



# *Our Lady of Peace*

MARK 9:2-10

**THEN A CLOUD CAME, CASTING  
A SHADOW OVER THEM;  
FROM THE CLOUD CAME A VOICE,**

**"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON.  
LISTEN TO HIM."**

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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**

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](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** - Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. / It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face from me.

**First Reading** - The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

**Psalm** - I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** - God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

**Gospel** - This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

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**Family Discussion of the Week: The Assurance of Faith**

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (Mark 9:5)

**Adults:** How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?

**Kids:** What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?

**THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS**

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

7:00AM Anna Ciccozzi - Sr. Claudia Dombrowski

12:10PM Greg Bosner - Denise & Michael Gaines

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

7:00AM Harry & Jackie Cherson -

Mary Ann Anuszkiewicz

12:10PM Randy Gatewood - Kathy McCloskey

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

7:00AM Bob Fuller - Granddaughter, Taylor

11:15AM-Noon **Confessions**

12:10PM Edward Chimenti, Jr. -

Dave & Darlene Wilkinson

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

7:00AM Tom Gray - Friends

12:10PM Henry Kwiatkowski - Daughter, Joan

## FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

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

7:00AM christine Walden & Roman Bieniek - Family

12:10PM Robert Urraro - Wife & Daughter

6:00 PM **Confessions**

7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**

## SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

8:00AM Chloe Randolph - Loretta & Craig Schaal

8:30-9:00AM **Confessions**

3:45-5:45PM **Confessions**

5:00PM Don & Rinda Pulice - Becky DeSanti

## SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

**Third Sunday of Lent**

7:30AM Clarence & Ann Mogel - Ehrman Family

9:00AM Joanne Amann - Stumpf Family

11:00AM Deceased Members of the Iannello Family - 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 25th

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;

Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;

Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Don & Rinda Pulice - Ginger Thomas Kane.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Dorothy Zavasky - 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:

Feb. 25: Christine O.

Feb. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.

Feb. 27: Ann R.

Feb. 28: Ann F., Michael M., Mary Margaret M.

Feb. 29: Linda M., Janet A.

Mar. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.

Mar. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.

Mar. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia 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

### 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.



## From the Pastor's Desk...

This weekend we will be inviting families/individuals to register at Our Lady of Peace Parish as part of a welcome weekend. We also encourage everyone in the congregation to wear a name tag as a way to continue to get to know each other better.

So why register as a member of OLP? Here are a few reasons to consider: **ONE-** by registering you are declaring your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community and sharing your time, talent and treasure. It gives you a sense of belonging and identity in the parish community; **TWO-** registration is an expression of your commitment to practice your faith. It is required for those seeking to be Godparents or Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation; **THREE-** registration enables the staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you. Our welcome committee is always excited to share with new parishioners information on the parish and the many opportunities to join in the mission of OLP. **FOUR-** registration helps you stay connected with us and the parish with you. It makes sure you receive important information via mail, email, etc. as well as the Diocesan FAITH Magazine which is published six times a year.

So we would love you to consider registering at OLP if you are not registered at a parish already and please consider inviting your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers who are Catholic and do not have a parish to formally register at OLP.

We also have youth from our youth group speaking at all Masses this weekend about their great experiences in youth ministry at OLP and ways that you can help them take advantage of future great opportunities like mission trips, youth conferences and other formation opportunities this summer. Thank you for your consideration in helping them!

May God bless our new parishioners, our youth and our 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of 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...

**\*\*I am a celebrity judge for St. Martin Center's biggest fundraiser, Erie's Best Coffee which is held today Sunday, February 25th from 11am-2pm at the Ambassador Hotel. Each judge was 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](http://www.stmartincenter.org/eriesbestcoffee.html)**

**\*\*First Friday Adoration is March 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:30am (after 7am Mass) until Benediction at 6:50pm. Stations begin at 7pm.**

**\*\*Masses this Week** Monday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, Feb., 28<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lenten Weekdays; Tuesday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. St. Gregory of Narek, Abbott and Doctor of the Church (11<sup>th</sup> Century Armenian mystical poet, theologian, and Abbott).

**\*\*Catholic Services Appeal 2024 (CSA) UPDATE** We presently have 247 pledges for \$125,896. Recall that our overall goal is \$200,000 with our annual assessment from the Diocesan Church at \$144,333 and the cost of our parish mortar pointing project (east side of the church building) being \$55,000. Thank you for your support of the Diocesan Church and this necessary project on our church campus.

**\*\*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 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 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-7pm, local churches are open and priests hearing confessions throughout Erie.

**\*\*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 30<sup>th</sup>. We thank Michael & Jane Zavasky for sponsoring the candle in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Zavasky & Novak Families. May the light of Christ remain always in our hearts.

**\*\*"Celebrating Today, Planning for Tomorrow"** So far we have 210 households that have committed to \$80,914 in annual increase and another \$5,230 in one time gifts. Thank you to those who have supported this campaign and please consider if you have not yet.

### **\*\*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. 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

**\*\*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.eriecursillo.org](http://www.eriecursillo.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.

**\*\*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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**\*\*Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays of Lent (Living Stations presented by the school on March 15) at 7pm. Confessions will be heard from 6-7pm each night before Stations**

**\*\*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.

**\*\*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)- see page for details
- 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.eriecd.org/EucharisticRevival.html](http://www.eriecd.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](https://selectinternationaltours.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Fr.-Rich-Toohey-Italy-2025_web.pdf).

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

Paragraph 49-50: "49. One's communion with Christ and his Church, therefore, involves both one's "invisible communion" (being in the state of grace) and one's "visible communion." St. John Paul II explained: The judgment of one's state of grace obviously belongs only to the person involved, since it is a question of examining one's conscience. However, in cases of outward conduct which is seriously, clearly and steadfastly contrary to the moral norm, the Church, in her pastoral concern for the good order of the community and out of respect for the sacrament, cannot fail to feel directly involved. The Code of Canon Law refers to this situation of a manifest lack of proper moral disposition when it states that

those who 'obstinately persist in manifest grave sin' are not to be admitted to Eucharistic communion. It is the special responsibility of the diocesan bishop to work to remedy situations that involve public actions at variance with the visible communion of the Church and the moral law. Indeed, he must guard the integrity of the sacrament, the visible communion of the Church, and the salvation of souls.

50. Before we receive Holy Communion, we should make a good examination of conscience to ensure that we are properly disposed to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord. If we find that we have broken communion with Christ and his Church, we are not properly disposed to receive the Eucharist. However, we should not despair since the Lord in his mercy has given us a remedy. He loves us and deeply desires to forgive us and to restore our communion with him. On the first Easter night, the Risen Jesus gave to the Apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners with the Church. He gave the Church the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation when he breathed on the Apostles and said to them: Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained (Jn 20:22-23). Whenever we sin, we have this beautiful opportunity to be renewed and strengthened by God's grace. If we have sinned gravely, the sacrament provides us with the opportunity to recover the gift of sanctifying grace and to be restored to full communion with God and the Church. All the sacrament requires of us as penitents is that we have contrition for our sins, resolve not to sin again, confess our sins, receive sacramental absolution, and do the assigned penance. We encourage all Catholics to a renewed appreciation for this wonderful sacrament in which we receive the Lord's pardon and peace. In the words of Pope Francis, we say to all Catholics in our country: "Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you."

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

**St. Cyril of Alexandria:** "Our Lord Jesus Christ joined together on the same day the paschal lamb of the Jews and the True Manna when blessing the bread and the wine He said: "This is My Body, this is My Blood."



**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](mailto:Sarah.beaver@olp.org)



**Thank you!**



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

PROFESSION of FAITH	CELEBRATION of the CHRISTIAN MYSTERIES	LIFE in CHRIST	CHRISTIAN PRAYER
THE FOUR PILLARS OF THE CATECHISM			
Wednesday, February 21st	Wednesday, February 28th	Wednesday, March 6th	Wednesday, March 13th
The Creed- Believing the truths of the Catholic Faith	Celebrating our Faith through the Sacraments	Living our Faith through the Moral Life	Experiencing our Faith Relationship with God



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*

# JOIN OUR STAFF



**We are seeking a Part-Time Outreach Coordinator.** As the Outreach Coordinator, you will play a vital role in coordinating various initiatives and programs aimed at serving our Parish and the surrounding community. From managing internal outreach efforts to collaborating with external organizations, you will lead with empathy, organization, and a commitment to making a difference.

Please visit [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org) for a full description of the position and qualifications. To apply, please submit your resume and cover letter outlining your qualifications and experience in community outreach. Additionally, include a brief statement explaining your alignment with our Parish's mission and values.

**Resumes should be delivered to Fr. Rich Toohey, Pastor or emailed to [olp@olp.org](mailto:olp@olp.org) by Monday, March 11th.**

The Parish is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to an active nondiscrimination program. Recruitment, hiring, placements, transfers and promotions will be on the basis of qualifications of the individual for the position being filled regardless of race, creed, color; religion, gender, national origin, age, disability or veterans' status. In the most unusual circumstance, however, where the essential element of the position requires membership and practice of the Roman Catholic faith, exception will be taken.

## Join Our Lady of Peace Parish on a 3-Day Pilgrimage to Lancaster, PA

June 11-13, 2024

Cost \$475 per person (double occupancy)

\$625 per person (single occupancy)

### Package Includes:

- Transportation
- 2 Nights lodging
- 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- "Daniel" at Sight & Sound Theatre
- Tour/Mass - Sts. Cosmos and Damien
- Guided Tour of the Amish Countryside
- Shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village
- Mass - St. Stanislaus Kostka & Shopping  
Pittsburgh Strip District



\$50 Deposit due with reservation, balance due by May 1st.

Questions, call Cynthia at 814-833-7701 x0



St. Martin Center

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*

Help Fr. Rich raise the most for St. Martin Center . . . click the QR code and donate today, then join Fr. Rich 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](http://stmartincenter.org/eriesbestcoffee.html) to buy your tickets, just \$15.



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814-833-7701 x0; [cynthia.berarducci@olp.org](mailto:cynthia.berarducci@olp.org) by March 1st**



## 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

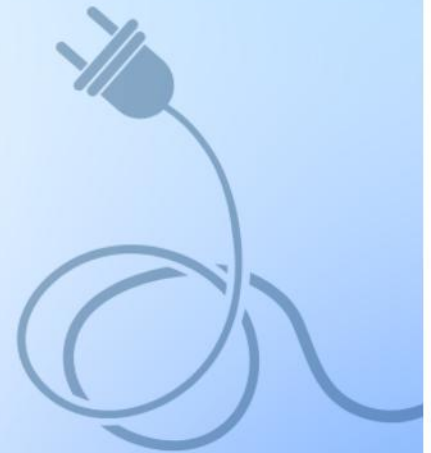
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- Check out the "events" page on our website, [www.ulp.org](http://www.ulp.org)
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website or call the office at 814-833-7701 for help.
- Download myPairsh App by texting APP to 88202. Select Our Lady of Peace, Erie PA 
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### Year End Giving Statements

To request your giving statement  
please contact Cynthia in the church office by:

**Calling:** 833.7701 x 0 or **E-mailing:**  
[cynthia.berarducci@ulp.org](mailto:cynthia.berarducci@ulp.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  
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praying at all to praying  
twice a day."

★★★★★

"Tears pour. This is where  
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for the very first time."



Try out Hallow for just \$1 through Lent.  
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get you all set up.

## 22:32 MEN 2024 CONFERENCE

*Strengthen  
Your Brothers!*

SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Event

At St. Jude Parish, Erie, and at

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STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS."  
LUKE 22:32



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\$20 Adult Early Registration  
(before February 1st)  
\$25 Adult Registration  
(after January 31st)  
\$20 Group of 8 or more  
\$15 Adult -first time attendee ONLY  
High School and College Students - FREE  
Please register beforehand.

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](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,

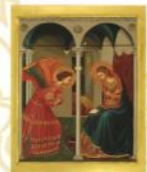
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ATTENDANCE: Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home



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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

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## Mark Your Calendar for Area Events

**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

**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 27: Fr. Ross Miceli

Mar. 5: Fr. Marc Stockton

Mar. 12: Fr. Chris Beran

Mar. 19: Joseph Preston (Seminarist)

**Fridays in Lent: 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: 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

**Fridays in Lent: 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: 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

**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.

**Select Fridays in Lent: 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

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

**St. Joseph Table 6:00PM**

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

**Thursday, April 18, 2024 6:00PM**, doors open at 5:00PM

**St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Annual Card Party**

**St. Mark's Catholic Center Gym** 429 E. Grandview Blvd, Erie  
Admission \$10, light meal served. Evening includes: Raffle, Grand Prizes, Gift Auction, Money & Lottery Tree and much more...

Raffle Tickets will be sold after all the Masses the weekend of March 2/3 and March 9/10

For Card Party Reservations, call Kathy 814-440-3406 by Tuesday, April 9th.

Please pray for the vocations of our seminarians.

**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>

Would you be able to be a sponsor at any level? Contact Cynthia in the church office, 814-833-7701 x0

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## WOMEN OF FAITH

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

All are welcome to join us on **February 29th** 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. March meeting will be on **March 14th**.

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

**Come for the fellowship and the faith!**



## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

**Feb. 25 - No Religious Ed. Classes**

**\*Church Activity Forms are due on February 18<sup>th</sup> for grades 1-8 \***

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

**Feb. 25 - No Religious Ed. Classes**

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



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