



# *Our Lady of Peace*

## THE AUTHORITY *of Jesus*

Mark 1:21-28

January 28, 2024

Fourth 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**

28th Meals in a Box / Rice

**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](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** - Save us, O Lord our God! / And gather us from the nations, / to give thanks to your holy name, / and make it our glory to praise you.

**First Reading** - Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Psalm** - If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** - Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** - The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

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**Family Discussion of the Week: Sharing Good News**

They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (Mark 1:22)

**Adults:** What can you tell others about Jesus with the most assurance?

**Kids:** What is the most important thing you would like others to know about Jesus? How will you show or tell them?

**TRUE PROPHETS**

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

7:00AM Gordan Allen - Paul Vojtek Family  
12:10PM Marilyn Schlecht - Neighbor, Nancy Brown

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

7:00AM Jeanne Yurkovic - OLP Rosary Society  
12:10PM Frank Santangelo - Wife, Joan  
1:30PM **School Mass** - Robert "Spider" Rutkowski - Ehrman Family

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

7:00AM Eileen Fulton - Family  
11:15-Noon **Confessions**  
12:10PM Special Intention - Family

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

7:00AM Joyce Wingenbach - Truchanowicz Family  
12:10PM Alice DiSanto - Kathy Chulick

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

### First Friday Adoration 7:30AM - 7:00PM

7:00AM Ziggy & Danuta Kendra - Family  
12:10PM Carol Wilkins - Bill & Joan Chernicky

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

8:00AM Jesse Ferraro - Knights of Columbus  
8:30-9:00AM **Confessions**  
3:45-5:45PM **Confessions**  
5:00PM Jeanne Yurkovic - Barrett Family

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Mogel Family - Ehrman Family  
9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP  
11:00AM Adolph Yochim - Joe & Dianne  
4:30PM Ann Novak - Family  
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 Bruce Valimont; for Louis Savoia, cousin of Carol Ohmer. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

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

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



Go to [www.olg.org](http://www.olg.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 28th

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week for a Special Intention - Family.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Judy Barr - Family.

### 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. 28: Ann F., Michael M., Mary Margaret M.  
Jan. 29: Linda M., Janet A.  
Jan. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.  
Jan. 31: Jim Z.  
Feb. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.  
Feb. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.  
Feb. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.  
Feb. 4: Arlene B., Catherine C., Denny D.

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

### When at Mass offer the Mass for

### Vocations by praying the prayer below:

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

Serra Prayer for Vocations



## From the Pastor's Desk...

A Blessed Catholic Schools Week to you! The Catholic Schools Week (CSW) theme is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church's evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind, and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education is what unites the school as a faith-filled community.

While faith is the binding element in Catholic schools, the Church reiterates that parents are the first teachers of their children. Holding this tenet, Catholic school communities expand beyond the walls of school buildings to envelop the family as an integral part of the school community. Together teachers, administrators, staff, students, and parents fuel the light of faith by integrating culture with faith and faith with living.

So, this week we will celebrate the gift that the school is to our parish and community. There are special activities planned each day at the school. We kick off the celebration with Catholic school students helping with the ministries at the 11am Mass today. An important purpose of their presence at Masses is that it provides the school community an opportunity to thank the parish for their support.

There is also an Open House today, January 28th from 12-2pm. It is not too late to consider Our Lady of Peace School as an option for your children or to encourage your family or friends to consider it for their children. There are great things happening at the school and I/we need your help to get the word out! I also want to make sure you are aware that there is financial aid available to families for whom the cost of tuition is prohibitive. Please do not presume you cannot afford it. Come see me or the principal, Ms. Shivani Suri, Vice Principal, Mrs. Emily Fluegel, or the Director of Enrollment, Mrs. Lori Hess to see what options may be available to you before you decide you cannot send your child/children. I ask all parents in our parish with school aged children to seriously discern Our Lady of Peace School for your children.

I personally thank all of you for what you do for the school and pray that God may bless us as we continue its important mission in our community!

May God bless our Catholic Schools 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...

**\*\*Candlemas Day** Candles will be blessed with a candle procession at the 12:10pm Mass on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>). You are invited to bring any candles you would like to have blessed to that Mass. There will be blessed candles available to purchase after Mass.

**\*\*OLD Palms** It's that time. . . return your old palms so they can be burned for our ashes for Ash Wednesday which is February 14<sup>th</sup>. Designated boxes are in the church vestibule.

**\*\*“The Chosen”- Season 4** The Chosen is the first multi-season series on Jesus. This Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> is the first showing of Episodes 1-3 of season 4 in movie theatres throughout the country. Tinseltown will be showing it and I highly encourage you to check it out. They will release Episodes 4-6 on February 15<sup>th</sup> and Episodes 7-8 on February 29<sup>th</sup>. We will do a formation series on Season 4 starting in April where the episodes will also be shown; but I always encourage you to support these efforts in theatres as well.

**\*\*Throat Blessings** Next Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of St. Blaise and the traditional day for throat blessings that include a prayer for protection against all ailments. We will offer the blessings during the 8am Mass and then will offer them after Masses at the remaining weekend Masses.

**\*\*Knights Pancake Breakfast/Scout Sunday** Next Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> is Scout Sunday and our scouts will be present for Mass at 9am. It is also the next Pancake Breakfast offered by the Knights of Columbus from 8-11am. Both these groups do much to support our mission at OLP and your prayers and support of them is appreciated.

**\*\*Lenten Series: “the One Hour to Peace... the 4 Pillars”** We are excited to introduce a new series in formation for Lent that will overview the 4 sections (pillars) of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. There will be a presentation and small group discussion as part of the program with optional fellowship afterwards. Sessions will be held in the School Cafeteria. Here is the schedule:

Wednesday, Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Creed	6:30-7:30pm
Wednesday, Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	The Sacraments	6:30-7:30pm
Wednesday, Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Life in Christ (Morality)	6:30-7:30pm
Wednesday, Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer	6:30-7:30pm

I hope you will consider joining us!

**\*\*“Celebrating Today, Planning for Tomorrow” Increased Offertory Campaign** Part of the challenge of this campaign is to consider moving up to the next level as part of your commitment to weekly/monthly offertory. If many of us can move up a level in our giving, we can ensure our parish moves up a level in its ministry outreach and moves up a level in securing our campus capital and security for the future. Thank you again for your consideration and we look forward to Commitment Sunday on February 10-11. I remind you that the increased offertory campaign is not the CSA (Catholic Services Appeal) which will be introduced in February!

**\*\*Masses this Week** Monday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>- Weekdays in Ordinary Time; Tuesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>- Mass for a Synod; Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> - St. John Bosco, Priest (19<sup>th</sup> Century Italian founder of the Salesian Order and known as the “Apostle to Youth”- SUBJECT OF ONE OF THE OLP CHURCH STAINGLASS WINDOWS); Friday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Feast of the Presentation of the Lord; Saturday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>- St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr (4<sup>th</sup> Century Armenian Bishop).

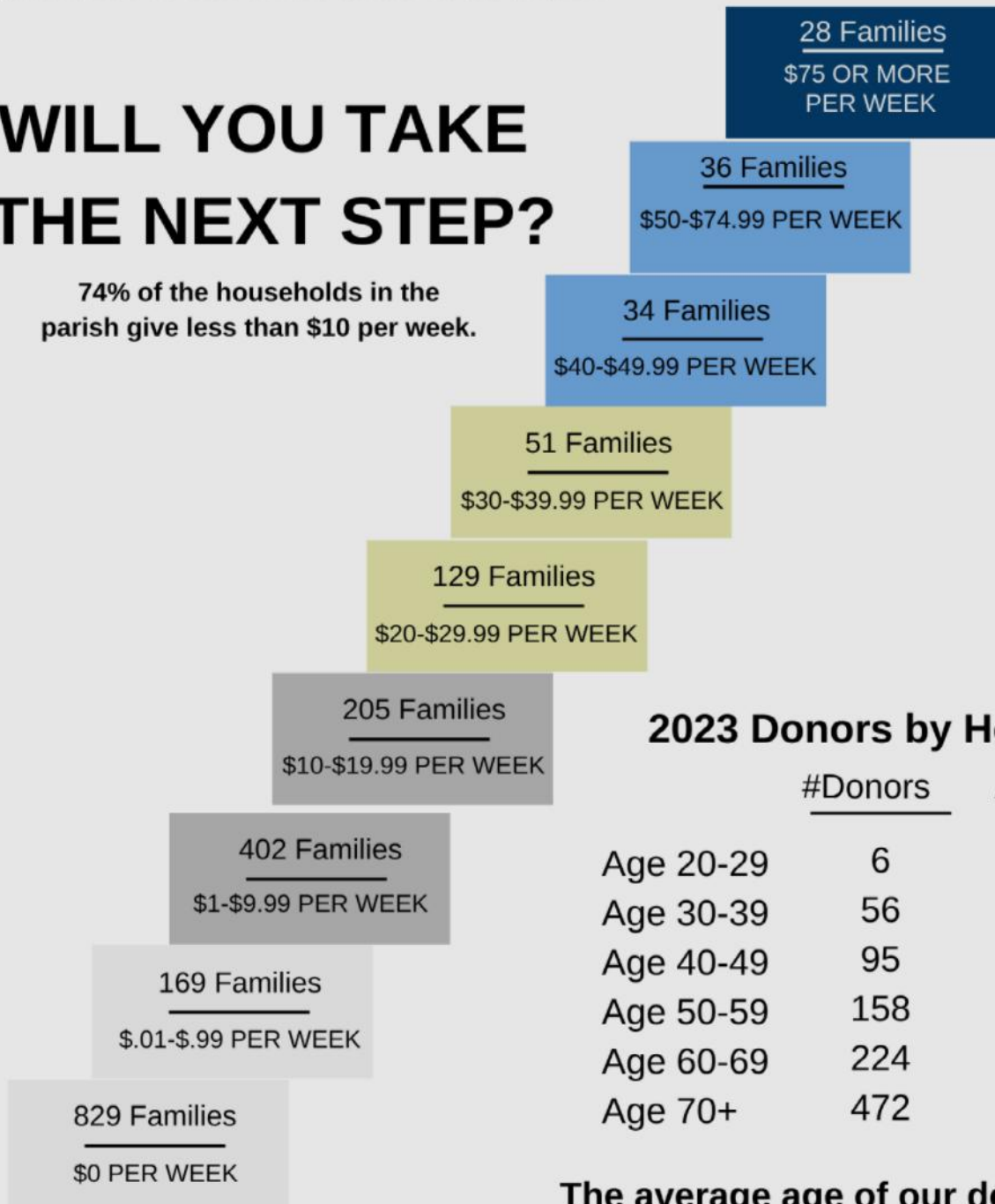
**\*\*Finding Faith in Music** Join us Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:15-10:45AM in the Cafeteria as we explore contemporary Christian music videos and their biblical roots; w/refreshments.

# Celebrating *Today*, Planning for *Tomorrow*

Taking the “next step” involves placing our faith in action. No matter where we are in our lives, God is asking us to surrender and place our trust wholly in Him. Prayerfully consider the gifts that God has given you. In gratitude we hope that you give back to God through supporting Our Lady of Peace on a regular basis. This giving back is essential to your spiritual life as well as the future of the parish.

## WILL YOU TAKE THE NEXT STEP?

74% of the households in the parish give less than \$10 per week.



## 2023 Donors by Household

	<u>#Donors</u>	<u>Avg. Wk. Gift</u>
Age 20-29	6	\$4
Age 30-39	56	\$9
Age 40-49	95	\$17
Age 50-59	158	\$20
Age 60-69	224	\$21
Age 70+	472	\$24

**The average age of our donors is 67.**

**\*\*I have been asked to be a celebrity judge for St. Martin Center's biggest fundraiser "Erie's Best Coffee" which will be held on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at the Ambassador Conference Center. Each judge is asked to raise \$1,000 for St. Martin Center. SMC is a ministry of Catholic Charities that works for the poor of our community. So please consider making a donation in my name by visiting [www.stmartincenter.org/eriesbestcoffee.html](http://www.stmartincenter.org/eriesbestcoffee.html) or scan the QR code on page 10.**

**\*\*Hallow App** Over the last year I have often referred to my experience with the Hallow App and recommended it to those who are looking for something to support and grow their prayer life. In November we decided to participate in Hallows Holy Day special which allows our parishioners to pay \$1 for a subscription for Advent through Lent (a fraction of the \$9.99/month or \$69.99/year rates). Just as we were ready to promote this offer, I found out that the voice actor that they were using for the Advent Challenge was Liam Neeson who was a vocal activist for legalizing abortion in Ireland about 6-7 years ago (which unfortunately did happen). After consulting with the Parish Leadership Team (PLT) at OLP, we decided not to promote the Advent offer and I reached out to the president of Hallow to discuss my concerns. I had a great conversation with the co-founder who gave a very thorough and thoughtful response which included the following: one, acknowledgment that Hallow did not handle this situation well: two - a thorough moral analysis which had the support of several of their content theologians and included references to St. Thomas Aquinas among other doctors of the church. This showed me it was not something they took lightly; three- a humble recognition and regret that they put pastors in a difficult situation since in parishes it's not just individual consumers who can decide on their own but pastors and parish leaders who have a responsibility to oversee and protect their flock. After bringing this back to our PLT and considering the response from Hallow (who was willing to reimburse OLP the \$500 we paid if we were not satisfied with their response), we decided to continue our agreement with them which allows for the \$1 signup and wait until January to promote Hallow's Prolife content as well as the upcoming Lent opportunities. If you want to discuss this further with me or anyone on our PLT (or want to see a copy of Hallow's response), please contact me or the office. As a reminder, members of the PLT are myself, Fr. Dan Hoffman, Mary Beth Whitman, Gina Adams, Warren Beaver and Justin Miles.

**\*\*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. It runs from 10am on Friday to 5pm on Sunday, and retreat participants stay onsite for the weekend." For more info see [www.divinemercyencounter.com](http://www.divinemercyencounter.com). The other DME retreats in 2024 will be in April, July and November in Erie and August 11-13 in St. Marys, PA.

**\*\*Cursillo Retreats** "Cursillo (kur-SEE-yo) literally means "little course" and is an intense three-day spiritual retreat, the purpose of which is a deep personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Those who experience the Cursillo Movement know it is more than just three days of religious instruction. It is an effort to change the spiritual environment, to bring Jesus Christ into the world." See [www.ericcursillo.org](http://www.ericcursillo.org) for more information. The upcoming retreats are **Women's Cursillo, April 5-7, 2024, at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek, PA;** **Men's Cursillo, Elk County, June 22-23, 2024;** **Women Cursillo, Crawford County, August 2024;** **Mens Cursillo, October 18-20 at OLOM.**

**\*\*Quotes from the USCCB's Pastoral Letter "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church" NOV 2021**  
**Paragraph 42 & 43-** "While it is all too obvious that in our current world the Kingdom has not been fully established, our communion with the Lord shows that the Kingdom of God is not simply something we await at the end of time. The Kingdom is already present, if not in its fullness: "The kingdom has come in the person of Christ and grows mysteriously in the hearts of those incorporated into Him," until its fulfillment when he comes again in glory. The mystery of the Kingdom remains present in the Church because she is joined to Christ as the members of a Body are to their Head. In the communion which is the Church, "the Kingdom of heaven, the Reign of God, already exists and will be fulfilled at the end of time."

God has not only called us out of sinful indifference to do whatever we can to contribute to the coming of the Kingdom; through Christ he has given us the grace we need to do this. The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church explains: Men and women who are made "new" by the love of God are able to change the rules and the quality of relationships, transforming even social structures. They are people capable of bringing peace where there is conflict, of building and nurturing fraternal relationships where there is hatred, of seeking justice where there prevails the exploitation of man by man. Only love is capable of radically transforming the relationships that men maintain among themselves."

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

**St. Maximilian Kolbe:** "If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."

**Frederic Ozanam :** "The best way to economize time is to 'lose' half an hour each day attending Holy Mass."

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

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

**\*Church Activity Forms for grades 1-8 are due Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

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

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



WE ARE INVITING YOU!

## *Finding Faith* in Music

Join us as we explore contemporary Christian music videos and their biblical roots.

February 4, 2024  
9:15AM-10:45AM  
OLP Cafeteria  
No RSVP necessary  
Coffee & donuts available!

If you enjoyed  
The One Hour to Peace... from Mass to Mission,  
here's another opportunity to deepen your  
Christian faith.

Any questions: Sarah.beaver@olp.org



## Altar Server Training

Open to all students in 4th-8th grade who are interested in becoming an altar server.

**Training will take place on Feb. 3rd and Feb 17th from 10:30am-Noon** in the church. Plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be provided each day.

Questions, call Fr. Dan at 814-833-7701 x 205 or email [fr.dan@olp.org](mailto:fr.dan@olp.org).

Current Altar Servers are welcome and encouraged to attend this as a refresher.

God Bless!

*Fr. Dan*

## 22:32 MEN *Strengthen Your Brothers!* 2024 CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Event

At St. Jude Parish, Erie, and at

local parishes in NW Pa and NE Ohio

*All Faiths are Welcome!*

Inspiring NATIONAL SPEAKERS including:



FATHER  
LARRY RICHARDS



BISHOP  
LAWRENCE PERSICO

\$20 Adult Early Registration  
(before February 1st)  
\$25 Adult Registration  
(after January 31st)  
\$20 Group of 5 or more  
\$15 Adult - first time attendee ONLY  
High School and College Students - FREE  
Please register before hand.

# 22:32 MEN

"BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU  
THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL.  
AND WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED BACK,  
STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS."  
LUKE 22:32

Our conference will be held live at St. Jude Parish in Erie and will also be live-streamed out to parishes in the Erie Diocese and others in surrounding areas. Our website has a list of those parishes.



DAMON OWENS



FATHER  
PATRICK SCHULTZ

[www.2232Men.com](http://www.2232Men.com)  
[info@2232Men.com](mailto:info@2232Men.com)  
for more details and to register.

## And She Said Yes!

to the Ninth Annual

## 1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie

TIME: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS:

8:00 - 8:45 AM in the Church

COST: \$20 (\$25 at the door)

College students, High school students & Religious - FREE!

Conference includes: Two talks, Adoration, Confession,

Mass, Basket raffle & Book /media sales

Master of Ceremonies: Fr. Larry Richards

ATTENDANCE: Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home



LISA COTTER

Lisa is a Catholic speaker and author known for her practical insights on relationships, femininity, and living life with excellence.



LUKE 1:38

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

MORE INFO

[www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) or 814-455-7364

ALL FAITHS WELCOME!



## 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.

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.



### Special Collection:

#### Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC)

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Erie to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Please support the collection today!

Learn more at [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc)

### Erie City Mission Volunteers Needed

We need your help in preparing and cooking food for our brothers and sisters in need.

#### Dates are Saturday's:

Feb. 17, Mar. 16, Apr. 20

Time: 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Where: 11th & French St.

What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal

Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889




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# Mardi Gras Party

Tuesday, February 13th, 5:30pm - 8:00pm  
IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Dinner provided and includes some delicious Gumbo as well as child friendly foods.  
**NO NEED TO BRING ANYTHING.**



Enjoy an evening of fun and celebration.  
Kids activities will be available.



## MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

OLP is a community where caring for each other is a priority. Could you use help with a household project such as landscaping, gardening, painting or small house repair? We want to serve you,

### OLP SERVES

**May 18, 2024**

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Tell us about your needs. Completed forms can be dropped off at the church office, please return by April 15th.

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Questions, contact Chris Turner at 401-580-1655

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-Hardi 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  
9th-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 Gorge, meet at 6am

#### APRIL

3rd-MS/HS Easter Party 6:30-8:30pm, 9pm  
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-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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# OLP'S KID'S NIGHT OUT SCHEDULE

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SAME FAMILY

FEB 2ND, MAR 8TH, MAY 3RD  
5:30-9pm  
Dinner, snacks, crafts, games, & prayer included.  
Must RSVP, no walk in's. Limited spots. Sign in/out  
OLP Cafeteria.

RSVP to sarah.beaver@olp.org by the Wednesday before!



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@ ST. JAMES  
12 - 2 PM

**VISIT US SUNDAY, JAN. 28**  
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& ST. LUKE  
12 - 2 PM

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

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**Mark Your Calendar for Area Events**

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

**Pre-Lenten Retreat with Diocese of Erie**

**St. Thomas More House of Prayer** 365 Hill City Rd.,  
Cranberry, PA

Step away from busyness and stress to join other single and married adults in a weekend of prayer and community. The Virtue & Integrity Education Office of the Diocese of Erie is sponsoring this retreat, which will include reflections on each person's call to holiness by Fr. Kevin Barrett.

Questions: call or email Cassondra, 814-824-1216,  
cdragone@eriercd.org. For pricing and/or to register visit  
website: <https://www.eriercd.org/chastity/retreat.html>

**Saturday, February 17, 2024 All Day Retreat**

**SANCTUS: A Holiness Retreat**

**Our Lady of Mercy Church** 837 Bartlett Rd., Harborcreek PA

A Sanctus is a retreat for adults for an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ and with the Body of Christ (the Church). This retreat is free; however, you must sign up by Feb. 1. Visit: [www.ourladyofmercychurch.org](http://www.ourladyofmercychurch.org) for more info.

**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](mailto: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.

**Saturday, May 11, 2024 8:00AM**

**OLP's Faithful to the Finish 5K Run/Walk**

**Presque Isle State Park, Beach 1**

Mark your calendar; gather your family and friends and enjoy the morning with a run/walk. Look for sign-ups soon!



**The Knights of Columbus Council  
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**Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, February 4th**

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**February 25, 2024**

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