



# Our Lady of Peace

## PREPARE THE WAY

*"I have baptized you with water;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

**Mark 1:1-8**

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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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.

**December 2023**

10th Granola Bars / Crackers

17th Soup / Stew / Chili

24th Meals in a Box / Rice (Boil-in-Bag)

31st Canned Fruit / Raisins



**Pantry is OPEN December 12 & 19** (due to Christmas)  
**(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in Millcreek & for OLP Parishioners, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26th Street.**

**The West Millcreek Food Pantry is asking for extra food donations:**

- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Whole Grain Cereal
- Pet Food
- Laundry Supplies
- Toilet Tissue/Kleenex
- Paper Towels/Napkins
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Reusable Grocery Bags

**Thank you!**

**The OLP Prayer Ministry**

This is a ministry for those individuals who are unable to attend usual parish functions perhaps due to an impairment, lack of transportation or illness. This active ministry can be done from home, a nursing home, the hospital, etc. Those who participate are asked to voluntarily pray for a specific group, ministry or function as the meeting, ministry or function is occurring. Prayer is vital to our lives and keeps us connected as members of the Body of Christ.

For more info, contact: Deacon John Mang at [deacon.john@olp.org](mailto:deacon.john@olp.org) or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office, at 814-838-9983 or [tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:tammie.mang@olp.org).

**Sunday's Readings:**

**Entrance Antiphon** - O people of Sion, behold, / the Lord will come to save the nations, / and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard / in the joy of your heart.

**First Reading** - The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** - Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** - Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** - I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

**Family Discussion of the Week: Patience**

The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

**Adults:** With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?

**Kids:** With whom can you be more patient?

**GOD'S DELAY**

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

# MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023**

7:00AM Alberta Bigwood - Granddaughter, Melissa  
 12:10PM Allison Bosner - Mom

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023**

7:00AM Dennis Dombrowski - Mary Ann Zarnick  
 12:10PM Ann Cuzzola - Family  
 1:30PM School Mass - Tony & Mary Fosco -  
 Ehrman Family  
 6:30PM Holy Hour

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023**

7:00AM Laura & Lew Penna - Sister, Sylvia Tronoski  
 11:15-Noon Confessions  
 12:10PM Msgr. Robert Schriefer - John & Betsy Truran

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023**

7:00AM James Zimmerman - Dick Wingenbach  
 12:10PM Nunzio Cioccio - Daughter & Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023**

7:00AM Marilyn Schlecht - Friend  
 12:10PM Greg Galdon - Family

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023**

8:00AM Sarah Harrington -  
 Mom, Dad, Kayleigh, Josh & Daniel  
 8:30-9:00AM Confessions  
 3:45-5:45PM Confessions  
 5:00PM Patty Ann Miklos - Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP  
 9:00AM Amelia & Anthony Patsy - Daughter, Marcia  
 11:00AM Dennis Drake - Wife, Linda  
 4:30PM William R. Miklos - Family

*Confessions available after the Sunday Masses*

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED** - Please pray for  
 Jeanne Laskowski; and for Gary Rieger. May their families  
 find hope and consolation through their faith in the  
 resurrected Lord.

**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 December 10th*

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
 Lk 1:26-38  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab;  
 Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,  
 or any readings from the Common of the  
 Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712  
 Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;  
 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in  
 memory of Penny Bizzarro - Joe, Denise, Nick, Ryan & Antonio.  
**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of  
 Sarah Harrington - Mom, Dad, Kayleigh, Josh & Daniel.



**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:**

- Dec. 10: Ann T., Pat C., Pat M.
- Dec. 11: Dave D., Paul M., Connie S.
- Dec. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Chris P.
- Dec. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F.,  
 Donna R.
- Dec. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.
- Dec. 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B.
- Dec. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.
- Dec. 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

## From the Pastor's Desk...

A blessed 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent! The weekend of November 26<sup>th</sup> my bulletin article was accidentally repeated from the weekend before. My letter to you that weekend was supposed to be the below feedback letter that our parish leadership provided to Bishop Persico in response to the Proposal for the next phase of restructuring of Catholic Churches in Erie County. It was in the "Other Notes from the Pastor" last weekend but I wanted to reshare it with you in my letter because it is important. So here it is again...

**"Dear Bishop Persico, Greetings from Our Lady of Peace Parish! I write to you on behalf of our leadership at OLP to offer our institutional feedback regarding the preliminary plan for Erie County that was proposed in late August 2023. I first want to mention that our parish was very grateful for the opportunity to give feedback both individually and as a parish. We appreciate your willingness to hear our input and to allow it to be a factor in your final decisions. I specifically asked for input from our community leadership (Parish Leadership Team, Parish Staff, and Pastoral Council) in three areas and so will provide the feedback according to those areas.**

**The Process:** 1. We believe that the plan did not incorporate enough spiritual prayer and support as part of the process leading up to the proposal. We acknowledge that a prayer was 2014 for overall pastoral planning in the Diocese of Erie and that prayer has been encouraged throughout, but we believe we could have been more intentional in creating a prayer plan so that along every step we ensure that we are all seeking the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to guide this process (MY Addition now... Since the initial proposed plan, the diocese did initiate a weekend of prayer for the pastoral planning process which occurred on November 11-12, 2023).

2. We believe it would have been helpful to identify who was on the committee for creating this recent proposal either before the August meeting or at the meeting. From 2014-2017 there was a very clear communication of the committee and process, the more recent steps seemed to lose some of that clarity about who was involved.

**The Plan:** 1. We believe the information sent out as criteria after the meeting should have been shared during the meeting. But we also believe that the criteria was too vague and so a quick summary of why each decision was made would have been helpful at the meeting to allow the leaders at the meeting to try to help understand/defend the proposal. Without understanding the criteria and why decisions were made, that defense is harder.

2. We believe the plan needs a greater vision for where all this is going. If we knew where we wanted to be in 25 years, we could make better informed decisions based on that final vision. The impression presently is that we are making short-term decisions that do not have future vision in mind.

3. We believe the plan should have gone further. To continue to restructure every five to ten years in small steps creates a constant environment of anxiety and concern about what is next and is hard to build continuity and momentum. Another consideration in going further could be to ensure that every parish in Erie County is affected in this plan so that there is a sense that we are all in this together.

4. We have some concern about abandoning the poor in the inner city if churches like St. Joseph, St. Paul, St. Stephen. etc. are not going to be as active in that regard moving forward.

5. We believe that St. Julia Parish should not be a stand alone parish and should be merged with St. Jude Parish. And if there is to be a parish that is set aside for Diocesan Administrators to serve, there should be an explanation of why St. Julia is being selected versus other parish options.

**Our Lady of Peace Parish Future:** In regard to the concern about the inner-city connections remaining and consideration of this next step of restructuring in Erie County going further than the preliminary plan, we at Our Lady of Peace Parish are proposing that each of the big three suburban west deanery Millcreek parishes line up with a coinciding urban parish who they could give more direct support to regarding ministry to the needy.

St. George with St. Joseph Bread of Life, Sacred Heart and St. Paul

St. Jude with St. Andrew and St. Julia

Our Lady of Peace with Blessed Sacrament and St. Stephen of Hungary

We also feel that a plan for the use of potentially unused buildings in the future should be considered regarding city-wide ministry. Could we open a center for evangelization, a center for social ministry, a center for formation, a center for spirituality (including retreats), a center for youth ministry, etc for use not only by Erie County Catholics but the entire diocese. These type of ideas however cannot be determined by one parish or cluster but would require a collaborative group to propose and figure out.

Thank you again for this opportunity and may God bless you with charity, strength, peace, and perseverance as you shepherd our Diocesan Church."

Feel free to let me know if you have any questions or concerns about our feedback letter or the process in general. May God bless second week of Advent 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...

**\*\*Special Masses this Week** *Monday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.* St.

Damasus I, Pope; *Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.* Our Lady of Guadalupe;

*Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.* St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr; *Thursday,*

*Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.* St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church; *Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>* and *Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.* Advent

Weekdays.



### Advent Prayer Opportunities:

- **Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>- Holy Hour for the Church in the Americas** for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Eucharistic Adoration will take place from 6:30-7:30pm as we also seek Mary's intercession for the church in the Americas for which she is the patroness.
- **"O Antiphons" during Late Advent (December 17-24)** will be prayed at 12:05pm in the church and on Facebook Live.

### Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Confessions after all Sunday Masses
- Normal weekly opportunities- Wednesdays from 11:15am-Noon; Saturdays from 8:30-9am and 3:45-4:45pm
- **"The Light Is On For You"- Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.** All participating Erie churches are open for confessions. See bulletin for participating churches.
- **Advent Penance Service- Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:40pm.** All are invited to join our Faith Formation students.
- **Additional Confession Times in Late Advent**  
Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-7pm.  
Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:15am-12Noon.

### Advent Almsgiving:

In addition to the great things we have already done (including the West Millcreek Food Pantry Essentials Bags that we collected and packed and gift cards for St. Martin Center Shining Stars): the Our Lady of Peace School students are conducting Advent Service Projects for various area ministries. Please call the school office, 814-838-3548.

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

Paragraph 26- "We are first incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church, through the waters of Baptism. Yet Baptism, like the other sacraments, is ordered toward Eucharistic communion. The Second Vatican Council teaches, "The other sacraments, as well as with every ministry of the Church and every work of the apostolate, are tied together with the Eucharist and are directed toward it. The Most Blessed Eucharist contains the entire spiritual boon of the Church, that is, Christ himself, our Pasch and Living Bread, by the action of the Holy Spirit through his very flesh vital and vitalizing, giving life to men who are thus invited and encouraged to offer themselves, their labors and all created things, together with him." The Council Fathers continue, "In this light, the Eucharist shows itself as the source and the apex of the whole work of preaching the Gospel. Those under instruction are introduced by stages to a sharing in the Eucharist, and the faithful, already marked with the seal of Baptism and Confirmation, are through the reception of the Eucharist fully joined to the Body of Christ." That is why the Council calls the eucharistic sacrifice "the source and summit of the Christian life."

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

**St. Maximilian Kolbe** "You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, compenetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!"

**St. Angela of Foligno** "If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."

## Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Teaching Kids to Be Smart About Social Media** - There are plenty of good things about social media - but also many risks and things kids and teens should avoid. To help your child find the balance, it's important to talk with your kids about how to use social media wisely. Emphasis to your child that it's important to: 1.) Be nice. Mean behavior is not OK. 2.) Think twice before hitting "enter." Remind them that what they post can be used against them. 3.) Use privacy settings. 4.) Don't "friend" strangers. If you don't know them, don't friend them. 5.) Teach kids not to share anything on social media that they wouldn't want their teachers, college admissions officers, future bosses - and even gramma - to see. For additional resources visit [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/)



## Volunteer Appreciation

# DINNER

In gratitude for your time  
and service to the mission of OLP

Saturday, January 20th

6:00 PM - SCHOOL CAFETERIA

RSVP BY CALLING THE OFFICE AT 814-833-7701  
OR EMAIL [OLP@OLP.ORG](mailto:OLP@OLP.ORG)



# Christmas Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24  
5PM, 7:30PM, MIDNIGHT  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25  
8AM, 10AM

MUSIC MINISTRY IS HARD AT WORK PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS. ENJOY BEAUTIFUL PRELUDE MUSIC BY SELAH AT THE 5PM MASS AND VOICE OF PEACE AT THE MIDNIGHT MASS.



PEACE OF CHRIST... BEYOND ALL UNDERSTANDING

## OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project



The residents, volunteers, staff and board wish everyone at Our Lady of Peace Parish a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you, and appreciate all that you are doing. Your generosity gives us new hope.

The **December casseroles**, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church social room (basement) on *Saturday, December 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](mailto: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.

PRAY'N PACK'N PLAY'N

## Community ADVENT EXPERIENCE

THIS YEAR  
ADVENT CAN LOOK AND FEEL DIFFERENT

- December 12th - Holy Hour for the Church in the Americas, 6:30pm

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



## SAINT ANDREW PARISH

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DAVID BLAETZ  
RICKIE HOPKINS  
FEATURING: JIM MADDEN



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# The Light is ON for You.



Confessions will be heard at these churches on  
**Thursday, December 14, 2023 - 5-7pm**

All Saints, Waterford	St. John the Baptist
Blessed Sacrament	St. John, Girard (4:30-6:30pm)
Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro	St. Joseph/Bread of Life
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	St. Jude the Apostle
Our Lady of Peace	St. Julia
St. Boniface	St. Jude the Apostle
St. Francis Xavier, McKean	St. Luke
St. George	St. Peter Cathedral
St. Gregory, North East (6-7pm)	

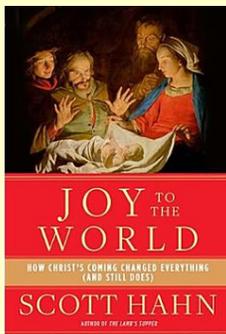
## Stop in the vestibule of the church and see what's new at the OLP Catholic Resource Kiosk

Book: \$5

ADVENT BOOK:

*The Joy to the World*

In *Joy to the World*, Dr. Scott Hahn brings the first Noel to new light through his thought-provoking combination of exciting story-telling and penetrating biblical insight. Christmas, as it appears in the New Testament, is the story of a father, a mother, and a child, their relationships, their interactions, their principles, their individual lives, and their life in common. To see the lives of this "earthly trinity" is to catch a first glimpse of heaven. Dr. Hahn shows Christmas to be the story of a family.



## Bulletin Deadlines for Christmas and New Years

Here are the deadlines:

Sunday, December 24, 2023, articles due December 12

Sunday, December 31, 2023, articles due December 15

Sunday, January 7, 2024, articles due December 18

Sunday, January 14, 2024, articles due January 5

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

## Mark Your Calendar for Area Events

**Wednesday, December 13 7-8:30PM** or

**Saturday December 16 3-4:30PM**

**Advent Lectio** presented by the Benedictine Sisters of Erie

**Mount St. Benedict Monastery** 6101 E. Lake Rd.

Join us for a period of shared reflection, contemplation and conversation. Materials provided, donations accepted. Register by email: [retreats@eriebenedictines.org](mailto:retreats@eriebenedictines.org)

**Thursday, December 14 10:00AM-Noon**

**Blue Christmas Potluck Luncheon**

**St. Francis Xavier, McKean** 8880 W. Main St.

Held in the Parish Center Pie Room. Remembering those who can't be here for the holidays.

Sponsored by the St. Francis Xavier Parish Bereavement Ministry; contact Joyce Traenkner, 207-735-3366.

**Advent Art by Dark Thursday's 7:00-7:45PM**

**Thursday, Dec. 14th: Light & the Global Church**

**Thursday, Dec. 21st: Light & the Mother Church**

**Sacred Heart Church** 816 W. 26th Street, Erie

An immersive prayer experience of art, music, & light.

Three Taize-style prayer services; attend any or all. Featuring the "Honest Advent" artwork of Scott Erickson

**Thursdays, December 14, 28 6:00PM**

**Funtastics: A group of card-playing adults**

**St. Luke Parish Cafeteria** 421 E. 38th St., Erie

The group enjoys games of Euchre as well as single-deck and double-deck Pinochle. Call Kevin 814-882-8070.

**Friday to Sunday, Dec. 15th-17th 6-8:30PM**

**Habitat Holly Days** 4922 Pittsburgh Ave., Erie

We've decked the Halls! Tour festive scenes of traditional Christmas displays created with donated décor & constructed by our in house "elves."

Guests are invited to enjoy a basket auction, write a letter to Santa, & shop the ReStore. Sponsored by: Northwest Bank & Erie Federal Credit Union. A spirited fundraiser to help support local Habitat builds with partner families. Last group at 8:30PM, event ends at 9PM each night.

**Saturday, December 16 3:00PM**

**Holy Hour for the National Eucharistic Revival**

**Mt. Calvary Church** 2022 E. Lake Rd., Erie

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Scripture Readings; Reflection; Time for Personal Prayer; Benediction

**Saturday, December 16 6:00PM**

**The O'Antiphons of Advent**

**St. Ann Church** 921 East Avenue, Erie

**ARE YOU READY?** Take a step back from the pressing concerns of the season to slow down, and in **prayer, silence, song, reflection,** and **Adoration**, anticipate and celebrate the coming of the Lord. Presented by: The Legion of Mary.

**Saturdays, December 16, 23 7:00PM**

**Advent Vigils** with the Benedictine Sisters of Erie

**Benedictine Monastery Chapel** 46101 E. Lake Rd

Join us for silence, chant, meditation, and reflection in our Advent Vigil prayers services.

**On Dec. 16th:** arrive at 4:00PM for a guided tour of the Monastery, followed by supper with the sisters before the evening Advent Vigil. RSVP: call Michelle 814-899-0614 x2507.

## 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.ulp.org](http://www.ulp.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.ulp.org](http://www.ulp.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.

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**NO CLASSES** grades 1-8 in December. Classes resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Please have your child work on the worksheets that are being sent home each week.**

**Grades 9-10:** Classes meet 5:30-7:30PM

**Dec. 17** -Regular classes. Bishop letter part 1 and Confirmation Name form due.

Questions: Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director,  
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**OLP YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
-FALL 2023-**

**DECEMBER**

**5th**-OLP Adoration 6:30pm  
**6th**-MS/HS Ripple Effect 6-9pm, meet in chapel, pick up outside church  
**8th**-Kid's Night Out-RSVP by Dec. 6th  
**9th**-Sinai Sports YG Night-RSVP by Dec. 6th  
**10th**-4th/5th Gr. Retreat Noon-4pm, RSVP by Dec. 6th  
**12th**-MS YG, Packing Party 6:30-8:30pm, location TBD  
**13th**-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel  
**14th**-St. Francis in McKean Adoration 8pm  
**19th**-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel  
**20th**-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel  
**31st**-Holy Hour for Peace at OLP 11pm

Questions/RSVP  
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January 9, 2024 through March 5, 2024, no class February 13<sup>th</sup>  
**OR**  
Wednesday mornings: 10:00 to 11:30am  
January 10, 2024 through March 6, 2024, no class February 14<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** Our Lady of Peace Church Social Room  
This is an 8-week Bible Study  
Pre-Registration is required by December 20, 2023.

**COST:** \$10.00, which includes workbook and materials.

Please drop off or mail check and registration form to:  
Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 W. 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506  
Attn: OLP Bible Study

Any questions, please call Mary Beth Whitman at 814-833-7701 x202  
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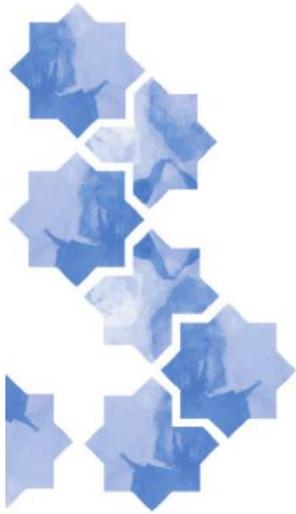
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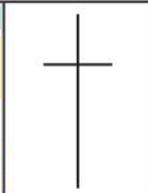
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