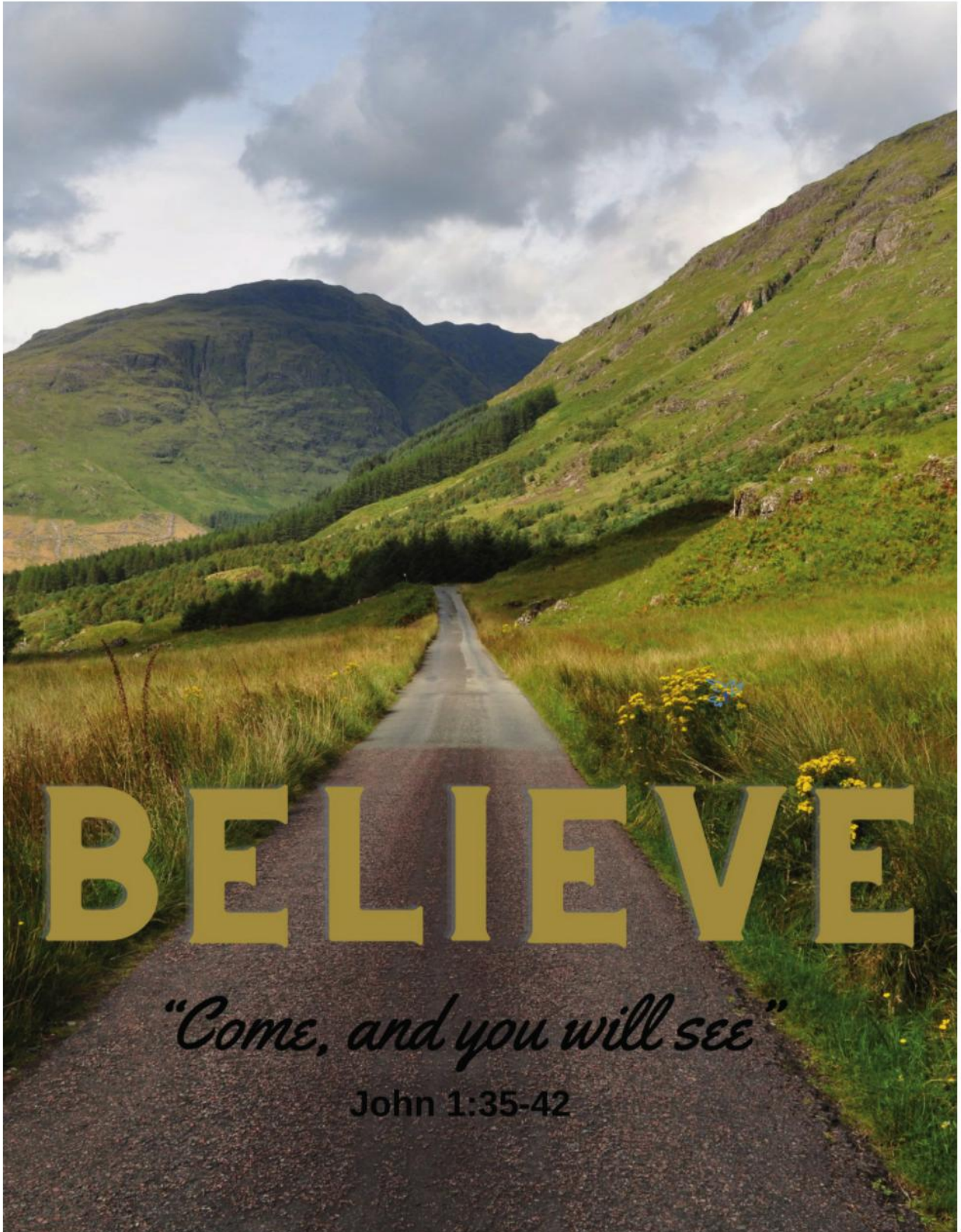




Our Lady of Peace



January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

14th Granola Bars / Crackers

21st Soup / Stew / Chili

28th Meals in a Box / Rice

Pantry is OPEN January 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 or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office, at 814-838-9983 or tammie.mang@olp.org.

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, / and shall sing to you, / shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading - Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm - Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading - Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel - Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Time Come and See

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day (John 1:38b-39)

Adults: What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?

Kids: What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?

THE LAMB OF GOD

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

7:00AM Gene Zarnick, II - Wife & Family
12:10PM Lisa McCain - Loretta & Craig Schaal

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

7:00AM Rev. William McLaughlin - Sister
12:10PM Lawrence Smith - Family
1:30PM School Mass - Patty Ballman - Ehrman Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

7:00AM Debra Steiner - Paul Vojtek Family
11:15-Noon Confessions
12:10PM Dr. James Drane - Michael & Denise Gaines

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

7:00AM Jean Yurkovic - Sins Family
12:10PM Salvador "Seth" Velez, IV -
Denise & Michael Gaines

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

7:00AM Greg Bosner - Mike & Mary Beth Whitman
12:10PM Helen Bruno - Haythorn & Swonger Families

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

8:00AM Special Intention for Stan Poorman -
Audrey & Pat Chamberlain
8:30-9:00AM Confessions
3:45-5:45PM Confessions
5:00PM Dorothy Karpinski - Jackie & Dan & Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Ehrman Family
9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
11:00AM Charles Cleary - Jerry Ryan
4:30PM Jerry Kenwood - Sister, Joan

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 Ralph & Eva Dangelo - Sargent Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Bob Fuller - Wife, Kathy.

Watch Our Lady of Peace Mass On Our YouTube Channel

7:00AM Weekdays
8:00AM Saturdays
9:00AM Sundays



Go to 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 14th

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Charlotte Straub Fresch, sister of Alice Swanseger; for Eric Obert, father of Maria Good; for June Kifer; and for Maryann Balog, mother of Melanie Forsberg. 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!**



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. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.
Jan. 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B.
Jan. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.
Jan. 17: Len & Cathy K, Helen W., Barbra W., Nancy D.
Jan. 18: Carlee Y., Rachel O.
Jan. 19: Amber D, Chris L.
Jan. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Donna G.
Jan. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami 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...

During this week we enter the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Held annually January 18-25th)**. Ecumenism is the name we give to the movement and effort to seek greater unity among all Christians (efforts at unity among people of all religions is called "Interfaith"). Certainly, part of that effort is to initiate ways we can pray, serve, and stand for justice together with Christians from other denominations. We have seen this in action over the past few years as Bishop Persico united with other Christian leaders in Erie to pray for racial justice in our community and country. But it also involves engaging in dialogue and study with other Christians in the effort to find ways to overcome that which still divides us. The Holy Spirit, that gave birth to the church, is the key to bringing greater Christian Unity. So, we pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire us and our leaders to be instruments of this unity that God desires. We will offer the **Mass for Christian Unity this Thursday, January 18th (7am and 12:10pm) for this intention.**

Last weekend I included an insert in the bulletin that was a **Statement from the Office of the Bishop to the Clergy and People of the Diocese of Erie regarding the Declaration Fiducia Supplicans on December 22, 2023 (which addresses informal blessings of persons in same sex unions)**. If you missed it, you can find copies at the doors of the church or on the OLP website. It is a very thorough and clear summary of the Vatican's declaration. I remind you that the English word "Blessing" is not the same as the informal prayer we are being permitted to offer with those in same sex unions. Many people use the word "blessing" when wanting to get their marriages outside of the church recognized or "convalidated" as it is called in church language. It happens when couples who were married outside of the church for different reasons are now wanting and able to have their marriage sacramentally recognized in the church. This brings the marriage to the level of a sacrament. I have celebrated many such convalidations with couples over my 22 years of priestly ministry. I am concerned that the everyday Catholic who uses "blessing" for such convalidations, will hear this new declaration from the Vatican and be misled that the informal blessings being discussed are the same as convalidations. This informal prayer is the same type of prayer we would have with people in any need (including same sex attractions or unions). For this reason, I encourage you to read and understand the Bishop's statement and the Vatican declaration and make the distinction. If you have any questions or concerns on this, please contact myself or Fr. Dan to discuss it further.

May God bless our week ahead!

Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of our parish & school.... pray for us!

St. Nicholas, patron of the Erie Catholic School System. pray for us!

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the Catholic Church of the USA... pray for us!

St. Joseph, universal patron of the church.... pray for us!

St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie.... pray for us!

Other notes from the pastor...

****Christmas Thank You's** I would like to again thank everyone who helped make our Christmas a beautiful celebration and season. I specifically thank our staff members, our liturgical ministers, our music ministry and our environment committee led by Brian Kuzmin, Chris Ehrman and the Allburn Florist crew who did a wonderful job decorating the church and getting us in the Christmas Spirit. I received many compliments on how beautiful the church looked! Thank you to the Boy Scout leaders who helped move the nativity. On behalf of Fr. Dan, Fr. Shane and myself, we thank all who gave us personal Christmas cards and gifts. We were overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and generosity, and thank God for you, our OLP Parish family!

****Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated January 22nd as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn (the anniversary of the date of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision that had legalized abortion in the entire United States of America). We will have Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30am (after 7am Mass) until 6:30pm. At 6:30pm we will have a Holy Hour for Unborn Life. Even though Roe was overturned in the summer of 2022, we need to keep praying and fasting that abortion will be made illegal in Pennsylvania and in all other states.

****Last Call to make a reservation for the Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (by Monday!) for Saturday, January 20th at 6pm in the school cafeteria.**

****Masses this Week** *Monday, Jan. 15th*- Mass for the Preservation for the Preservation of Peace and Justice (MLK Day); *Tuesday, Jan. 16th* and *Friday, Jan. 19th*- Weekdays in Ordinary Time; *Wednesday, Jan. 17th*- St. Anthony, Abbot (founder of religious life, "Patriarch of Monks"); *Thursday, Jan. 18th*- Mass for the Unity of Christians; *Saturday, Jan. 20th*- St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr (3rd Century).

****Divine Mercy Encounter (DME) Retreat February 9-11, 2024** "DME (Divine Mercy Encounter) is a three-day retreat program. Each day has a different focus: Friday is the Day of Invitation, focusing on how God is inviting us into relationship. Saturday is the Day of Encounter, where we encounter God through the sacraments, Adoration, and others. Sunday is the Day of Commission, where we as a community are empowered to evangelize and share our faith. The weekend includes talks, exposure to different types of prayer, Mass, community, and much more. The weekend runs from 10am on Friday to 5pm on Sunday, and retreat participants stay onsite for the weekend." See www.divinemercyencounter.com for more information. The other DME retreats in 2024 will be in April, July and November in Erie and August 11-13 in St. Marys, PA.

****House Blessing Cards for 2024 are available.** 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 letters stand for the names of the Magi, Caspar, Balthasar and Melchior, but also stand for the Latin phrase- "Christus Benedicat Mansionem" which means "Christ bless this dwelling place." 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.



****Epiphany Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts (for the year 2024)** Last weekend was the traditional time for the Epiphany Proclamation. Please 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 them be an after-thought; make them a priority around which to plan vacations, events, and other things that may keep us from worshipping.

"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."

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

Paragraph 36 & 37- "It is the role of the laity in particular to transform social relations in accord with the love of Christ, which is carried out concretely in actions that work for the objective common good. Lay people, "conscious of their call to holiness by virtue of their baptismal vocation, have to act as leaven in the dough to build up a temporal city in keeping with God's project. [Consistency] between faith and life in the political, economic, and social realm[s] requires formation of conscience, which translates into knowing the Church's social doctrine." Lay people who exercise some form of public authority have a special responsibility to form their consciences in accord with the Church's faith and the moral law, and to serve the human family by upholding human life and dignity.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the "Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren." Preaching on Matthew 25, St. John Chrysostom observed: "Do you wish to honor the body of Christ? Do not ignore him when he is naked. Do not pay him homage in the temple clad in silk only then to neglect him outside where he suffers cold and nakedness. He who said: 'This is my body' is the same One who said: 'You saw me hungry and you gave me no food.'" St. Teresa of Calcutta is an outstanding example in more recent times of someone who learned to recognize Christ in the poor. It was her deep faith in the Eucharist and her reception of Holy Communion that motivated her loving care of the poorest of the poor and commitment to the sanctity of all human life. In beholding the face of Christ in the Eucharist, she learned to recognize his face in the poor and suffering. Mother Teresa is said to have asserted: "We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist. Unless we believe and see Jesus in the appearance of bread on the altar, we will not be able to see him in the distressing disguise of the poor.""

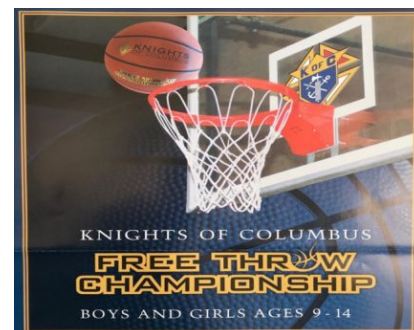
****Quotes on the Mass/ Eucharist**

St. Paul VI: "Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of each of our parishes."

J R R Tolkien : "Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament ... There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth."

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.

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

Our Lady of Peace Church

DAY OF PRAYER

For the Legal Protection of the Unborn

JANUARY 22, 2024

Adoration for Life - January 22nd from 7:30am to 6:30pm

Come and spend some time in prayer with faithful from across the nation that all unborn children may be protected in law and welcomed in love.

Holy Hour for Life - January 22nd at 6:30pm



Who is Like Unto God?

FAITH ON FIRE!

24 HOURS OF ADORATION AND INTERCESSION FOR 2024
at St. George Church, Erie



Adoration begins on Friday,
January 19th after the 8AM
Mass and concludes with
Benediction on Saturday,
January 20th at 7:45AM

- Sung Chaplet at 3:00PM
- Evening Prayer by Fr. Rich Toohey
at 6:30PM on January 19th
- Worship Concert at 10:30PM
by Harmony's House
- Eucharistic Procession at Midnight

OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project



"Everyone can be great
because everyone can
serve."

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The parishioners of Our Lady of Peace have been "great" for a long time to the **Casserole Club** "serving" Maria House Project. There is just no way to say how much your **casseroles** mean to everyone. You all fit into Dr. King's example of great people. We thank you for your serving Maria House Project.

The **January casseroles**, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church social room (basement) on **Saturday, January 20th, between 3:30 and 4:30pm**. If you would like us to pick it up call us: Skip or Dottie Glover at 814-440-3496 or email us scottiedippy@gmail.com. You may also leave the **casserole** in the church office during the drop-off time.

Casseroles should be pre-cooked, frozen in a disposable container, with reheating directions attached. Names or addresses are NOT to be included.



St. Martin Center...

...is so thankful for the parishioners of Our Lady of Peace who donated \$5,475.00 in gift cards. This gift allows St. Martin Center to help many families.



February 25, 2024

11:00am - 2:00pm

Ambassador Hotel - 7794 Peach St.

*Celebrity Judge Fr. Rich invites you to
join him in supporting St. Martin Center*

Looking for a fun way to support St. Martin Center in 2024. . . join Fr. Rich, celebrity judge, for "Erie's Best Coffee." Try coffee from local shops and vote for YOUR favorite.

There will be live music, kids activities and a photo booth.

Visit stmartincenter.org/eriesbestcoffee.html to buy your tickets, just \$15.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____


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

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ New Registration
☐ Change of Address
☐ Moving out of Parish
☐ Want envelopes

Get Connected

NEW TO THE PARISH? WANT TO GET INVOLVED BY NOT SURE HOW?

- Register your family with the parish
- Check out the "events" page on our website, www.olp.org
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website or call the office at 814-833-7701 for help.
- Download 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 by clicking on the FORMED image. Enter your name & email and create a password.

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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. 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 Jan. 21st**

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

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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Questions/RSVP
sarah.beaver@olp.org

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
16th-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 4-5:30p, 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

Saturday, January 20, 2024

COFFEE WITH CHRIST CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

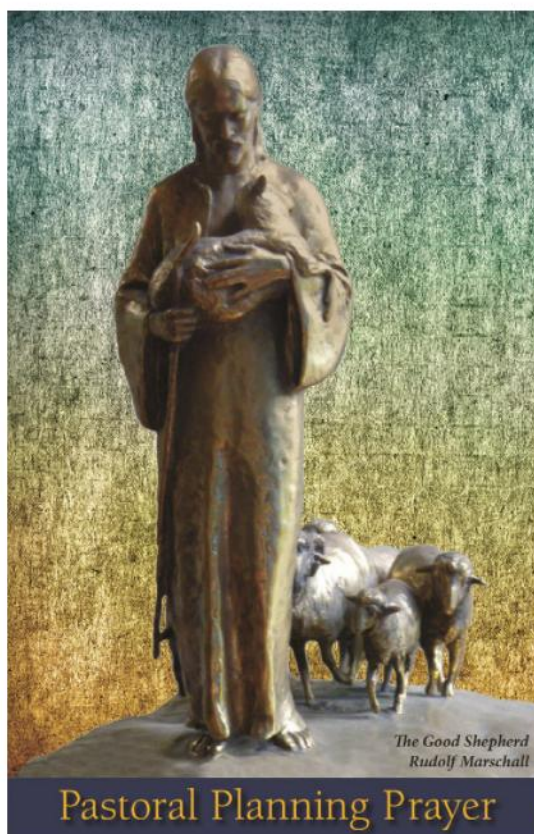
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FOLLOWING 8AM MASS
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Questions: cberan@stgeorgeerie.org

**SPEAKING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT:
FR. JASON FEIGH**

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.



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.

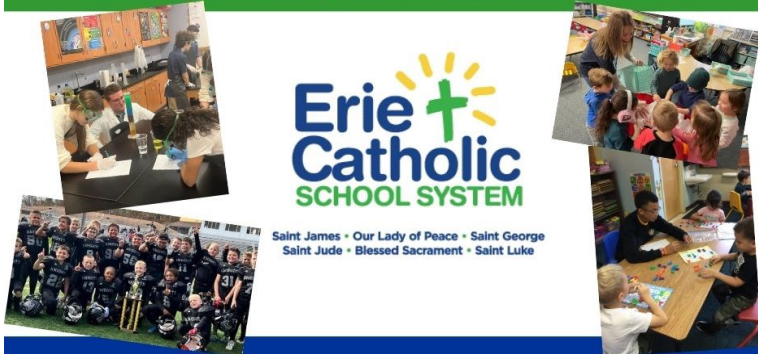
Form us, we pray, as one community
under the leadership of our bishop
to serve all the people of this region in your name.

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

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VISIT US SUNDAY, JAN. 21
@ ST. JAMES
12 - 2 PM

VISIT US SUNDAY, JAN. 28
@ BLESSED SACRAMENT,
OUR LADY OF PEACE
& ST. LUKE
12 - 2 PM

VISIT US SUNDAY, FEB. 4
@ ST. GEORGE
& ST. JUDE
12 - 2 PM

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Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month - Child Sex Trafficking is a form of child abuse that occurs when any child under age 18 is advertised, solicited, or exploited through a commercial sex act where sex is traded for money, food, shelter, drugs, or anything of value. Traffickers can be anyone including friends, gangs, family members, foster parents, perceived trusted adults or boyfriends. Talk to your child openly about this reality and build resiliency. Address the myths and misconceptions that glamorize the commercial sex industry. Social media and gaming platforms are increasingly becoming the tool traffickers and other predators use to target, groom, and recruit victims. At some point your child will likely be confronted with inappropriate messages or see things online that they know are wrong. Teach your child how to handle these situations. You can report suspected child sex trafficking or make a tip at 1-800-843-5678 or CyberTipline.org.

For additional resources visit www.eriescd.org/childprotection/



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- Knight 1 – Heather Oberlin
- Knight 2 – Rebecca Denial
- Knight 3 – Greg Penco
- Knight 4 – William Ramey, Jr.
- Knight 5 – Jamie Crispin
- Knight 6 – Mary Ann Brothers
- Knight 7 – Charles Szewczykowsky
- Knight 8 – Jim Malue
- Knight 9 – Jim Witsch
- Knight 10 – John Pichette
- Knight 11 – Lorraine Wehrle
- Knight 12 – Charlie Schroeck

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Mark Your Calendar for Area Events

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; Questions: call or email 814-882-1333 or 814-459-1333; office@peopleforlife.org

Website: www.PeopleforLife.org

Saturday, January 20, 2024 3:15PM

Holy Hour for the National Eucharistic Revival

St. Mark Church 695 Smithson Ave, Erie

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

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@eriescd.org. For pricing and/or to register visit website: <https://www.eriescd.org/chastity/retreat.html>

Sunday, February 25, 2024 11:00AM-3:30PM

Prayer and Finding God In Silence

Anawim Ministries at Bethany Retreat Center 1031

Germania Rd., Frenchville, PA \$40 per person

A retreat on prayer and finding God in the silence. Dr. Jan Satterlee will present prayer as communication with god by unpacking three expressions of prayer: vocal, meditative and contemplative. To learn more about the retreat, visit <https://www.wetravel.com/trips/prayer-and-finding-god-in-the-silence-anawim-ministries-frenchville-54384564>.

ALSO, Anawim Ministries is looking for volunteers to help make its 2024 events possible. If interested, email bethanyretreatcenter@gmail.com

Saturday, May 4, 2024

47th Annual Erie March for Life

Downtown Erie, PA

The 2024 Erie March for Life will be on May 4th, one week in advance of Mother's Day. Please prayerfully consider joining the march and bring others with you.



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