



# *Our Lady of Peace*

"unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

*John 12:20-33*



*March 17, 2024*

*Fifth 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**

17th Soup / Stew / Chili

24th Nut Butters / Jelly

31st Applesauce / Crackers

Pantry is OPEN March 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** - Give me justice, O God, / and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. / From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, / for you, O God, are my strength.

**First Reading** - I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

**Psalms** - Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** - Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9).

**Gospel** - If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33).

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

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (John 12:25)

**Adults:** When and in what way have you seen life come from death?

**Kids:** When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something for a friend or member of your family?

**SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE**

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

### Feast of St. Patrick observed

7:00AM Gary Bauschard - Tom Sadoski

12:10PM Walter "Butch" Baran - Kevin Helsley Family

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

### St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00AM Jean Yurkovic - 7AM Mass Group

12:10PM Don & Rinda Pulice - Joe & Dianne

1:30PM School Mass - Living & Deceased Members of the Sisters of St. Joseph Who Served Our Lady of Peace

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

7:00AM Dorothy Szymanski - Truchanowicz Family

### 11:15AM-Noon Confessions

12:10PM Art Martinucci - Sr. Susan, Joan & Sally

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

7:00AM Steve & Ann Babick - Stan & Delores Nowak

12:10PM Dennis Weber - Stumpf Family

## FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

7:00AM Stanley & Virginia Nowak -  
Stan & Delores Nowak

12:10PM Special Intention for Helen Ann Martinucci  
- 22:32 Men

6:00 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

8:00AM Edward Chimenti, Jr. - EJ & Judy Johns

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

### 3:45-5:45PM Confessions

5:00PM David Kensinger - Jackie, Dan & Family

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30AM Rosann Pelley - Sargent Family

9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

11:00AM Rev. Fr. John D. Hummel, C.M. - Cathy

4:30PM Jerry Kenwood - Sister, Joan

The church will remain open for private prayer  
Monday through Thursday from 7:00AM - 8:00PM and  
Friday 7:00AM - 4:00PM

### Confessions available:

Wednesdays 11:15-Noon

Saturday 8:30-9:00AM and 3:45-4:45PM

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

### Readings for the Week of March 17th

Monday: 1 Peter 4:7b-11; Ps 96; Luke 5:1-11

Tuesday: Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24;

Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

### BANN I, II, III

John Skuce / Sviatlana Locanto



**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Frank Mezler - Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Namey.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week for a Special Intention for Evan Hall - 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:

Mar. 17: Len & Cathy K, Helen W., Barbra W., Nancy D.

Mar. 18: Carlee Y., Rachel O.

Mar. 19: Amber D, Chris L.

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

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

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

Mar. 23: Heidi A.

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

*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...

Blessed 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent! This Sunday was traditionally called Passiontide and we continue the practice of covering the statues to take our liturgical fast of Lent even further. We have had the light over the cross to the side of the sanctuary off during Lent until this weekend. Now the light is on the cross to help us prepare for Holy Week and Good Friday when we will venerate this cross in a special way. Below I continue the deeper look at the Sacred Triduum and hope that it will encourage more of you to partake in these most holy days of the whole church year. Last weekend I focused on an introduction to the concept of the Sacred Triduum and a summary of Holy Thursday. This weekend I focus on Good Friday and Holy Saturday (next weekend will be the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday).

**GOOD FRIDAY (March 29<sup>th</sup>)** **Morning Prayer at 7:00AM.** Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world. The parish altar looks very different on Good Friday: it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death. The candle by the tabernacle is blown out, and the tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. This is quite dramatic, reminding us that Good Friday is a solemn day of mourning and prayer.

The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass—it is a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. Good Friday is the only day of the year on which no Masses are offered. These Good Friday services often take place at the time Jesus died (3pm) or during the time he hung on the cross (12-3pm). **At OLP we begin the service at 1:30pm. It usually concludes around 2:45-3pm.** The priests and deacon begin the service by prostrating themselves in front of the altar. A liturgy of the Word that includes the reading of John's version of the Passion begins the service. It continues with an extended Prayer of the Faithful where we pray for the church and world. Veneration of the Cross is next at this service, in which the priest and the faithful kneel before a cross and possibly kiss it or show some sign of reverence. It concludes with the distribution of Holy Communion and then concludes in silence as an invitation to continue to meditate on the truth that this day represents.

At OLP, we also have a **Tenebrae Service at 7pm.** It is a meditation on the passion and death of Jesus as well using the imagery of light and darkness.

**HOLY SATURDAY (March 30<sup>th</sup>).** On this day Christ is in the tomb. There is no daytime Mass on Holy Saturday. It is still a day of fasting and sorrow before the Easter Vigil begins that evening. We recall, with Mary and the disciples, that Jesus died and was separated from them for the first time as He lay in the tomb. The faithful are expected to continue their Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday. In the Apostles Creed we pray "He descended into hell" (translated hades, that is, the temporary abode of the dead—not the eternal lake of fire) which describes what Jesus did in the time between his burial and Resurrection. Jesus descended to the realm of the dead on Holy Saturday to save the righteous souls—the Old Testament patriarchs, for example—who died before his crucifixion.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls Jesus' descent into the realm of the dead "the last phase of Jesus' messianic mission," during which he "opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him." Before Holy Saturday, there were no souls enjoying the beatific vision of God in heaven! Christ's work on Holy Saturday is also known as the "Harrowing of Hell."

At OLP, we have **Morning Prayer at 8am on this day as well as the traditional blessing of the Easter Foods (Baskets) at Noon.**

May God bless our 5<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...**


**\*\*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 downtown 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 Dinner** 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.

**\*\*Cabrini Movie** This movie, by the same production company that produces "The Chosen", is about St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first canonized American citizen. Arriving in New York City in 1889, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini is greeted by disease, crime and impoverished children. She soon sets off on a daring mission to convince the mayor to secure housing and health care for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world has ever seen. It is showing at Tinseltown in Erie until at least March 20<sup>th</sup> but hopefully longer if it is well-supported.

**\*\*“The Light is On for You” is Thursday, March 21st from 5:00-7:00pm** (local churches are open and priests hearing confessions throughout Erie). See page 6 for participating churches.

**\*\*Masses this Week** *Monday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>* St. Patrick, Bishop (Patronal Feast of the Diocese of Erie); *Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>* Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; *Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>* through *Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>* Weekdays in Lent; *Saturday, Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>* St. Turibius of Mogrovejo- Bishop (16<sup>th</sup> Century leader in the Church of the New World in Peru).



**\*\*The Chrism Mass, which is Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at St. Peter Cathedral, is one of the greatest celebrations and expressions of the community of our Diocesan Church of the entire church year. The oils, blessed by Bishop Persico, will be used for the sacraments at parishes for the next year and the priests of the diocese recommit ourselves to our priestly ministry. This is another liturgy that every Catholic should experience at least once. This is a great opportunity to show solidarity with our Bishop and your priests- we would love to pray with you there!**

**\*\*24 Hour Adoration during Holy Week at OLP will be held from Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm to Noon on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please consider signing up for a 30 or 60 minute slot, sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.**

**\*\*Catholic Services Appeal 2024 (CSA) UPDATE We presently have 341 pledges for \$176,599 and \$92,379 paid. Recall that our overall goal is \$200,000 with our annual assessment from the Diocesan Church at \$144,333 and the cost of our church mortar pointing on the east side of the church building project being \$55,000.**

**\*\*Stations of the Cross are held on Fridays during Lent: March 15 -Living Stations presented by OLP School students, and March 22 at 7pm. Confessions will be heard from 6-7pm before Stations.**

**\*\*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.

**\*\*National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis** Fr. Rich, Fr. Dan, and other parishioners of OLP will be 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.erieecd.org/EucharisticRevival.html](http://www.erieecd.org/EucharisticRevival.html).

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

**Paragraph 55:** "In recent years, increasing numbers of Christians in our country have left their churches and become religiously unaffiliated. We invite Catholics who have left the Church or who no longer practice the faith to come home. We miss you and we love you. We pray that Jesus will draw you back to your Catholic family, his Mystical Body, through his Eucharistic Body. We repeat words attributed to St. Teresa of Calcutta: "Once you understand the Eucharist, you can never leave the Church. Not because the Church won't let you but because your heart won't let you."."

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

**St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997):** "People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer."

**Sacrosanctum Concilium, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy from Vatican II (1963):** "Especially from The Eucharist, grace is poured forth upon us as from a fountain."



Our Lady of Peace...

Pray for us

## Triduum 2024

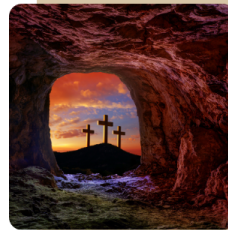
HOLY THURSDAY - EASTER SUNDAY



March 28th - Holy Thursday  
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7pm

March 29th - Good Friday  
Passion of the Lord - 1:30pm

March 29 - Tenebrae Service  
7pm



March 30th - The Great  
Easter Vigil - 8:30pm

March 31st - Easter Sunday  
7:30am, 9am & 11am

*The 3 days of Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday liturgy and Easter is such a blessed time of prayer and we want you to experience it first hand. Why? It's the three or four holiest days of the Church year! At Easter Vigil you also get to witness new members being fully initiated into the Catholic Church. The Sacred Triduum, the single celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection, brings rich symbols to us as we walk with Jesus in the garden, sit at the table for the Last Supper (institution of the Eucharist) and celebrate with joy as He is Risen. These special liturgies are not meant to be experienced in isolation from each other but as one celebration of Jesus Christ alive and present to us today. So make plans to be there today.*

### Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

#### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Pledge to Heal -

The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping survivors of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. The diocese will provide counseling assistance for those who have been abused by a member of the clergy. For more information, please contact Dr. Gerard Tobin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 814-451-1521. *The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact their local law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email [ErieRCD@KLGates.com](mailto:ErieRCD@KLGates.com). To report abuse directly to the diocese call 814-451-1543.*



## 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**-Chrism 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

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## 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)



## The Light is ON for You.



Confessions will be heard at these churches on  
**Thursday, March 21, 2024 - 5-7pm**

Whether it's been a month or 50 years, all are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare their hearts for Easter.

All Saints, Waterford  
 Blessed Sacrament  
 Holy Cross  
 Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro  
 Mount Carmel (5-6:30pm)  
 Our Lady of Peace  
 Our Lady of the Lake  
 St. Boniface  
 St. Francis Xavier, McKean  
 St. George

St. Gregory, North East (6-7pm)  
 St. John the Baptist  
 St. John, Girard  
 St. Jude the Apostle  
 St. Julia  
 St. Jude the Apostle  
 St. Lawrence, Albion  
 St. Luke  
 St. Peter Cathedral



# 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.

## LENT AND CRS RICE BOWL

*Embodying the Love of Christ by Caring for One Another.* Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned



from our  
global  
family

members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around

the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

## 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)

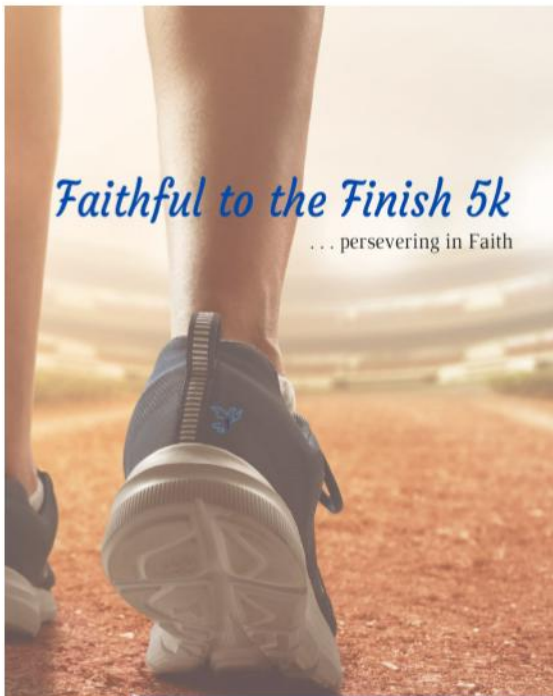
*Young People Who Care is a division of Anawim Ministries*

[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

Contact Cynthia: 814-833-7701 x0

## When God Moves

Join the Diocese of Erie on a pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

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!

You'll enjoy world-class teaching from some of the most trusted Catholic voices in the United States. Come encounter and worship Jesus in a new way, and be anointed to share those graces with our community when you return home. More than ever, you will be proud to be Catholic and excited about the future of the Church in America.

Any questions, email [eriedeac@gmail.com](mailto:eriedeac@gmail.com) or call Jo @ 724.699.3340

Adult Pricing  
\$1,129 Triple/Quad  
\$1,329 Double  
\$1,829 Single

The Diocesan pilgrimage includes:

- ~ NEC Congress Pass (5 Days)
- ~ 4 nights' accommodations in Indianapolis
- ~ Continental Breakfast (pending final hotel assignment)
- ~ Roundtrip transportation from Erie PA/Warren PA/West Middlesex to Indianapolis via deluxe motorcoach
- ~ Daily transportation to the Congress
- ~ Gratuities payable to motorcoach driver

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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.*

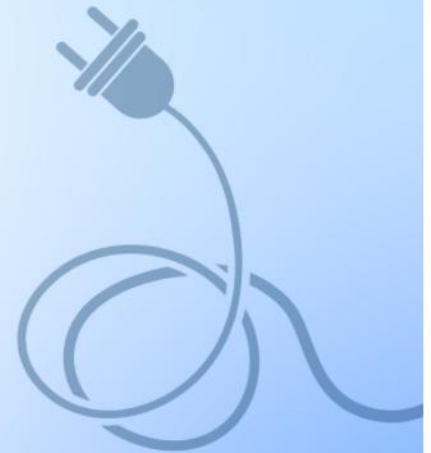
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- ☐ New Registration
- ☐ Change of Address
- ☐ Moving out of Parish
- ☐ Want envelopes

# Get Connected

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

- Register your family with the parish
- Check out the "events" page on our website, [www.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:

Apr. 20, May 18, June 15

**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 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 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@ulp.org](mailto:Tammie.mang@ulp.org)

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## Mark Your Calendar for Area Events

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

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

**Our Lady of Peace Cafeteria** 2401 West 38th St., Erie

See page 7 for more info.

**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. 19: Joseph Preston (Seminarian)*

**Friday in Lent: Mar. 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.

**Friday in Lent: March 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*

**Friday in Lent: March 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

**Friday in Lent: 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

**Saturday, March 23**

**Holy Hour for the National Eucharistic Revival 3:15PM**

**St. Mark Church** 695 Smithson Av., Erie

Join Deacon Dave Jacquel for a Holy Hour

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Scripture Readings/

Reflection/Time for Personal Prayer/Benediction

**Sunday, March 24**

**Cash Bingo 2:00PM** Doors open 12:30PM

**JPT Event Center** (Lake Erie Plaza) 2319 West 38th St.

Donation: \$30 per ticket (includes 10 games of bingo)

Raffles/50-50's/BYOB (must be 21 to drink) & Food

Benefits IAWA (Italian American Women's Assoc.)

Scholarship Fund

**Friday, March 29 11:00AM**

**44th Annual Good Friday Pilgrimage for Peace**

**Stations of the Cross and the suffering of war**

A bus leaves Mt. Saint Benedict at 10:30AM, travels to St. Peter

Cathedral for the First Station; then to other stations around the

City of Erie. For more info visit: [benedictinesforpeace.org](http://benedictinesforpeace.org)

**Friday, April 5 7:00PM**

**An Evening with John Dear on his new book:**

**"The Gospel of Peace: A Commentary on Matthew, Mark & Luke from the Perspective of Nonviolence"**

**Mount St. Benedict Monastery** 6101 E. Lake Rd., Erie

Peacemaker, Author, and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee will

talk about & sign copies of his new book. For more info:

[www.johndear.org](http://www.johndear.org)

**Sunday & Monday, April 7 & 8, 2024**

**Eclipse Viewing Events w/ the Benedictine Sisters of Erie**

**Mount St. Benedict Monastery & Glinodo Center**

6101 and 6270 E. Lake Rd.

Lakefront viewing/free eclipse glasses/spiritual opportunities/art

experiences/environmental activities/happy hour/monastery tour.

Details, schedule, and registration at: [eriebenedictines.org/eclipse](http://eriebenedictines.org/eclipse)

**Monday, April 8, 2024 9:00AM - 12:30PM**

**A spiritual experience based on the book:**

***Between the Dark and the Daylight* by Joan Chittister, OSB**

**Mount St. Benedict Monastery** 6101 E. Lake Rd.

Join us at Mount St. Benedict Monastery the morning of the

total solar eclipse for this meditative spiritual experience based

on Sister Joan Chittister's book "Between the Dark and the

Daylight: Embracing the Contradictions of Life."

Space is limited, register in advance at: [eriebenedictines.org/eclipse](http://eriebenedictines.org/eclipse).

Program cost: \$40 and includes lunch

**Monday, April 8, 2024 starts at 1:00PM**

**Solemnity of the Annunciation & The Solar Eclipse**

**St. Francis Xavier Parish** 8880 W. Main St., McKean

Join on April 8th for a reflection on the Annunciation, watch the

Solar Eclipse, and Pray the Office of Readings

**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

*For Card Party Reservations*, call Kathy 814-440-3406 by

Tuesday, April 9th.

Please pray for the vocations of our seminarians.

**Sunday, April 28, 2024 1:00 - 4:00PM**

**Mother-Daughter Tea**

**St. Mark Catholic Center** 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie

You are invited to the Diocese of Erie Mother-Daughter Tea; a

special time to connect, talk about becoming a woman, prepare for

puberty together. \$35 per family, includes: afternoon tea, light

lunch, activities, unforgettable memories.

For more info and to sign up, visit: <https://www.eriescd.org/chastity/tea.html>

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

**47th Annual Erie March for Life**

**Downtown Erie, PA**

Please prayerfully consider joining the march.

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

**Scratch Off Lottery Basket Raffle**

**St. James Church** 2635 Buffalo Rd.

Lottery Basket Raffle drawing after the 11:30AM Mass (at St.

James Church). Tickets available on the parish website under the

Lottery Basket tab ([www.saintjamesrcc.org](http://www.saintjamesrcc.org)) or at the parish office.

1st Place: \$500 worth of scratch off lottery tickets

2nd Place: \$300 worth of scratch off lottery tickets

3rd Place: \$100 worth of scratch off lottery tickets

4th Place: \$50 worth of scratch off lottery tickets

5th Place: \$50 worth of scratch off lottery tickets

**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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Sponsor \$250

*Volunteers needed on race day.*

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



**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.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

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