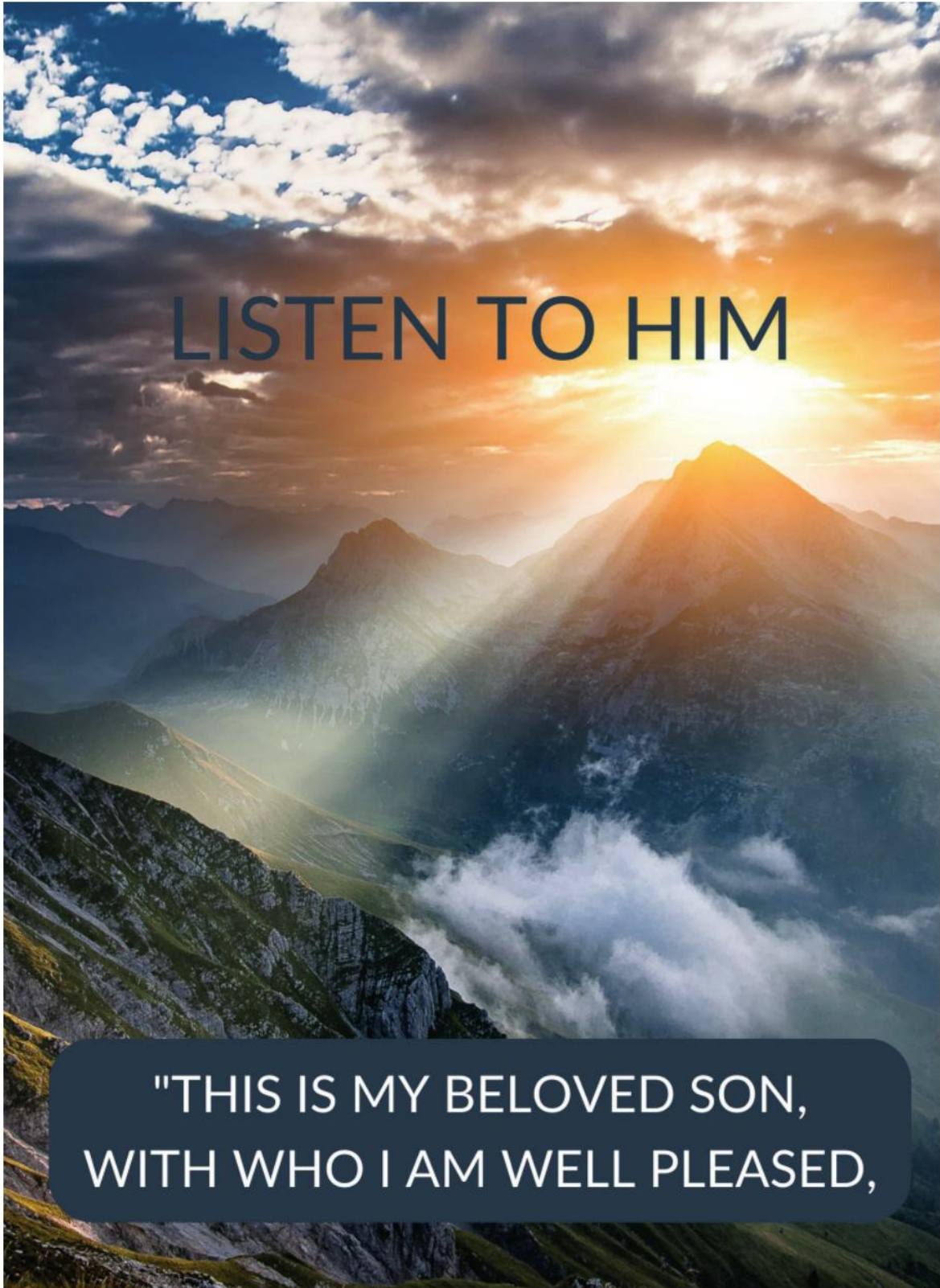




# *Our Lady of Peace*



LISTEN TO HIM

"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON,  
WITH WHO I AM WELL PLEASED,

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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.



**August 2023**

- 6th Potato Flakes / Soup
- 13th Baby Items: Formula/Food/Wipes
- 20th Canned Fruit / Raisins
- 27th Cooking Oils / Cooking Sprays

**Pantry is OPEN August 8th & 22nd**  
**(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 or [tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:tammie.mang@olp.org).

**Sunday's Readings:**

**Entrance Antiphon** - In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. / The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, / with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him..

**First Reading** - I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14).

**Psalm** - The Lord, the most high, is king over the whole world (Psalm 97).

**Second Reading** - Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place (2 Peter 1:16-19).

**Gospel** - Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:1-9).

**Family Discussion of the Week: Jesus Transfigured**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. (Matthew 17:5b)

**Adults:** Is there a time that you were chosen to witness something amazing?

**Kids:** What do you think God's voice sounds like?

**THEIR TESTIMONY IS TRUE**

Today's feast of the Transfiguration presents the full force of God's power. In the rare moments when humans are permitted to encounter God's intense fullness, the human reaction is the same: fear. The prophet Daniel is so frightened by his visions that he falls flat on his face in terror. Today's Gospel reports that Peter, James, and John were "very much afraid" when they saw Jesus transfigured on the mountain. They too fell prostrate in fear. These mighty revelations of God's brilliant majesty have a paralyzing effect on those who witness them. God does not prefer to terrify us, however. God chooses only rare moments to reveal the divine glory, and then sends witnesses to the rest of us so we can believe without fear. Saint Peter's letter advises us to be attentive to God's witnesses. Their testimony is true. Their words renew our hearts and transform our lives.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023**

7:00AM Deceased Members of the Tirpak Family -  
Mary Beth Passauer Family  
12:10PM Kevin Weise - M/M Charles Dunn

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023**

7:00AM Ann Buki - M/M Alan Waddle  
12:10PM Gary Krasnesky - Family

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023**

7:00AM Deceased Members of the Chludzinski Family -  
Mary Beth Passauer Family  
11:15-Noon **Confessions**  
12:10PM Michael T. Lubowicki - Loretta & Craig Schaal

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023**

7:00AM Ann Bradford - Carol Bianchi  
12:10PM Paul Costolanski - Niece, Joan

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023**

7:00AM Deceased Members of the Chipley Family -  
Mary Beth Passauer Family  
12:10PM Dick & Irene Izbicki - Fred & Evelyn

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023**

8:00AM Richard Abel - Rose Girard  
8:30-9:00AM **Confessions**  
2:00PM **Wedding** - Chris Keith / Lindsay Vavreck  
3:45-5:45PM **Confessions**  
5:00PM Clara Lapinsky - Darrell & Nancy Meyers

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM Francis Cunningham - Family  
9:00AM Hank Starr - Mike & Julia Cooney  
11:00AM Bob Fuller - Mary Ann & Dave Nicholls  
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

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Don & Rinda Pulice - Doretta Leo.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Louis & Helen Bruno - Haythorn & Swonger Families.

**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 August 6th*

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21  
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26  
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28  
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20  
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

**BANN III**

Chris Keith / Lindsay Vavreck



**A Family Perspective**

The apostles were probably being practical when they asked Jesus to “dismiss the crowds” so they could go and buy food. Jesus knew there is always enough when we place our trust in the Father, even with 5 loaves and 2 fish. Trust is the bridge to miracles.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

- Please pray for Joanne Amann. May her family find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

**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:**

- Aug. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
- Aug. 7: Margaret K.
- Aug. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.
- Aug. 9: Ellie A., Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.
- Aug. 10: Ann T., Pat C., Pat M.
- Aug. 11: Dave D., Paul M., Connie S.
- Aug. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Chris P.
- Aug. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F., Donna R.

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

**When at Mass offer the Mass for**

**Vocations by praying the prayer below:**

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

Serra Prayer for Vocations

## From the Pastor's Desk...

A Blessed Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord! This is one of those liturgical feasts that is still celebrated even when it falls on a Sunday. It is the fourth Luminous Mystery that was introduced by St. John Paul II in the early 2000's. So take some time during this week to meditate on this moment in the life of Christ.

I hope you got a chance to read Fr. Dan Hoffman's letter in the bulletin last weekend and if you missed it, you can find it on our website ( [www.olph.org](http://www.olph.org)) under bulletins. I also want to thank Fr. Dan for covering for me on the first part of my family vacation a few weeks ago and to thank Fr. Shane for covering when we were both gone last week. We do all we can to avoid both priests being gone at the same time; however, before being assigned here Fr. Dan had scheduled time away and I had my family vacation planned for over a year. I am grateful that we have Fr. Shane to rely on when needed. Also, I sincerely apologize to anyone who had a spiritual or sacramental need during the time that Fr. Dan and I were away and that he and I were not able to meet it. Know that we are very committed to you, our spiritual family, and do not take these things lightly. And I am always so grateful for the support that you give us in getting some time away to rejuvenate and renew.

May God bless 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...

**\*\*Africa 6000 Event** Please see page 5 for information on the Africa 6000 Event that Warren and Christine Beaver are hosting at BrewErie on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. In a nutshell, the Beavers are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by inviting their parish family to come celebrate the legacy of OLP parishioner Joe Prischak who started Africa 6000 to help build water wells in Africa and who passed away in 2022. This has been a cause that has been dear to the Beavers and they are hoping to help raise the money for a new well on behalf of Our Lady of Peace Parish and in memory of Joe. I hope you will consider coming to the event and/or contributing to this worthy cause. Thank you Warren and Christine and may God bless Joe Prischak with eternal rest.

**\*\*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 beginning this 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.

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

**\*\*Special Masses this Week** *Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>*- St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs (Sixtus II and four deacons were arrested Aug. 6, 258 while celebrating the Eucharist in the cemetery of Callistus; by order of Valerian, they were decapitated that same day); *Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>*- St. Dominic, Priest (founded the Order of Preachers [O.P.]); *Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>*- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr; *Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>*- St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr (Patron of Rome); *Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>*- St. Clare, Virgin (founded the Poor Clares whose first convent at Assisi she directed as abbess for forty-two years); *Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>*- St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious (as a widow, with St. Francis de Sales, her spiritual director, she founded in 1610 at Annecy in Savoy the Visitation nuns; established some eight-five monasteries before her death).

**\*\*Men's Picnic** Our Annual OLP Men's Picnic will be Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the OLP Pavilion. Open to all men of the parish, plan to join us for dinner, raffles, games etc. Tickets are \$12, call or stop by the office to get yours.

**\*\*OLP Raffle** Our final early bird prize drawing (Tailgate package) is on August 18<sup>th</sup> and you won't want to miss your chance at this great prize. The OLP Raffle is the main fundraiser of the parish supporting the work and mission of OLP. We are nearing 2/3 of our goal of 3,800 tickets with 2,200 sold tickets. Remember for every 10 tickets bought/sold you receive a bonus ticket for all the prize giveaways. The \$15,000 in cash prizes will be drawn at the parish picnic on September 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to sell more tickets, stop by the office.

**\*\*Erie Gives** Our Lady of Peace will again participate in Erie Gives on **Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** from 8am-8pm. Please consider supporting the parish. All donations to the parish will be used to install handrails on each side of the sanctuary, increasing our accessibility for our ministers, lectors, etc. Check donations will be accepted until Noon on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and should be made out to the Erie Community Foundation.

**\*\*OLP Serves** On August 19th, teams of OLP volunteers 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. We are asking you to help in one of three ways: **One-** Help 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. Contact Darrell Meyers: [darrell.meyers@olph.org](mailto:darrell.meyers@olph.org)/814-450-3697.

**Three-** Make a donation to cover the cost of supplies/materials for parishioners who might need help purchasing their supplies. Donations can be dropped at the office, 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.



Please RSVP to [wbeav@verizon.net](mailto:wbeav@verizon.net) by August 10<sup>th</sup>.

# Hey OLP Family, Let's Make a **Splash!**

## Please Be Our Guest for an evening of Celebration!

When: Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> Time: 5-8pm

Where: The Brewerrie at Union Station  
123 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA

*Let's Build a  
Well Together!*

Your Hosts: Warren & Christine Beaver



Warren, Christine & Joe  
November 2017

"We're celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and want to mark the occasion with an exciting, life-saving project that makes a mark on this world for good. Our friend and parishioner, Joe Prischak, went home to be with the Lord last year. Joe spent 16 years giving clean water to the very thirstiest in Africa through Africa 6000 International. Let's honor him & help continue this legacy by building an OLP water well in east Africa. This solar water well project will serve 5,000 villagers!

**"Please prayerfully consider partnering with us in this project."**



**Our Village** will be: **Kaugeri, Tanzania** in the region of Singida.  
**Population:** 5,000 villagers in 645 households.  
**Location:** (GPS): 04°44'.89" S 34.4°27.42"E  
**\*\*\*Currently**, the villagers in Kaugeri rely on a seasonal dam and swamps for their water supply. A clean water source is an eight kilometer walk from their village.



So please join us for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and this evening of celebration and giving. There is no cost. You'll hear all about the OLP Kaugeri, Tanzania village water well project and will have opportunity to give if you feel led. The well, when complete, will feature an OLP plaque. Everyone who gives will get a completion report and pictures of the well.

*40 Wonderful  
Years!*



Warren & Christine Beaver

"We have been so blessed by God in our marriage and as part of the OLP family. We want to celebrate this occasion by making a memory with all of you. Please join us."



# 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  
AND FELLOWSHIP**



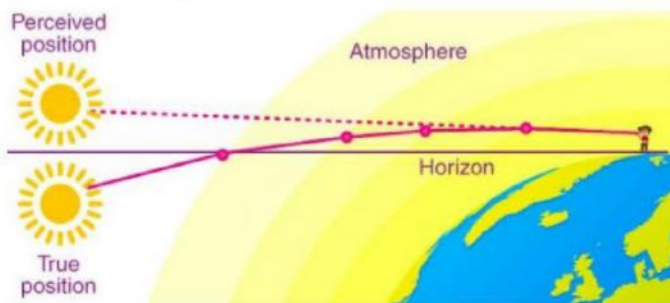


*Editor's Note:* These columns this summer will explore the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist through nature, landmarks, and other aspects in the Erie area. As the American Church enters deeper into the Eucharistic Revival (stage 2 - *Year of Parish Revival*) and Our Lady of Peace prepares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

*Aquinas, Erie Sunsets, Appearances, and the Eucharist*

Many regard the stunning view of an Erie sunset as one of the best in the country. *VisitErie.com* lists Presque Isle and Shades Beach as some of the recommended locations to see the sunset. There are also different sunset sails that provide a stunning view.

Sunsets are not exactly as they appear to our senses. For instance, there is about a 2-minute delay for the sunset in which we see what appears to be the sun over the horizon but it is actually light that is bending. This phenomenon is known as atmospheric refraction which is when light bends as it enters the earth's atmosphere due to small water droplets and particles that change the sunlight's direction.



An example of this phenomenon is when we are standing in water and our legs appear shorter and bent. Our legs are not shorter and bent, it is just that the light is bending.

Aquinas has much to say about the challenges of the appearances of the Eucharist in wine and bread. He has sympathy for the difficulty of the senses in seeing beyond the appearances of the Eucharist. Aquinas wrote, "(a) difficulty lies in the things which we perceive by our senses in this sacrament. For, clearly, in this sacrament we sense, even after the consecration, all the (appearances) of bread and wine: color, taste, odor..."

With regards to the difficulty of the senses, Aquinas' beautiful hymn titled *Pange Lingua* that is often sung at the benediction of adoration in the *Tantum Ergo*, provides advice that is worth knowing. He wrote, "Faith will tell us Christ is present, when our human senses fail." Recall the previous two bulletin articles that focused on grain and grapes (the appearances of bread and wine) as helping us to see the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment and moving us toward unity as Catholics.

The reality of the Eucharist is that the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus. However, the appearances of bread and wine remain. Similar to the sunset, in which our senses fall short of seeing what is actually happening, our senses can fall short in the Mass.



Aquinas' advice is to lean on faith and trust in Jesus. In the *Letter to the Hebrews*, we are told that, "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and the conviction of things not seen (Heb 11:1)." There are some things that we are simply not going to see with 20/20 vision on our own. Let us pray for faith, which is a graced belief and trust, in the Lord. Aquinas wrote that, "vision is the reward of faith." May our faith lead to clearer spiritual vision.

- Deacon Luke Dagher

Information from *VisitErie.com*, *surfertoday.com*, *Khan Academy*, Aquinas' Commentary on the *Letter to the Hebrews* (557), *Summa Contra Gentiles* (62:10), and *Pange Lingua* hymn. *Images of Atmospheric Refraction* and *Supper at Emmaus* by Caravaggio (1601) from Google.

## Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

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

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

CHECK ONE:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want envelopes

# Get Connected

NEW TO THE PARISH? WANT TO GET INVOLVED BY NOT SURE HOW?

- Register your family with the parish
- Check out the "events" page on our website, [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org)
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website or call the office at 814-833-7701 for help.
- Download myPairsh App by texting APP to 88202. Select Our Lady of Peace, Erie PA 
- Check out the great Catholic content on FORMED. Register through the website [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org) by clicking on the FORMED image. Enter your name & email and create a password.



### 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](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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## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### The Documents of Vatican II—Light of the Nations

The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church—*Lumen Gentium* (Light of the Nations)—was debated from the opening days of the Council until its passage, by a vote of 2,151 to 5, on November 21, 1964. It is an examination of the purpose and structure of the Church itself. In its eight chapters, *Lumen Gentium* first describes the Church as a mystery founded in Christ and sustained by the Eucharist. Indeed, the Church is the Body of Christ in the world. In its next move, the Constitution presents the Church as the People of God, rooted in our baptism. Only then does it explore the structure of the Church, specifically the bishops and the other ordained ministers, whose purpose is to serve the People of God, of whom they are a part. Next, an entire chapter is devoted to the dignity and vocation of the laity, who live out their faith in the world around them as witnesses to the presence of Christ in the world. Building on this, *Lumen Gentium* expands its focus to the whole world, describing a universal call to holiness. In this way, the Constitution lays the groundwork for future documents on ecumenical and interfaith relations. The document addresses the special gift to the Church of those living the consecrated life in religious orders, and then reminds us that the Church is greater than what we see on earth now—we are also united in the Body of Christ with all who have gone before us. The Constitution concludes with an eloquent invocation of the central role that the Blessed Virgin Mary plays in the life of the Church in leading us all to Christ her Son and our Lord.

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### Catholic Prayer Corner For Peace

O God, source of all holy desires, right counsels, and just works, grant us that peace which the world cannot give, so that we may be obedient to your commands and, under your protection, enjoy peace in our days and freedom from fear of our enemies. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## OLP Raffle August 18th Early Bird Give-Away Tailgate Package:

2 Camp Chairs  
Collapsible Tailgate Table w/Cooler  
Tailgate Organizer w/Paper Towel Holder  
Plates/Cups/Silverware  
Snacks  
\$50 Gift Card to Giant Eagle  
\$50 Gift Card to Gordon's Butcher & Market



Turn in your raffle tickets for a chance to win!

## 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](mailto:Tammie.mang@olp.org)

SOMETHING WONDERFUL  
is on the horizon

Plan now to join us for  
The One Hour to Peace  
October 2023



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

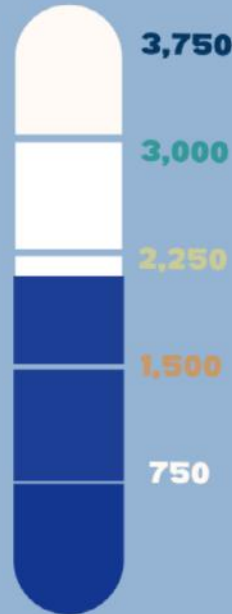
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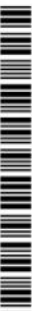
Donations to Our Lady of Peace will be used to add handrails  
to the sanctuary, increasing our accessibility.

**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  
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