



# *Our Lady of Peace*



**HE CAME  
TO TESTIFY  
TO THE LIGHT**

*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

*December 17, 2023*

*Third Sunday of Advent*

2401 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506

**Parish Office Phone**  
814-833-7701  
**Fax**  
814-833-7702  
**Website**  
www.olp.org  
**E-mail**  
olp@olp.org  
**Faith Formation Office**  
814-838-9983  
**Office Hours:** 8:00AM - 8:00PM  
**Business Hours:** 8:00AM - 4:00PM

**School Principal**  
Ms. Shivani Suri  
**School Phone**  
814-838-3548  
**School Website**  
www.eriecatholic.org/olp

**Parish Pastoral Team**  
**Pastor**

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

**Parochial Vicar**

Rev. Daniel Hoffman  
**Priest in Residence**

Rev. Shane Mathew

**Permanent Deacons**

Rev. Mr. John Mang

**Music/Liturgy Director**

Mr. Brian Kuzmin

**Faith Formation Director**

Mrs. Tammie Mang

**Office Manager**

Mrs. Mary Beth Whitman

**Office Secretary**

Mrs. Cynthia Berarducci

**Coordinator of Youth Ministry**

Miss Sarah Beaver

**Maintenance Supervisor**

Mr. Michael Przepierski

**Pastoral Council President**

Mr. Justin Miles

**Finance Council Chairman**

Ms. Rami Sorge

**The Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 12:30PM. A mandatory preparation class for parents is available. *Call the office for info.*

**Sacrament of Matrimony** An appointment with a parish priest six months prior to the wedding date.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Wednesdays 11:15AM-12:00PM  
Saturdays 8:30-9AM; 3:45-4:45PM  
or by appointment.

**New Parishioners** Welcome! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or online.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)**  
Anyone seeking information on becoming Catholic or completing one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office.

**Prayer Request Line:**

**Day:** Kandace, 453-6515

**Night:** Donna, 866-0792



**Our Mission Statement:**

**Our Lady of Peace is a Catholic Community of Faith called to proclaim the greatness of the Lord through Worship, Service, Education and Ministry.**

**West Millcreek Food Pantry**

The following are suggested items to purchase for each week; you may buy what is on sale; all non-perishables are acceptable. CEREAL is always needed.

**December 2023**

17th Soup / Stew / Chili

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

31st Canned Fruit / Raisins

**Pantry is OPEN December 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** - Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. / Indeed, the Lord is near.

**First Reading** - As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Psalm** - My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

**Second Reading** - Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** - I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

**Family Discussion of the Week: Bringing Joy Through Justice**

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation. (Isaiah 61:10)

**Adults:** What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?

**Kids:** What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?

**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.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Please see page 6  
for the  
Christmas Mass  
Schedule**

*Readings for the Week of December 17th*

- Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
Mt 1:18-25
- Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;  
Lk 1:5-25
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;  
Lk 1:46-56
- Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Lk 1:57-66
- Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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

|                          | Monthly        | YTD               |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Weekly Envelope          | \$ 72,613      | \$361,478         |
| Loose                    | 4,189          | 22,709            |
| Holy Days                | 3,996          | 6,770             |
| Monthly School Support   | 1,758          | 6,946             |
| Christmas/Easter/Flowers | 2,090          | 2,170             |
| <hr/>                    |                |                   |
| Total Offertory          | \$84,646       | \$400,073         |
| Budgeted Offertory       | \$82,417       | \$412,083         |
| <b>(Deficit) Surplus</b> | <b>\$2,229</b> | <b>(\$12,010)</b> |
| Diocesan Designated Fund | \$ 2,350       | \$ 14,977         |

**Ways to Support Our Parish**

- Electronic Giving (for more information, contact Mary Beth Whitman at marybeth.whitman@olp.org or 814-833-7701 x 202).
- Online at www.olp.org
- Via Paypal app or www.paypal.com and send to olp@olp.org.
- By mail (Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2401 W. 38th St, Erie PA 16506).
- Drop your envelope in the collection basket at Mass or at the Parish Office.

*Thank you for your support.*

**2023 CSA  
February 2023 to January 2024**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Goal                                       | \$ 212,000        |
| Pledge Payments Received to Date.....      | \$ 212,345        |
| <b>Total Pledges .....</b>                 | <b>\$ 232,780</b> |
| <b>475 Families - Goal is 500 Families</b> |                   |

Every dollar raised supports important Diocesan services and every dollar raised over our assessment will be kept in the parish for parish improvements.

**Our 2023-2024 Diocesan assessment is \$137,152.**

**IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution**

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help our parish and reduce your taxable income. **Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as Our Lady of Peace.**

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Major Tom Carr - Mom & Dad.  
**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Max & Albina Wiczorek Family.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED** - Please pray for Barbara Wawrzyniak, mother of Cheryl Bryan; and for John Gallagher. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

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

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

**Upcoming Mass commitments:**

- Dec. 17: Len & Cathy K, Helen W., Barbra W., Nancy D.
- Dec. 18: Carlee Y., Rachel O.
- Dec. 19: Amber D, Chris L.
- Dec. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Donna G.
- Dec. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.
- Dec. 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y., Gloria M.
- Dec. 23: Heidi A.
- Dec. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.

*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 Gaudete Sunday to you! We are in a unique year that Gaudete Sunday also coincides with the start of "Late Advent" (December 17<sup>th</sup> and on). Since Christmas falls on a Monday this year, we also have the shortest Advent Season possible as the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent will only be one day long (or possible 6-12 hours depending on when we go to Christmas Mass). So I encourage you to make the most out of this week spiritually.

One new opportunity that our parish will be providing to help incorporate prayer in the days of Late Advent is **praying the "O Antiphons" at 12:05pm in the church and on Facebook Live** (See the O Antiphons below) each day. Recall that the O Antiphons are part of the build-up in anticipation during this last week of Advent in the liturgy of the church are the great "O Antiphons" of Advent. They are introduced at Evening Prayer on December 17<sup>th</sup>, and they are seven jewels of liturgical song, one for each day until Christmas Eve (which I see as a kind of Holy Week for Christmas and are traditionally called the days of "Late" Advent). They seem to sum up all our Advent longing for the Savior. The "O Antiphons" are intoned with special solemnity in monasteries at Vespers, before and after the Magnificat, Mary's prayer of praise and thanksgiving from the Gospel of Luke (2:42-55), which is sung or said every evening as the climax of this Hour of the Divine Office.

A vestige of the "Great O's" can be seen in verses of the familiar Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". Each antiphon is a name of Christ, one of his attributes mentioned in Scripture. The "O Antiphons" (Latin in parenthesis) appear below in English translation, with scriptural sources and suggested symbols. The first letters of the titles in Latin taken backwards form an acrostic of "Ero Cras" which translates to "I will be tomorrow", mirroring the theme of the antiphons.

### The "O Antiphons"

**December 17:** (O Sapientia) O WISDOM, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: Come, and teach us the way of prudence. Sirach 24:2; Wisdom 8:1. Symbols: oil lamp, open book.

**December 18:** (O Adonai) O LORD AND RULER of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come, and redeem us with outstretched arm. Exodus 3:2, 20:1. Symbols: burning bush, stone tablets.

**December 19:** (O Radix Jesse) O ROOT OF JESSE, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: Come to deliver us, and tarry not. Isaiah 11:1-3. Symbol: vine or plant with flower (especially a rose).

**December 20:** (O Clavis David) O KEY OF DAVID, and Scepter of the House of Israel, who opens and no man shuts, who shuts and no man opens: Come, and bring forth the captive from his prison, he who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death. Isaiah 22:22. Symbols: key; broken chains.

**December 21:** (O Oriens) O DAWN OF THE EAST, brightness of the light eternal, and Sun of Justice: Come, and enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Psalm 19:6-7. Symbol: rising sun.

**December 22:** (O Rex Gentium) O KING OF THE GENTILES and their desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one: Come, and deliver man, whom You formed out of the dust of the earth. Psalm 2:7-8, Ephesians 2:14-20. Symbols, Crown, scepter.

**December 23:** (O Emmanuel) O EMMANUEL, God with us, our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior: Come to save us, O Lord our God. Isaiah 7:14; 33:22. Symbols: tablets of stone, Chalice and Host.

May God bless our 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Late 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...

**\*\*4:30pm Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent on December 24<sup>th</sup> is CANCELLED due to the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass.**

**\*\*Prelude Christmas Music** I encourage you to get to the church early for the 5pm and Midnight Masses on Christmas Eve. **Selah Praise Band will perform prelude music from 4:15-5pm and Voice of Peace from 11:30pm-Midnight.** This is a great way to prepare for our Christmas Masses and to show thanks to our music groups who put much time into preparing our music for the Christmas Season and help make it so special here at Our Lady of Peace.

**\*\*Our Prayer Fence was recently in the vestibule of the church and all were invited to give thanks and praise to God for the great gift that the Mass is to us.** Below are some of the testimonies we received:

"So grateful for the gift of the Eucharist and the strength & grace it gives me to follow God's will both in the hills and the valleys."

"The Mass give me peace when I receive Him in His Real Presence."

"My belief in Jesus' presence has been validated by the Eucharistic Revival and the Mass to Mission Series. Thank you, Lord."

If you are willing to share your testimony, please contact Mary Beth Whitman in the office at [marybeth.whitman@olp.org](mailto:marybeth.whitman@olp.org).

**\*\*The Nativity Scene at Our Lady of Peace will be placed to the left of the sanctuary this year.** Hearing the concerns that some of you had with the placement of the Nativity Scene in the back of church last year, we are trying another new location this year. In an effort to respect the church's directives to not have nativity scenes in the main sanctuary while still seeking to allow the nativity to be visible while sitting in the church, we are trying this location. Thank you for your patience and support while we seek to find the best solution for our parish.

**\*\*Hopefully you have seen the 2024 Parish Calendars that are at the doors of the church. I thank our sponsors for making them possible for us: Scott Enterprises, ECCA Inc. Payroll and Tax Service, First National Bank-Christopher Hanes, Manager,**



Beer and Pop Discount Warehouse, Knights of Columbus Council 11454, and Cynthia Berarducci-Howard Hanna Realtor.

**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
- **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.

**\*\*Special Masses this Week** Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>- Weekdays in Advent; Thursday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>- St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church (16<sup>th</sup> Century Dutch Jesuit and leader of the Catholic Counter-Reformation in Germany); Saturday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>- St. John of Kanty, Priest (15<sup>th</sup> Patron of Poland).

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

Paragraph 28- "The obligation to attend Mass each Sunday, the Lord's Day, on which we commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus, and on other holy days of obligation, is therefore a vital expression of our unity as members of the Body of Christ, the Church. It is also a manifestation of the truth that we are utterly dependent upon God and his grace. A third-century instruction on the life of the Church points out one of the consequences of willful absence from Mass: "Let no one deprive the Church by staying away; if they do, they deprive the Body of Christ of one of its members!" St. John Paul II, writing of Sunday as "a day which is at the very heart of the Christian life," further asserts, "Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human." We have been reborn in Baptism and nourished by the Eucharist so that we may live in communion with God and one another, not only today but also in the fullness of the heavenly Kingdom. To worship God on Sundays, then, is not the mere observance of a rule but the fulfillment of our identity, of who we are as members of the Body of Christ. Participation in the Mass is an act of love."

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

**St. Augustine** "He who is all-knowing knew of nothing more that he could give than the Eucharist. He who is all-powerful could not do any more than he does in the sacrament and he who is all loving had nothing more that He could give. The Eucharist is a Divine storehouse filled with every virtue."

**St. Francis de Sales** "When you have receive Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence."



## 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)



### A Family Perspective

Children learn by watching us. Do they see you helping others like the Good Samaritan, or do they see you avoiding others like the Levite in today's gospel? You should worry more about what your children see in your life than what they see on TV. Think about it.

Lord God, in this third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth brings us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our lives, our world, or the people we are with. Our joy comes from you.

**MONDAY, December 18, 2023**

7:00AM Special Intention for Judy Miculandra  
- Lynn  
12:10PM Carolyn Sue Bedner -  
Gary Bedner Family

**TUESDAY, December 19, 2023**

7:00AM John Vojtek, Sr. - Paul Vojtek Family  
12:10PM Rachel Metz - Family  
1:30PM School Mass - Natalina & Frank Faraglia  
- Ehrman Family

**WEDNESDAY, December 20, 2023**

7:00AM Joseph Foti - Frank & Suzanne  
12:10PM Genevieve Krasnesky - Family

**THURSDAY, December 21, 2023**

7:00AM Special Intention for Judy Miculandra  
- Lynn  
12:10PM George Zavasky - Family

**FRIDAY, December 22, 2023**

7:00AM Dennis Dombrowski -  
Mary Ann Zarnick  
12:10PM Sam Johnson - Gloria Szymanowski

**SATURDAY, December 23, 2023**

8:00AM Alice DiSanto -  
Madeline Lynch  
5:00PM Walter Schreiber - Family



# Christmas Mass Schedule

**SUNDAY, December 24, 2023**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:30AM Parishioners  
9:00AM Rachel Metz - Niece, Marcia  
11:00AM Deceased Members of the Novak  
& Zavasky Families - Family



**SUNDAY, December 24, 2023**

*Christmas Eve*

5:00PM Deceased Members of the Daugherty  
Family - Family  
7:30PM Michael & Marianne Fetzer -  
Tom & June Carr  
Midnight 12:00AM Rob Wiczorek &  
Penny Bizzarro - Family

**MONDAY, December 25, 2023**

*The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas*

8:00AM Parishioners  
10:00AM Amelia Pozzutti Patsy - Son & Daughter-in-Law

**TUESDAY, December 26, 2023**

7:00AM Gert Milkowski - Daughter, Nancy  
12:10PM Edward Karpinski - Jackie & Dan  
Kensinger & Family



**WEDNESDAY, December 27, 2023**

7:00AM John Wojtkielewicz - Family  
12:10PM Aurea Riviera - Mike & Ileana Restivo

**THURSDAY, December 28, 2023**

7:00AM Mary Peterson - M/M Thomas Brennan  
12:10PM Lawrence & Patricia Smith - Children

**FRIDAY, December 29, 2023**

7:00AM James Zimmerman - Dick Wingenbach  
12:10PM Rosealie Everst - Mike & Ileana Restivo

**SATURDAY, December 30, 2023**

8:00AM Mary Lubin - Family  
5:00PM Edward Karpinski - Jackie & Dan  
Kensinger & Family

**SUNDAY, December 31, 2023**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

7:30AM Leonard Jankowski - Family  
9:00AM Josephine M. Przybycin -  
Fred & Evelyn Fried  
11:00AM Norma Kalie - Husband, Jim  
4:30PM Parishioners  
11:00PM Holy Hour for Peace



**MONDAY, January 1, 2024**

*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

8:00AM Edward Chimenti, Jr. - EJ & Judy Johns  
10:00AM JoAnne Amann - Dennis & Lynda Crossmire



# Christmas Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24  
5PM, 7:30PM, MIDNIGHT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25  
8AM, 10AM

MUSIC MINISTRY IS HARD AT WORK PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS. ENJOY BEAUTIFUL PRELUDE MUSIC BY SELAH AT THE 5PM MASS, BEGINNING AT 4:15PM AND VOICE OF PEACE AT THE MIDNIGHT MASS, BEGINNING AT 11:30PM

PEACE OF CHRIST... BEYOND ALL UNDERSTANDING



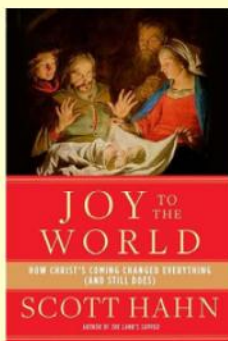
## Stop in the vestibule of the church and see what's new at the OLP Catholic Resource Kiosk

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, 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

**Sunday, December 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.

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

**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

**Saturday, December 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.

**Thursday, December 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 we as single-deck and double-deck Pinochle. Call Kevin 814-882-8070.

**Saturday, January 13 9:00AM**

**Pro-Life Breakfast** Guest Speaker: Sherif Girgis  
**Bayfront Convention Center** Erie, PA  
Reservations required; due by January 5, 2024  
Adults \$26/Ages 3-12 \$18/Under 3 Free  
Free Childcare with fun activities.

*Sherif Girgis*: Law Professor, Author, Law Clerk for Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, Jr., Pro-Life Advocate.

Sponsored by People for Life, Erie 814-882-1333 or 814-459-1333; [www.PeopleforLife.org](http://www.PeopleforLife.org)

**Friday, January 19, 2024**

**March for Life Washington, DC**

**51st Annual Trip** Depart Thursday evening, January 18, 11PM; March in Washington, DC on Friday, January 19; Return Saturday morning, January 20 about 1:30AM.

\$65 seat; Early reservations recommended; Sponsorship inquiries are welcome; Visit: [peopleforlife.org/january2024](http://peopleforlife.org/january2024);

Questions: call or email 814-882-1333 or 814-459-1333; [office@peopleforlife.org](mailto:office@peopleforlife.org)

Website: [www.PeopleforLife.org](http://www.PeopleforLife.org)

**Friday-Saturday, February 9-10, 2024**

**Pre-Lenten Retreat** with Diocese of Erie  
**St. Thomas More House of Prayer** 365 Hill City Rd., Cranberry, PA

Step away from busyness and stress to join other single and married adults in a weekend of prayer and community. The Virtue & Integrity Education Office of the Diocese of Erie is sponsoring this retreat, which will include reflections on each person's call to holiness by Fr. Kevin Barrett. Questions: call or email Cassondra, 814-824-1216, [cdragone@eriercd.org](mailto:cdragone@eriercd.org). For pricing and/or to register visit website: <https://www.eriercd.org/chastity/retreat.html>

## 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](http://www.olp.org)
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website or call the office at 814-833-7701 for help.
- Download myPairsh App by texting APP to 88202. Select Our Lady of Peace, Erie PA 
- Check out the great Catholic content on FORMED. Register through the website [www.olp.org](http://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.

### 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.

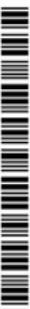
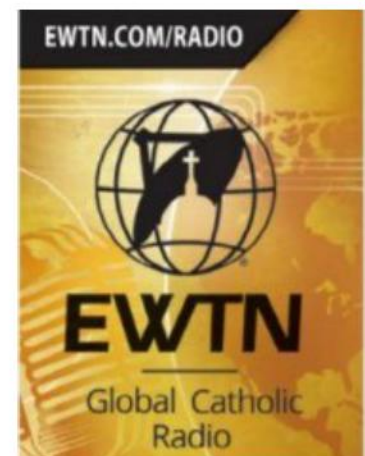
**Grades 9-10:** Classes meet 5:30-7:30PM

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

Questions: Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director,  
814-838-9983 or [Tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:Tammie.mang@olp.org)

# 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-**

**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  
sarah.beaver@olp.org


# Pilgrimage

TO THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Indianapolis - July 17-21, 2024

You are invited to participate in this pivotal moment in the church. Join the Diocese by registering today.  
<https://ctscentral.rezmagic.com/Booking/Reservation/Start?tripID=5394&CategoryId=52592/visit>

Questions? Contact the Erie Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Committee at eriedeac@gmail.com

Our Lady of Peace...  
Pray for us

**Special Collection Thank You:**  
**Retirement Fund for Religious**

**Our women and men religious offer gratitude.** A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them."  
 Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious.  
 To learn more about how your gift helps, visit: [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org).  
**Thank you, again, for your generous support.**





**Twelve Knights of Christmas**  
 Presented by the OLP Knights of Columbus  
Drawing will be on December 20  
 Each Knight Drawing is a separate set of prizes, they are not cumulative.  
**\$10.00 - 1 Ticket    \$20.00 - 3 Tickets**

**The prizes for each day's drawings are:**

- 1st Knight:** Electric Dart Board, Dinner Cards, plus
- 2nd Knight:** Battery Charger, Foot Warmers, Dinners
- 3rd Knight:** 7 1/2' Christmas Tree, Crock Pot, more
- 4th Knight:** Keurig Coffee, Dirt Devil, Dinner
- 5th Knight:** Electric Heater, Handyman Tools
- 6th Knight:** Wood Bench Leather Covering, Tools
- 7th Knight:** Power Tools, Duster Buster, Dinner
- 8th Knight:** Shop Vac, Space Heater, Dinner, plus
- 9th Knight:** Microwave, High End Comforter, plus
- 10th Knight:** Fire Pit, Chain Saw, 32" TV, Dinner
- 11th Knight:** Sound Bar, 24" Mountain Bike, 42" TV+++
- 12th Knight:** Sound Bar, 26" Mountain Bike, 42" TV+++

**Tickets may be purchased in the Church Office**





# 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.

Our Lady of Peace Church  
2401 W. 38th St.



**WHEN:** Tuesday nights: 7:00 to 8:30pm  
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  
No previous experience necessary. All are welcome.

**Our Lady of Peace Bible Study: Daniel**  
You will be registered upon receipt of payment-due by December 20, 2023  
Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Peace Church

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_


Please specify: Tuesday night session \_\_\_\_\_  
Wednesday morning session \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration \$10.00 includes workbook and materials:  
Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ or Check \_\_\_\_\_





|   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
|  <p><b>Burton<br/>Quinn-Scott</b><br/>CREMATION &amp; FUNERAL SERVICES INC.</p> <p><b>BurtonQuinnScott.com</b></p> | <p><b>Karen Burton<br/>Horstman, Sprv.</b><br/><b>(814) 454-4551</b></p> | <p><b>Geiger<br/>&amp; Sons</b><br/>MONUMENTS &amp; GRANITE COUNTERTOPS<br/>2976 West Lake Road<br/><b>838-3588</b><br/><i>Serving Erie Area Families Since 1923</i></p> | <p><b>AFS TAX SERVICES</b><br/><b>WALTER D. FEDEROWICZ</b><br/>35 YEARS OF TAX PREPARATION EXPERIENCE<br/>PAYROLL SERVICES AVAILABLE<br/><b>814-453-4981</b> 2308 W. 8<sup>TH</sup> ST., ERIE, PA, 16505</p> |
|---|--|--|--|



**Faith guides your life, why not your financial decisions?**  
For over 140 years, the Knights of Columbus has been committed to helping families plan their financial future and achieve economic security, a tradition carried on today through its insurance products.

**David McIntosh, FIC**  
**724.885.0101**  
david.mcintosh@kofc.org.  
59 Hadley Road, Suite B, Greenville, PA 16125

No purchase necessary.  
1 Columbus Plaza  
New Haven, CT 06510

**BOOK A COMPLIMENTARY FINANCIAL NEEDS ANALYSIS TODAY!**



**Jim Lyons**  
Financial Advisor  
CFP, AAMS

1760 W. 8th St.  
Erie, PA 16505  
459-8657  
www.edwardjones.com

**Edward Jones**  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



**Get this bulletin emailed to you every week.**

Simply go to  
**www.DM.CHURCH/3518**

...or scan → 


**DISCOVERMASS**

**ADVERTISE HERE**

**Promote your Business AND Support your Parish.**

**Give us a call! 800-233-8200**

EWTN.COM/RADIO



**EWTN**  
Global Catholic Radio

**catholicmatch<sup>®</sup> Pennsylvania**



**CatholicMatch.com/goPA**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Richard Gutknecht

**PRAY LIKE JESUS**

---

**WILLIAM J. KELLY, JR., ESQUIRE**  
230 WEST 6TH STREET, SUITE 201  
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA 16507

**(814) 456-1919**  
BILL@KELLYFIRM.COM  
KELLYFIRM.COM



**Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will**

*For further information, please call the parish office.*

**myParish**  **The App for Catholic Life Every Day**

Download for free at [www.myParishApp.com](http://www.myParishApp.com)

Available on the **App Store** and **Google play**

*The Businesses listed above make this bulletin possible.*  
**Please support them when you can.**

**Sign up to get our bulletin in your email each week.**  
**Go to [DiscoverMass.com/subscribe](http://DiscoverMass.com/subscribe)**



Diocesan is proud to now be printing  
*Our Lady of Peace*  
*Sunday Bulletin*

You are invited to help support our Parish!  
**For opportunities to advertise,**  
**please call 800-233-8200**



DIOCESAN To Advertise 800-233-8200 or Diocesan.com/Business

**BRUGGER**  
 FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATORY, LLP

**Affordable Funeral Services**  
 Preplanning • On Site Cremation  
 Tribute Center

Partners: Garrett J., Austin J., Carl R. & Leo J. Brugger, III  
 1595 W. 38th St. • 864-4864  
[bruggerfuneralhomes.com](http://bruggerfuneralhomes.com)

**MILLER OVERHEAD DOOR** Proud Parishioner

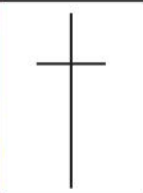
814-838-3874 • 2540 Manchester Rd., Erie  
[www.MillerOverheadDoor.com](http://www.MillerOverheadDoor.com)

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Donna R. Kunco**  
 -From her loving husband, Ron and her loving Family.

**Allburn Florists**  
 Chris Ehrman, Parishioner  
[www.allburnflorist.com](http://www.allburnflorist.com)  
 1620 W. 8th St. 456-6211

**HILBRICH ELECTRIC, INC.**  
 454-3809

**Cynthia Berarducci, REALTOR®, Parishioner**  
 Residential Relocation Specialist  
 Member Million Dollar Club  
 3638 Sterrettania Road • Erie, PA 16506  
[cberarducci@howardhanna.com](mailto:cberarducci@howardhanna.com)  
 Office: (814) 835-1200 Ext. 25  
 Cell: (814) 392-9130  
[www.howardhanna.com](http://www.howardhanna.com)



**GOT CLOGGED GUTTERS?** LeafFilter GUTTER PROTECTION

No More Cleaning Out Gutters - Guaranteed!

**GEORGE WINSTON COMPANY**  
 454-0752  
 Plumbing • Heating  
 Air Conditioning  
[www.georgewinstonplumbing.com](http://www.georgewinstonplumbing.com)

**ZIMM CATARACT & LASER CENTER**  
 300 State Street • Suite 200 • Erie, PA

**Specializing in Cataract Surgery & Laser Vision Correction Surgery**

- LASIK Vision Correction
- Comprehensive Eye Exams
- Contact Lens Exams
- Laser-Assisted Cataract & Lens Implant Surgery
- Multifocal Lens Implants

(814) 453-4575 • [www.drzimm.com](http://www.drzimm.com)

Call Us For **A Free Estimate!**  
**1-844-440-9814**  
 Promo: 1ERI002  
[LeafFilter.com/15off](http://LeafFilter.com/15off)

**Sinai Sports**  
 ELEVATE YOUR GAME  
 814-315-1580  
 2311 W. 15th St., Erie, PA 16505

Ninja Warrior Training/Parkour Classes  
 Gymnastics Classes - Baseball & Softball Training  
 Batting Cages - Football & Basketball Clinics  
 Birthday Parties - Summer Camps & More!  
[sinaisportserie.com](http://sinaisportserie.com)

**payroll+**  
 a complete HR Stack

**LAFARO INSURANCE AGENCY**  
 HOME • AUTO • LIFE • BUSINESS  
 4627 Peach Street  
 Erie, PA 16509  
 Phone: (814) 866-5528  
[www.lafarokerie.com](http://www.lafarokerie.com) [info@lafarokerie.com](mailto:info@lafarokerie.com)

**TOPICS SALON**  
 1815 West 26th St. • Erie, PA  
 (814) 459-4247  
[www.topicsSalon.com](http://www.topicsSalon.com)  
 Proud Parishioner for over 50 years



3518

