



Our Lady of Peace

WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW

Matthew 16:21-27



September 3, 2023

Twenty-Second 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.



September 2023

- 3rd Applesauce (also, single serve)
- 10th Granola Bars / Crackers
- 17th Soup / Stew / Chili
- 24th Meals in a Box / Rice

Pantry is OPEN September 12 & 19
(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 or tammie.mang@olp.org.

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. / O Lord, you are good and forgiving, / full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading - The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalm - My soul longs for you, O my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading - Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel - Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

Family Discussion of the Week: Come, Follow Me

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

Adults: In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?

Kids: When has it been difficult to be a follower of Jesus?

FOLLOWING THE PATH OF JESUS

We are invited to reflect on the path of discipleship offered by Jesus in our readings today. Jesus, now seen by the disciples as Messiah and Christ, begins to describe most fully what this means: he will not march into Jerusalem filled with God's power like a conquering general. His path is like that of Jeremiah; he will be rejected and mocked. His path is like that described by Paul, offering his body as a living sacrifice. Jesus summons his followers down the same path of death and resurrection, to live the radical paradox that "whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Loving and trusting God will entail self-surrender, leading us to joy in service to others. We will learn to let go of what we desire and what we think we need, trusting God to provide what we truly need.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

Labor Day

9:00AM Mary (O'Malley) Gibbons - Brian & Linda Cochran

Church Offices Closed; Will Reopen 8:00AM Tuesday



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

7:00AM Patty McLaughlin - Fr. David Renne

12:10PM Special Intention for John & Theresa Glance (Wedding Anniversary)

1:30PM **School Mass** - Deceased Members of the DelBeato Family - Ehrman Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

7:00AM Caroline DiPlacido - Frank & Suzanne

11:15-Noon **Confessions**

12:10PM John Pulice - Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

7:00AM David Rupert - Jerome & Joan Peterson

12:10PM Chuck Rohrbach - Joe & Dianne Yochim

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

7:00AM Raymond Schlaufman - Linda Schlaufman

12:10PM Ann Buki - M/M Alan Waddle

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

8:00AM Stanley Mackowski - Wife & Family

8:30-9:00AM **Confessions**

3:45-5:45PM **Confessions**

Parish Picnic Mass

5:00PM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Larry Milkowski - Daughter, Mary

9:00AM Veronica Whitman - Family

11:00AM Edward W. Hoffman - Ed & Rina

4:30PM Shirley Zacherl - 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

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Don Pulice - Tony, Mary & Justice Alleruzzo.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Rinda Pulice - Mary Jo Cherry.

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 September 3rd

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;

Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

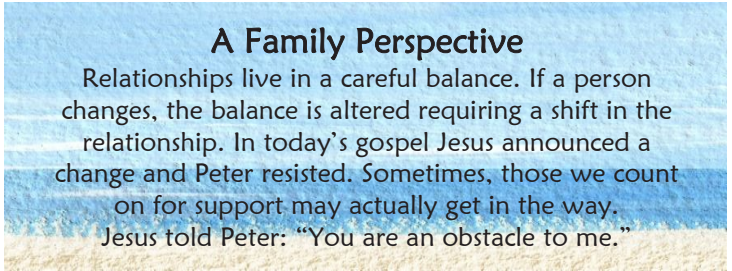
Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;

Mt 18:15-20



A Family Perspective

Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Greg Bosner. May his 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:

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

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

Sept. 5: Joyce K.

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

Sept. 7: Margaret K.

Sept. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.

Sept. 9: Ellie A., Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.

Sept. 10: Ann T., Pat C., Pat M.

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...

Happy Labor Day Weekend! As our country pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American Workers on this civil holiday, it is also a good time for us as Catholics to pray for the sanctification of human labor (as we believe that work should help sanctify us), to pray for the unemployed who are seeking work to sustain themselves and their families, and to pray that more people in our country will see that our human dignity is affirmed in our work and will seek employment. Fr. Dan will celebrate our parish Labor Day Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor on Monday (September 4th) at 9am for those intentions.

Also, remember that next weekend is our annual parish picnic. Details on the picnic can be found in my notes below but I wanted to highlight a few things:

ONE- We can still use volunteers to help with different aspects of the picnic- food prep, setup, parking, basket raffles, cleanup to name a few. Please sign up in the vestibule over the weekend or call the parish office if you can volunteer.

TWO- Please bring a chair for the outdoor Mass. We will have some extra chairs for those who forget or do not have one; but it is very helpful (and more comfortable) if you bring your own.

THREE- Parking in the lot between the church and school will be reserved for those who have limited mobility. There will be people directing to park; and I appreciate your willingness to park up by the west of the parking lot and walk down to Mass for those who do not have a mobility issue.

FOUR- There is **NO need to bring a dish to share**. Through the money raised from the basket raffle and other games at the picnic we are able to cover the cost of the food.

I thank our picnic committee in advance for all their work in organizing the picnic, as well as preparing the food and executing the event! The committee is made up of the Families Together ministry as well as other volunteers from the parish.

May God bless our picnic preparation and celebration 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...

****OLP Parish Picnic** The OLP Raffle winners will be drawn at our parish picnic on **Saturday, September 9th** so **purchase your raffle tickets for your chance at the cash prizes**. The picnic starts with an outdoor Mass at 5pm. Dinner will follow around 6/6:15pm, Bingo and Kids Activities at 7pm, Basket Raffle winners and Bonfire at 8:15pm, the drawing of our Grand Prize for our parish raffle at 9pm with fireworks to follow. There will be activities/games for the children and youth and I am excited that local band, Rooftop Project, will be playing music for us again this year from 6:15-8:15pm. These last two years have had the best attendance since I arrived and

many said they reminded them of the energy and excitement of the festival years in the 1970s and 80s... let's keep that energy going through the Holy Spirit!

****The OLP Raffle** is the main fundraiser of the parish supporting the work and mission of OLP. If we each do our part, we can reach our goal of 3,800 tickets and continue the good work happening in the parish and our community. That's just (2) tickets for each of the 1,900 registered families. When we all work together, incredible things can happen. 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 9th. If you are able to sell more tickets, stop by the office.

****The Lord's Prayer at Mass** Over the years questions have been asked about what we are to do at Mass. The Liturgy Committee would like to share some information on "What is the congregation supposed to do during the Our Father?"

The universal norm throughout the world is not to change posture during the Our Father. However, in 2003, the Diocese of Erie recommended worshipers to hold one's hands out (hands out and palms up known as the orans position) during the Our Father. It was clarified in 2003 that holding hands at the Our Father was not the norm or to be expected (families could choose to hold hands but should not impose on others). Also not expected or required was the raising of hands together after the Our Father as the congregation says "for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever" (which had become a common practice for some).

So, the bottom line for posture during the Our Father is that choosing either option (hand out/palms up or not) is legitimate. If you have any questions on this or want further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me, Fr. Dan or our director of liturgy and music, Brian Kuzmin.

****Becoming Catholic/ New RCIA Year** RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the program through which adults become members of our Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). **Our first meeting is this Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30pm.** If you are interested in becoming Catholic (meaning you were never baptized or were baptized in another Christian denomination) or want to complete your Catholic initiation (you were baptized Catholic but never Confirmed), please contact Tammie Mang in the Faith Formation Office to register. If you have questions about the program, please call Tammie Mang, Fr. Dan or myself at the parish office.

****Special Masses this Week** *Monday, Sept. 4th* - Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor; *Tuesday, Sept. 5th*, *Wednesday, Sept. 6th* and *Thursday, Sept. 7th* - Weekdays in Ordinary Time; *Friday, Sept. 8th* - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; *Saturday, Sept. 9th* - St. Peter Claver, Priest (17th Century Catalonian Jesuit who baptized over 300,000 and called himself "the slave of the slaves")

****OLP Athletics Golf Outing Friday, September 15th** Haven't signed up yet? To reserve your spot or inquire about how to sponsor this event at Beechwood Golf Course. Contact Ben Dougherty at benjamindougherty19@gmail.com



****New School Year and OLP School** The new school year has begun; and I want to wish our students, families, teachers, administrators and staff, a blessed and grace-filled new school year! Here are a few updates on the OLP school:

One- Fr. Dan Hoffman will be teaching 8th grade religion this year in tandem with Mary Beth Ek. Also, Fr. Dan is assigned to sacramental duty (chaplain) at Penn State Behrend while remaining the Parochial Vicar here. Please understand that he will not be able to be a part of our Sunday evening activities (although he will be able to celebrate the 4:30pm Mass every so often).

Two- Emily Fluegel, OLP parishioner, has been hired as the new Vice Principal. Please keep Emily in your prayers as she takes on this new position to assist the principal, Shivani Suri.

Three- Lisa Panighetti, also an OLP parishioner, has taken a new position as Vice President of Curriculum for the Erie Catholic School System (ECSS- of which OLP School is part of). Lisa is returning to Erie Catholic School System (she was principal at OLP from 2017-21) after two years working for the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office.

School Masses will be on Tuesdays at 1:30pm. They are open to the public, especially family members of school students. Remember, the church doors are locked during school Masses. You will need to come to the parish office door to be buzzed in. Please keep all our parishioners starting the new school year in your prayers.

****National Eucharistic Congress** The 3-year Eucharistic Revival in the United States culminates next summer with a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis on July 17-21, 2024. OLP reserved 25 early bird tickets at a cost of \$200 (rather than the current \$300) for this once in a lifetime opportunity. I am working with the Diocese of Erie to help coordinate a bus trip to the Congress that will eventually offer housing/transportation. Tickets are available to the whole Diocese on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve yours, drop off payment of \$200 per ticket at the parish office. Checks should be made out to "OLP" with Eucharistic Congress in the memo. Look for more info with complete package details. I will be helping lead the trip so I hope you will consider joining me for the first National Eucharistic Congress in the United States in the past 83 years.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades 1-8: Classes meet from 9:15-10:45 in the school and church basement.

Sept. 03- No Religious Ed. Classes

Sept. 10- Parent meetings- Gr. 1-5 at 9am in the school cafeteria, Gr. 6-8 at 10am in the school cafeteria

Sept. 17- No Religious Ed. Classes

Sept. 24- First day of classes

Grades 9-10: Classes meet from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the school and church basement.

Sept.3- No Religious Ed. Classes

Sept. 10- No Religious Ed. Classes

Sept. 17- Parent/Student meeting- 6:30pm in the church

Sept. 24- First day of classes

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

DO YOU MISS MASS

or are you missing what it means?



Funding provided by
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
of Northwest Pennsylvania



The **OLP Knights of Columbus** wish to thank all those who donated to the Baby Bottle Fundraiser!

The amount raised this time was \$5,380.17.

The grand total collected thus far in the Diocese of Erie is \$75,311.03.

Thank you again for this outstanding effort!



FREE Puzzle Swap

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

- 2401 WEST 38TH STREET -

12:00 pm - Drop off puzzles

12:45 pm - Swap Begins

1:30 pm - Swap Ends
(or when puzzles are gone)



Questions? Call 814-838-2515 | Please tape all puzzle boxes closed

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



DONATIONS FOR THE BASKET RAFFLE CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR CONTACT JOYCE AT JPWICKS@ROADRUNNER.COM OR 814-838-7038.

HOW TO *Become Catholic*



STEP ONE: PRAY

You don't have to be Catholic to pray! Talk to God like you would a close friend and ask for guidance.



STEP TWO: TALK TO OTHER CATHOLICS

And learn about why they love the faith. See if you can meet someone who converted and ask them their story!



STEP THREE: LEARN ABOUT CATHOLICISM

Before becoming Catholic, you need to learn what you're saying yes to! Churches offer programs for adults to learn who Jesus is, why what He did matters, and how to respond.



QUESTIONS?

Program Facilitators:
Tammie and Dcn.
John Mang

814-838-9983

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OR DO ALL THREE AT

Our Lady of Peace

September 6 | 6:30pm | School Cafe Room B-4

Join us and spend time learning and discerning if becoming Catholic is what God is calling you to.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____


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

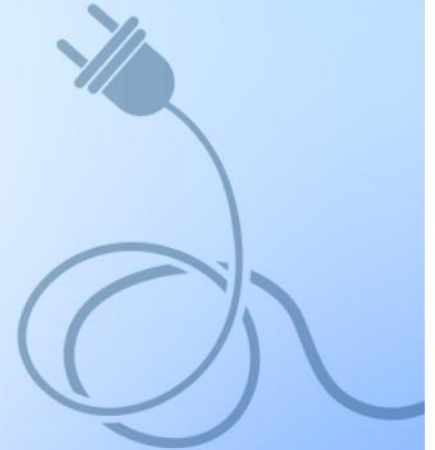
CHECK ONE:

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

Get Connected

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

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



Homebound Ministry

Serve our brothers and sisters by bringing Holy Communion to those in our parish that are unable to join us for Mass.



Can You Help Us?

The Homebound ministry has been blessed with many Eucharistic Ministers volunteering recently.

Why do we need help?

There are many parishioners who can no longer get to Mass to receive our Lord. We are asking for your help to identify those who want to receive Holy Communion at home or in a local Nursing home.

If you know of someone, please call the church office at 814-833-7701 x0.

All Eucharistic Ministers maintain confidentiality when ministering to the Homebound/Nursing Home Bound.

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:

Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

Time: 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Where: 11th & French St.

What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal

Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889



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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Documents of Vatican II—Church Meets World

While the entire Second Vatican Council was convened precisely to bring the Church into conversation with the contemporary world, the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (*Gaudium et Spes*) explicitly addresses the subject. Ratified by a vote of 2,309 to 75 and promulgated on December 7, 1965, this document was not foreseen by the planners of the Council. Instead, it grew out of the deliberations on the floor of the first session, and is the only Vatican II document originally drafted in a modern language (French). It is also the first document issued by such a council to address the entire world.

Gaudium et Spes sets out to describe the condition of the peoples of the world, and then recommends ways that the Church can address the issues that confront them. In establishing this dialog between world and Church, it outlines the mission of the Church. If the Church is to fulfill its mission, we must recognize that there is no division between the sacred and the secular. We must make the joys, hopes, sorrows, and anxieties of all peoples our own; we must overcome every type of discrimination; we must heal the rift between science and faith. The hopeful vision of the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World is not the Church *against* the world, but the Church *with* the world. Especially in our own divisive days, we must reclaim this hopeful vision and make it our own.

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The Documents of Vatican II—More Decrees

The Decree on Appropriate Renewal of Religious Life (*Perfectae Caritatis*) calls on men and women in religious life to rediscover their founding charisms and to adapt with the rest of the Church to the changing times.

The Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity (*Apostolicam Actuositatem*) is the first document addressing the laity ever to be produced by an ecumenical council, and received the highest degree of support from the Council fathers. It teaches that each layperson has a ministry rooted in his or her baptism, not simply a share of the ministry of the ordained. That is, laypeople are agents of the Church's activity, and not merely objects of it.

The Decree on the Eastern Catholic Churches (*Orientalium Ecclesiarum*) provides the Roman view on the main Eastern Rite Churches and proclaims the equality of the Eastern and Western traditions. It expresses an ardent desire for reconciliation.

The Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity (*Ad Gentes*) proclaims that the whole church is missionary; each of the baptized has been charged to spread the gospel. It also encourages the embracing of local customs and finding the seed of the gospel within them.

The Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests (*Presbyterorum Ordinis*) calls on priests to support the laity—a ministry not only *for* them but *with* them—and reaffirms celibacy for Latin Rite priests.

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WOMEN OF FAITH

Every day women of faith courageously pursue lives to glorify God. This evening is a chance to encourage and journey with other women in their walks with Christ.

All are welcome to join us the second Wednesday of the month starting on September 13th from 6:30-8pm in the Meeting Room (church basement). Contact Maria Good at 570-594-8339 with any questions.



She was stronger than she ever imagined. Jesus was closer than she ever realized, and she was loved more than she ever knew.

WHITE MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
8:00 AM

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH
2401 W. 38TH ST., ERIE

Healthcare Professionals and caregivers have the great responsibility and privilege of serving the sick.

Healthcare workers please join the Erie Catholic Medical Alliance for the 14th Annual White Mass.



All those in attendance will receive a special blessing





Blue Mass

TO HONOR THE WORK OF ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

Wednesday, September 6, 2023
6:00PM

Blessed Sacrament Church
1626 West 26th Street, Erie

Presided by:

Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie

Assisted by:

Rev. Philip Pinczewski, Catholic Chaplain, Erie Fire Dept.

Rev. Jason Glover, Catholic Chaplain, Erie Police Dept.

First Responders are requested to attend in uniform

This is an opportunity for the Erie Community to show their appreciation and support for all first responders and their families. Anyone can attend this Mass to pray for those who serve our communities now, and those members who have gone before us.

Songs of the military will be performed by a piper prior to Mass.

Reception to follow Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Cafeteria with light refreshments and snacks.

OLP YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE -FALL 2023-



SEPTEMBER

2nd-HS/MS Festival of Praise trip to Steubenville, OH, Noon to Midnight-RSVP by Aug 28th

6th-MS/HS Ripple Effect 6-9pm, meet in chapel, pick up outside church

12th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

13th-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

14th-St. Francis in McKean Adoration 8pm

18th-4th/5th Gr. YG 4-5:30pm, meet in chapel

18th-OLP Adoration 6:30pm

19th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

20th-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

26th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

27th-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, 12th St. Chick-Fil-A

29th-BINGO Fundraiser & Kid's Night Out

OCTOBER

4th-MS/HS Ripple Effect 6-9pm, meet in chapel, pick up outside church

7th-HS/MS Festival of Praise trip to Steubenville, OH, Noon to Midnight-RSVP by Oct 5th

10th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

11th-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

16th-PA March for Life-RSVP by Oct. 10th

17th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

18th-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

19th-St. Francis in McKean Adoration 8pm

23rd-4th/5th Gr. YG 4-5:30pm, meet in chapel

24th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

25th-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, 12th St. Chick-Fil-A

27th-Kid's Night Out-RSVP by Oct. 25th

29th-MS NET Retreat in Meadville

NOVEMBER

6th-OLP Adoration 6:30pm

7th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

8th-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

10th-12th-Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat

14th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

15th-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

16th-19th-National Catholic Youth Conference

28th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

29th-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, 12th St. Chick-Fil-A

30th-St. Francis in McKean Adoration 8pm

DECEMBER

5th-OLP Adoration 6:30pm

6th-MS/HS Ripple Effect 6-9pm, meet in chapel, pick up outside church

8th-Kid's Night Out-RSVP by Dec. 6th

9th-Sinia Sports YG Night-RSVP by Dec. 6th

10th-4th/5th Gr. Retreat Noon-4pm, RSVP by Dec. 6th

12th-MS YG, Packing Party 6:30-8:30pm, location TBD

13th-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

14th-St. Francis in McKean Adoration 8pm

19th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

20th-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel

31st-Holy Hour for Peace at OLP 11pm

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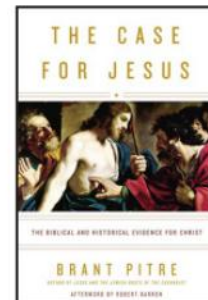
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