



Our Lady of Peace

Mark 1:12-15

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

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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.

February 2024

18th Canned Fruit / Raisins

25th Potato Flakes / Gravy / Soup

Pantry is OPEN February 27

(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 - When he calls on me, I will answer him; / I will deliver him and give him glory, / I will grant him length of days

First Reading - God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm - Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading - The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel - This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

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Family Discussion of the Week: A Change of Heart

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. (1 Peter 3:18)

Adults: When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?

Kids: What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?

PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

President's Day

7:00AM Joyce Wingenbach - Maxine Reinsel

12:10PM Chuck Harrity - Wife, Bev

6:30PM Holy Hour

Church offices closed today and will reopen Tuesday.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

7:00AM Mary Ellen Barbisch - Brother

12:10PM Jeanne Werner - Joe & Dianne

1:30PM **School Mass** - Deceased Members of the Barboni Family - Ehrman Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

7:00AM Edward Johns - EJ & Judy Johns

11:15AM-Noon Confessions

12:10PM Jay Ferraro - Michael & Denise Gaines

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

7:00AM Victor Lee - Aunt Jane & Uncle Tom Sargent

12:10PM Jean Yurkovic - Joan Santangelo

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

7:00AM Jackie Chereson - 7AM Mass Group

12:10PM Joanne Amann - Gloria Majewski

6:00 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

8:00AM Fumica Farrell - Family

8:30-9:00AM Confessions

3:45-5:45PM Confessions

5:00PM Kathryn Santangelo - Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Debra Steiner - Freillo Family

9:00AM Donald & Loretta Bruschi -
Donald & Carol Patsy

11:00AM Dave Krasnesky - 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

After all Sunday Masses During Lent
or by appointment - call the Church Office

Readings for the Week of February 18th

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Peggy Pulice - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Richard Brazus - Wife.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Winifred "Winnie" Buckel, aunt of Deacon John Mang; and for Joseph Kalie, brother of Jim. 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:

Feb. 18: Carlee Y., Rachel O.

Feb. 19: Amber D, Chris L.

Feb. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Donna G.

Feb. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.

Feb. 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y., Gloria M.

Feb. 23: Heidi A.

Feb. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.

Feb. 25: Christine O.

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

Watch Our Lady of Peace Mass On Our YouTube Channel

7:00AM Weekdays

8:00AM Saturdays

9:00AM Sundays



Go to 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.

From the Pastor's Desk...

This Sunday, February 18th we will celebrate the Rite of Sending with our RCIA candidates at the 11am Mass. We "send" the candidates to the Rite of Election with Bishop Persico which takes place at St. Peter Cathedral that same day at 3pm. These rites are the beginning of the Period of Enlightenment which is the catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) and candidates (those preparing for Eucharist and Confirmation) final period of preparation for entering full communion with us in the Catholic faith (at the Easter Vigil- March 30th). The following are the catechumens and candidates here at OLP: RCIC: *Avery Cline*, sponsor Christy Gentile; *John Condon*, sponsor TBD; *Eric Glover*, sponsor Dan Laniewicz; *Sviatlana Locanto*, sponsor John Skuce; *Annie Machowski*, sponsor Christopher Giordano; and *Katherine Swiech*, sponsor Lori Cawley. Consider joining us and Bishop Persico at the Rite of Election and please keep them in your prayers (also as they go on their retreat February 23rd and 24th at St. Andrew Church).

Initially Lent was a time just for the catechumens of the church to prepare for their initiation; but the church quickly realized that this was a great opportunity for all Catholics to be renewed through recommitment to Christian disciplines. So, it evolved into the annual "retreat" and basic training that we now experience. Take advantage of it and unite with your brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the word in making more room for Jesus in your life and in your heart.

May God bless our RCIA catechumens and candidates as well as our week and our Lent 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...

****Paschal Candle Memorial** Once again our new Paschal Candle will be blessed and lit for the first time at our Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 30th. Please contact the office if you are interested in donating the \$650 cost of the candle in memory of a loved one. May the light of Christ remain always in our hearts.

****I am a celebrity judge for St. Martin Center's biggest fundraiser, Erie's Best Coffee which will be held on Sunday, February 25th from 11am-2pm at the Bayfront Convention Center.** Each judge is asked to raise \$1,000 for St. Martin Center, a ministry of Catholic Charities working with the poor of our community. Please consider making a donation to St. Martin Center in my name at www.stmartincenter.org/eriesbestcoffee.html

****Stations of the Cross are held on Fridays of Lent (Living Stations presented by the school on March 15) at 7pm.**

Confessions will be from 6-7pm each Friday before Stations.

****"Celebrating Today, Planning for Tomorrow"** So far 192 households have committed to \$76,930 in annual increase and \$4,830 in one time gifts. Thank you to those who have supported this campaign and please consider if you have not yet.

****Night to Shine** Thank you to all who volunteered or donated to the "Night to Shine" prom event for our special needs community. We had 160 guests who were celebrated with a red carpet introduction, dinner, dancing and a special message from Demi and Tim Tebow before they were all crowned kings and queens of the prom (they all received crowns and tiaras). Each honored guest has a buddy so the parents of the guests can be treated to an adult social during the prom event. It is always a special night and OLP has been blessed to sponsor it for the last 5 years. **A special thank you to Linda Hennigan, Michelle Ohmer and Mary Beth Whitman who helped organize the event!** Also, we are looking to solidify the revenue source to cover the \$20,000 it costs to put on this event each year. The Tim Tebow Foundation has helped us regularly with covering some of the costs but once a community gets the event established over a few years, they no longer financially support it. So, if you know of any charity foundations, business or other organizations who might want to consistently support this or you yourself are interested, please contact me or Mary Beth Whitman at the office to discuss further.

****Catholic Services Appeal 2024 (CSA)** Last weekend we invited you to make a commitment to support the CSA. These gifts support our parish by funding our annual contribution to support vital diocesan ministries. Our Lady of Peace keeps 100% of gifts raised beyond our contribution for the needs of our parish. Your gifts allow OLP and the Church in northwest Pennsylvania to continue building up the body of Christ. **More specifically, this year's CSA project for Our Lady of Peace Parish is the mortar pointing on the east side of the church building. The cost of that project is \$55,000. Our annual contribution to the Diocesan Church ministry is \$144,333. So our overall goal for CSA 2024 is \$200,000.**

****Lenten practices:** The Diocese of Erie offers the following information regarding observation of Lent in 2024:


The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024.

1. Traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the church. Daily Mass is encouraged.

2. Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.

3. In 2024, St. Patrick's Day (March 17 – Principal Patronal Feast Day of the Diocese of Erie) falls on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. In recognition of the importance of this day for the faithful, Bishop Persico has directed that St. Patrick be liturgically observed (at daily Mass, Divine Office, etc.) throughout the diocese on Monday, March 18, 2024.

4. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)



****Lenten Confessions** In addition to our normal weekly confession times (Wednesdays from 11:15am-Noon, Saturdays from 8:30-9am and 3:45-4:45pm) we will have extra opportunities throughout Lent. They are Fridays from 6-7pm (before Stations) and after all Sunday Masses including 4:30pm. "The Light is On for You" is Thursday, March 21st from 5-7pm, local churches are open and priests hearing confessions throughout Erie.

****Masses this Week** Monday, Feb. 19th, Tuesday, Feb. 20th, and Saturday, February 24th- Lenten Weekdays; Wednesday, Feb. 21st- St. Peter Damien, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (11th Century Benedictine Reformer); Thursday, Feb. 22nd- the Chair of Peter the Apostle; Friday, Feb. 23rd- St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr (2nd Century disciple of St. John).

****Lenten Series: "The One Hour to Peace... the Four 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 each night as well as an optional light dinner of soup and bread being served from 6-6:30pm. Sessions will be held in the School Cafeteria. I hope you will consider joining us.

Wednesday, Feb. 21st The Creed 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, Feb. 28th The Sacraments 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, Mar. 6th Life in Christ (Morality) 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, Mar. 13th Prayer 6:30-7:30pm

****Silence at Mass** In response to the Lenten invitation to more silence, the liturgy committee has decided to emphasize the liturgical moments of silence already included in the Mass but not always observed during Lent. These moments include: a.) the invitation to examine our conscience during the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass ("Let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare our hearts to celebrate these Sacred Mysteries"); b.) at the start of certain prayers when the priest says, "Let us pray" (so we can all speak to God in our own words before the priest "collects" them all into one); c.) after each of the Scripture readings (to "digest" the Word of God); d.) after the homily (to allow the priest's words to sink in); and e.) after all have received Communion (to receive God's loving embrace, to thank God and love Him back). The goal of these moments of silence is to allow God to make a more lasting impression on us during Mass. The hope is that we do not just have a superficial encounter with God at Mass that is lost as soon as we leave the doors of the church, but that we allow God's grace and presence to penetrate our very being at a depth that changes us and stays with us. This might feel like an ambitious goal, but that's what our church and our God desires for us. So let's embrace these silent moments at Mass... or more importantly let God embrace us more fully through them.

****Hallow App Parish Discount** OLP has a deal with Hallow App that allows you to sign up for \$1 through Lent. They have a Lenten Challenge called Pray40: where you are be guided through the 20th Century spiritual classic called "He Leadeth Me" by Fr. Walter Ciszek, SJ. It's an extraordinary account of a Catholic priest who persevered through solitary confinement and labor camps for 20+ years. His incredible spiritual reflections will help you give God total sovereignty of your life and help you grow experience true freedom in Christ. Scan the QR code and enter Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie, PA or stop by the office.

****Holy Hour Monday, February 19th at 6:30pm** I invite you to spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and offer up prayers for those in office.

****Upcoming Pilgrimages** I invite you to consider joining me and/or Fr. Dan on the following pilgrimages that can be a powerful opportunity to grow and learn in faith as well as strengthen your experience of Christian Community.

- Lancaster/Sights and Sounds Theatre showing of Daniel-June 11-13, 2024 (Fr. Rich)- details TBD
- National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis (first Eucharistic Congress in the US in 83 years)- July 17, 21, 2024 (Fr. Rich and Fr. Dan)- details at www.eriecnd.org/EucharisticRevival.html.
- Poland in the Steps of St. John Paul II- September 10-19, 2024 (Fr. Dan)- <https://selectinternationaltours.com/product/pilgrimage-to-poland-september-10-19-2024-24ja09polr>.
- Eucharistic Miracles of Italy- May 5-16, 2025 (Fr. Rich)- https://selectinternationaltours.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Fr.-Rich-Toohey-Italy-2025_web.pdf.

****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's an effort to change the spiritual environment, to bring Jesus Christ into the world." See www.ericursillo.org for more info or ask a friend, you'd be surprised how many people are part of the Cursillo community. Register online or stop by the office and we can assist you. The upcoming retreats are **Women's Cursillo, April 5-7, 2024, at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek, PA;** and Crawford County, August 2024; **Men's Cursillo, Elk County, June 22-23, 2024;** and October 18-20 at OLOM.

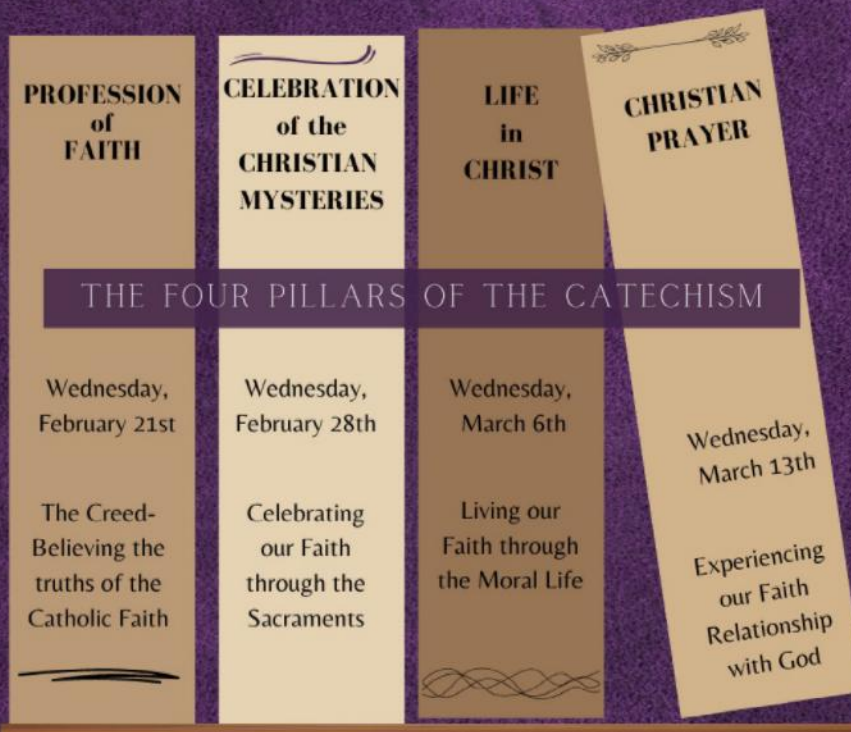
****Quotes from the USCCB's Pastoral Letter "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church" NOV 2021**
Paragraph 48: "We also need to keep in mind that "the celebration of the Eucharist presupposes that communion already exists, a communion which it seeks to consolidate and bring to perfection." The Eucharist is the sacrament of ecclesial communion, as it both signifies and effects most fully the communion with Christ that began in Baptism. This includes communion in its "visible dimension, which entails communion in the teaching of the Apostles, in the sacraments and in the Church's hierarchical order." Likewise, the reception of Holy Communion entails one's communion with the Church in this visible dimension. We repeat what the U.S. bishops stated in 2006: If a Catholic in his or her personal or professional life were knowingly and obstinately to reject the defined doctrines of the Church, or knowingly and obstinately to repudiate her definitive teaching on moral issues, however, he or she would seriously diminish his or her communion with the Church. Reception of Holy Communion in such a situation would not accord with the nature of the Eucharistic celebration, so that he or she should refrain. Reception of Holy Communion in such a situation is also likely to cause scandal for others, weakening their resolve to be faithful to the demands of the Gospel."

Join us this Lent as we explore our faith
through the Catechism. . .

The One Hour to Peace... the Four Pillars

Wednesdays in the school cafeteria from 6:30-7:30pm. Optional
light dinner of soup and bread from 6:00-6:30pm. before the session.

February 21 - March 13



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Catholic Young Adults
Saturday, February 24, 2024

COFFEE WITH CHRIST

St. George Catholic Church

Following 8AM Mass
Meet in multipurpose room
Coffee, tea & food provided
Open to young adults ages 18-40

SPEAKING ON THE SECRET
TO BUILDING DISCIPLINE:
ROSEMARY CAULFIELD

Questions: cberan@stgeorgeerie.org




The OLP Youth Group will be at Masses Feb 24/25 to share their encounters with Christ through the ministry.

They will also be accepting donations towards their summer trips and for upcoming faith opportunities.
Please consider supporting our ministry!

Sarah Beaver, Youth Minister sarah.beaver@olp.org

Thank you!




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



DAMON OWENS



FATHER PATRICK SCHULTZ

"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.

www.2232Men.com
info@2232Men.com
for more details and to register.

\$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 beforehand.

BINGO!

Cash Bingo benefitting Scouts BSA Troop 59
Hosted by JPTF

When: Sunday February 25
Time: Doors open at Noon.
First game at 1pm
Cost: \$30/person - includes 10 games
BYO drinks and snacks

BINGO					
8	25	33	48	63	
10	18	40	49	61	
7	20	FREE	42	65	
1	22	45	57	74	
12	29	37	58	70	

Purchase tickets through a scout or use the QR code.



Basket Raffle - Special Games -
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Thank you for supporting Troop 59

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

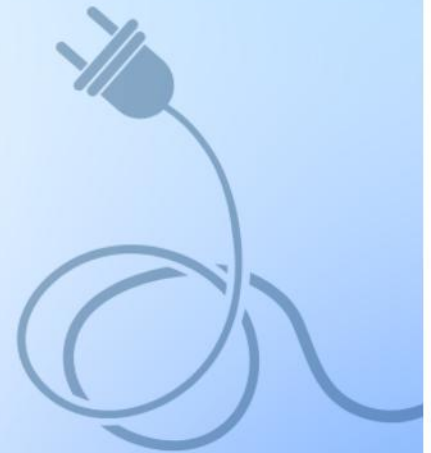
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- Register your family with the parish
- Check out the "events" page on our website, www.olp.org
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website or call the office at 814-833-7701 for help.
- Download myPairsh App by texting APP to 88202. Select Our Lady of Peace, Erie PA 
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Calling: 833.7701 x 0 or **E-mailing:**
cynthia.berarducci@olp.org

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:

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



Qualifies for
service hours!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Feb. 18 - Regular classes and 1st Reconciliation retreat. Mass for all grades

Feb. 25 - No Religious Ed. Classes

***Church Activity Forms are due on February 18th for grades 1-8 ***

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

Feb. 18 - Regular classes

Feb. 25 - No Religious Ed. Classes

Questions: Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director,
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**A Stewardship of Sharing January 2024
Fiscal Year July 2023 - June 2024**

	Monthly	YTD
Weekly Envelope	\$ 81,445	\$541,373
Loose	4,725	31,309
Holy Days	2,715	12,862
Monthly School Support	1,286	10,203
Christmas/Easter/Flowers	2,230	27,161
Total Offertory	\$92,401	\$622,909
Budgeted Offertory	\$82,417	\$576,919
(Deficit) Surplus	\$9,984	\$45,990
Diocesan Designated Fund	\$ 1,962	\$ 20,749

Ways to Support Our Parish

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

Thank you for your support.

**2023 CSA
February 2023 to January 2024**

Goal \$ 212,000
Pledge Payments Received to Date.....\$ 228,220
Total Pledges\$ 235,170
476 Families - Goal is 500 Families

Every dollar raised supports important Diocesan services and every dollar raised over our assessment will be kept in the parish for parish improvements.
Our 2023-2024 Diocesan assessment is \$137,152.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Every day women of faith courageously pursue lives to glorify God.

All are welcome to join us on February 28th from 6:30-8pm in B4 (room off the school cafeteria). We will be reading and discussing *This Present Paradise: A Spiritual Journey with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity* by Claire Dwyer.

Contact Maria Good at 570-594-8339 with any questions.

Come for the fellowship and the faith!



LENT AND CRS RICE BOWL

A Season for Reflection. During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with god and our neighbors. Reflect on how



the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Beware of Grooming Behavior - Children and young people can be groomed online or in the real world, by a stranger or by someone they know. This could be a family member, a friend or someone who has targeted them-like a teacher, faith leader or sports coach. Grooming is when someone builds a relationship, trust and emotional connection with a child or young person so they can manipulate, exploit, or abuse them. Grooming can take place over a short or long period of time. Some common tactics are pretending to be younger, giving advice or showing understanding, buying gifts, giving attention, taking them on trips, outings, or holidays. To prevent your child from grooming behavior, teach them about healthy relationships, how to stay safe online, and who are the trusted adults they can go to for help.

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

Parenting Series RAISING CHILDREN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY



**Part 1: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024
2PM ST. LUKE CHURCH
Focus: Infant to age 5**

THE GIFT OF FAMILY TO THE CHURCH & WORLD/PARENT AS FIRST CATECHISTS - Fr. John Malthaner
ADOPTION: GIVING THE GIFT OF FAMILY - Mrs. Dawn Joy, Catholic Charity Counseling & Adoption Services
CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT - Erie Family Center
PARENTS AS TEACHERS - Erie Family Center
HELPS AND SUPPORTS IN THE ERIE COMMUNITY - Lisa Scully, WIC
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Part 2: SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024
2PM ST. LUKE CHURCH
Focus: Grade School Years**

FAMILY AS THE DOMESTIC CHURCH - Fr. John Malthaner
FAITH DEVELOPMENT IN THE GRADE SCHOOL YEARS - Diocesan Faith Formation Office
DEVELOPING RESPONSIBILITY IN CHILDREN - Mrs. Marietta Stalsky, Retired Principal, St. Luke School
BULLYING/DEPRESSION/FEELING ISOLATED SINCE COVID-19 - LECOM Behavior Health
RAISING COMPASSIONATE AND MORAL YOUTH - Rebecca Wiest, Faith Formation, Our Lady Mt. Carmel
REPRESENTING YOURSELF IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL - Mrs. Haley Kolash, Principal, St. Luke School
QUESTION AND ANSWERS



**Part 3: SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024
2PM ST. LUKE CHURCH
FOCUS: THE HIGH SCHOOL YEARS**

LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN DAILY FAMILY LIFE - Fr. John Malthaner
FAITH DEVELOPMENT IN THE TEEN/HIGH SCHOOL YEARS - Diocesan Faith Formation Office
BALANCING THE SCHEDULE - Mercyhurst Guidance Office
COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR TEEN - Cathedral Prep Guidance Office
MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS - LECOM Behavior Health
CYBERBULLYING - Rebecca Wiest, Faith Formation, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Mark Your Calendar for Area Events

An Invite to Eucharistic Revival: Lenten Soup, Salad & Soul Mass: 5:15PM, Dinner 6:00PM, Speaker to follow
St. George Cafeteria 5145 Peach St., Erie

Feb. 20: Fr. Jason Feigh

Feb 27: Fr. Ross Miceli

Mar. 5: Fr. Marc Stockton

Mar. 12: Fr. Chris Beran

Mar. 19: Joseph Preston (Seminarian)

Fridays in Lent: Feb. 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22

FISH FRY 4:30PM - until sold out; all dinners \$12

Our Lady of the Lake Social Hall 128 Sunset Dr., Edinboro
 Dinners include: Baked or Fried Fish/Baked Potato/Mac & Cheese/Green Beans/Coleslaw/Roll/Cookie. **Drive-Thru Only**; seating provided inside to enjoy your "take-out" meal. Every 25th vehicle receives 1 free dinner coupon; each week one winner will receive a \$50 Country Fair gas card; enter Chance of a Lifetime Cash Raffle.

Select Fridays in Lent: Feb. 23, Mar. 1, 8

LENTEN FISH Dinners 5:00 - 7:00PM

St. Luke Church - Cafeteria 421 East 38th St., Erie

Fish Dinner: Baked Fish/Pierogis & Mac & Cheese with french fries, green beans, coleslaw or applesauce, roll & butter, dessert, coffee, tea or milk

Adults \$15 Children 12 & Under \$7

Captains Platter: Fish Dinner with Fried Shrimp added \$17

Shrimp Basket: Fried Shrimp with French fries, coleslaw, dessert, coffee, tea or milk \$10

Take out available starting at 5PM.

Cash or check only. For more info: Marty 814-460-6338

Select Fridays in Lent: Feb. 23, Mar. 8, 22

Fish & Pierogi Dinners 4:00 - 7:00PM

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 1531 E. Grandview Blvd, Erie

Fish Dinner: (3 pieces)

Pierogi Dinner: (2 pieces)

Combo Dinner: (2 Fish, 1 Pierogi)

All dinners include: two sides, rolls, coffee, ice cream

Adults \$15 Child \$7

Fridays in Lent: Feb. 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22

Fish & Shrimp Dinners 4:30 - 7:00PM

Holy Cross Church 7100 West Ridge Rd, Fairview

Your choice of Fish, Shrimp, Combo or Mac & Cheese

Fish/Shrimp Dinner: Adults \$15 Children \$7

Includes: homemade coleslaw/potato salad/roll & butter/ beverage/dessert

Mac & Cheese Dinner: \$5

Includes: roll & butter/beverage/dessert

Dine In or Take Out, Questions: 814-474-2605



Fridays in Lent: Feb. 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22

Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:00PM

All Saints Parish 711264 RT. 97 N., Waterford

Baked or Fried White Fish/French Fries or Baked Potato/Roll/ Coleslaw/Applesauce/Homemade Desserts/Coffee/Tea/Fruit Drinks. Take-Out available: call 814-796-3023.

Adults \$15, Children under 12 \$5.00, Toddlers Free

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

Prayer and Finding God In Silence

Anawim Ministries at Bethany Retreat Center 1031 Germana 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

Sunday, February 25, 2024 1:00PM; Noon Doors Open BINGO

Polish Falcons 431 East 3rd St., Erie

\$25 packet; 50/50; \$100 lottery ticket wreath; tips & instants, kitchen and bar open. Proceeds: St. Benedict Alumnae

Select Fridays in Lent: Mar. 1, 15

LENTEN FISH Dinners 4:30 - 7:00PM

Blessed Sacrament Cafeteria 1626 West 26th St., Erie

\$16 Fish Dinner; \$12 Cheese Ravioli Dinner; \$10 Mac & Cheese Dinner

Featuring: Baked Cod w/choice of fries, macaroni & cheese or ravioli, green beans, coleslaw, sherbet and beverage

1/2 portions available at 1/2 price

Take out available at take out window in the cafeteria.

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

St. Joseph Table 6:00PM

Our Lady of Pece Cafeteria 2401 West 38th St., Erie
 Watch for more info.

Saturday, May 4, 2024

**47th Annual Erie March for Life
 Downtown Erie, PA**

Please prayerfully consider joining the march.

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/friends and enjoy the morning with a run/walk. Sign-up at RunSignUp:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Erie/FaithfultotheFinish5K>



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St. Martin Center
 February 25, 2024
 11:00am - 2:00pm
 Ambassador Hotel - 7794 Peach St.
*Celebrity Judge Fr. Rich invites you to
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