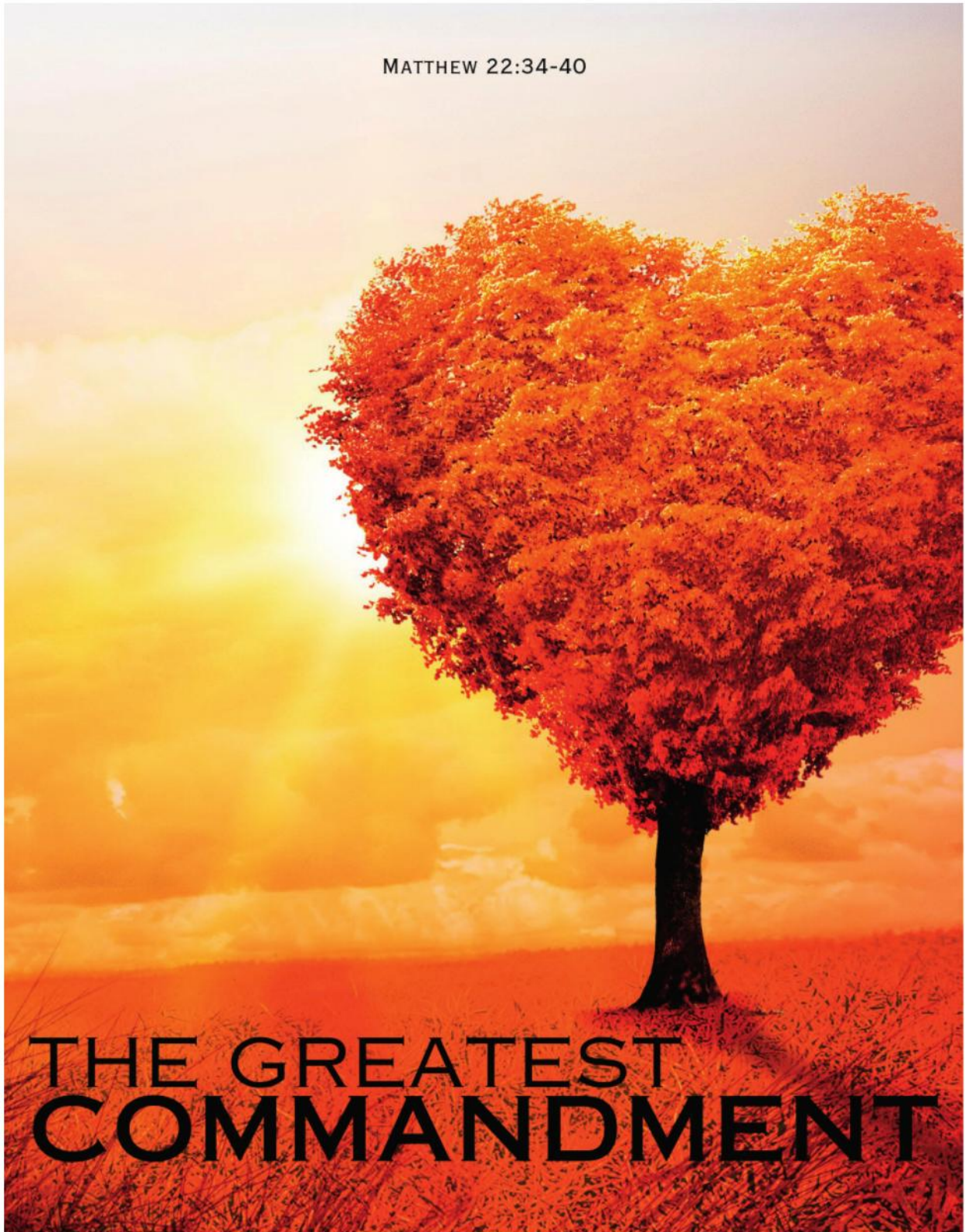




Our Lady of Peace

MATTHEW 22:34-40



**THE GREATEST
COMMANDMENT**

October 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

October 2023

29th Instant Potatoes / Dry Milk

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 or tammie.mang@olp.org.

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; / turn to the Lord and his strength; / constantly seek his face.

First Reading - You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

Psalm - O Lord, my rock, I love you (Psalm 18).

Second Reading - You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

Gospel - You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

Family Discussion of the Week: Love of Neighbor

"All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)

Adults: In a practical sense, what is one thing that would change in your life if you loved your neighbor as yourself?

Kids: Why is it hard sometimes to love your neighbor?

GOD'S LAW AND GOD'S LOVE

The secret to our Sunday readings today lies in the Gospel Acclamation: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him" (John 14:23). That single line from John's Gospel gets right to the heart of today's readings, reminding us of the intimate relationship between the law ("keeping God's word") and God's love. While human nature tends to resist burdensome rules, our readings show us the wisdom of God's plan that guides us with the rule of law. In Exodus, the law boldly prevents injustice, protecting the most vulnerable members of society. In Thessalonians, the law elevates our behavior and saves us from "the coming wrath." In Matthew's Gospel, the law swaddles us in God's compassion. In loving God, neighbor, and self, we imitate God and bring blessing to a fractured world.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023

7:00AM Marie Dorko - Tom & June Carr
 12:10PM Aurea Riviera - Mike & Ileana Restivo

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023

7:00AM Donna & Tom Gallagher - Husband & Dad
 12:10PM Msgr. James F. Daily (OLP's Founding Pastor)
 & All Deceased Pastors of OLP

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
 7:00AM Richard B. Johannesmeyer - Family
 11:15-Noon Confessions
 12:10PM Ann Buki - Ray Miller
 1:30PM School Mass - Blanche & Tony Ciccozzi -
 Ehrman Family
 5:30PM Casey Fatica - Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

All Souls Day
 7:00AM Deceased Members of Bieniek & Polakowski
 Families - Family
 12:10PM Victoria Cunningham - Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

7:00AM Tim Cook - John & Joanne Cook
 12:10PM Andrew Chaney -
 Deborah & John Maciak Family
 7:00PM All Souls Memorial Prayer Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

8:00AM James Sekula - Rosann & Hank Garbulinski
 8:30-9:00AM Confessions
 3:45-5:45PM Confessions
 5:00PM Linda Bucci - Judy Abel



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30AM Paul Hering & David Pichette -
 Fracassi Family
 9:00AM Roman Helena Bieniek - Family
 11:00AM Linda 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

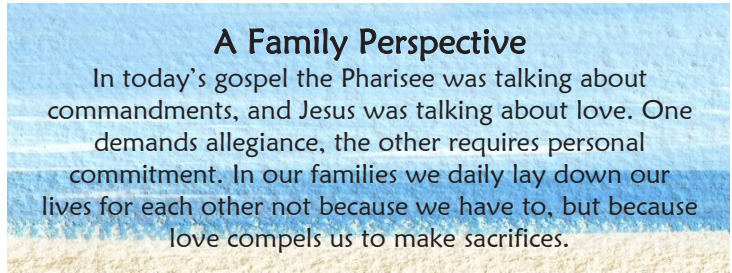
Daily at 11:40AM

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 October 29th

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21;
 Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
 Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;
 Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or
 from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a,
 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3;
 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12



A Family Perspective

In today's gospel the Pharisee was talking about
 commandments, and Jesus was talking about love. One
 demands allegiance, the other requires personal
 commitment. In our families we daily lay down our
 lives for each other not because we have to, but because
 love compels us to make sacrifices.

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in
 memory of Rinda Pulice - Carol & Michele Dean.
CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of
 Jay Ferraro - Beaver 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:

- Oct. 29: Linda M., Janet A.
- Oct. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.
- Oct. 31: Jim Z.
- Nov. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.
- Nov. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.
- Nov. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.
- Nov. 4: Arlene B., Catherine C., Denny D.
- Nov. 5: Joyce K.

*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...

"The One Hour to Peace from Mass to Mission" Update: When we began planning for this community wide formation experience, I set a goal of getting 500 people from our community to be a part of it. **If everyone who signed up for the one-day session on November 4th attends, we will have reached approximately 425 participants (not including the school and faith formation youth who are participating and would bring the total over 1,000).** I knew that it was an incredible goal, but wanted to share it as is the level of commitment the team has. There is still time for you, too, to make a commitment to be a part of this movement. Now that we are this close to the goal, I would love to see 100 or more attend the one-day retreat option this week on November 4th. Attending one session could be the start of a new experience of Jesus and His Church for someone who is searching, struggling, or just needing a jump start in their relationship with God. You can be that jump start when you invite someone to The One Hour to Peace, leading someone closer to God and the eternal life with Him!

May God bless those who are sick 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...

****This weekend we have the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick as part of the I Am Mass.** In this sacrament we pray for healing for those receiving the sacrament as well as the grace to "suffer well." We pray to be strengthened in the virtue of hope so the cross of our sickness does not tempt us to despair. Remember, this sacrament is **NOT FOR EVERYONE** but for those who fit in one of the following categories:

- those who are dangerously ill through sickness or old age (physical or psychological)
- a sick person...before surgery whenever the surgery is necessitated by a dangerous illness
- elderly people...if they are weak, though not dangerously ill
- sick children...sufficiently mature to be comforted by the sacrament

sick people who have lost consciousness or who have lost the use of reason...if they would have requested it had they been in possession of their faculties.

Of course, if a sick person who received this anointing recovers his/her health, he/she can in the case of another serious illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may also be repeated. If this applies to you or someone you know, join us for this special Mass of healing and grace. Please arrive early so you can sign in. All are encouraged to join us as we pray with and for those in our community who are carrying the cross of significant physical or psychological illness.

****All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) is Wednesday, November 1st.** OLP Masses: 7am, 12:10pm, 1:30pm & 5:30pm.

****Novena for Peace** The Novena for Peace will be prayed at 12:05pm daily in the church through November 2nd and will be livestreamed on Facebook. Our prayer concludes with an **OLP Day of Prayer/Fasting for Peace in the Holy Land this Friday, November 3rd.** Those who come for First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:30am and 6pm are encouraged to include intentions for peace as part of their prayer. Benediction is at 6pm due to the All Souls Memorial Service at 7pm.

****All Souls Day Memorial Service** The memorial service for All Souls Day is **Friday, November 3rd at 7pm.** We pray for all those who have died and had funerals through Our Lady of Peace over the past year.

****Fr. Dan and I will be handing out candy for Halloween (All Hallow's Eve OR All Saints Eve) between 6-8pm at the OLP Rectory front door.** We would love to see you. Please stop by as you are out and about trick or treating. Be Safe!

****Special Masses this Week** *Monday, Oct. 30th*- Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice; *Tuesday, Oct. 31st*- Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life; *Wednesday, November 1st*- ALL SAINTS; *Thursday, Nov., 2nd*- The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (ALL SOULS); *Friday, Nov. 3rd*- St. Martin de Porres (17th Century Peruvian Lay Dominican who was born of mixed racial parents and served the poor); *Saturday, Nov. 4th*- St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop (16th Catholic Counter Reformation leader in Milan, Italy).

****Respect Life Month** October is Respect Life Month in the US Catholic Church and so we pray for the recognition of the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. In our Catholic Social Justice Teaching we have a particular concern for life that is the most vulnerable- the unborn, the elderly, the imprisoned, the poor, those with mental illness, those with special needs, immigrants, the homeless. Please keep this intention in mind in a special way this month. U.S. Bishops' Pro-Life Chairman asks for "Radical Solidarity" with Mothers facing difficult or challenging pregnancies.

****Holy Land Pilgrimage Cancelled/Prayers for Peace/Mass In Time of War and Civil Disturbance** The pilgrimage to the Holy Land was cancelled. Please join me in prayer for peace in Israel and Gaza, for healing for all those impacted- both Israeli and Palestinian, and for eternal rest for those who have died. We also pray for protection and safety for everyone there now, natives as well as foreigners, visitors, pilgrims and relief workers. Please especially pray for Alision Grieco, daughter of OLP parishioners Len and Mary Alice Grieco, who works for Catholic Relief Services in Gaza and is not able to leave the territory.

****Weekend of Prayer for Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Erie** The following quote is from Bishop Persico... "As we continue the efforts of pastoral planning, it is imperative that we keep before us and our people that the reason for planning is to provide vibrant communities of faith for future generations. **With this in mind, I have determined to call the whole family of the Diocese of Erie to prayer. On the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the weekend of November 11- 12, 2023, I expect all parish celebrations of the diocese to be oriented around prayer for the pastoral planning process.**"

****Quotes from USCCB's Pastoral Letter "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church" NOV 2021**

Paragraph 21- "The reality that, in the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ without ceasing to appear as bread and wine to our five senses is one of the central mysteries of the Catholic faith. This faith is a doorway through which we, like the saints and mystics before us, may enter into a deeper perception of the mercy and

love manifested in and through Christ's sacramental presence in our midst. While one thing is seen with our bodily eyes, another reality is perceived through the eyes of faith. The real, true, and substantial presence of Christ in the Eucharist is the most profound reality of the sacrament. "This mysterious change is very appropriately called by the Church transubstantiation." Though Christ is present to us in many ways in the liturgy, including in the assembly gathered, the presiding minister, and the word proclaimed, the Church also clearly affirms that "the mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique." As St. Paul VI wrote, "This presence is called 'real' not to exclude the idea that the others are 'real' too, but rather to indicate presence par excellence, because it is substantial and through it Christ becomes present whole and entire, God and man." In the sacramental re-presentation of his sacrifice, Christ holds back nothing, offering himself, whole and entire. The use of the word "substantial" to mark the unique presence of Christ in the Eucharist is intended to convey the totality of the gift he offers to us."

****Quotes from the Saints on the Mass/ Eucharist**

St. Pope Paul VI "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer."

Saint Gregory the Great "The heavens open and multitudes of angels come to assist in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

****NOTES FROM "The One Hour to Peace from Mass to Mission" WEEK 4-*The Liturgy of the Eucharist (Part II)***

- I. The Real Presence of Jesus; Recognizing and resting in the peace of our Eucharistic King
 - a. The structure of the Eucharistic Prayer
 - i. *Epiclesis* ... the coming down of the Presence of God in the Holy Spirit
 - ii. *Consecration* ... the power of God becoming truly present for us.
 - iii. *Amanesis* ... Giving thanks and adoration in His Presence as a worshipping community.
 - b. This time of recognition of God becoming truly Present in this Eucharistic Prayer is a place of profound intimacy with our LORD Jesus!
 - i. A time of thanksgiving ... "It is good that we are here!"
 - ii. A time of Adoration ... "My Lord, and my God!"
 - iii. A time of quiet contemplation ... "Heart to heart prayer."
- II. The Communion Rite: From being in the True Presence of God to Receiving our God and becoming God's presence for others. In Holy Communion we are called to "become Who we eat" (St. Augustine).
 - a. The Our Father: Our family prayer
 - b. The Exchange of Peace: "We can't give what we don't have."
 - c. Holy Communion: becoming Who we receive ... becoming peace for others.

Area Catholic High School

Open Houses

for 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Cathedral Preparatory School

225 West 9th Street, Erie

Noon to 3:00PM

For Middle schools boys and girls.

There is an optional Mass beforehand at 9:30AM in the auditorium.

Guided tours will include interactive classroom demonstrations, a look at Prep's Esports Lab, Visual Arts Studio, Music Studios, Dance Studio, Engineering Workshop, Fitness Center and more! Students can learn about the Academic Paths, including MedPath, as well as the Gannon Scholarship Program. Learn how to graduate from Prep with a semester or more of college completed and about the millions in financial aid! Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for tuition discounts.

Any questions, please call 814-453-7737 x 3

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Mercyhurst Preparatory School

538 East Grandview Blvd, Erie

Noon to 3:00PM

mpslakers.com/openhouse

Students will take you on a guided tour, including visits to our innovative classrooms, renovated performing arts center, and expansive athletic wing, all nestled on our beautiful 7.5 acre campus

A Mercyhurst Prep education gives students the tools to be independent thinkers, quality leaders and successful change makers in the world.

Future Lakers will learn about Mercyhurst's three levels of academic concentration: College Prep, Honors, and International Baccalaureate (IB). The curriculum offers mobility among the course levels, and the faculty and guidance counselors work with students to facilitate the best specific learning path for each individual.

Apply to Mercyhurst Prep online at mpslakers.com/admissions on or before November 5 to become eligible to win one of five \$1,000 tuition vouchers for the 2024-2025 school year!

For more info call 824-2323; visit www.mpslakers.com.

May all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

All are invited to attend the
All Souls Prayer Service

being celebrated on

Friday, November 3, 2023 7:00PM

This special service will be offered as a time of peace and reflection as the parish community honors our family and friends who have passed away this year.

Come and celebrate our hope and promise of new life through Christ Jesus.

Livestream available on our YouTube channel.

Please contact the church office to include the name of a loved one whose funeral was celebrated in the past year.



World Mission Sunday 2023

October 22nd

Were not our hearts burning within us?
Luke 24:13-35

26M Children 38,140 Seminarians 8,750 Sisters 12,000 Health Centers 844,000 Catholics 258,540 Religious clergy

BE THE SPARK THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES. GIVE NOW.

WWW.ONEFAMILYINMISSION.ORG

Special Collection Thank You:
World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday.

You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org.

*We thank you,
for your generous support.*

Dear OLP families,

We are ready to train a new group of Altar Servers. This beautiful and very important ministry is a great way for you to serve God and your parish and it is a gift to be so close to mysteries of our faith while you serve at His altar. Your priests really need your help and appreciate your generous service too!

This ministry is open to any boy or girl from 4th Grade-12th Grade in OLP School, in Faith Formation at OLP, or in one of our Catholic High Schools.

If you have a reverent, prayerful, and joyful heart and a desire to serve God and fall more in love with Him especially through the Holy Mass you are called to this ministry. Training will be provided and will be announced soon. If you are interested and want to become an altar server please email at: fr.dan@olp.org or call me at the Church Office at 814-833-7701 x205. I look forward to praying and serving with you!

~ Fr. Dan



OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Day of the Dead (All Souls Day - November 2)

During the month of October, Mexico and other Latin American countries prepare for the celebration of All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2). In these countries, these two feasts are a mixture of ancient Christian rites and Meso-American devotions. They assert that death is a natural part of the cycle of life and that the deceased are not forgotten by their loved ones. This is the basis of the Catholic devotion to the saints: God is God of the living and not the dead (Matthew 22:32).

At the end of October and the beginning of November, families spend time in the cemetery, visiting the graves of their relatives and friends, washing the headstones, placing bouquets of marigolds, and lighting candles. This custom is similar to that of the Christian Romans who did the same with the tombs of martyrs and relatives in the catacombs.

Often we cannot go back to the graves of our loved ones, so the custom of the altars of the dead has become important in our churches and homes. Many Latinos construct and adorn small altars and dedicate them to the souls of their loved ones who have died. On the altars are found decorated colored paper, photographs of the deceased, religious articles, food, drink, and other things that the deceased enjoyed during their lives. These altars are testimony to the fact that deceased Christians do not forget us and we do not forget them either. The love of God unites us forever.

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc

Catholic Prayer Corner

The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

(Recited as part of the Rosary on Wednesday and Sunday)

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption
5. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin

At the end of the Rosary, the "Hail, Holy Queen" or the "Prayer after the Rosary" may be added.



Book of Remembrance

Our parish Book of Remembrance is available in the vestibule throughout October. You may write the names of beloved family and friends who have gone home to be with our Lord, especially those who have died since last November 1st. The Book of Remembrance will be placed near the altar on the Feast of All Souls Prayer Service, November 3, and we will continue to pray for these loved ones throughout November.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Oct. 29 Classes 9:15-10:45

Oct. 29 Parent session, *One Hour to Peace*, 9:30-10:30

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

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

Attention High School Boys: Grade 9 through 12:

CYO Basketball Open Gym sessions are:

Sunday, October 29,
7:00-09:00PM

The first official practice is:
Sunday, November 12,
7:00-9:00PM

For more info or to register, contact
Coach Darrell Meyers:
814-450-3697 or
darrell.meyers@olp.org



Our Lady of Peace...

Pray for us
and The One Hour to Peace

Catholic Charities
Refugee Resettlement Outreach

Thank you for your generous donations,
you have filled our warehouse space. We are
no longer accepting donations.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____

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

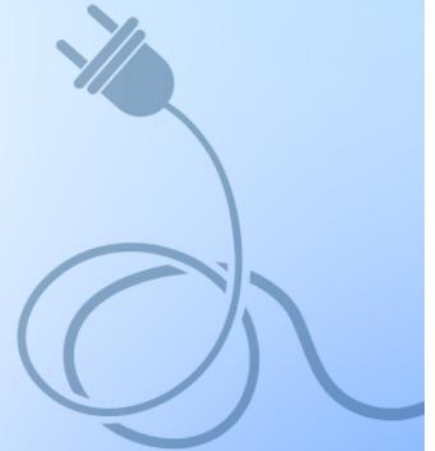
CHECK ONE:

- 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 myParish 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.

WITH
Grateful
HEARTS WE FEED THE NEEDY

Our Lady of Peace Parish is partnering with the Millcreek Food Pantry to provide desserts for 165 families that need food assistance this Thanksgiving.

Dessert is often everyone's favorite and most memorable part of a meal. No need to bake, we'll do the shopping for you. **Your donation of \$5 will provide a Thanksgiving Day dessert for a family in need.** Place your donation in an envelope marked Thanksgiving-Food Pantry and drop it off in the collection basket or the church office by November 6th.

Advertiser of the Week:

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Chris Ehrman, Parishioner
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OLP YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE -FALL 2023-

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

Questions/RSVP
sarah.beaver@olp.org

Mark Your Calendar for Area Events

Sunday, November 5 11:00AM - 4:00PM

Fall Festival/Pork & Kraut Dinner

St. Boniface 9367 Wattsburg Rd., Erie
Dinner: Adult \$15; Child Under 12 \$7/Family of 2 Adults & 2 Children \$40. Fall Festival free admission/Live Music/ Handmade Quilt Raffle/Bake Sale/ Basket Raffle/Country Cupboard/\$1000 Cash Raffle/ and more. A portion of proceeds benefits St. Patrick's Haven for Homeless.

Wednesdays, November 8 and 15 7:00PM

Fall Adult Education Class: What we believe: The beauty of the Catholic Faith

St. Peter Cathedral Synod Hall 230 West 10th St., Erie
Expand your understanding - whether you are a life-long Catholic or are just beginning to explore. All are welcome to attend. Questions? faith@stpetercathedral.com

Friday, November 10 7:00-11:00PM

Dance featuring: The Groove

Our Lady of Mercy Church Gym 837 Bartlett Rd, Harborcreek

Cost \$15/person; purchase tickets at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Office: Mon-Fri 8AM-3PM; tickets sold at the door; 50-50 Raffle benefiting OLM. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 11144.

Sunday, November 12 2:00PM

Father Pete's Maria House Project Bingo Bash

JPTF Events Center 2319 West 38th St., Erie

\$30 Online Pre-Sale (www.mariahouseproject.org)/\$35 at the door (includes regular games & jackpot)/Basket Raffle; 50-50; Instants & more. BYO Drinks & Food.

Monday, November 13 St. Francis Xavier, McKean

Tuesday, November 14 Beloved Disciple, Grove City

Wednesday November 15 St. Joseph, Force, PA

Spiritual Formation Opportunity: The Eucharistic Revival - Pillar One: Foster Encounters with Jesus Through the Kerygma and Eucharist

Discussion by Fr. Jeff Lucas (from the Epiphany of the Lord Parish in Meadville) All meetings begin at 10:00AM and end with a luncheon at Noon

Cost \$15/person, includes lunch (must be paid in advance); register online at: <https://forms.office.com/r/w4ennaV534>

respect life month



OCTOBER 2023

What is radical solidarity? Radical solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a new mindset. A culture of radical solidarity "gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives. . . and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in Others." We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, "What radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?"

Inspired by Christ's own example of love, may we "enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep. May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

To learn more about the call to radical solidarity visit respectlife.org/radical-solidarity.

PRAYER FOR RADICAL SOLIDARITY

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance. In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.

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**Rehearsals are 6:00pm-6:30pm on:
Nov 16th and 30th, Dec 7th, 14th and 21st**

We will sing at the 11:00am Mass on December 24th



Questions?
Call Christina at
814-882-1017 or
murnockfarm@yahoo.com

Prepare the way of love this Advent

Parish Advent Service Project:

Millcreek Food Pantry. . . The parish is hosting a Community Experience on November 28th. We will be making care packages for the families of the Millcreek Food Pantry. The following items are needed:

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| laundry detergent | fabric softener |
| cleaning products | dish detergent |
| deodorant (men/women) | toothbrush/toothpaste |
| soap/bodywash | shampoo |
| razor/feminine products | diapers |

There are 150 families that regularly rely on the Millcreek Food Pantry

St. Martin Center Shining Stars. . .

\$25-\$50 Gift cards from Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Five Below, McDonalds or Little Caesars are needed by Tuesday, December 8th. The parish is sponsoring 150 children again this year.

You can make a difference in the life of a child this Christmas.



Drop off all donations at the church office

OLP Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizen Essay Contest

Pope St. Paul VI wrote: "The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church."

Theme:
**How can the Church evangelize
in the digital age?**

The essay contest is to encourage today's youth to be more connected to their community and faith.

The goal is to get young Catholics in **grades 8-12** and instill in them religious and life-affirming values.

In an essay of 500-750 words; forms can be picked up in the church office and are due back by Nov. 5, 2023.



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Community ADVENT EXPERIENCE

SAVE THE DATES NOW

- November 28th - Dinner and Packing party with activities
- December 5th - Lessons and Carols
- December 12th - Holy Hour



Don't get so caught up in preparing for Christ's coming that you forget to prepare yourself to participate in it.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Every day women of faith courageously pursue lives to glorify God.

All are welcome to join us on November 8th from 6:30-8pm in B4 (room off the school cafeteria). We will be reading and discussing *This Present Paradise: A Spiritual Journey with St.*

Elizabeth of the Trinity by Claire Dwyer.

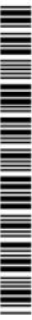
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with any questions.

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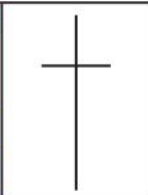
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