



Our Lady of Peace

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE
A TREASURE BURIED IN A FIELD,
WHICH A PERSON FINDS & HIDES AGAIN,
AND OUT OF JOY GOES AND SELLS
ALL THAT HE HAS AND BUYS THAT FIELD.

Matthew 13:44-52

WHAT DO YOU TREASURE?

July 30, 2023

Seventeenth 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

30th Pasta Sauce / Pasta

Pantry is OPEN

(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 - God is in his holy place, / God who unites those who dwell in his house; / he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading - Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm - The law of the Lord is precious to me (Psalm 119).

Second Reading - All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel - The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

Family Discussion of the Week: Commitment

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (Matthew 13:44)

Adults: What would you be willing to "sell," or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

Kids: What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?

MAKING WISE CHOICES

An old expression admonishes, "Be careful what you wish for." Another one warns about money "burning a hole in your pocket" as you try and determine all the possibilities about how you will spend it. If God were to grant you a wish, what would it be? Our readings are about making wise choices and following God's ways. When Solomon is given this opportunity, he does not make a rash or selfish decision but requests an "understanding heart" so that he might better govern the people with justice. The responsorial psalm is part of a long acrostic poem about the beauty of following God's law. Saint Paul speaks to the Romans about God's master plan, in which we each have a special calling and purpose. The Gospel provides several parables about the kingdom of heaven, and how we might take right action and necessary steps in order to obtain it.

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MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023**

7:00AM William & Christine Walden - Family
12:10PM Marian Yochim - Joe & Dianne

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023

7:00AM Chuck Rohrbach - Wally & Mary Lou Wilhelm
12:10PM Dave Bello - Michael & Denise Gaines

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023

7:00AM Richard Abel - Jack & Rose Ann Gutting
11:15-Noon **Confessions**
12:10PM Special Intention for the OLP Bible Study
Team Members - Denise & Michael

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023

7:00AM Caroline DiPlacido - Frank & Suzanne
12:10PM Special Intention for Tom & Ruth Dombrowski
- Michael & Denise Gaines

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2023

7:00AM Anthony DiBacco - Friends at OLP
12:10PM David Roose - Cuzzola Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023

8:00AM Rocco Orlando - McGovern Family
8:30-9:00AM **Confessions**
3:45-5:45PM **Confessions**
5:00PM John Hardner - Patricia

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

7:30AM Paul & Catherine Ragan - Paul Vojtek Family
9:00AM John Dombrowski - Mom & Family
11:00AM Steve Dann - Keith & Cynthia Berarducci
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:

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 John G. Huffman, father of Clint Huffman; and for Bennett Nolan Alward, infant son of Joseph & Alana Alward. 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!**



Readings for the Week of July 30th
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13;
Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11;
Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Chuck Rohrbach - Jack & Rose Ann Gutting.
CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Jay Danniell - Peg & Garlord.

BANN II
Chris Keith / Lindsay Vavreck

**A Family Perspective**

The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

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 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.

July 31: Jim Z.

Aug. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.

Aug. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.

Aug. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.

Aug. 4: Arlene B., Catherine C., Denny D.

Aug. 5: Joyce K.

Aug. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.

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

Dear OLP Family,

Greetings in Christ! I am so excited and grateful to be here! A lot has happened in my life since many of you knew me as the "Danny" or "Dan Hoffman" of years ago when I was a kid growing up in this wonderful parish and attending and graduating from OLP school in 1997. I write this letter to introduce or re-introduce myself to you and for you to get to know me better.

The LORD has been so good to me through all my life. I can't believe how fast the time goes! I just turned 40 this past March and have been a priest now for 14 years! OLP has always been a place of joy, encouragement, and love for me. I grew up in this parish. My priestly vocation was formed in this parish. My love of Jesus and His Church was fostered, increased, and continues to be matured in this parish. My grandparents, John and Patricia Hoffman, were founding members. My dad and mom, Tim and Patty, have been members since they got married. My dad is also an alumnus of OLP School. I have a brother and a sister, Sean and Megan. Both are married and doing very well. My brother and sister-in-law, Lindsey have two children and my sister and brother-in-law have been married for two years now and are excited to begin their family.

Growing up in this parish and school I learned a lot from and benefited from so many wonderful priests. They encouraged me and taught me in varied ways and have passed down to me the gift that the priesthood is. They showed me the gratitude of continually receiving this gift from the LORD and joyfully and generously living it for Jesus and for His people. It is amazing to think that I am now an OLP priest, and I couldn't be happier! Please God, may I carry on that tradition here of holy gratitude and joy and generous love of Jesus and His Church as His priest that was passed down to me. Hopefully, many of our young men from OLP can also follow in this beautiful call of the LORD Jesus and can receive this amazing gift too! Let's all keep praying for vocations...all vocations, to the holy priesthood, to the consecrated life, and to faithful and holy marriage and family life...from our OLP Parish family.

So...where have I been all these years? After graduating from OLP School in 1997 I went to Cathedral Prep, graduating in 2001. My priestly vocation was confirmed in many ways through my high school years; more on that later when I can tell my full vocation story. I began seminary right after high school and then went to St. Mark Seminary while studying at Gannon University. After 4 years I graduated from with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and 4 incredible years of prayer, formation, and fraternity at St. Mark Seminary. During that time, I was also graced to spend a semester in Rome for a study abroad program.

Following my time at St. Mark Seminary, Bishop Trautman assigned me to continue my studies at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD. Here I completed my priestly formation and studies. It was also a very blessed four years where I was able to serve in various parishes in the Baltimore area and in the Diocese as I prepared for my life as a priest. During that time I was blessed to be at St. Agnes Parish in Morrisdale where one of our previous assistants, Fr. Bill Barron, is currently the pastor, and Queen of the World Parish in St. Marys, PA, where Fr. Michael Ferrick was the pastor. While in major seminary in Baltimore I was ordained a transitional deacon by Bishop Trautman on the Feast Day of Saints Philip and James on May 3, 2008.

The best day of my life occurred on June 12, 2009. That's my priesthood ordination day! My classmate, Fr. John Miller, and I were ordained priests forever by Bishop Trautman at St. Peter Cathedral that evening in front of a packed crowd of family, friends, and many brothers and sisters in Christ, many of them were you from OLP. This sacred gift and trust of the priesthood is the greatest gift that I can ever receive this side of Heaven and I will always treasure it as the pearl of great price. I continue to be so overwhelmed and blown away that Jesus would choose me to receive it and to show His love and mercy for the Church and the world in such a beautiful way. I am definitely not worthy of this gift, but I am so grateful, and this gift truly unlocks in me the radiant joy of Christ that He is calling me to have as His son, His disciple, His friend, and His priest.

My first priestly assignment was to be the assistant pastor at St. Michael Parish in Greenville, PA. Though it was only a one-year assignment, it left a great mark in my life. I really love those people and I was with two great priests to continue to help me in friendship and love: Msgr. Andrew Karg, my pastor, and Fr. Paul Schill, the senior associate. After that year I was sent to The Catholic University in America in Washington, DC to continue my studies in Canon Law. Those two years, August 2010 through August 2012, were wonderful. I am very grateful for the knowledge and the degree I earned (a J.C.L., which is a License in Canon Law), but I am more grateful for the experience of priestly ministry I was able to have in D.C. helping at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, assisting at a local parish, and providing priestly ministry to the Missionary of Charity Sisters.

Once I returned to Erie, I began to work at St. Mark Catholic Center in various roles there as vice-chancellor, defender of the bond, and judge in the marriage tribunal. I was also living and assigned as the assistant pastor at St. Luke Parish with Fr. John Malthaner. I became an "east side Crusader" for a time! This was also a blessed assignment. After a year, I received the call from Bishop Persico to become the pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Edinboro.

My time as pastor of Our Lady of the Lake in Edinboro will always hold a very special place in my heart. It is true that you will never forget the first parish you had the gift of being the pastor at. Jesus provided me here some real stability here and an amazing parish family of great love and joy. This assignment also included being the chaplain of the Campus Ministry Program at Edinboro University (now Penn West). I absolutely loved my ministry to these students and working eventually with FOCUS missionaries (The Fellowship of Catholic University Students). I learned a lot about myself and how to be a better priest and pastor during these nine years at Our Lady of the Lake. When I found out I was being moved I was really devastated and heartbroken to say goodbye to these wonderful people and this great parish. It was here where the greatest part (at least for me) of being a priest was solidified in my heart, and that is the grace and gift of being a spiritual father to so many. I love all my spiritual children and I love being a spiritual father!

Last year, I was assigned as pastor to the Catholic Parishes of Potter and McKean Counties. This included the parishes of St. Eulalia in Coudersport, St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Port Allegany, St. Bibiana Parish in Galeton, and the two mission churches

of St. Augustine in Austin and Sacred Heart in Genesee. This was a beautiful assignment with amazing people, but very difficult and overwhelming for me at the same time. Just the amount of territory and locations was very daunting. I gave it a good go though, and I hope and pray that Jesus worked through me there and made a difference in the hearts and souls of my children there too. I love them and Jesus was very good to me through them. They are in great hands now with their new pastor, Fr. Chris Wheeler.

This leads now to one of the best surprises in my priestly life when I found out that Bishop Persico wanted me to come back home and be the assistant pastor here at OLP! I am also assigned my Tribunal duties as a judge and to assist in the Campus Ministry at Penn St. Behrend. It still seems like a dream to me, and I am so grateful! Thank you to Fr. Rich and the OLP Staff for having me. Thank you all for welcoming me with open arms and loving hearts! As your priest what is nearest and dearest to me is offering my spiritual fatherhood to you by giving you God through the reverent and joyful celebration of the sacraments, especially Holy Mass, in being totally available to you as the Father's mercy and love for you in hearing your confessions and offering to you His forgiveness and healing in these sacraments of healing and anointing, and in great joy and conviction without compromise preaching and teaching the whole Truth of the great treasure of our Catholic Faith. I just want to be with you and totally give myself in love to you and to be loved by you.

You will all get to know me more in my time here, but just a few fun facts about me. I have really become a runner and am grateful that I just trained for and finished my first marathon! I can't wait to run another one! I have always loved to hike and go on outdoor adventures. I love to travel and live life to the fullest. I am a huge sports fan. I hope this doesn't disqualify me right off the bat, but I love the Cleveland Browns, the Cleveland Guardians, and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. I enjoy good music, great movies, and sitting down with a great book.

The greatest love of my life is Jesus Christ! He is my life and my joy, and I am all His and because I am all His I am all yours too. Thank you for allowing me to be your assistant pastor, your priest, and your spiritual father on this journey of ours together to the perfect joy and love of Heaven! The greatest call we all have is to be saint forever in Heaven and I am so blessed to be walking this pilgrimage with you. I love you all very much!

Peace of Christ always!
Fr. Dan Hoffman

Other notes from the pastor...

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

****Special Masses this Week** *Monday, July 31st*- St. Ignatius of Loyola (16th century, founded Compania de Jesus (Latin: Societas Iesu); *Tuesday, August 1st*- St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church (18th century, lawyer founded the Redemptorists); *Wednesday, August 2nd* and *Thursday, August 3rd*- Weekdays in Ordinary Time; *Friday, August 4th*- St. John Vianney (19th century, known as the "Cure of Ars"); *Saturday, August 5th*- Blessed Virgin Mary

****OLP Raffle Update** 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). 291 families out of 1900 have participated so far. Every ticket sold helps. Need more tickets, stop by the church office.

****Outdoor Family Bonfire, Friday, August 4, 2023, 6:30PM** Join us for a fun evening at the pavilion behind the school for a family bonfire with hotdogs and s'mores provided, please bring a dish to share.

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



****Erie Gives, Tuesday, August 8, 2023** 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 8th 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. Please see page 10 for more info.

****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.

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
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

3rd 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



All Volunteers Welcome
Sunday Supper Mission
Meal served at First Presbyterian Church

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

Planning Meeting: Wednesday 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



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, Grapes, Wine, and Unity

Lake Erie Wine Country spans some 50 shoreline miles with over 30,000 vineyard acres. This abundance of vineyards creates the largest grape-growing region found east of the Rocky Mountains. The 50 mile stretch is from Silver Creek, NY to Harborcreek.

In autumn, the smell of grapes in North East and Harborcreek is simply amazing. The view from the vineyard vistas is also breathtaking. Aquinas thought that the beauty of grapes and wine had meaning that is worth considering.



For instance, Aquinas saw the bread and wine utilized in the Eucharist as signifying spiritual eating. In Baptism, water is used to signify spiritual cleansing and rebirth.

It is estimated that between 600-800 grapes are needed to make a bottle of wine. Think of the countless bottles of wine found at the many wineries in the Erie area and just try and visualize the thousands upon thousands of grapes that were needed to make all that wine.

Aquinas thought that this multitude of grapes coming together to form a bottle of wine signified how there are many believers who form one Church. Concerning bread, the same can be applied, for it takes a multitude of grains. For Aquinas, grapes and grain help to signify the coming together into unity which St. Paul had written of: “we, though many, are one body (1 Cor. 10:17).”



Lake Erie provides an astounding environment for growing grapes. In the spring, the cold lake holds off the grapevines from budding too early with the likelihood of frosts. In the fall, the warm lake lengthens the growing season. The lake water has a positive impact on the production of wine. For Aquinas, the addition of water with the wine to be consecrated at the altar has significance because at the crucifixion of Jesus, both water and blood poured forth from His side (John 19:34).

For Aquinas, these multi-meanings signified in grapes, wine, grain, and water help us to spiritually enter deeper into the mystery of the Eucharist. Next week, across the Diocese of Erie, the Precious Blood will be reintroduced (see the bulletin for more details). May the thought of Aquinas help us to see what is signified in the appearances of bread and wine so as to enter deeper into the reality of the Body and Blood of Christ that brings us into greater unity.

-Deacon Luke Dagher

Information taken from lakeeriewinecountry.org and Aquinas' *Summary of Theology: III, Question 74*.

Photo from Erie Times News and the Painting is *The Defenders of the Eucharist* 1625 by Peter Paul Rubens - Aquinas is depicted in the middle pointing to the heavens as his inspiration for his writings.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____


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

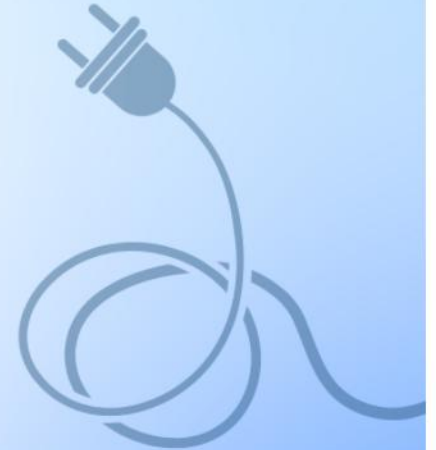
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Get Connected

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 date:

Monday, August 21st

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

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:

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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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Documents of Vatican II—The Sacred Liturgy

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*) is the first document approved by the Council—by a vote of 2,147 to 4 on December 4, 1963. Built on a foundation of strong liturgical and biblical scholarship, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* proclaims the primary place of the liturgy (the “source and summit”) in the life of the Church. In insisting on the central role of the faithful in the celebration of liturgy, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy set the tone for the rest of the Council, which would continue to address the baptismal dignity and mission of the laity in future documents. The goals of the Constitution were to reinvigorate the Christian life of the faithful, to adapt—where possible—to the needs of today, to encourage the union of all Christian believers, and to promote the mission of the Church to all people. The reforms proposed by *Sacrosanctum Concilium* would touch the life of every Catholic in profound ways: by emphasizing the importance of sacred scripture, by opening the door to inculturation of the liturgy—especially by its celebration in the native tongue of the people—and by stressing the participation of all believers in the Paschal Mystery (the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ) here and now. The Council could not have started with a stronger message to the Church and the world that the winds of change were blowing through the windows opened by Pope Saint John XXIII.

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Catholic Prayer Corner

The *Suscipe* Prayer

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own.

You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.

—Saint Ignatius of Loyola

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

	Monthly	YTD
Weekly Envelope	\$ 68,431	\$891,617
Loose	4,017	50,744
Holy Days	125	14,025
Monthly School Support	1,863	18,278
Christmas/Easter/Flowers	29	29,263
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Total Offertory	\$74,465	\$1,003,927
Budgeted Offertory	\$ 81,125	\$973,500
(Deficit) Surplus	(\$6,660)	\$ 30,427
Diocesan Designated Fund	\$ 875	\$ 28,475

Ways to Support Our Parish

- Electronic Giving (for more information, contact Mary Beth Whitman at marybeth.whitman@olp.org or 814-833-7701 x 202).
- Online at www.olp.org
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- By mail (Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2401 W. 38th St, Erie PA 16506).
- Drop your envelope in the collection basket at Mass or at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support.

**2023 CSA
February 2023 to January 2024**

Goal	\$ 212,000
Pledge Payments Received to Date.....	\$ 175,712
Total Pledges	\$ 230,494
471 Families - Goal is 500 Families	

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

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.

For more info please contact Tammie Mang,
Faith Formation Director,
814-838-9983 or Tammie.mang@olp.org



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
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**What is the purpose of the
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The Eucharistic Revival
is a three-year initiative
that aims to
inspire, educate, and unite.

In a world where not many people know Jesus intimately, the revival is meant to show everyone what wonders the True Presence of Jesus can do to heal the soul.

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

MEN'S PICNIC

Wednesday, August 9th

5pm at the Pavilion (behind the school)
Dinner served at 6pm - Catering by Serafins

Tickets \$12 - available in the office
or from an usher

Donations for Basket Raffle Needed.
Call Paul Wickes at 814-838-7038 with
questions or to donate.
Drop off donations at the office.



PARISH PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

Join us for a great family fun time with our
church community. Make some new friends as
we share faith and fellowship together.

Outdoor Mass at 5pm followed by
dinner, games, activities and
everyone's favorite basket raffle and
bonfire. OLP Raffle winners (\$15,000
in prizes) will be drawn at 9pm
followed by fireworks.
Live music with Rooftop Project
from 6:30-8:30pm



CELEBRATING "US" WITH FUN
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OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

OUTDOOR FAMILY Bonfire

Friday, August 4th, 6:30-9pm

Join us a fun evening at the pavilion behind the school
for a
family bonfire with Hotdogs and s'mores provided,
please bring a dish to share.

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. 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
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Our Lady of Peace Church is grateful
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