



Our Lady of Peace

“for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

LUKE 2:22-40



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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

31st Canned Fruit / Raisins

Pantry is OPEN

(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in

Millcreek & for OLP Parishioners, at

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26th Street.



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

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

Thank you!

The OLP Prayer Ministry

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

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

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - The shepherds went in haste, / and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading - Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3).

Psalm - Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 105).

Second Reading - Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19).

Gospel - The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40).

Family Discussion of the Week: Respect for Elders

"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "will your descendants be." (Gen 15:5)

Adults: What does your family do to honor and respect its oldest members?

Kids: Who are the oldest people you know, and what can you learn from them?

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:00AM Edward Chimenti, Jr. - E.J. & Judy Johns
 12:10PM JoAnn Amann - Dennis & Lynda Crossmire

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

7:00AM Joyce White - Family
 12:10PM John Fleek - OLP Bible Study Team
 1:30PM School Mass - Joseph Patalita - Srnka Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

7:00AM Wanda Jones - Family
 11:15-Noon Confessions
 12:10PM David Hanlon - Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

7:00AM Steven France - Family
 12:10PM Mary Ann Toohey - Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

7:00AM Tim Grupac - Paul Vojtek Family
 12:10PM Albert Louis Mango - Loretta & Craig Schaal

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

8:00AM Jean Yurkovic - Pat & David Mackowski
 8:30-9:00AM Confessions
 3:45-5:45PM Confessions
 5:00PM Andrew Polakowski - Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Del Beato Family - Ehrman Family
 9:00AM Gary Bauschard - Bill & Diane
 11:00AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
 4:30PM Marilyn Schlecht - Neighbors, Nancy & Peggy
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 Mathew Wolf; for Ann Bologna; for Madeline Hall; and for Julie Spinelli. 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 31st
 Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Andrew Polakowski - Family.
CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Don & Rinda Pulice & Melanie Pulice-Malyuk Berna Amendola & Family.



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

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

Upcoming Mass commitments:
 Dec. 31: Jim Z.
 Jan. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.
 Jan. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.
 Jan. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.
 Jan. 4: Arlene B., Catherine C., Denny D.
 Jan. 5: Joyce K.
 Jan. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
 Jan. 7: Margaret K.

If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 397-6443. There are no dues and no meetings, only opportunities for grace and the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.

When at Mass offer the Mass for
Vocations by praying the prayer below:
 O God, who wills not the death of a sinner * but rather that he be converted and live * grant we beseech you * through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin * Saint Joseph, her spouse * St. Junipero Serra * and all the saints * an increase of laborers for your Church * fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls * through the same Jesus Christ * Your Son * Who lives and reigns with You * In the unity of the Holy Spirit * God forever * and ever. Amen.

Serra Prayer for Vocations

From the Pastor's Desk...

Merry Christmas again; and a blessed Feast of the Holy Family to you! The Feast of the Holy Family was instituted in 1893 by Pope Leo XIII. Initially it was on the Sunday between January 7-13. He saw the increasing breakdown of the family and knew it would continue in the modern world (unfortunately he was right). In the new liturgical calendar promulgated after Vatican II in 1969, the feast day was moved to the Sunday of the Octave of Christmas, between Christmas and New Years; which is where we still celebrate it today.

At first glance that might seem redundant since we hear a lot about the Holy Family during the Christmas season and other feasts. But upon further reflection, we see that those feasts are in honor of individuals- Christmas is a celebration of Jesus (his birth!) and New Year's (the Feast of Mary, Mother of God) is obviously in honor of Mary. The Feast of the Holy Family appropriately extends the honor and focus beyond Jesus or Mary into two other dimensions. First, this feast honors the role of family in fostering vocations. Jesus and Mary, as well as all of us, cannot effectively accomplish our vocations without the support of our families. It is all too common to hear talk of a lack of vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our church today. One reason for this is the breakdown of strong family units where our children can flourish in their relationship with God and therefore come to know their call from God AND then be supported in that call if it involves ministry in the Church. Imagine if Mary and Joseph were not on board with Jesus' vocation and identity. Could Jesus have succeeded in his saving mission if his parents were did not support it? Could Mary have succeeded in her call if St. Joseph did not believe? It would have been much more difficult for Jesus, Mary and Joseph to be faithful to their vocations if they were not all supportive of each other.

Second, the Feast of the Holy Family extends the Christmas honors to St. Joseph, who is not technically included in the other feasts. It reinforces the role St. Joseph had as guardian of Mary and Jesus and why that guardianship extends to the church. Pope Leo XIII wrote about Saint Joseph- that he '... shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men' (Encyclical Quamquam Pluries [1889] n. 3). Pope Leo XIII continued, '... Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was.[...] It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ.' Not many years before, blessed Pope Pius IX had proclaimed Saint Joseph, 'Patron of the Catholic Church' (1870). St. Joseph inspires us to reverence and guard Jesus and Mary as he did. He is also a great example for us in guarding our own families as well as honoring them (as the 4th commandment calls us to). So we also honor St. Joseph in a special way this weekend of the Holy Family and continue to seek his defense and patronage.

May God bless our families and our continued celebration of the Christmas Season 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...

****Holy Hour for Peace** We continue the tradition of ringing in the New Year with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from **11pm-12 Midnight on New Year's Eve (Sunday, December 31st)**. What a great way to start the new year by receiving the Blessing (Benediction) of Jesus through His Eucharistic Presence right at Midnight! We will pray for peace in our world through a litany of peace. After the Holy Hour there will be time for some refreshments and fellowship in the rectory.

****Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is Monday, January 1st is NOT a holy day of obligation this year because it falls on a Monday. It is the last day of the Octave of Christmas.** It has also been designated for years as the World Day of Prayer for Peace. For all these reasons, it is a great day to participate in Mass which will be held at 8am and 10am on Monday.

****PLEASE NOTE that this Sunday's 4:30pm Mass is for Sunday's obligation NOT a vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on Monday.** Typically, we have a vigil Mass on New Year's Eve for the January 1st Holy Day, but this year since New Year's Eve is a Sunday there is not a holy day obligation.

****Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** Our Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be **Saturday, January 20th at 6pm**. If you volunteer in any capacity, please mark your new 2024 calendar and plan to attend. RSVP to the church office by calling 814-833-7701 x0 or email olp@olp.org.

****Special Masses this Week** *Monday, Jan. 1st*- Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God; *Tuesday, Jan. 2nd*- Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church (4th Century Church leaders in the eastern Roman Empire); *Wednesday, Jan. 3rd*- The Most Holy Name of Jesus; *Thursday, Jan. 4th*- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (19th Century American convert, wife, mother, and religious order founder, started Catholic Schools in the US); *Friday, Jan. 5th*- St. John Neumann, Bishop (19th Century Missionary to the US, bishop of Philadelphia); *Saturday, Jan. 6th*- St. Andre Bassette, Religious (Holy Cross Brother in Toronto, built the St. Joseph Oratory).

****Thank you to Warren and Christine Beaver and Mike and Mary Beth Whitman for again donating the Christmas Books for our Parish! This year we are giving out "Beautiful Eucharist."** We gave early copies to those who participated in The One Hour to Peace. . . from Mass to Mission. If you did not get one then, feel free to take one now and allow it to help you grow in your Eucharistic Amazement!

****Recall that the Christmas Season lasts for just over 2 weeks this year.** Highlights include: e Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 31st)

Mary, the Mother of God (Sunday, January 1st)

Epiphany (Sunday, January 7th when we will have the

Proclamation of the dates for Easter and other significant dates

of the Liturgical Year and hand out the house blessing cards). The Christmas Season will conclude on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 8th when we will have Solemn Evening Prayer with Benediction at 6:30pm.

****Genuflecting in Church and During the Creed on Christmas**

Another liturgical note to be ready for is the tradition we have genuflecting during the Creed at Christmas Masses when we profess our faith in the great mystery of the Incarnation. I share part of an article from Aletia to reinforce the importance of this gesture. "For Catholics in the Roman Rite of the Church, bending the knee to the ground is a common gesture that is steeped in religious symbolism. It is an ancient custom, one that helps Christians pray with both body and soul. However, it isn't always communicated to the lay faithful when a person should genuflect. Many know why bending the knee is an important gesture, but we don't always know when is the proper time and place.

To discover the answer to that, we need to look at the General Instruction of the Roman Missal(GIRM). First of all, the GIRM states, "A genuflection, made by bending the right knee to the ground, signifies adoration, and therefore it is reserved for the Most Blessed Sacrament." This is extremely important as it explains that the genuflection is a gesture ultimately directed towards God, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. We don't genuflect to people (as some cultures did in the past) or material things, but to God alone. Next the GIRM explains, in most cases "all who pass before the Most Blessed Sacrament genuflect." There are a few exceptions to this rule that are spelled out in the GIRM, but those relate to those who are performing some sort of function at Mass. Outside of those exceptions, it is the general custom in the Roman Rite that you genuflect on one knee whenever you pass before the tabernacle (that contains the Blessed Sacrament). Usually when people enter a Catholic church and walk to their pew they genuflect before sitting down, which is a small gesture of adoration for the One who is present there. However, its important to note that a genuflection is only necessary when passing the tabernacle. This means a person should look out for the tabernacle, as the tabernacle may not be visibly present, in a side chapel, or even empty. There is no reason to genuflect when entering a church if you don't walk by a tabernacle. In those cases a simple bow to the altar is appropriate. On Good Friday, when the Blessed Sacrament has been removed to the altar of repose, we do not genuflect before the empty tabernacle. A good reminder is to look for the lamp which is kept burning near the tabernacle when the Blessed Sacrament is present. Another custom, though not universal in practice, is to genuflect on two knees when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar in a gold monstrance for public adoration. This is a tradition many are familiar with, but it is optional. It simply recognizes that Jesus is no longer behind a door, but is before everyone in a more visible way. Besides these instances, there are a few other circumstances when a genuflection is asked for special occasions.

For example, it is customary to genuflect before "the Holy Cross from the solemn adoration during the liturgical

celebration on Good Friday until the beginning of the Easter Vigil." During this solemn time of the year the cross receives special attention, and the genuflection gives honor to the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross. **Another time is during the recitation of the Creed on the feast of the Annunciation and Christmas at the words "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."** This is physical gesture is meant to remind the faithful of the reality of the Incarnation and how Jesus descended into the world to become one of us. In the end, genuflection is a beautiful custom preserved by the Roman Rite which gives honor to the true "King of kings" who is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament."

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

Paragraph 32 & 33- "The gratitude that inspires us to give thanks and worship God in the celebration of the Eucharist should be nurtured and enriched by the beauty of the liturgical action itself. Bishops and priests have a particular duty to ensure that the Mass is celebrated in a manner befitting the sacredness of what takes place. As Pope Francis recently wrote to the bishops of the world, "I ask you to be vigilant in ensuring that every liturgy be celebrated with decorum and fidelity to the liturgical books promulgated after Vatican Council II, without the eccentricities that can easily degenerate into abuses." Priest celebrants of the Mass should have a prayerful understanding of the liturgical books, as well as of the feasts and seasons, and be faithful to the texts and rubrics established by the Church. In doing so, they will lead the people more deeply and reverently into the exchange that is the dialogue of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit.

Our gratitude is also expressed in our worship of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. These forms of worship are all intrinsically related to the Eucharistic celebration. In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to meet us and desires to become one with us; eucharistic adoration is simply the natural consequence of the eucharistic celebration. Receiving the Eucharist means adoring him whom we receive. Only in this way do we become one with him, and are given, as it were, a foretaste of the beauty of the heavenly liturgy. We rejoice in the growing numbers of the faithful who pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, a testament of faith in the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. We encourage this devotion, which helps all of us to be formed by the self-giving love we behold in the Lord's gift of himself in the Eucharist. St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta reportedly once said: "When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

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

St Teresa of Calcutta "We must not separate our life from the Eucharist. The moment we do so, something shatters."

Pope St John Paul II "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration."

OLP: A COMMUNITY OF CARING...



**GET INSPIRED! GET INVOLVED!
MAKE IT YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION**

- Casserole Club for Maria House - Skip & Dottie Glover, 814-440-3496
- Erie City Mission - Scott Barnes, 814-881-8889
- Emmaus Soup Kitchen - Darrell Meyers, darrell.meyers@olp.org
- Habitat for Humanity
- Knights of Columbus - Gary Carver, carverg@roadrunner.com
- Our Neighbors Place - Greg Sweigard, greg.sweigard@outlook.com
- St. Patrick Haven - Tom Sargent/Heidi Arnold, pashingleman@gmail.com
- ServErie - Darrell Meyers, darrell.meyers@olp.org
- Sunday Supper - Pete & Debbie Piotrowski, debpio56@gmail.com
- West Millcreek Food Pantry - Pat & Dennis Buto, 814-836-0944
- Young People Who Care - Darrell Meyers, darrell.meyers@olp.org



Together we bring support,
raise awareness and
become a means
for Christ-centered change in Erie.





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



Community ADVENT EXPERIENCE - PART 1



Mark Your Calendar for Area Events

Saturday, January 13 9:00AM

Pro-Life Breakfast Guest Speaker: Sheriff 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

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 inquires are welcome; Visit: peopleforlife.org/january2024;

Questions: call or email 814-882-1333 or 814-459-1333;

office@peopleforlife.org

Website: 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 Cassandra, 814-824-1216, cdragone@eriercd.org. For pricing and/or to register visit

website: <https://www.eriercd.org/chastity/retreat.html>

All Volunteers Welcome
Sunday Supper Mission
Meal served at First Presbyterian Church

We need your help in preparing, cooking and feeding our brothers and sisters in need.

Planning Meeting: Wednesday Jan. 24, 7PM
Where: OLP Church Meeting Room
What: Select Menu and volunteer for tasks
Who: Any parishioner 15+ years
Date to Serve: Sunday, Feb. 4th, 4:00-5:30pm
Contact: Pete Piotrowski, 814-600-5386 or Debbie Piotrowski, 814-812-0122

RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

With all that has happened around the world and in our community, there is no better way to start 2024. Join us in the church beginning at 11:00pm with Eucharistic Adoration and prayer for the new year.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____


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

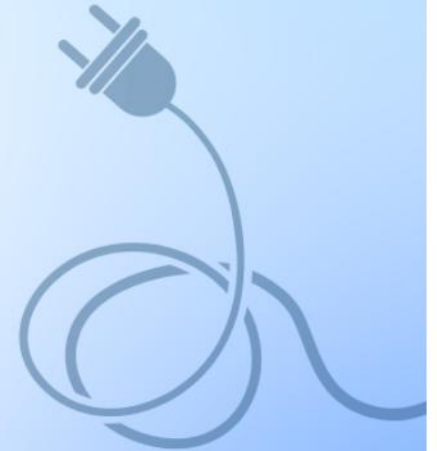
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Get Connected

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Jan. 7 - Regular classes

Jan. 14 - No Religious Ed. Classes

Jan. 21 - Regular classes

Jan. 28 - 1st Reconciliation Parent meeting 12:15 in the church

***Church Activity Forms for grades 1-8 are due January 21st**

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

Jan. 7 - Regular classes

Jan. 14 - No Religious Ed. Classes

Jan 21 - Regular classes- Completed Bishop letter due

Jan. 28 - No Religious Ed. Classes

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

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Questions/RSVP
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OLP YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE -SPRING 2024-



JANUARY

2nd- MS/HS Christmas Party, location TBD
10th-MS/HS Ripple Effect 6-9pm, meet in chapel, pick up outside church
12th- Kid's Night Out-RSVP by Jan. 10th
13th-MS Retreat-RSVP by Jan. 10th
16th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
17th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
18th-St. Francis in McKean Adoration 8pm
22nd-4th/5th Gr. YG 4-5:30pm, meet in chapel
22nd-OLP Adoration for Life 6:30pm
23rd-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
24th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
27th-MS/HS Festival of Praise trip to Steubenville, OH, Noon-Midnight-RSVP by Jan. 24th
30th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
31st-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, 12th St. Chick-Fil-A

FEBRUARY

2nd- Kid's Night Out-RSVP by Jan. 31st
7th-MS/HS Ripple Effect 6-9pm, meet in chapel, pick up outside church
9th-11th- Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat
13th- Mardi Gras Party-all invited, 6-8pm, Cafeteria
15th-St. Francis in McKean Adoration 8pm
19th- OLP Adoration 6:30pm
20th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
21st-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
24th- Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser-all day
26th-4th/5th Gr. YG 4-5:30pm, meet in chapel
27th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
28th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, 12th St. Chick-Fil-A

MARCH

2nd- Men's Conference 8am-1pm
6th-MS/HS Ripple Effect 6-9pm, meet in chapel, pick up outside church
9th- Kid's Night Out-RSVP by Mar. 6th
10th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
12th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
13th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
14th-St. Francis in McKean Adoration 8pm
15th-Living Stations in OLP Church 7pm
18th-4th/5th Gr. YG 4-5:30pm, meet in chapel
19th-St. Joseph Table 6-8pm, OLP Cafeteria
20th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, 12th St. Chick-Fil-A
25th- Chris Mass at Cathedral 1pm
26th-MS/HS YG 6:30-8:30pm meet in social room
27th-The Passion Talk by Fr. Larry Richard at St. Joe's Bread of Life Church 7pm
28th-Holy Thursday Church Hopping, meet at OLP at 8:15pm-RSVP by Mar. 25th
30th-Holy Saturday Sunrise Hike at Wintergreen George, meet at 6am

APRIL

3rd-MS/HS Easter Party 6:30-8:30pm, Gym
7th- Divine Mercy Service 3pm, OLP Church
10th-MS/HS Ripple Effect 6-9pm, meet in chapel, pick up outside church
12th-14th- Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat
16th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
17th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in social room
18th-St. Francis in McKean Adoration 8pm
20th-Women's Conference 8am-1pm
22nd-4th/5th Gr. YG 4-5:30p, meet in chapel
23rd-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
24th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, 12th St. Chick-Fil-A
26th-27th-Festival of Praise Trip to Latrobe, PA, 4pm Fri to 11am Sat, RSVP by Apr. 20th

MAY

1st-MS/HS Ripple Effect 6-9pm, meet in chapel, pick up outside church
3rd- Kid's Night Out-RSVP by May 1st
7th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
8th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
11th-Faithful to the Finish 5k, RSVP in Apr.
13th-4th/5th Gr. YG 4-5:30pm, meet in chapel
14th & 21st-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
15th & 22nd-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel (22nd @ Chick-Fil-A)
16th-St. Francis in McKean Adoration 8pm
18th- Pepperoni Ball Sale Pick Up Fundraiser 10-11:30am

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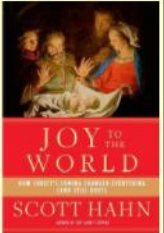
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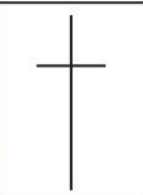
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