th
August 2nd	<i>The Prodigal Son</i> From the perspective of a first-century Jew	August 3rd

Those attending may bring their own bible. However, there will be bibles available that match with page numbers of the program.

For those who are interested and/or are planning on attending the series please RSVP with the parish office.

If there are students who are younger than 18 years of age and/or are in high school, who would like to attend the Bible study, will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Contact for RSVP:
 Our Lady of Peace Parish Office: (814) 833-7701 x0

*The painting is of the story of the Prodigal Son by Rembrandt which will be explored on the last day of the Bible study.



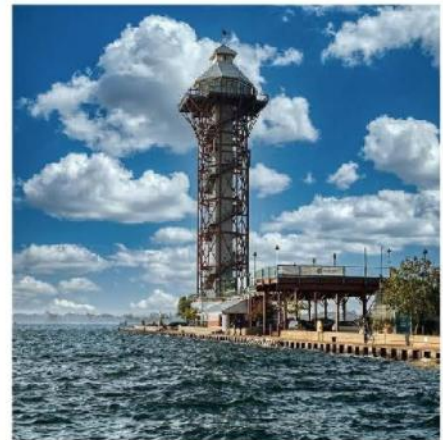
Deacon Luke Dagher Article 1 of 8 on the Eucharist

Editor's Note: These columns this summer will explore the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist through nature, landmarks, and other aspects in the Erie area. As the American Church enters deeper into the Eucharistic Revival (stage 2 - *Year of Parish Revival*) and Our Lady of Peace prepares for the series on *Mass to Mission*, this writing series will help to support both.



Aquinas, the Bicentennial Tower, and State Street

The view from the Bicentennial Tower provides a beautiful vantage point of Erie. A slight glimpse over Presque Isle's tree line opens the vastness of the lake. Many of the boats that are docked, and the differing buildings of Erie can be seen like a panorama. My favorite view from the Bicentennial Tower is looking southward down State Street. All the streets of Erie are directly or indirectly connected to State Street. Bayfront, 6th, 12th, 18th, 26th, and 38th all find themselves directly aligned to State Street.



St. Thomas Aquinas provides a Bicentennial Tower view of the sacrament of the Eucharist. Aquinas' contributions, which will be explored throughout this series, have significantly helped the Church to speak about the Eucharist. Aquinas was able, with help from God, to see out beyond - like how one can see out beyond the bay standing atop the Bicentennial Tower.

Aquinas' writings are like State Street in Erie. Although Aquinas' writings were from the 13th century, the saints, theologians, and the Catholic faithful have found themselves connected to his Eucharistic writings either directly or indirectly. Many of the major Eucharistic celebrations, like Erie's 12th or 26th streets that directly connect to State, find themselves directly connected to Aquinas. For example, the celebration of *Corpus Christi* and Benediction for Adoration both utilize prayers or hymns written by Aquinas.



Later in Aquinas' life, he had an experience with Jesus that is simply captivating. One of Aquinas' brother friars saw Aquinas praying before the crucifix with tears streaming down his face. Next, the brother friar heard Jesus speak from the crucifix saying, "You have written well of me, Thomas (Aquinas). What reward will you receive from me for your labor?"

Aquinas responded, "Only You, Lord."

Pope Francis has shared that "the saints are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice." Aquinas is concrete proof that, with the help of God, we also can grow in Eucharistic belief, awe, and amazement.

-Deacon Luke Dagher

Photo from Google. Painting is of *The Vision of St. Thomas Aquinas* by Santi Di Tito in 1593

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____
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Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.

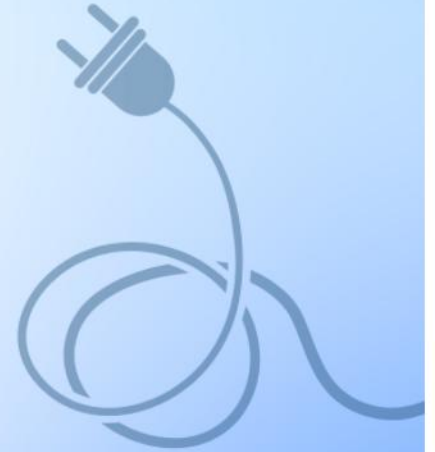
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- New Registration
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- Moving out of Parish
- Want envelopes

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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.
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- 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.



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:

July 2

3309 Asbury Road

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

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:

July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21,
Nov. 18, Dec. 16

Time: 9:45AM 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 Second Vatican Council—Origins

Conditions in the world after World War II crystallized trends begun in the nineteenth century and often associated with the Industrial Revolution. The age of empires was receding and modern society was rapidly evolving, but horrors such as the Holocaust were perpetrated as well. Having lived through the midst of this political and social upheaval Angelo Roncalli—Pope Saint John XXIII—saw clearly the need for the Church to respond to the new reality in the world or be left behind. So on January 25, 1959, less than three months into his pontificate, the Good Pope announced his decision to convene an ecumenical council to help the Church better comprehend and communicate the Gospel in the light of the signs of the times. What became known as the Second Vatican Council evolved into a vast cooperative effort among the Church's leaders (more than three thousand bishops!) and some four hundred eighty theologians and experts, along with hundreds of invited Catholic and non-Catholic observers. The outcome was the most consequential event in the life of the Catholic Church in perhaps four centuries. We will explore this Council in further detail in upcoming installments of this series.

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Catholic Prayer Corner

Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys,
and sufferings of this day
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
throughout the world.

I offer them for all the intentions
of your Sacred Heart:
the salvation of souls,
reparation for sin,
and the reunion of all Christians.

I offer them for the intentions of our bishops,
and of all the Apostles of Prayer,
and in particular
for those recommended by our Holy Father
for this month.

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, 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.

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 were emailed to current Faith Formation families. 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:

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Reception to follow in School Cafeteria

Happy Anniversary!



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His Excellency
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Bishop of Erie

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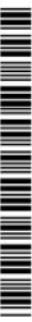
**Farewell Mass for
The Reverend Monsignor Edward M. Lohse, JCD
Bishop-Elect of Kalamazoo, Michigan**

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

3:00pm

St. Peter Cathedral
230 W. 10th Street
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Priests are asked to bring an alb – stoles and chasubles will be provided.
Deacons are asked to bring an alb and white stole.
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