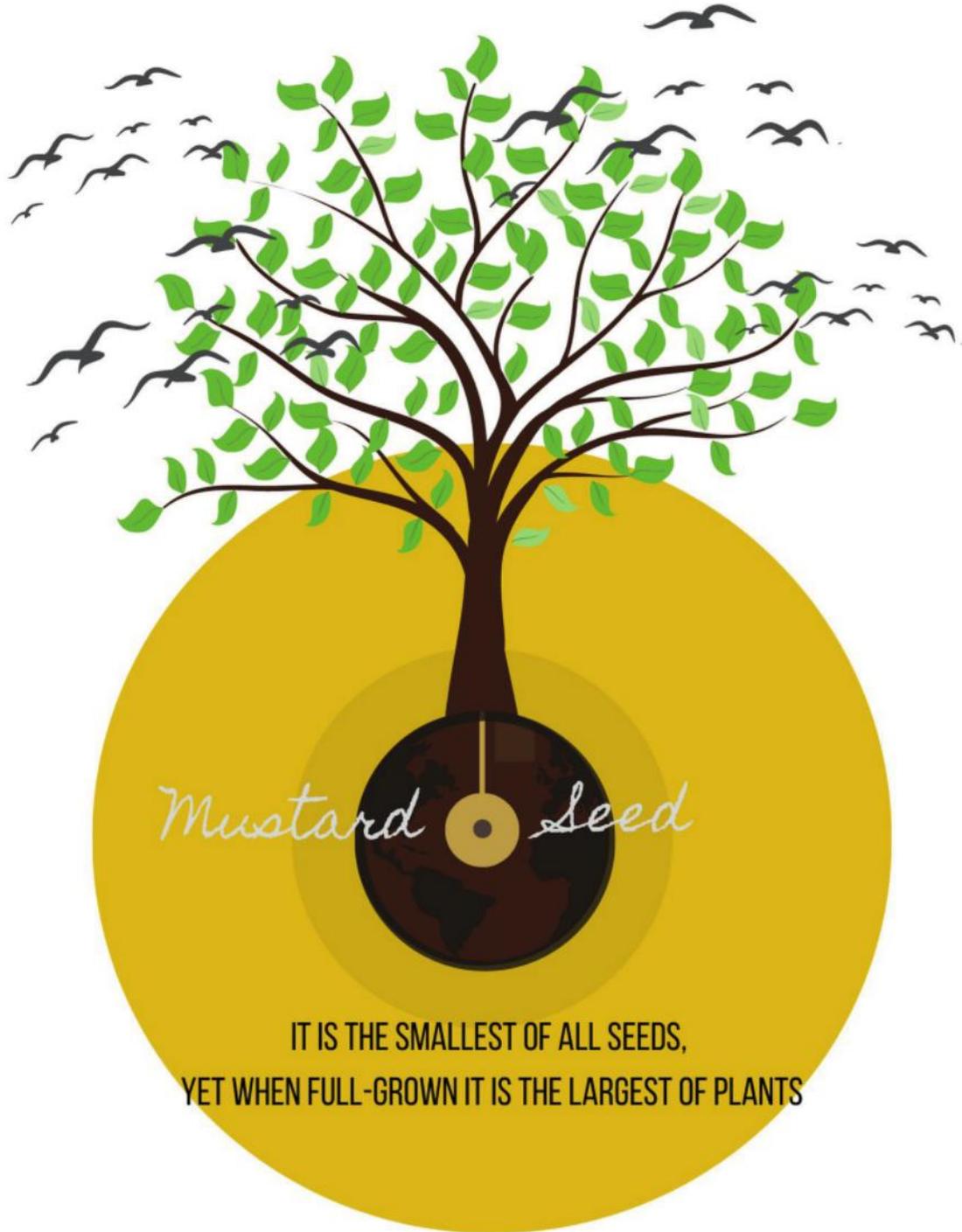




# *Our Lady of Peace*



July 23, 2023

*Sixteenth 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**

23rd Canned Tuna/Salmon/Chicken

30th Pasta Sauce / Pasta

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

**Sunday's Readings:**

**Entrance Antiphon** - See, I have God for my help. / The Lord sustains my soul. / I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, / and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**First Reading** - You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

**Psalm** - Our good Lord forgives (Psalm 86).

**Second Reading** - The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

**Gospel** - Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

**Family Discussion of the Week: Overcoming Weakness**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words (Romans 8:26)

**Adults:** What weakness can the power of the Spirit help you overcome?

**Kids:** When will you need the help of the Holy Spirit this week?

**A PATIENT AND LOVING GOD**

A God who judges with leniency and clemency, a Spirit groaning because we know not how to pray, a patient master waiting to separate wheat and weeds, a tiny seed growing into a great bush, and the miracle of yeast and flour! All of these images found in our readings today speak of the unexpected, the countercultural, and of the compassion and intimacy of our relationship with God. Many times we are afraid to come to God in prayer, or we may turn away from our God because of our weakness and sinfulness. We are not presented with a vengeful God who is waiting to smite us, but a God of infinite love and wisdom and patience who will show us the way. What an amazing gift this is!

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# MASS INTENTIONS

*Readings for the Week of July 23rd*

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42  
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28  
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9  
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17  
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23  
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

**MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023**

7:00AM Diane Campbell - Jerry Dombrowski & Family  
 12:10PM Thelma Manendo - George Zehner

**TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023**

7:00AM Audrey Moskot - Bob & Ann Swahn  
 12:10PM Joe Ott - Family

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023**

7:00AM Rich Young - Wife, Corky  
 11:15-Noon **Confessions**  
 12:10PM Caroline DiPlacido - Frank, Suzanne & Family

**THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023**

7:00AM Raymond Schlaufman - Gerry & Dave Tomczak  
 12:10PM Ray Lubin - Family

**FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2023**

7:00AM Esther Cross - Sister, Joanna Jacobson  
 12:10PM Special Intention - Parishioner

**SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023**

8:00AM Leo Schlecht - Family  
 8:30-9:00AM **Confessions**  
 2:00PM **Wedding** - Nick Muller / Abby Alward  
 3:45-5:45PM **Confessions**  
 5:00PM Patrick Stellato - Mother

**SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP  
 9:00AM John Kozak - Alice Kendzior  
 11:00AM Sylvester Berarducci - Keith & Cynthia Berarducci  
 4:30PM Donald Warner - Tierney Family  
 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

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED** - Please pray for David Whitby; for Nadine Sebastian; for Linda Platz; for Christine Pietras; for Jean Yurkovic; for Patty Ballman; for Jay Danniell; and for Theodore Marnen. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

**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!**



**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Catherine Varca - Friend.  
**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Rinda Pulice - Charles & Charlene Schroeck.

**BANN III**  
 Nick Muller / Abby Alward  
**BANN I**  
 Chris Keith / Lindsay Vavreck



**A Family Perspective**  
 Parents plant values in their children anticipating the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment and fidelity will grow with their child and one day become "a safe haven" to many.

**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 23: Heidi A.  
 July 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.  
 July 25: Christine O.  
 July 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.  
 July 27: Ann R.  
 July 28: Ann F., Michael M., Mary Margaret M.  
 July 29: Linda M., Janet A.  
 July 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James 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...

I want to acknowledge and congratulate the youth of our parish that have been involved in two great events this summer- the Steubenville Youth Conference and Catholic Heart Work Camp. (23) youth and adults from the parish and Erie area went to the conference for a weekend in June and (33) to the work camp for a week in New Jersey in July. They prayed, learned, met young Catholics from around the country who are into their faith, and had a lot of fun. I am very proud of these young people in our community who are willing to give up this time in the summer to seek to grow in their faith and relationship with God and to put that faith into action. I thank Sarah Beaver (coordinator of youth ministry at OLP) and all the adult chaperones who also sacrificed their time to give our youth this opportunity and hopefully got a good shot of spiritual renewal themselves.

I also want to thank many of this same crew who will be helping plan and run our parish Vacation Bible School that will be held July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$20 per child and \$25 per family. You can register at [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org) under the faith formation tab. Sarah and Tammie Mang (Director of Faith Formation) are planning a great week of activities and prayer for our children entering grades K-5 from 8:30am-12:30pm. I am so grateful to them and the other youth and adults who volunteer to make this program happen. I encourage you to help us by recruiting children to participate in this great week of learning, growing and having fun.

May God bless our children, youth, adult leaders 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...

**\*\*Precious Blood Returns** Bishop Persico has given permission to return to the communal distribution of the Precious Blood at Masses in the Diocese of Erie. So, at OLP the Precious Blood will be available at the 9am and 11am Masses starting Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. We hope to make it available at the Saturday evening and 7:30am Sunday Masses eventually depending on whether we have enough ministers to help with the distribution.

**\*\*Special Masses this Week** *Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>*- St. Sharbel Makluf (19<sup>th</sup> century Maronite Monk known as the "Hermit of Lebanon"); *Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>*- St. James, Apostle (known as "the Greater" because he was the first of the two James' to follow Christ, also the first apostle martyred in 44 AD and venerated at Santiago de Compostella); *Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>*- Sts. Joachim and Ann (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary); *Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>*- Weekdays in Ordinary Time; *Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>*- Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus (Jesus' friends from Bethany).



**\*\*Movie Highlight- My Only Son and Sound of Freedom** You know I like to support media efforts to provide positive, Christian movies, shows, music, etc. I bring to your attention two movies that were recently released by Angel Studios (who produces "The Chosen" Series on the life of Jesus) and that I would recommend:

ONE- "**My Only Son**" was released several months ago and is no longer in theatres. It depicts the three days of Abraham taking Isaac to Mount Moriah to sacrifice him. In scripture it only takes one verse, but this movie gives you a greater glimpse into what those three days may have looked like and the anguish that Abraham had to deal with in moving towards that sacrifice. Though done on a low budget, it is very effective and thought provoking.

TWO- "**Sound of Freedom**" is still in theatres and has received similar box office support as did "The Jesus Revolution" received last year (a movie starring Kelsey Grammar and Jonathan Roumie about the hippy Christian movement in the early 1970s). "Sound of Freedom" is a sobering look at the issue of human trafficking as it portrays the true story about a federal agent who leaves his job to start rescuing children who have been kidnapped. The goal of the movie is to heighten people's awareness of how prevalent human trafficking is even in the United States and the need to do something about it (human trafficking is only behind drug trafficking as far as profitable criminal activity in the United States!). The movie is startling while also being inspiring.

**\*\*OLP Raffle Update** Congratulations OLP Knights of Columbus winners of the July Early Bird family game package. Thank you to all who have sold/purchased tickets for the raffle. We hit 50% of our goal mark this week. Remember, the OLP Raffle is the main fundraiser of the parish and supports the programming, ministries and keeps the lights on and the a/c running. Our goal is 3,800 tickets and proceeds provide for the needs of the parish for the new fiscal year (2023/2024). Every ticket sold helps. Need more tickets, stop by the church office.

**\*\*Welcome to Our Lady of Peace, Fr. Dan Hoffman!** Fr. Dan is a native son of OLP who graduated from OLP in the late 1990s, entered seminary in the early 2000s and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Erie in 2009. He then earned a degree in Canon Law at the Catholic University of America. After that he spent several years at St. Luke Parish, Our Lady of the Lake in Edinboro, and the last year as pastor of a cluster of parishes out in McKean County in central PA. Please help me in welcoming Fr. Dan to OLP.

**\*\*Bishop Persico Letters to Erie County Parishes and Pastoral Letter on Pastoral Planning to the entire Diocese of Erie** Bishop Persico's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to all Catholics of Erie County was read at all Masses last weekend. To read the letter please see last week's bulletin on our parish website ([www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org)) or go to the Erie Diocese microsite ([www.iercd.org/planning-letters.html](http://www.iercd.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 there as well. This is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**\*\*Parish/School Movie Nights Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>- Encanto at dusk.** The movie is shown on the south OLP gym wall. Bring your chairs/blankets; drinks/popcorn available for purchase.

**\*\*Properties Update:**

- The stain glass windows are complete. I have heard a lot of positive comments as far as the exterior and interior impact so thank you again for supporting our CSA 2023.
- We recently completed the last project from our CSA 2022, delayed due to shipping issues. The new hardware for the church doors was installed including electrical locking which was recommended by the Safety Committee. The new hardware gets our doors up to code as well as being more secure. Additionally, more cameras were installed in the church to allow for broader video coverage.
- We are working to get handrails installed in the church sanctuary to allow greater accessibility for our ministers and others entering the altar area. We will fund this project through donations from Erie Gives 2023, which takes place on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am-8pm. Last year we were able to raise \$26,300 for renovations to the social room. Our goal for this year is \$25,000 for renovations to the sanctuary that increases the accessibility to the altar. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

**\*\*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 your help is needed in identifying who we could offer to help.

**Two-** Volunteer for Saturday, Aug. 19th, 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 is 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.

**Watch Our Lady of Peace Mass  
On Our YouTube Channel**

**7:00AM Weekdays  
8:00AM Saturdays  
9:00AM Sundays**



Go to [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org), scroll down to 'Find Us on Social Media,' click on YouTube and you will be connected to our Channel. Once there you can watch previous Masses and also Subscribe by clicking the red Subscribe button.

**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 – 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; which includes snacks each day as well as crafts and supplies. Please complete one form per child.

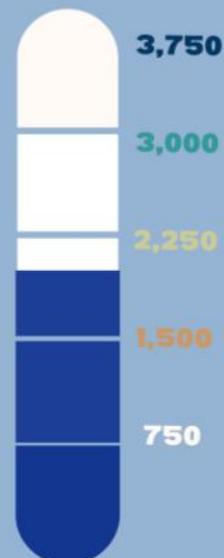
Registration forms can be found on the website, [olp.org](http://olp.org) under the Faith Formation tab on the Vacation Bible School page.

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

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## The Crux Bible Study

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 School Cafeteria. Two times are available each week.

The Bible study will be led by Deacon Luke Dagher.

**Schedule:**

Wednesdays from 7-8pm	Lesson Theme	Thursdays from 10:30-11:30am
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 staff. 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

\*The painting is of the story of the Prodigal Son by Rembrandt which will be explored at the last session.



# SAVE THE DATE

## FOR! Our Crusaders

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Our Lady of Peace Athletic Board Golf Tournament

**Friday, September 15, 2023**

**Beechwood Golf Club**

*Benefits OLP Student Athletes and Hank Starr Memorial Fund*



## Deacon Luke Dagher Article 4 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, Gratitude, the Our Father, and the Eucharist*

For Aquinas, gratitude is a special virtue that is under the cardinal virtue of justice. Justice is the virtue by which we give another their proper due. Gratitude involves giving thanks to someone that is properly due to them. All that we have in life has been given to us in some capacity. Ultimately, all that is good comes from God.

There is much to be grateful for in the Erie area. Presque Isle, the Bayfront, a beautiful spring, summer, and fall, and even the winter which provides for ice-fishing, 2-hour delays, sled-riding and a good snowball fight are worth being grateful for. Splash Lagoon, Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Waldameer, the Zoo, and numerous museums are just a few of many places to be thankful for.

Aquinas saw gratitude as giving thanks to our benefactors and he believed that we are bound to give thanks to every benefactor in our lives in a fitting way. For instance, Aquinas believed that smaller things, such as favors, are best responded to in gratitude by saying “thank you” sooner rather than later.

However, there are times when Aquinas thinks it is best to regard the disposition of the giver (in other words their interior atmosphere) and respond in gratitude at a more meaningful time when the person can best receive the gratitude due to them.



Aquinas thought that the Eucharist has three names. The first name is that of *sacrifice* (Christ’s sacrifice on the cross). The second name is *communion* (the present reality of the Body of Christ, the people, coming together). The third name is *Eucharist* (thanksgiving) because it anticipates the wonderful thanksgiving that is to come in heaven at the Wedding Feast of the Lamb. Therefore, gratitude is at the very heart of the sacrament of the Eucharist.

A pitfall in the spiritual life is to fall to ingratitude from the many riches provided for by God. Aquinas’ advice is to enter more deeply into the prayer of the Our Father, which we pray together at every Mass. In the Our Father, we pray “Give us this day our daily bread.” According to Aquinas, the words “Give us” are a beautiful reminder that all good things come from God and this acknowledgment helps lead us toward gratitude.

Ultimately, gratitude leads the soul to spiritually smile like Rudy Daniels’ joyous smile painted on the Methodist Towers in downtown Erie. There is much to be grateful for in Erie. However, there is much more to be grateful for in the Eucharist which is a great gift that is given to us by our greatest benefactor - who is God.

-Deacon Luke Dagher

Information from Aquinas’ *Explanation of the Lord’s Prayer* and *Summa: II, Question 106*. Picture from Google of the painting by Elio Mercado depicting the smile of Rudy Daniels.

## Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.*

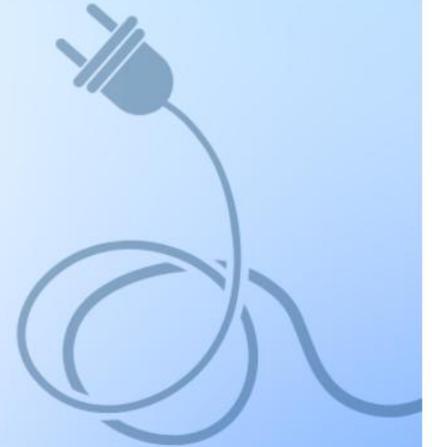
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- New Registration
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- Moving out of Parish
- Want envelopes

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- 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.



### 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, 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](mailto: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:

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!

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### The Second Vatican Council - More than Documents

The Second Vatican Council was a remarkable spiritual event. Three years of preparation in small commissions followed by four major sessions beginning October 11, 1962 and concluding December 8, 1965, comprising 168 general congregations in St. Peter's Basilica and numerous committee, subcommittee, and informal meetings hashing through documents and amendments to be voted on by the Council Fathers under the leadership of two popes. Apart from the documents themselves, this multi-year event had a transformative influence on all who participated. A palpable "spirit of the Council" arose that guided and inspired the direction of the proceedings right from Pope Saint John XXIII's opening address. Indeed, his inspiring opening prayer has been repeated at countless Church gatherings in the years since. Vatican II was not merely a deliberative body; it was a solemn spiritual assembly whose voice echoes through every one of the Council's constitutions and decrees, each of which received near-unanimous approval. The spirit of this gathering animated the work of all whose task it was to implement the Council's decisions in the months and early years after its conclusion. Any attempt at interpreting the Council's documents must first take into account this animating spirit and give it due consideration.

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### Catholic Prayer Corner Act of Love

O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all love.

I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you.

I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

## MEN'S PICNIC

The Usher's and Knights of Columbus invite all men of the parish. . .

**Wednesday, August 9th**

5pm at the Pavilion (behind the school)  
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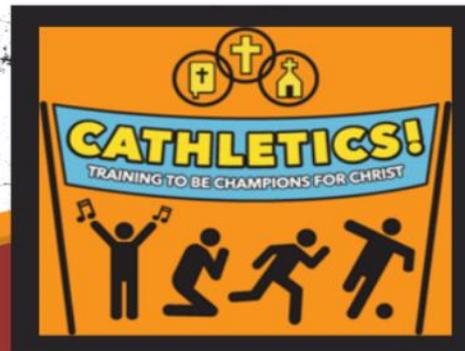
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**All Volunteers Welcome  
Sunday Supper Mission  
Meal served at First  
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We need your help in preparing, cooking and feeding our brothers and sisters in need.

**Planning Meeting:** Wednesday August 2, 7PM

**Where:** OLP Church Meeting Room

**What:** Select Menu and volunteer for tasks

**Who:** Any parishioner 15+ years

**Date to Serve:** Sunday August 13th, 4:00-5:30pm

**Contact:** Pete Piotrowski, 814-600-5386 or Debbie Piotrowski, 814-812-0122



Our Lady of Peace...

Pray for us.

## August 8, 2023

Erie Gives Day is an opportunity to add your financial support to the good work of local non-profits in our community.

Donations to Our Lady of Peace will be used to add handrails to the sanctuary, increasing our accessibility.

**Open: 8:00 AM**

**Close: 8:00 PM**

Online donations of \$25 or more are accepted on August 8th at [www.eriegives.org](http://www.eriegives.org). Check donations of \$25 or more should be made payable to "Erie Community Foundation" and be received by August 7th. Check Donation form is required, see [eriegives.org](http://eriegives.org) or stop by the office and we will take care of it for you.

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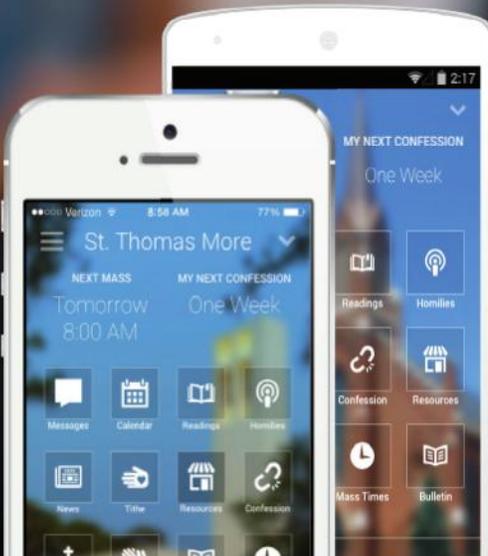
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