



Our Lady of Peace



**God has given you a gift,
a talent.**

**What you do with it
is your gift back to God.**

The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

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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.

November 2023

19th Canned Fruit / Raisins

29th Cooking Oils / Cooking Sprays

Pantry is OPEN November 28

November 20th Turkey Distribution

(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 - The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. / You will call upon me, and I will answer you, / and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading - The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalm - Happy are those who walk in God's ways (Psalm 128).

Second Reading - Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel - To all those who have, more will be given (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

Family Discussion of the Week: Using Your Gifts

(The servant said,) "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." (Matthew 25:20b-21)

Adults: What gift have you not developed as you had hoped? What could you still do?

Kids: What gift has God given you? What do you want to do with it?

WHICH SERVANT AM I?

"Which servant am I?" Imagine being one of the servants in the parable we hear today from the Gospel of Matthew. We can feel the pride of the first two servants, who wisely used the talents given to them. We imagine the fear and shame of the third, who did not. The servants were given different sums of money, according to their ability. None was given more than what he was capable of handling. Yet only two made the talents they were given fruitful. As a result, these two heard, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy." As we hear the parable, we must wonder, "Which servant am I?"

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023

7:00AM David Rupert - Family & Friends
 12:10PM Edward Zurawski - Daughters

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

7:00AM Special Intention for the Blessed Mother's Intentions
 12:10PM Ann Cuzzola - Family
 1:30PM School Mass -

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023

7:00AM Janet Naylor Curtis & Jack Curtis - Christine Curtis Urmann
 11:15-Noon Confessions
 12:10PM Catherine Habursky - Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023

Thanksgiving Day

9:00AM Nancy Holland - Husband & Family



Please bring your food and monetary donations for the Millcreek Food Pantry to Mass.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023

7:00AM Ann Cuzzola - Family
 12:10PM Tom Petrus - Close Friend, Joan Francis

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023

8:00AM Raymond Schlaufman - Bill & Sue Drabic
 8:30-9:00AM Confessions
 3:45-5:45PM Confessions
 5:00PM Carmelita Morabito - Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
 9:00AM Columba DiVincenzo - Ed & Rina
 11:00AM Jack Dann - Keith & Cynthia Berarducci
 4:30PM Tim, Charles & Mary Ann Harrington - Family
 5:15PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:00PM Solemn Evening Prayer & Benediction

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 November 19th

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 113; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
 Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Mary Szocki - Husband.
CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Donald & Loretta Bruschi - Donald & Carol Patsy.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Anna Ciccozzi, mother of Maria Ehrman. May her family find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

OLP 31 Club
 Praying for vocations every day of the year!

Members agree to go to daily Mass on a particular day every month and offer that Mass for an increase of vocations to the Church. There is a great need for vocations. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayer, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Upcoming Mass commitments:

- Nov. 19: Amber D, Chris L.
- Nov. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Donna G.
- Nov. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.
- Nov. 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y., Gloria M.
- Nov. 23: Heidi A.
- Nov. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.
- Nov. 25: Christine O.
- Nov. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.

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 Thanksgiving Week! I am always reminded at Thanksgiving that for us as Catholics the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word for "thanksgiving." That is one of the primary dispositions and motivations for every Mass we celebrate, TO GIVE THANKS to God for His love and mercy that give us life and salvation. Every breath we take is due to and stems from God's love... if He stopped loving us, we would cease to exist. We have Him to thank for EVERYTHING. That connection between thanksgiving and Eucharist leads us to conclude that there is no more appropriate and complete way to give thanks than to go to Mass. So, consider celebrating the Eucharist/Mass with our parish family at 9am on Thursday.

You are encouraged to bring non-perishable foods or money for the Millcreek Food Pantry to Mass with you on Thanksgiving. You will be invited to bring them to the sanctuary at the Offertory. We are extending the invitation to bring non-perishable food donations to ANY Mass next weekend (November 25/26), again you will be invited to bring your donations forward during the preparation of the gifts which will reinforce that these food donations are a part of our offering at Mass. I know it may be a bit chaotic, but I see that as a good chaotic and worth it for what it teaches and reminds us about the Mass every week.

May God bless our holiday 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...

****Blessing of Musicians will take place at all our Masses this weekend** as we approach the feast of St. Cecilia on November 22nd who is the patron saint of musicians and sacred music.

****Community Advent Experience includes three events:**

ONE – November 28th, 5:30-7:30pm – Dinner, crafts, prayer and packing for our Advent Project. We are again creating care packages for the West Millcreek Food Pantry. Donations of the following should be dropped off in the church office: laundry detergent/fabric softener, cleaning products, dish detergent, deodorant, toothpaste/brush, body wash, shampoo, razor/feminine products, diapers are *needed by November 22nd*. We are also collecting gift cards for St. Martin Center Shining Stars. \$25-\$50 gift cards from Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Five Below, McDonalds or Little Caesars are *needed by December 8th*

TWO – December 5th, 6:30pm – Lessons and Carols with music by Selah and faith sharing.

THREE – December 12th, 6:30pm, Holy Hour

****The "Liturgical Ministries Fair" continues this weekend** in the back of church. You can sign up for the various liturgical ministries at OLP. We have a particularly significant need in the area of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers. So please consider becoming a part of these important ministries and we will follow up with you about training.

****Safety Committee/Active Shooter Training** Our parish safety committee is organizing an Active Shooter Training that will be held on Saturday, December 9th from 9-11am in the school cafeteria. Ushers, Liturgical Ministers of Hospitality and parish medical emergency volunteers are asked to attend but the training is also open to the entire parish. The training is relevant for dealing with active shooters in any environment and not just at the church or school. Please contact the parish office to register if you do plan to attend.

****Medical Emergency Volunteers Designated Seating** There is a specially designated seat (last row to the left of the center aisle) for our medical emergency volunteer at the weekend Masses. It is indicated by a small plaque and first aid stickers. Please allow our volunteers to sit there. They will have a special lanyard that identifies them as such.

****Special Masses this Week** *Monday, Nov. 20th* - Ordinary Time; *Tuesday, Nov. 21st* – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; *Wednesday, Nov. 22nd* - St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr (3rd Century); *Thursday, Nov., 23rd* - In Thanksgiving to God; *Friday, Nov. 24th* - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (17th-19th Century Martyrs of Vietnam); *Saturday, Nov. 25th* - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr (4th Century).

****iGiveOLP/#iGiveCatholic 2023** – We will be participating in this National Day of Giving to support the schools, parishes and ministries of the Catholic Church. Advanced giving begins on November 13-27 and concludes with #iGiveCatholic on Tuesday, November 28th. You can support our project "Building a Stronger Parish Through Community Outreach" by using the envelope you received in the mail or included in this bulletin. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Peace Church. Online giving is available at www.erie.igivecatholic.org. Thank you for helping us to reach our goal of \$45,000 (and 175 donors) to fund our internal and external outreach as well as add a new Outreach Coordinator to our staff. Questions? Stop by the office or check out our website, www.olp.org. PLEASE NOTE- the national "#iGiveCatholic" day is November 28th and we are designating November 14th as "iGiveOLP." Let me clarify that YOU ARE NOT BEING ASKED TO GIVE TWICE. Donating early (#iGiveOLP Day) helps us to know where we stand as we approach November 28th.

****We are selling some new "OLP apparel"** as we approach Christmas so that you can show your parish pride! Samples are in the vestibule and order forms with payment are due to the office by November 20th. Proceeds from these sales will be directed toward OLP Youth Ministry.

****Quotes from the USCCB's Pastoral Letter "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church" NOV 2021 Paragraph 25-** "The Sacrament of the Eucharist is called Holy Communion precisely because, by placing us in intimate communion with the sacrifice of Christ, we are placed in intimate communion with him and, through him, with each other. Therefore, the Eucharist is called Holy Communion because it is "the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being." How can we understand this? The Gospel of John recounts that, when Jesus

died on the cross, blood and water flowed out (Jn 19:34), symbolic of Baptism and the Eucharist. The Second Vatican Council teaches, "The origin and growth of the Church are symbolized by the blood and water which flowed from the open side of the crucified Jesus," and that "it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth the wondrous sacrament of the whole Church." In this image from the Gospel of John, we see that the Church, the Bride of the Lamb, is born from the sacrificial love of Christ in his self-offering on the cross. The Eucharist re-presents this one sacrifice so that we are placed in communion with it and with the divine love from which it flows forth. We are placed in communion with each other through this love which is given to us. That is why we can say, "the Eucharist makes the Church."

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

St. Leonard of Port Maurice "What graces, gifts and virtues the Holy Mass calls down."

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati "With all the strength of my soul I urge you young people to approach the Communion table as often as you can. Feed on this bread of angels whence you will draw all the energy you need to fight inner battles. Because true happiness, dear friends, does not consist in the pleasures of the world or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we have only if we are pure in heart and mind."

****Catholic Guidelines on Funerals and Burial** As we continue through the month of November, I remind you that our Catholic Tradition encourages us to pray for our beloved dead and visit their places of rest at the cemeteries during this month. Every year I take this opportunity to review a few of the Catholic Church's expectations on funerals and burials that I often see misunderstood or not known.

ONE- It is permissible for Catholics to be cremated so long as it is not done in rejection of our belief in the resurrection of the body at the second coming of Jesus Christ.

TWO- We are expected to bury our deceased loved ones in blessed ground (Catholic cemetery OR a grave in a public cemetery that is blessed at the Committal Service after the Funeral). It is not therefore acceptable to leave cremated remains in an urn in our homes or have them scattered somewhere outside of a cemetery.

THREE- Please consult with your pastor or the priest who will be presiding over the Rite of Christian Burial with you **BEFORE** making any final plans or traveling arrangements. Some days and times may not work in the priest's or church's schedule and it can be difficult if people have already purchased airline tickets, etc. (the flexibility of the family is appreciated). Please do not arrange the funeral date and time with the assumption that the funeral home will find me a priest. Fr. Dan and I want to pray with you and appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the conversation to find a time that works for everyone.

FOUR- The Rite of Christian Burial includes 3 parts- first, the Vigil Service at the Funeral Home. The church encourages an opportunity for visitation, viewing and prayer at a funeral home or other site. This allows for closure in seeing our loved one laid out as well as an opportunity for our family and friends to offer their support. To skip this step is to short-change the grieving process and makes it more difficult for our friends and family to reach out to us.

The second part of the Rite is the funeral Mass at the Church. There is no greater prayer that we can offer for our loved one than the Catholic Mass and so the best thing we can do for the soul of our loved one who has died (and for all of us who remain) is to celebrate a Funeral Mass. To choose to have a funeral service at the funeral home suggests a lack of understanding and appreciation for the significance of the Mass. Even if someone is not Catholic or has been a way from the church, it could still be appropriate to have a Mass so please investigate this with the priest involved before you make decisions. The third part of the Rite is the Committal Service at the cemetery. This brings prayerful closure and helps us make a connection to their final place of rest. Even if the Committal is done at a later date (the body needed to be cremated or some other reason), it is still appropriate to ask a priest or deacon to lead you in that prayer (and Fr. Dan and I are happy to do that for and with you!).

Lastly, I encourage everyone to make their funeral arrangements NOW with the points above in mind. This relieves the family that remains of the worry about the funeral details as they are grieving and it helps the deceased in that they are ensured of getting the funeral they desire.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

NO CLASSES grades 1-8 in Nov.-Dec. Classes resume on January 7th.

Grades 9-10: Classes meet 5:30-7:30pm

Nov. 19- Regular classes. Bishop letter part 1 and Confirmation Name form due.

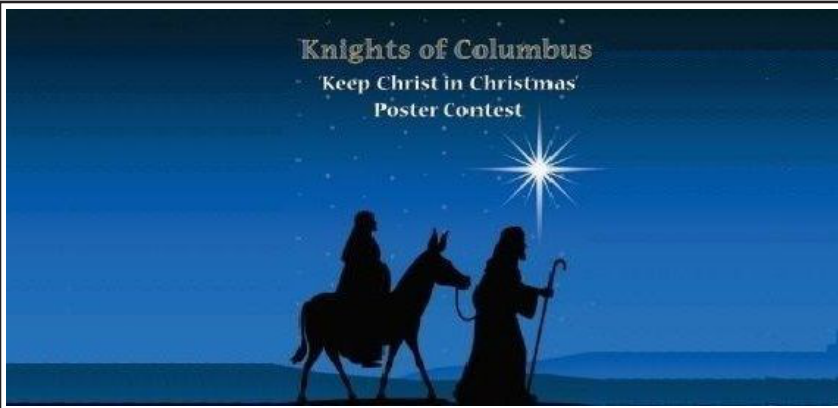
Questions: Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director,
814-838-9983 or Tammie.mang@olp.org

Are you ready to show the world
that OLP is the place to be?



We are excited to offer OLP gear for sale
after Masses from November 11th-19th

proceeds will support the Youth Ministry Program



OLP Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest

Who: Anyone from age 5 to 14

What: Poster Contest topic “Keep Christ in Christmas.” People will have a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, and your artwork will bring others to remember Christ in Christmas.

Due: December 11, 2023

Prizes: Cash prizes to winners in each category (Age 5-7: Gr. K-2 / Age 8-10: Gr.3-5 / Age 11-14: Gr.6-8)

Contact: Bob Koshinskie, 814-449-1779 or rkoshinskie@roadrunner.com

Entry Forms available in the Church Office.

Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month - We consider our homes to be safe places for our children, but in the United States up to 2.5 million youth experience homelessness every year. Each year up to 50,000 youth sleep on the streets for six months or more. One of the main causes of youth homelessness is family instability, which includes child abuse and/or neglect, domestic violence, parental substance abuse and family conflict. The website of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (www.nctsn.org) offers information on a range of child safety topics. For additional resources on recognizing and reporting child abuse visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

OLP's own *Brian Kuzmin*

will perform with the Lake Erie Choral Artists for their Fall Concert

LAKE ERIE
Choral Artists

Free and open to the public

Present:
A Fall Concert
with
A Tribute to William Byrd (1570-1623)

Conducted by Steven A. Woods

Saturday, November 18, 2023 Christ First United Methodist Church 663 Lakeview Avenue Jamestown, NY 4:00 pm	Sunday, November 19, 2023 Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul 134 West T ^h Street Erie, PA 4:00 pm
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Performing works by:
Arcadelt, Brice Dolanc, Byrd, Daley, Forrest, Hassler,
Mollicone, Ohrwall, Shank, Vasilhauskaite, & Woelkes

Donations kindly accepted

Coffee with Christ Catholic Young Adults

Saturday, Dec 2nd
St. George Catholic Church
Following 8 am Mass
Meet in the Multipurpose Room
Coffee, tea, and food provided
Open to young adults ages 18-40



Father David Renne speaking on Prayer



Questions: cberan@stgeorgeerie.org

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (November 21)

This feast had its origins in the Eastern churches, and is associated with an event recounted not in the New Testament, but in the *Protoevangelium of James*, a second-century work not contained in the Bible. In that account, Mary's childless parents, Joachim and Anne, learned through a message from heaven that they were to have a child. In gratitude for the great gift of their daughter Mary, they brought her to the Temple in Jerusalem when she was still a child in order to consecrate her to God. Various other accounts report her being brought to the Temple when she was three in fulfillment of her parents' vow, and left there for schooling to prepare her to be the Mother of God.

In A.D. 543 a church named for Saint Mary was built in Jerusalem near the site of the Temple, and this feast commemorates the dedication of that church. The Roman Catholic Church recalls this tradition together with our sisters and brothers in the East. Pope Saint Paul VI observed that the Presentation of Mary, although apocryphal in origin, nevertheless presents worthy values and carries on venerated traditions from the Eastern churches. This celebration concludes a cycle of three feasts of Mary, observed at various times in the year, surrounding her nativity.

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Catholic Prayer Corner

Prayer for God's Continued Protection

O Lord,
support us all the day long of this troublous life
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in your mercy
grant us a safe lodging
and a holy rest,
and peace at the last.

—John Henry Newman



#iGIVECATHOLIC
#GIVINGTUESDAY

Save the Date!

November 13-27 Advanced Giving
November 28 Giving Tuesday

www.erie.igivecatholic.org

DANIEL

a study of faith under pressure

OLP Bible Study invites you to grow in your love of God
and learn through the lessons from the Book of Daniel.

Save the Date:

Tuesdays, Jan. 9-Mar. 5 at 7:00-8:30pm

or

Wednesdays, Jan. 10-Mar. 6 at 10:00-11:30am

Location: Social Room

Cost: \$10/person

Registration opens soon



Middle School and High School Students: Community Service Hours - Special Opportunity

Attention OLP Youth:

Help is needed on **Wednesday
November 29th from 4:00 to 6:30pm**
assisting the Community Outreach Group
of Erie, setting up for their annual
Clothing Distribution Party.

We will be unloading trucks, unpacking
boxes and bags of coats and other
clothing items; setting up displays for
distribution to the poor and needy of our community.

*Many hands are needed to unpack literally hundreds of
containers with these clothing items.*

Project location:

St. Paul Center, 453 West 16th Street downtown
Adult parents can accompany students, especially middle
schoolers to assist with this project.

To register, or for any questions, please contact:

Darrell Meyers (darrell.meyers@olp.org) 814-450-3697



**Volunteers
needed:**

Advent Wreath Lighting

The Advent Wreath serves as a powerful visual reminder of the holiness of the season. The light of the candles invites us to quiet ourselves during this busy time and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas as we welcome the Light of Christ into our lives.

We offer all parishioners the opportunity to assist with the wreath lighting during the weekend Masses throughout the Sundays of Advent.

We invite you to prayerfully consider volunteering.

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

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.

Special Collection This Weekend:

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

*We thank you,
for your generous support.*

Advertiser of the Week:

Our bulletin is supported through the generosity of the advertisers - many of whom are our parishioners. Most are members of our local community. Please support our advertisers with your patronage. Tell the business owner that you appreciate their support of our parish through their ad in the bulletin.



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

Friday, Nov. 24th 12:00-5:00PM
Saturday, Nov. 25th 10:00AM-5:00PM
Sunday, Nov. 26th 12:00-4:00PM

Holiday Craft Show

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Come and explore unique holiday crafts and gifts!

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Pick-up:

Friday, Dec. 15th: 4:00-7:00PM

Saturday, Dec. 16th: 9:00AM-Noon

A Family Perspective

As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has 'entrusted' our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

OLP Boy Scout Troop 59 Christmas Decorations Sale

Now is the time to clean out your old Christmas decorations and then get new ones.

Troop 59 will be accepting all your new/used Christmas decorations.

Drop off your decorations:

OLP Scout House:

Monday, November 20th 6:00 – 8:00PM

Monday, November 27th 6:00 – 8:00PM



Christmas Decoration Sale:

OLP School Cafeteria:

Saturday, December 2nd

8AM-12Noon and 4:00-7:00PM

Sunday, December 3rd

8:00AM – 1:00PM



Donations benefits Troop 59 activities.

Any questions please contact:
Alyson Dana, 814-490-3493



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Pancake Breakfast

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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:

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

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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.



Bulletin Deadlines for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years

The Holidays are fast approaching and with it comes some early deadlines for the bulletin. They are as follows:


- For Sunday, December 3, 2023, articles are due November 20, 2023
- For Sunday, December 10, 2023, articles are due by December 1, 2023
- For Sunday, December 17, 2023, articles are due by December 8, 2023
- For Sunday, December 24, 2023, articles are due by December 12, 2023
- For Sunday, December 31, 2023, articles are due by December 15, 2023
- For Sunday, January 7, 2024, articles are due December 18, 2023
- For Sunday, January 14, 2024, articles are due January 5, 2023

**You may e-mail the info to: cynthia.berarducci@olp.org
or drop it off at the church office.**

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation with these early deadlines.



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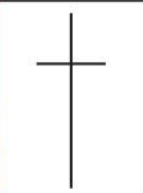
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