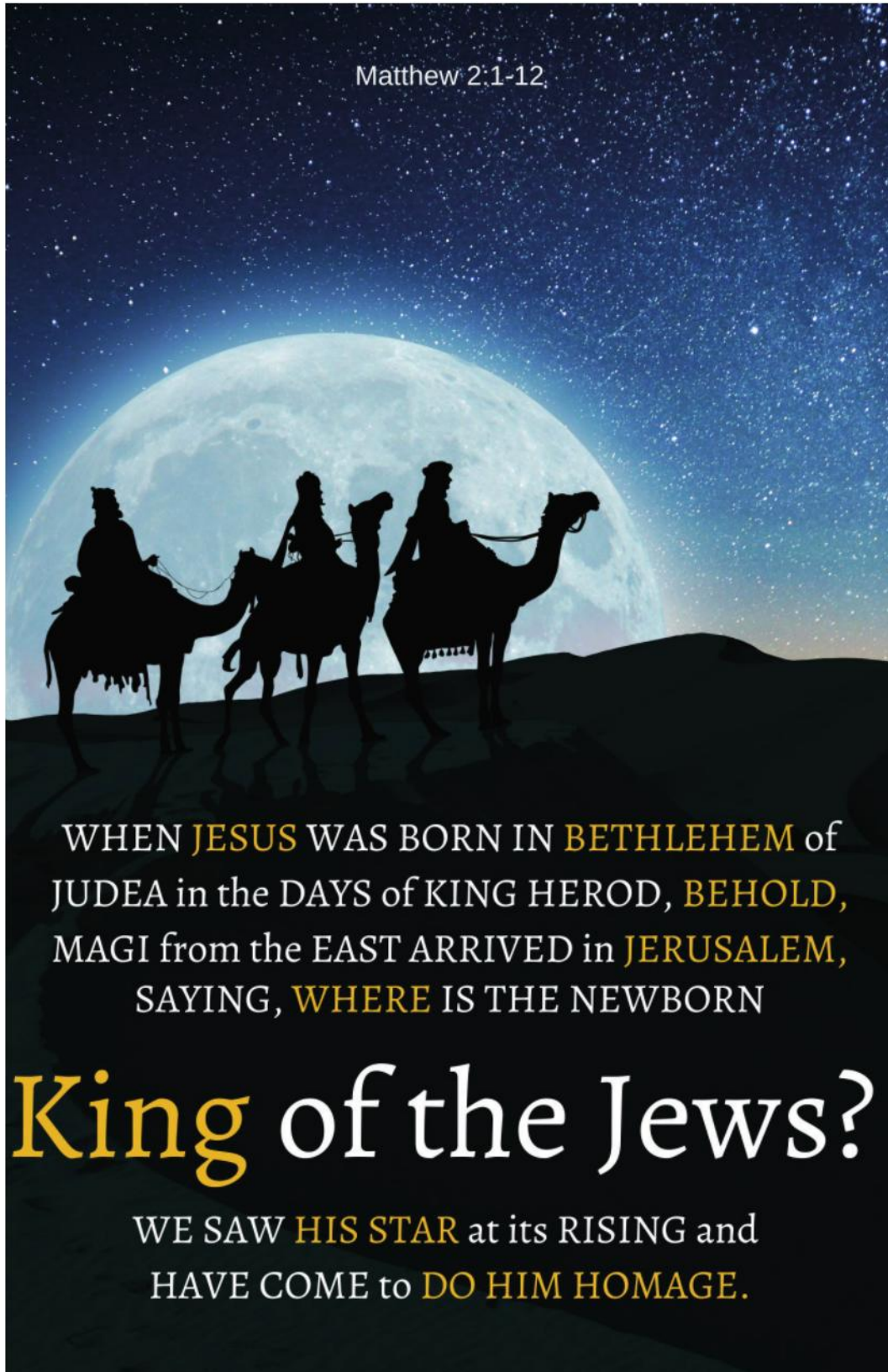




# *Our Lady of Peace*

Matthew 2:1-12



WHEN **JESUS** WAS BORN IN **BETHLEHEM** of  
JUDEA in the DAYS of KING HEROD, **BEHOLD**,  
MAGI from the EAST ARRIVED in **JERUSALEM**,  
SAYING, **WHERE** IS THE NEWBORN

## **King** of the Jews?

WE SAW **HIS STAR** at its RISING and  
HAVE COME to **DO HIM HOMAGE**.

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**Finance Council Chairman**

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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.



**January 2024**

7th Applesauce (also, single serve)

14th Granola Bars / Crackers

21st Sou / Stew / Chili

28th Meals in a Box / Rice

**Pantry is OPEN January 9th & 23rd**

**(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** - Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; / and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**First Reading** - You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** - Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** - The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** - The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

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**Family Discussion of the Week: Overcoming Jealousy**

Then Herod sent the (magi) to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." (Matthew 2:8)

**Adults:** When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

**Kids:** When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

**GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE**

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

### The Baptism of the Lord

7:00AM Paul & Mary Naguszewski - Jerry & Mary Ann

12:10PM Sr. Mary Miller - Loretta & Craig Schaal

6:30PM Solemn Evening Prayer/Benediction

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

7:00AM Nadine Kunkel Amann Family

12:10PM John Fleek - Michael & Denise Gaines

1:30PM School Mass - Carol & Jack Brueckman - Ehrman Family

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

7:00AM Patty Ballman - Paul Vojtek Family

11:15-Noon Confessions

12:10PM David Hanlon - Family

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

7:00AM Bennett Alward - Paul Vojtek Family

12:10PM Lou Kwiatkowski - Kay Kujan

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

7:00AM Carol Conn - Paul Vojtek Family

12:10PM Wanda Mozdy - Loretta & Craig Schaal

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

8:00AM Paul Ragan - Paul Vojtek Family

8:30-9:00AM Confessions

3:45-5:45PM Confessions

5:00PM Randy Gatewood - Kathy McCloskey

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Jay Danniell - Peg & Gaylord

9:00AM Charles Rohrbach - Zurawski Family

11:00AM David Adiutori - Family

4:30PM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

The church will remain open for private prayer  
Monday through Thursday from 7:00AM - 8:00PM and  
Friday 7:00AM - 4:00PM

### Confessions available:

Wednesdays 11:15-Noon

Saturday 8:30-9:00AM and 3:45-4:45PM  
or by appointment - call the Church Office

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of David Hanlon - Family.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Ed Tomczak - Wife, JoAnn.

### Watch Our Lady of Peace Mass On Our YouTube Channel

7:00AM Weekdays

8:00AM Saturdays

9:00AM Sundays



Go to [www.ulp.org](http://www.ulp.org), scroll down to 'Find Us on Social Media,' click on YouTube and you will be connected to our Channel. Once there you can watch previous Masses and also Subscribe by clicking the red Subscribe button.

### Readings for the Week of January 7th

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

### 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!**



## 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:

Jan. 7: Margaret K.

Jan. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.

Jan. 9: Ellie A., Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.

Jan. 10: Ann T., Pat C., Pat M.

Jan. 11: Dave D., Paul M., Connie S.

Jan. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Chris P.

Jan. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F., Donna R.

Jan. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.

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

### When at Mass offer the Mass for

### Vocations by praying the prayer below:

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

Serra Prayer for Vocations



## From the Pastor's Desk...

Happy Feast of the Epiphany and Merry Christmas! As we continue in the Christmas Season it is interesting to note that the traditional 12 days of Christmas (December 25-January 6) are not really a part of our liturgical calendar. To add further confusion, in most Catholic churches in the United States, we move the Feast of the Epiphany to the Sunday closest to January 6th. So that is why this Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany and remember the adoration of the Magi.

The recognition of the Christ child by the Magi (gentiles or non-Jews) from other countries was significant as a fulfillment of the Old Testament prophesies and reminds us that the Savior came for ALL peoples (the lowly shepherds and foreigners); and not just for the Jews or more exclusively for the Jewish religious and upper class. It reinforces the universality of our faith, and that Jesus came to save ALL peoples. Recall that the word "catholic" means universal, and the Epiphany is a good time to renew our prayer for all people to know the saving truth of Jesus Christ.

There is great symbolism and tradition surrounding the Epiphany. In some cultures, because of the connection with the gifts of the Magi, families exchange gifts on this day. Each gift from the Magi is symbolic of the different dimensions of the infant Jesus' identity and mission. Gold is associated with royalty to recognize Him as King of Kings, frankincense is associated with the worship of God in the temple to recognize His divinity, and myrrh, the oil associated with preparing the body for burial, to recognize His ultimate purpose to die for our salvation.

This weekend is the traditional time for the Epiphany Proclamation, the announcement of Easter and the movable feasts of the church. See the Proclamation below and make sure you mark the dates on your personal calendar and set aside those most important days of our liturgical year (Holy Week and Easter) for prayer and celebration with your parish family. Do not let those days be an after-thought; make them a priority around which to plan vacations, events, and other things that can keep us from worshipping.

The Christmas Season, and more specifically the Epiphany, is also the traditional time of year for house blessings. Fr. Dan and I are available to come to your homes and bless them with you. Feel free to call either one of us and set up a time to do so.

May God bless our conclusion to the Christmas Season and our week of Ordinary Time 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...

**\*\*Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction to conclude the Season of Christmas will be Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the church.** The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord falls on a

Monday this year due to date of Christmas and is the last day of the Christmas Season. Poinsettias will be available to take after the prayer service since our Christmas decorations will be taken down on Tuesday.

**\*\*House Blessing Cards for 2024 will be blessed and available at all Masses this weekend.** You are encouraged to take the card home, say the prayers with those in your household and then fasten them over the main door of your house. Recall that the letter stand for the names of the Magi, Caspar, Balthasar and Melchior, but also stands for the Latin phrase- "Christus Benedicat Mansionem" which means "Christ bless this dwelling place."

## **\*\*Epiphany Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts (for the year 2024)**

"Know, dear brothers and sisters,

that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,

so by leave of God's mercy

we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the fourteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the thirty-first day of March you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,

the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the ninth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the nineteenth day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the second day of June the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the first day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.

Amen."

**\*\*Special Masses this Week** *Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>- The Baptism of the Lord; Tuesday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>- Weekdays in Ordinary Time; Saturday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>- St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (4<sup>th</sup> Century in France).*

**\*\*Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** Our Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.** If you volunteer in any capacity, please mark your new 2024 calendar and plan to attend. Reservations are necessary, so please let the office know you are attending by Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> RSVP to the church office by calling 814-833-7701 x0 or email [olp@olp.org](mailto:olp@olp.org).

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

Paragraph 34 & 35- "Transformation in Christ- The person who shares worthily in the Eucharist is enabled more and more to live the new law of love given by Christ precisely because Christ communicates himself in the sacrament of the altar. The foundation of our personal and moral transformation is the communion with himself that Christ establishes in Baptism and deepens in the Eucharist. In the celebration of the Mass, we are shown what love truly is, and we receive grace that enables us to imitate the love that Christ shows us. St. John Paul II noted that the moral life of the Christian flows from and is nourished



by “that inexhaustible source of holiness and glorification of God” that is found in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist: “by sharing in the sacrifice of the Cross, the Christian partakes of Christ’s self-giving love and is equipped and committed to live this same charity in all his thoughts and deeds.”<sup>49</sup> 35. The personal and moral transformation that is sustained by the Eucharist reaches out to every sphere of human life. The love of Christ can permeate all of our relationships: with our families, our friends, and our neighbors. It can also reshape the life of our society as a whole. Our relationship with Christ is not restricted to the private sphere; it is not for ourselves alone. The 49 Pope John Paul II, *Veritatis Splendor*, no. 107. 22 very solidarity or communion in Christ’s self-giving love that makes the Church and makes us members of the Church orders us beyond the visible community of faith to all human beings, whom we are to love with that very same love that forms our communion with the Lord. Otherwise, if we do not love all human beings in this way, our communion with the Lord is impaired or even contradicted. This love extends particularly and “preferentially” to the poor and the most vulnerable. We all need to be consistent in bringing the love of Christ not only to our personal lives, but also to every dimension of our public lives.”

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

**St Faustina** “You left us yourself in the Sacrament of the Altar and you opened wide your mercy to us. There is no misery that could exhaust you. You have called us all to this fountain of love, to this spring of God’s compassion.”

**St Teresa of Calcutta** “If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus... We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist.”

## Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Championship Boys & Girls ages 9 - 14

All boys and girls ages 9 through 14 are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest.



**The local competition will be held on  
Saturday, January 27th  
at 1:00PM in the OLP gym.**

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is held annually with winners progressing through local, district, regional, and state competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years of age are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.

Entry forms will be available at the competition. All participants will shoot 15 Free Throws to determine the winners who will advance to the District competition.

**As we continue through  
the pastoral planning for  
the Diocese and  
especially Erie County  
Bishop Persico calls us to  
a weekend of prayer on  
January 13th and 14th.**

**Use this prayer as we  
pray for an outpouring of  
the Holy Spirit to guide  
us in our planning for  
vibrant communities of  
faith for future  
generations.**



*The Good Shepherd  
Rudolf Marschall*

## Pastoral Planning Prayer

Loving God, author of creation,  
your spirit pervades and enriches our world.  
Through your Son, who shares our humanity,  
you have called us to participate in your divine creativity  
and to build the kingdom of God here on earth.  
Form us, we pray, as one community  
under the leadership of our bishop  
to serve all the people of this region in your name.

Inspire us to discover new ways  
and structures to spread your Gospel.  
Open our eyes to see Christ in others,  
especially the poor, the sick and the marginalized.  
Empower us to be the hands and feet of Christ  
in our parishes and communities.  
Help us to welcome all into His embrace.

Guide us in our discernment,  
as we pray with Pope Francis  
for the vision to see new paths of possibility;  
for a spirit of mission that invigorates our every effort;  
and for the strength to be unafraid of what is new.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Imprimatur, July 25, 2014  
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico JCL  
Bishop of Erie



# 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](mailto:darrell.meyers@olp.org)  
Habitat for Humanity  
Knights of Columbus - Gary Carver, [carverg@roadrunner.com](mailto:carverg@roadrunner.com)  
Our Neighbors Place - Greg Sweigard, [greg.sweigard@outlook.com](mailto:greg.sweigard@outlook.com)  
St. Patrick Haven - Tom Sargent/Heidi Arnold, [pashingleman@gmail.com](mailto:pashingleman@gmail.com)  
ServErie - Darrell Meyers, [darrell.meyers@olp.org](mailto:darrell.meyers@olp.org)  
Sunday Supper - Pete & Debbie Piotrowski, [debpio56@gmail.com](mailto:debpio56@gmail.com)  
West Millcreek Food Pantry - Pat & Dennis Buto, 814-836-0944  
Young People Who Care - Darrell Meyers, [darrell.meyers@olp.org](mailto: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



### 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

### 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](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  
inquires 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 Cassandra, 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>

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

**47th Annual Erie March for Life**

**46TH ANNUAL**

# PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

**January 13, 2024 ♦ 9 A.M.**

**Bayfront Convention Center  
Erie, Pennsylvania**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**SHERIF  
GIRGIS**

Professor, Notre Dame  
University Law School



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

**See you at the Breakfast!**

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**Reservations due by January 5**

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## 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.olg.org](http://www.olg.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.olg.org](http://www.olg.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 21<sup>st</sup>**

**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

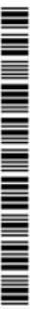
**Jan. 28** - No Religious Ed. Classes

Questions: Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director,  
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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 Retreat Noon-6pm, RSVP by Mar. 6th  
 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-Christ 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 4-5:30pm, 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

# Pilgrimage

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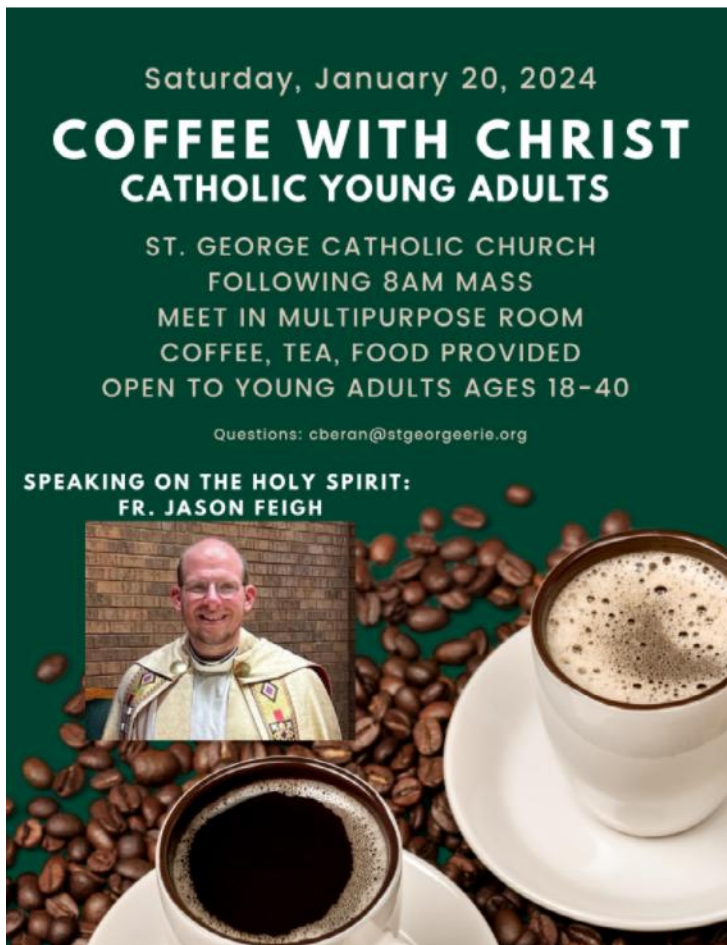
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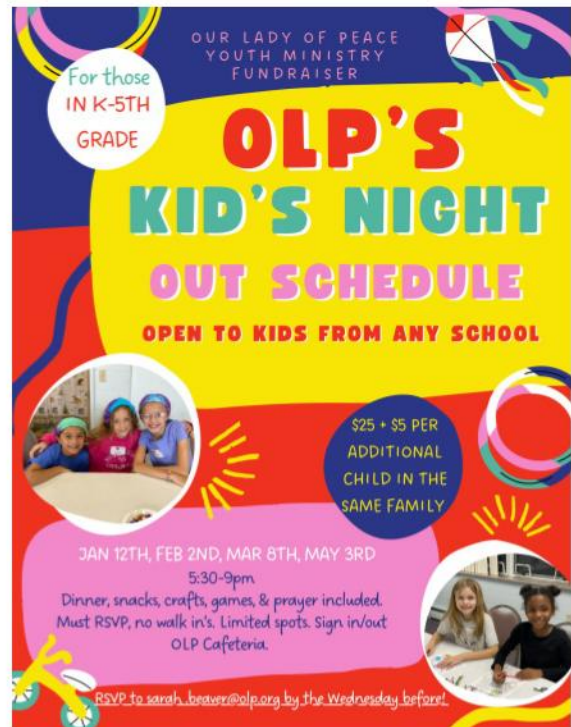
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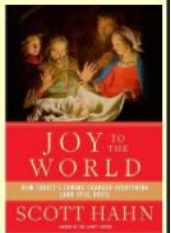


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