



# *Our Lady of Peace*

*God so loved the world  
that he gave  
his only-begotten Son,*

John 3:14-21



so that everyone  
who believes in him  
might not perish  
but might have eternal life.

March 10, 2024

Fourth 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**

10th Pet Food / Pet Treats

17th Soup / Stew / Chili

24th Nut Butters / Jelly

31st Applesauce / Crackers



Pantry is OPEN March 12 & 26

(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** - Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. / Be joyful, all who were in mourning; / exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First Reading** - The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23).

**Psalm** - Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137).

**Second Reading** - God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10).

**Gospel** - The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21).

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**Family Discussion of the Week: Source of Light**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as Children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. (Ephesians 5:8-9)

**Adults:** What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

**Kids:** How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

**COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

7:00AM Lucy Bujnowski - Son, Leon  
12:10PM Jay Ferraro - 12:10 Mass Group

## TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

7:00AM Rich Young - Wife, Corky  
12:10PM Rinda Pulice - Diane McCarthy  
1:30PM **School Mass** - Mario Lucchetti - Ehrman Family

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

7:00AM Joyce Wingenbach - Warzyniak Family  
11:15AM-Noon **Confessions**  
12:10PM Norma Kalie - Husband, Jim  
1:30PM **Living Stations of the Cross** -  
Presented by 6th Graders from OLP School

## THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

7:00AM Patricia Miklos - Family  
12:10PM Alice DiSanto - Judy Johns

## FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

### Mass Book Opens for 2025 at 8:00AM

7:00AM John Gallagher - Gaylord & Peg  
12:10PM Chloe Randolph - Loretta & Craig Schaal  
6:00 PM **Confessions**  
7:00 PM **Living Stations of the Cross** -  
Presented by 6th Graders from OLP School

## SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

8:00AM Ann Baloga - Rose Sheridan  
8:30-9:00AM **Confessions**  
3:45-5:45PM **Confessions**  
5:00PM Richard Abel - Kathleen McCloskey

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Attilio Ciccozzi - Ehrman Family  
9:00AM Gary Gianoni - Jim & Kathy Luschini  
11:00AM Linda Dann - Keith & Cynthia Berarducci  
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 March 10th

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;  
Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;  
Jn 12:20-33  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Amelia & Anthony Patsy - Daughter.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Rinda Pulice - Cheryl Bennett.

### 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:

Mar. 10: Ann T., Pat C., Pat M.  
Mar. 11: Dave D., Paul M., Connie S.  
Mar. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Chris P.  
Mar. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F., Donna R.  
Mar. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.  
Mar. 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B.  
Mar. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.  
Mar. 17: Len & Cathy K., Helen W., Barbra W., Nancy 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.*

### 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.

### 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 Laetare Sunday to you! We are less than a month away from THE SACRED TRIDUUM! Sundown on Holy Thursday (March 28<sup>th</sup>) through sundown on Easter Sunday (March 31<sup>st</sup>) is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! Usually I wait until Palm Sunday to promote the Triduum the following week, but this year at the encouragement of the Liturgy Committee, I wanted to start promoting it sooner as a way to reinforce how important and special it is. I also challenge you to attend these special liturgies this year (especially if you have not experienced them before). When our parish comes together for these days in prayer and communion with each other, there is a palpable grace and presence of the Holy Spirit that everyone should experience and that increases as more of us gather. I will explain more about the Sacred Triduum and Holy Thursday in this week's column, and then explain Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter in the next two weeks.

This three-day period is referred to as the Easter Triduum, also known as the Sacred Triduum, or Paschal Triduum. The word "triduum" comes from the Latin word triduum, which comes from tris ("three") + dies ("day"). Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins. Our bishops reinforce this: "Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery" (USCCB)

It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover (or Pasch), which was a reminder of how God brought the Jews out of slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed—that same night the destroying angel "passed over" the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and those covered by the Blood were saved. This was the Old Testament prefigurement of Jesus' work at the Last Supper—where he inserted himself as the Paschal Lamb—and Calvary, where the sacrifice was offered to save us from our slavery to sin. With the Holy Eucharist, we consume the victim that died for our sins. The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the passion, death, and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ. It is one marvelous event stretched out over three days.

**HOLY THURSDAY**, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The evening Mass on Holy Thursday (at 7pm at OLP) is referred to as The Mass of the Lord's Supper. This is where the Church re-lives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified. After the homily there is an optional "washing of the feet" ceremony, where the priest washes the feet of others to signify his role as servant—just as Jesus did with his disciples. Extra hosts are consecrated at this Mass to be used on Good Friday when no Mass will be celebrated.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of repose," a place where the consecrated Host is kept, away from the main altar where Mass is normally celebrated. (our altar of repose takes place in the school cafeteria). Many parishes will create

space for people to stay and pray with the reposed Eucharist at this altar of repose late into the night, remembering Jesus' request in the Garden of Gethsemane for someone to "watch and pray" with Him. (We have Adoration from 8:15-11pm at which time we pray Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) and then public prayer ends).

May God bless our 4<sup>th</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...**

**\*\*OLP Youth Ministry will join St. Mark Seminary to host its second Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Mark Catholic Center Chapel on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** This is a great opportunity to pray with and meet the seminarians discerning the priesthood at St. Marks.

**\*\*The Feast of St. Patrick will be moved liturgically to Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> in the Diocese of Erie** since he is our diocesan patron saint (St. Patrick Church in Erie was the first Cathedral of the Diocese). So, the 7am and 12:10pm Mass that day will be for St. Patrick.

**\*\*St. Joseph Table and Feast** OLP will continue its tradition of celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph, the patron of the Universal Catholic Church, with the traditional St. Joseph Table. **The Table will be held on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the cafeteria.** We will gather for a short prayer service followed by a meatless meal. Part of the tradition of the St. Joseph Table is to provide food for those in need **so you are asked to bring non-perishable food or monetary donations** that will go to the West Millcreek Food Pantry.

**\*\*Masses this Week** Monday, Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>- all Lenten Weekdays.

**\*\*Catholic Services Appeal 2024 (CSA) UPDATE** We presently have **328 pledges for \$171,640.** 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 on the west side of the church building project being \$55,000. Thank you for your support. If you have not turned in your pledge yet, envelopes are available in the church or at the office.

**\*\*"Celebrating Today, Planning for Tomorrow"** We have 221 households that have committed to \$82,498 in annual increase and another \$10,455 in one-time gifts. Thank you to those who have participated in this campaign and please consider if you have not yet.

**\*\*Lenten Confessions** Confession times are 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).**



**\*\*Stations of the Cross are held on Fridays March 15 (Living Stations) and 22nd at 7pm. Confessions are heard from 6-7pm.**

**\*\*Lenten Series: "The One Hour to Peace... the Four Pillars"** It's not too late to join us for this series on the Four Pillars of the Catechism. Sessions are held in the School Cafeteria. Prior to the session we will have a simple soup and bread supper from 6-6:30pm. No need to register. We hope to see you Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm with Fr. Dan.

**\*\*Thank you** to Mike and Jane Zavasky who donated the 2024 Paschal Candle in memory of the Zavasky and Novak families and Chris Turner in memory of Rina Hoffman and Sylvia Bosner in memory of Greg Bosner for donating the ablution bowls (used by eucharistic ministers to purify their fingers after distributing Holy Communion).

**\*\*Thank you to OLP Athletics and PTO** who helped in the purchase of new chairs/tables for the gym. The old chairs/tables are available for a suggested donation of \$5 per chair and \$20 per table. Please contact the office if you are interested.

**\*\*National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis** Fr. Rich and Fr. Dan are joining the group from the Diocese of Erie for the first Eucharistic Congress in the US in 83 years. It is July 17-21, 2024. Find more details at [www.eriecd.org/EucharisticRevival.html](http://www.eriecd.org/EucharisticRevival.html).

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

Paragraph 53-54: "53. Likewise, St. José Sánchez del Río, a Mexican teenager who was martyred at the age of fourteen and canonized in 2016, was so filled with love of Christ and his Church that he was willing to give up his life rather than renounce Christ and his Kingship. While imprisoned, St. José was able to receive the Blessed Sacrament when it was smuggled into his cell along with a basket of food. Strengthened by this viaticum, he was able to endure torture and to remain faithful to Christ when his captors told him he must renounce his faith or be executed. He replied to his persecutors: "My faith is not for sale." We encourage all, especially our young people, to learn about the lives of these holy teenagers. In the midst of many distractions in our life, Blessed Carlo and St. José Sánchez del Río teach us to focus on what is more important than anything else. 54. There are many people who have been attracted to the Catholic Church and entered the Church because they came to believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Our first U.S. born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, is one of these converts. She was drawn to enter the Catholic Church after she witnessed the devotion of Catholics to the Blessed Sacrament. She wondered about that devotion. God's grace led her to faith in the Real Presence. While still an Episcopalian, she found herself at worship in her church in New York looking out the open window and praying to Jesus in the tabernacle one block away in a Catholic church. On the night after her entrance into the Catholic Church and her First Communion, St. Elizabeth Ann wrote in her journal: "At last GOD IS MINE and I AM HIS." For the rest of her life, her deep faith and pioneering service to the Church in our young nation was nourished by the Holy Eucharist."

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

**Dionysius the Carthusian (1471 AD):** "As the body cannot be sustained without corporeal food, nor continue in natural life, so without this life-giving food the soul cannot persist in the spiritual life of grace."

**St. Padre Pio (1968 AD):** "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass."

**\*\*Fr. Rich at OLP for 7 Years and Amazing Parish**

In February I finished my seventh year as pastor at Our Lady of Peace Parish. My assignment here is now my longest as a priest in the Diocese of Erie (surpassing my 6 years and 8 months at St. Joseph in Warren, PA from 2010-2017). I am so grateful for the gift of leading this wonderful community in the mission of Jesus Christ and the opportunity it provides for me to pray, serve, learn and grow with you. One of the highlights of my experience here has been participating in the Amazing Parish Movement for the last almost two years. The Parish Leadership Team or PLT (Mary Beth Whitman, Justin Miles, Gina Adams, Warren Beaver and newly added Fr. Dan Hoffman) have been an incredible source of support and inspiration for me in leading our parish and giving me hope and strength in knowing that I do not have to lead alone. I have shared with you in the past some of the basics about the Amazing Parish Model but for those who are new to the parish or maybe missed it, I want to offer a summary again. I share excerpts from an article in the Georgia Bulletin in 2019 about Amazing Parish and I remind you that the Our Lady of Peace PLT attended the Amazing Parish Summit in Denver in June 2022 and are planning to attend again in August 2024.

"What Amazing Parish does is provide pastors and their teams with tools to help transform their parish from maintenance mode to a mission-driven culture. It starts with a cohesive leadership team founded on three building blocks: a culture of prayer, a culture of healthy teamwork and a culture of active discipleship. These cultures are meant to seep into the very marrow of parish life, so that, for example, someone who visits a parish office encounters joyful discipleship (and not, as Pat Lencioni (the founder of Amazing Parish) notes, a somber, transactional environment). At the Amazing Parish Summit, the AP Team combined principles and best practices, offering solid insights in addition to possible activities and initiatives to implement. Amazing Parish now offers free coaching to help keep teams accountable (which OLP has benefited from for the last almost 2 years). At a time when trust, transparency, accountability, co-responsibility and ministry burnout are vivid concerns, Amazing Parish offers a practical response that recognizes and appreciates both pastors and the need for collaboration when it comes to shouldering the responsibilities of parish leadership. As Amazing Parish makes clear, it's not about the pastor sharing his authority but rather about the pastor sharing his burdens. He knows he has a team standing behind him—that "has his back"—and is also willing and empowered to call him out and challenge him when necessary. Everyone of us as disciples could benefit from that type of accountability in our lives."

I thank God, our PLT, staff and all of you for making my seven years at OLP a true time of blessing and growth and I hope and pray that we can keep growing in Christ to eternity!



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

# Cursillo

Women's Cursillo  
#260  
April 5-7

Cursillo is a three-day spiritual retreat that will  
deepen your faith through a personal encounter with  
Jesus Christ. It is an effort to change the spiritual  
environment and bring Jesus Christ to the world.

Do you want a deeper  
more intimate relationship with Christ?  
Do you feel like something is missing in your life?  
Do you want to be more involved in your Christian  
community? Yes, then Cursillo is for you! **Stop by the  
office and pick up a registration form today!**

To learn more, hear testimonials or to  
apply, visit: [www.eriecursillo.org](http://www.eriecursillo.org)



# 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

## OLP YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE -SPRING 2024-



### MARCH

- 2nd - Men's Conference 8am-1pm
- 6th - MS/HS Ripple Effect 6-9pm, meet in chapel, pick up outside church
- 8th - Kid's Night Out-RSVP by Mar. 6th
- 10th - HS Retreat Noon-6pm, RSVP by Mar. 6th
- 12th - MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
- 13th - HS 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 - HS 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

Questions/RSVP  
sarah.beaver@olp.org

## Summer Mission Trip

High school youth from the parish are invited to join a summer service/volunteer opportunity with **Young People Who Care (YPWC)** in Frenchville, PA - *from Sunday, June 16 - Friday, June 21*. You will join with other young people from Erie, Pittsburgh and Indiana to provide assistance to those in need in the area. The YPWC primary ministry is to meet the needs of the poor and disadvantaged of Clearfield and surrounding counties in central Pennsylvania. Their summer program gives youth the opportunity to be involved in outreach and experience Christian community with daily prayer and reflection as part of the work day which includes home repairs, painting, cleaning, nursing home visits, building handicap ramps or other work to assist those in need. For more info or to register – **contact Darrell Meyers** at [darrell.meyers@olp.org](mailto:darrell.meyers@olp.org); 814-450-3697 (call or text)

*Young People Who Care* is a division of **Anawim Ministries**  
[www.AnawimMinistries.org](http://www.AnawimMinistries.org)



## Faithful to the Finish 5k

... persevering in Faith

Our Lady of Peace Church, Erie PA  
2024 5K Race/Walk, May 11, 2024

Proceeds benefit Our Lady of Peace Parish Endowment investing in the next generation of faith.

Looking for sponsors for the 10th Annual Faithful to the Finish 5K; would you be able to support us at any level?

### Sponsorship Levels:

Gold Sponsor \$1,000 Silver Sponsor \$750  
Bronze Sponsor \$400 Sponsor \$250

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Deadline to register is April 17th

July 17-21, 2024, tens of thousands of passionate Catholics will experience an outpouring of grace on a scale this generation has never seen. This historic moment is called the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Catholics from every corner of the U.S. will be in Indianapolis for this transformative gathering, and YOU are invited to represent our diocese at this pivotal moment!

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## Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_


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

### CHECK ONE:

- ☐ New Registration  
☐ Change of Address  
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☐ Want envelopes

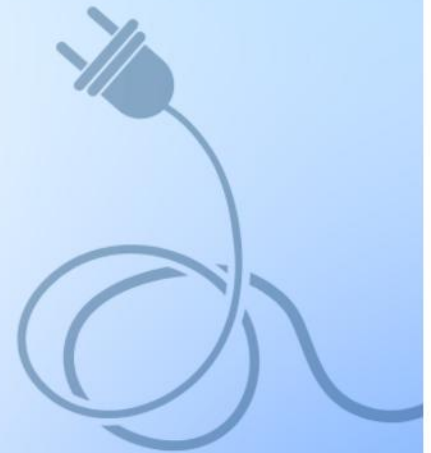
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- Register your family with the parish
- Check out the "events" page on our website, [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org)
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website or call the office at 814-833-7701 for help.
- Download myPairsh App by texting 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](mailto: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.

**March 10** - No Religious Ed. Classes

**March 17** - Regular classes

**March 24** - No Religious Ed. Classes

**March 31** - No Religious Ed. Classes

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

**March 10** - No Religious Ed. Classes

**March 17** - Regular classes, **\*Service Hours due\***

**March 24** - No Religious Ed. Classes

**March 31** - No Religious Ed. Classes

**\*Church Activity Forms for Grades 1-8 are due on March 17th \***

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

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## Mark Your Calendar for Area Events

**Sunday, March 10**

**71st Annual Spaghetti Dinner Noon-5:00PM**

**Sacred Heart Church** 816 West 26th St., Erie

Tickets: \$15 Child Dinner (10 & under) \$10

Includes: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread/Butter, Dessert  
Bucket of Meatballs & Sauce \$10

Sit down & take outs; Bake sale, theme baskets, 50/50 raffle

**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

Mar. 12: Fr. Chris Beran

Mar. 19: Joseph Preston (Seminarian)

**Fridays in Lent: Mar. 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.

**Fridays in Lent: Mar. 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. 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. 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 Peace Cafeteria** 2401 West 38th St., Erie

See page 5 for more info.

**Friday, March 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

**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

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 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**

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?

**Sponsorship Levels:**

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*Volunteers needed on race day.*

Contact Cynthia in the church office, 814-833-7701 x0

## OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project



"Too often we underestimate the power of touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

Lee Buscaglia

There is no doubt the lives of many at Maria House Project have been "turned around." Your participation and kindness in the **Casserole Club** help make this happen. Thank you from everyone at Maria House!

The **March casseroles**, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church social room (basement) on *Saturday, March 16th*, between 3:30 and 4:30pm. If you would like us to pick it up call us: Skip or Dottie Glover at 814-440-3496 or email us [scottiedippy@gmail.com](mailto:scottiedippy@gmail.com). You may also leave the **casserole** in the church office during the drop-off time. **Casseroles** should be pre-cooked, frozen in a disposable container, with reheating directions attached. Names or addresses are NOT to be included.

## St. Joseph Table Dinner



ST. JOSEPH - PROTECTOR OF FAMILIES

**Tuesday, March 19th**

**6:00pm in the cafeteria**

**Meatless dinner and dessert provided.**

*All are invited to join us for this celebration of St. Joseph. Non-perishable or monetary donations to the Millcreek Food Pantry will be accepted. A St. Joseph Table Dinner is a table where **all** are welcome. A celebration of gratitude for the simple things in life, such as fava beans, and bread, and reflecting on almsgiving and care for the poor. . . St. Joseph pray for us.*



**Tuesdays, April 9 - May 28**  
**7:00-9:00pm**

**Where: Our Lady of Peace Church**

**This 8-week study includes each episode of The CHOSEN: Season 4**

**NO COST: All materials provided**

**Please drop off or mail registration form to:**

**Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie, PA 16506**

**Attn: OLP Adult Faith Formation**

*We are loved because He's Love. We are saved because He's merciful.*



Adult Faith Formation presents: The Chosen Season 4 Study

You will be registered upon receipt of your registration form—due by March 29, 2024.

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