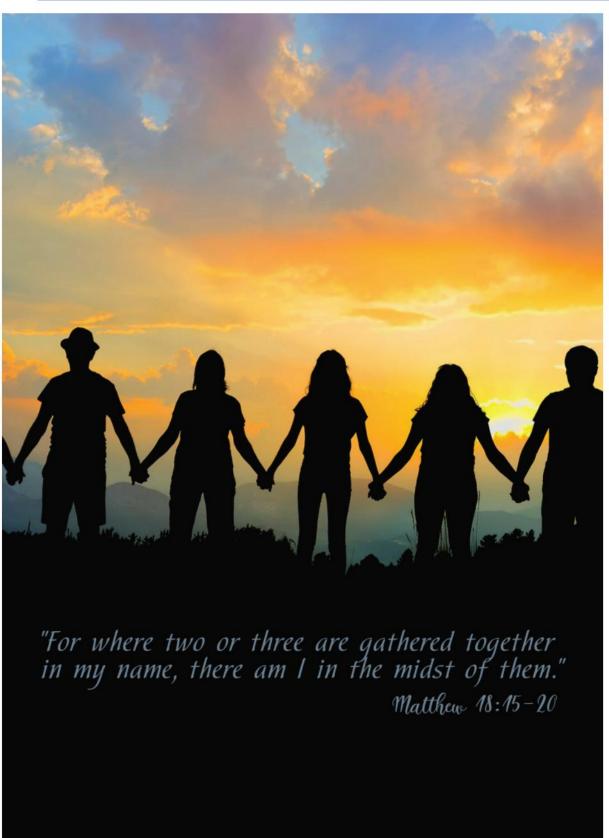


Our Lady of Peace



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Parish Pastoral Team

Pastor

Rev. Rich Toohey (fr.rich@olp.org) Parochial Vicar

Rev. Daniel Hoffman

Priest in Residence

Rev. Shane Mathew

Permanent Deacons Rev. Mr. John Mang

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Miss Sarah Beaver

Maintenance Supervisor

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Mr. Justin Miles

Finance Council Chairman

Ms. Rami Sorge

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

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 - You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; / treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading - Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm - Listen to God's voice today; be not hardhearted (Psalm 95).

Second Reading - Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel - If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

Family Discussion of the Week: Helping Others Grow

Jesus said, "If any member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. (Matthew 18:15)

Adults: How have you been able to follow Christ more closely because others patiently loved you?

Kids: How can you help another person do the right thing?

GOD'S WATCHERS

If you ever thought that living as a Christian was always going to be easy, today's readings will copvince you that this is not so. In the first reading from Ezekiel, the prophet was sent to convince the people in Jerusalem to return to God and God's ways; he bore rejection as a result of fulfilling his mission. In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his followers to work toward reconciliation when we have been wronged, rather than remaining caught in anger or disappointment. Saint Paul captures what lies behind these instructions-love. "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law." When we are tempted to walk away from a friend or co-worker with whom we disagree, or even more so when we worry that the person has turned away from the Lord, we are instead called to reach out in love.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

Patriot Day

7:00AM Georgia Mastro - Tom & Jane Sargent

12:10PM Patricia Smith - Children

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

7:00AM Major Tom Carr - Mom & Dad 12:10PM Roberty Wieczorek - Mom & Dad

1:30PM School Mass - Tony Jubulis - Comi Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

7:00AM Michael Kushla - Friends

11:15-Noon **Confessions**

12:10PM Tim Cook - John & JoAnne Cook

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

7:00AM Carla Tracy - Tom & Jane Sargent

12:10PM Maria D'Accardo -

Vincenzo & Calcedonia Missalino

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

7:00AM John Martin - Michael Martin Family

12:10PM Penny Bizzarro -

Joe, Denise, Ryan, Nick & Antonio Bizzarro

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

8:00AM Richrd Abel - Pete & Bonnie Menditto

8:30-9:00AM Confessions

2:00PM Wedding - Matthew Tobin / Alyssa Herbe

3:45-5:45PM Confessions

5:00PM Debbie Sciamonda - Ed & Barb Marchlewska

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

9:00AM Henry Truchanowicz - Gin Torrelli

11:00AM Bill Dann - Keith & Cynthia Berarducci

4:30PM Ray Lubin - 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 Robert Wieczorek - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Penny Bizzarro - Family.

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 10th

Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11 Monday: Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19 Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26 Wednesday:

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;

Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;

Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49 Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7: Ps 103:1-4, 9-12:

Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

A Family Perspective

The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he/she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Alexa Finlay, daughter of Michael & Lisa Nedreski; and for Rose Chludzinski. May their families 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. 10: Ann T., Pat C., Pat M.

Sept. 11: Dave D., Paul M., Connie S.

Sept. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Chris P.

Sept. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F., Donna R.

Sept. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.

Sept. 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B.

Sept. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.

Sept. 17: Len & Cathy K, Helen W., Barbra W., Nancy D. 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

Serra Prayer for Vocations

From the Pastor's Desk...

I hope you were able to join us for the Parish Picnic this weekend as it has become a highlight of the Fall at OLP! I mentioned last weekend that I wanted to share information on a few liturgical practices. Last weekend I shared information from the liturgy committee on the posture for the Lord's Prayer and you can see the summary of that in my notes below. Another area to increase our understanding of is... Posture after Holy Communion. I share with you here the Decree that Bishop Persico gave in October 2021.

The 2003 decree states, they [the faithful], should kneel ...after the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) unless the Diocesan Bishop determines otherwise. In 2003, the then Bishop of Erie, the Most Reverend Donald W. Trautman, determined that the faithful in the Diocese of Erie would stand instead of kneel after the Agnus Dei and throughout the Communion Rite. Many parishes throughout the Diocese and US returned to the practice of kneeling as it can be increasingly difficult for many parishioners to stand for long periods of time during the distribution of Holy Communion. In October 2021, the Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico formally changed the practice for the Diocese of Erie to return to the practice approved by the Holy See to kneel at Mass following the conclusion of the Agnus Dei. Those who receive Holy Communion may, upon returning to their place, either kneel or sit according to their choice until the beginning of the prayer after Communion, at which time all stand.

Also, as the Liturgy Committee at Our Lady of Peace has reviewed the General Instruction for the Roman Missal (GIRM) which is the guiding document for all Catholics regarding the celebration of Mass, we have decided to incorporate two other practices during Ordinary Time.

ONE- the first Sunday of the month we will celebrate the sprinkling rite at all Masses. We have generally done the sprinkling rite during the Easter Season. But the GIRM reminds us that it is appropriate to do it throughout the year to reinforce that our participation in EVERY Mass is really a renewal of our baptismal covenant with God where we are made new in Christ through the great mercy of the Father and the healing power of the Holy Spirit.

TWO- the third Sunday of each month we will use incense at our main "high" Masses (9am and 11am). We have used incense during the Christmas and Easter Octaves and at Pentecost and Christ the King (as well as a few other special times) as a way to reinforce the full solemnity of those great days in our liturgical calendar. But again, the GIRM invites the use of incense at any Mass which reminds us of the grandeur and importance of Mass on every Sunday.

If you have any questions about the posture after Holy Communion, the use of the sprinkling rite and incense at Mass, please feel free to contact me, Fr. Dan, Deacon John or Brian Kuzmin (our Director of Liturgy and Music) or any member of the Liturgy Committee (Lesley Lopez, Debby Holmes, Warren Beaver, Paul Wickles, Karen Martin, Julia Cooney).

May God bless our Sunday worship at OLP 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

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...

**I will be in West Middlesex, PA this week with other priests of the Erie Diocese for our annual retreat. Please keep us in your prayers and know that I will be praying for all of you. I thank Fr. Dan for holding down the fort while I am gone. He will go on his retreat at the end of September so let's pray for him as well!

**Erie Gives Summary Thank you to the over 200 donors who gave to Our Lady of Peace Parish (\$29,000) and/or Our Lady of Peace School (\$9,000). We already had the handrails installed in the sanctuary which was our main project. The school is working on increased security for the main school entrance. Due to your generosity we are going to be able to move forward with several other projects in the church including new ablution cups for the tabernacles, wood carvings of the four Evangelists to cover up the electrical panels needed for the church door upgrades, and expanding our sanctuary options for decorations during the liturgical seasons (new altar cloths and altar stoles for example).

**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 was 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 for the program. If you have questions about the program, please call Tammie Mang, Fr. Dan or myself at the parish office.

**A White Mass for Medical Personnel will be celebrated at Our Lady of Peace on Saturday, September 23rd at the 8am Mass. See page 6 for more information. The Mass will include a special blessing for all those who work with the sick so please come if that's you and help us get the word out.

**Special Masses this Week Monday, Sept. 11th- Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice; Tuesday, Sept. 12th- the Most Holy Name of Mary; Wednesday, Sept. 13th- St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (4th Century Ascetic and outstanding preacher); Thursday, Sept. 14th- The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Friday, September 15th- Our Lady of Sorrows; Saturday, Sept. 16th- Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (3rd Century allies for church unity).

**OLP Athletics Golf Outing Friday, September 15th If you haven't signed up for this fun event yet, contact Ben Dougherty at benjamindougherty 19@gmail.com to reserve your spot or to

inquire about how to sponsor this event on Friday, September

15th at Noon at Beechwood Golf Course.

**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 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 or Fr. Dan or our director of liturgy and music, Brian Kuzmin.

Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

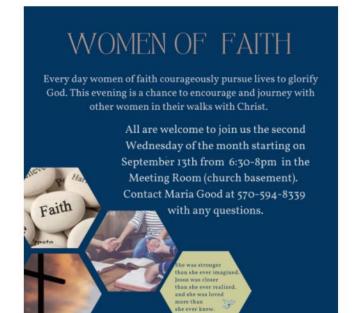
Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Diocesan Child Protection Policies - The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html. For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.



If you are cleaning out your closets or spare rooms and find any *unwanted cotton, flannel or fleece material*, please consider donating it to the **Sew What?** group. *Yarn, thread and batting is also needed*.

This group sews pillowcases, quilts, blankets, winter hoods, scarves, stuffed animals and other things for veterans, refugees and our Erie neighbors in need. Over the years **Sew What?** has delivered thousands of items to community service agencies in the Erie area, relying solely on donations to perform its work.

Please contact: Mary E., 814-866-2854 or Joni B., 814-881-8324 to donate. Pickup is available.



BANN III Matthew Tobin / Alyssa Herbe BANN II Jonathan Newport / Alayna Smith



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

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

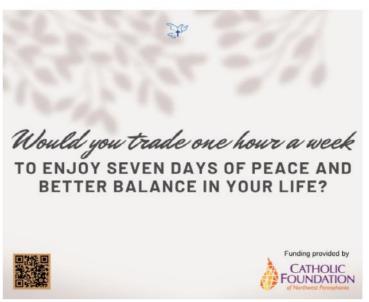
Grades 9-10: Classes meet from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the school and church basement.

Sept. 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



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

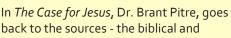


Stop and see what's new at the OLP Catholic Resource Kiosk in the vestibule of the church.

Book: \$5 NEW:

The Case for Jesus

Scholars have questioned the historical truth of the Gospels, claiming that they were originally anonymous. Others have even argued that Jesus of Nazareth did not think he was God and never claimed to be divine.



historical evidence for Christ - in order to answer several key questions, including:

- ~Were the four Gospels really anonymous?
- ~Are the Gospels folklore? Or are they biographies?
- ~What about the so-called "Lost Gospels," such as "Q" and the Gospel of Thomas?

Pitre shows how the divine claims of Jesus of Nazareth can only be understood by putting them in their ancient Jewish context.

A Stewardship of Sharing July 2023 Fiscal Year July 2023 - June 2024

	Monthly	YTI
Weekly Envelope	\$ 80,245	\$80,245
Loose	6,096	6,096
Holy Days	10	10
Monthly School Support	1,667	1,667
Christmas/Easter/Flowers	0	0
Total Offertory	\$88,018	\$88,018
Budgeted Offertory	\$ 82,417	\$989,000
(Deficit) Surplus	\$5,601	\$ 5,601
Diocesan Designated Fund	\$ 4,479	\$ 4,479

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
- Via Paypal app or www.paypal.com; send to olp@olp.org.
- 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	.\$ 178,707
Total Pledges	\$ 230,914
475 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.

OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project

Poet, Rabindranath Tagore said, "I slept and dreamt that life was joy; I awoke and saw that life was service; I acted and behold, service was joy."



Everyone at Maria House Project thanks you for "acting" with your **casseroles**. Your giving "joy" brings much receiving "joy."

The **September casseroles**, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church social room (basement) on *Saturday*, *September 16th*, between 3:30 and 4:30pm. If you would like us to pick it up call us: Skip or Dottie Glover at 814-440-3496 or email us scottiedippy@gmail.com. You may also leave the **casserole** in the church office during the drop-off time. **Casseroles** should be pre-cooked, frozen in a disposable container, with reheating directions attached. Names or addresses are NOT to be included.

THE CASE

FOR JESUS

BRANT PITRE



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)



Ouestions? Call 814-838-2515

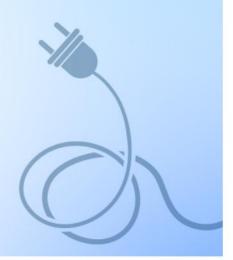
Please tape all puzzle boxes closed

	Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form	CHECK ONE:
Name Address	Phone	 □ New Registration □ Change of Address □ Moving out of Parish □ Want envelopes
City	Zip	
	Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.	

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. FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH





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

Qualifies for service hours!

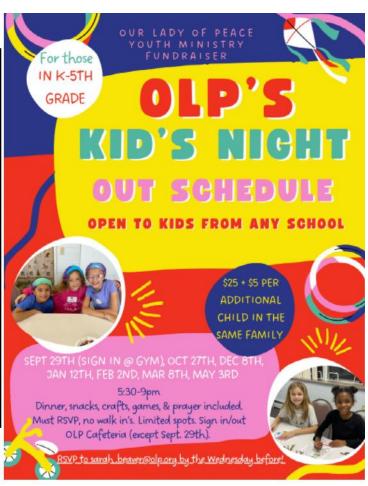
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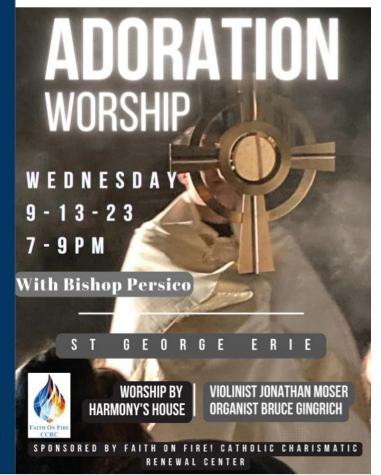
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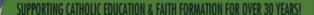
September 16-17, 2023

Catholic Education Collection

Benefits Lifelong Learning in Faith Formation & Catholic Schools

Use your parish offertory envelope or donate online:

www.ErieRCD.org/cec.html





Join OLP's Music Ministry

As we begin another season of great music, we are looking for more vocalists and instrumentalists to join us in sharing their talents with the parish community.



Our rehearsals have started...stop by and check us out!

Voice of Peace Choir

- Traditional and contemporary choral music
- Ministers at the 11:00AM Sunday Mass
- REHEARSES THURSDAYS 7:00-8:30PM

Selah Praise Band

- Contemporary praise and worship band
- Ministers at the 9:00AM Sunday Mass
- REHEARSES WEDNESDAYS 7:00-9:00PM

For more information, contact:

Brian Kuzmin: 814- 833-7701, brian.kuzmin@olp.org For Selah: **Debby Holmes:** 814-838-6306 For Voice of Peace: **Lesley Lopez:** 814-464-7177 OUR FASCINATING FAITH
The Documents of Vatican II—Three
Declarations

The <u>Declaration on Christian Education</u> (*Gravissimum Educationis*) asserts the baptismal right of every Christian to be educated for their role in the liturgy, the community, and the world. It emphasizes that parents are the primary educators of their own children, and it charges the Church especially with seeing to the education of those who are poor and disadvantaged. The Church must also see to the proper formation of teachers as witnesses to Christ.

The <u>Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to non-Christians</u> (*Nostra Aetate*), the shortest of all the Vatican II documents, is a landmark in interfaith relations. It urges Christians to seek out commonalities with members of other religions before addressing obvious differences. While continuing to uphold God's perfect revelation in Jesus Christ, it specifically mentions Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism as each bearing truth and holiness worthy of reverence, since whatever is true finds its source in the one true God. *Nostra Aetate* stresses God's continuing special love for the Jewish people, and condemns every form of persecution and discrimination against them.

The <u>Declaration on Religious Freedom</u> (*Dignitatis Humanae*) asserts the dignity of all human persons and their freedom of conscience to come to faith without the burden of any coercion. The baptized faithful throughout the world must be free to follow their Christian beliefs, and all others must be equally free to pursue their own religious practices. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Catholic Prayer Corner Praying the Rosary

- Begin on the crucifix and say the Apostles'
 Creed
- 2. On the first bead, say one Our Father.
- 3. On each of the next three beads, say the Hail Mary.
- 4. On the next bead, say one Glory Be.
- 5. Think of the first mystery in the group of mysteries

selected for meditation for the day and say one Our Father on the same bead. 6. On each of the next ten beads, say one Hail

Follow these with one Glory Be.

7. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 for each of the five mysteries.



Karen Burton Horstman, Sprv. (814) 454-4551

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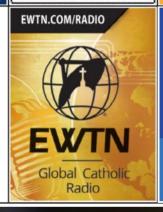
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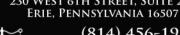
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