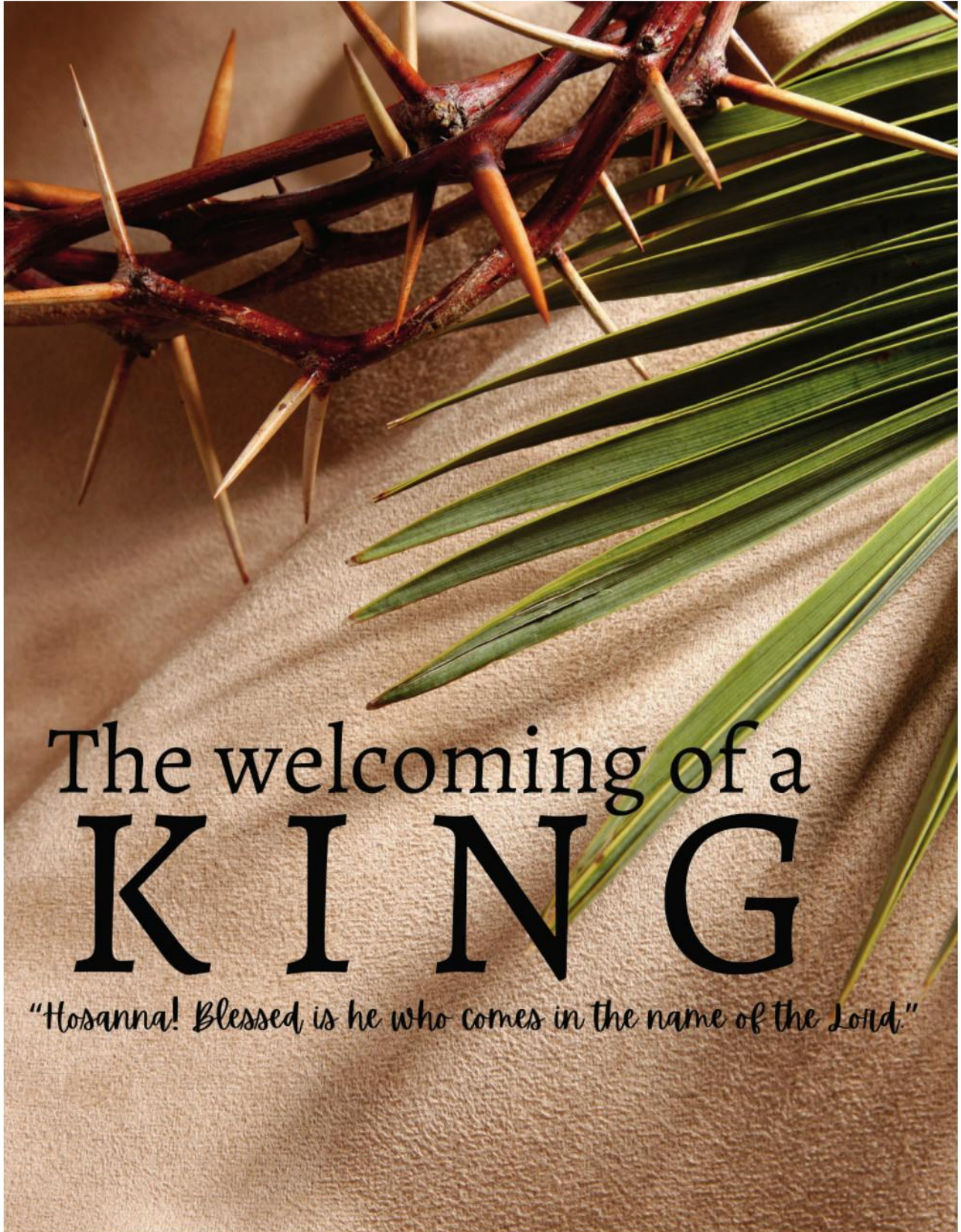




Our Lady of Peace



The welcoming of a
KING

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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.

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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.

March 2024

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 or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office, at 814-838-9983 or tammie.mang@olp.org.

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

Gospel at the Procession with Palms - Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10).

First Reading - In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm - My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading - Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel - The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 - 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Love and Betrayal

He began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man about whom you are talking." (14:70)

Adults: When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus?

Kids: When have you let someone down who trusted you? How did you feel?

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 25, 2024

Monday of Holy Week

7:00AM Christine Walden - Family
 12:10PM Urban Barrett - Wife, Sally
 1:00PM Chrism Mass,
 St. Peter Cathedral, Erie



Holy Week

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00AM Frank Fabin - Jerry & Mary Ann Anuszkiewicz
 12:10PM John Wojtkielewicz - Family
 12:40PM til Noon Wednesday -
 24 HOUR Adoration, OLP Chapel
 1:30PM School Mass - Michael & Chelsea McGrorey -
 Ehrman Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00AM Attilio Mele - Wife
 12:10PM Frank Kremenik - Mary Ann Zarnick
 1:00PM Jesus Christ Superstar
 Presented by OLP 8th Grade

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

Holy Thursday

7:00AM Morning Prayer
 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper -
 Living & Deceased Priests Who Served OLP
Collection for the Needy Fund of the Parish
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Until Evening
 Prayer at 11:00PM (OLP Cafeteria)



FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

Good Friday

7:00AM Morning Prayer
 12-1PM Confessions
 1:30PM Passion/Veneration of Cross/
 Distribution of Communion

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

3-4PM Confessions
 7:00PM Tenebrae Service

(A Good Friday Service with prayer, readings & song)

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

Holy Saturday

8:00AM Morning Prayer
 12:00PM Blessing of Easter Food Baskets
 8:30PM Great Vigil of Easter
 Living & Deceased Members of OLP



SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30AM Joseph Kalie - Brother, Jim
 9:00AM Marilyn Schlecht -
 Alexander Family
 11:00AM Joseph & Sandy Kostolansky - Joan



NO 4:30 Mass

Readings for the Week of March 24th

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
 Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;
 Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
 Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 - 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;
 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 - 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,
 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
 e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Mk 16:1-7
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon
 or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Bob Fuller - Wife, Kathy & Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Joyce Wingenbach - Bill McDonald.

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. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.
 Mar. 25: Christine O.
 Mar. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.
 Mar. 27: Ann R.
 Mar. 28: Ann F., Michael M., Mary Margaret M.
 Mar. 29: Linda M., Janet A.
 Mar. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.
 Mar. 31: Jim Z.

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

When at Mass offer the Mass for

Vocations by praying the prayer below:

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

Serra Prayer for Vocations

From the Pastor's Desk...

A blessed Palm Sunday to you! We enter the holiest week of the liturgical year and I hope this week will look different for you than any other week in your year. I continue here in my bulletin article to explain the Sacred Triduum in more detail than I have in the past as I and our parish leadership want to stress the importance of the Triduum and encourage you more than ever to attend its liturgies. So this weekend I conclude the explanation of the Triduum with the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Over the last two weeks I focused on Holy Thursday and then Good Friday/ Holy Saturday. If you missed either, you can find them on our website.

EASTER VIGIL (March 30th)- A vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil: the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church. At Our Lady of Peace our Vigil Mass is at 8:30pm.

The vigil is divided into four parts and can last up to three hours: 1) the Service of Light, 2) the Liturgy of the Word, 3) the Liturgy of Baptism, and 4) the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This is also the Mass in which RCIA catechumens are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. Although celebrated Holy Saturday evening, it is the dramatic Easter vigil liturgy that marks the beginning of Easter. We are awaiting our master's return with our lamps full and burning, so that he will find us awake and seat us at his table (cf. Luke 12:35ff).

The Service of Light and the Liturgy of the Word are most unique to the Vigil.

1) Service of Light - The atmosphere in the church is different: the holy water fonts are drained, all the lights are out, the tabernacle is empty. The service begins outside the church. A new fire is lit and blessed.

After the blessing of the new fire, one of the ministers brings the paschal candle to the priest, who cuts a cross into the candle with a stylus. Then he makes the Greek letter Alpha above the cross, the letter Omega below, and the four numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross, saying meanwhile:

Christ yesterday and today (he cuts a vertical line);
the Beginning and the End (he cuts a horizontal line);
the Alpha (he cuts the letter Alpha above the vertical line);
and the Omega (he cuts the letter Omega below the vertical line);

All time belongs to him (he cuts the 1st numeral of the current year in the upper left corner of the cross);

and all the ages (he cuts the 2nd numeral of the current year in the upper right corner of the cross);

To him be glory and power (he cuts the 3rd numeral of the current year in the lower left corner of the cross);

through every age and for ever. Amen (4th numeral of the current year in the lower right corner of the cross).

Then the priest may insert five grains of incense into the candle in the form of a cross, meanwhile saying:

1. By his holy; 2. and glorious wounds; 3. may Christ the Lord; 4. guard us; 5. and protect us. Amen.

The priest lights the candle from the new fire. The candle is then processed through the church, with the deacon lifting the candle at three different times, singing: The Light of Christ. (or Lumen Christi) and the congregation sings in reply:

Thanks be to God (or Deo gratias). Everyone lights their candle from the Easter candle and continue in procession until the whole church is alight. The Paschal candle symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World.

Next follows the glorious Easter song of the Catholic Church: the Exsultet (the Easter Proclamation) which can be found on page 118 of the Breaking Bread Hymnal. "This magnificent hymn, which is remarkable for its lyric beauty and profound symbolism, announces the dignity and meaning of the mystery of Easter; it tells of man's sin, of God's mercy, and of the great love of the Redeemer for mankind, admonishing us in turn to thank the Trinity for all the graces that have been lavished upon us" (©1947 With Christ Through the Year, by Bernard Strasser). This is usually sung by the deacon.

2) Liturgy of the Word - During the Easter vigil, nine readings are provided: seven Old Testament and two New Testament. Not all are required to be read due to time constraints, but at least three Old Testament readings must be read, including Exodus 14. These readings help us meditate on the wonderful works of God for his people since the beginning of time. The readings are:

Creation, Gen 1:1-2; 2;

Abraham and Isaac, Gen 22:1-18;

Crossing of the Red Sea, Exodus 14:15-15:1;

Isaiah 54:5-14;

Isaiah 55:1-11;

Baruch 3:9-15.32-4:4;

Ezekiel 36:16-17.18-28;

Romans 6:3-11; and

Gospel Reading, Year A: Matthew 28:1-10; Year B:

Mark 16:1-7; Year C: Luke 24:1-12.

The Gloria is sung before the reading of the Epistle of the Romans, and the Alleluia is sung before the Gospel.

EASTER SUNDAY (March 31st)- Easter Sunday is what we've all been waiting for! The forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent was in preparation for this day, when our hearts and souls can drink in deeply the culmination of the Paschal mystery: the Resurrection.

"Therefore Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts', the 'Solemnity of solemnities', just as the Eucharist is the 'Sacrament of sacraments'. St. Athanasius calls Easter 'the Great Sunday' and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week 'the Great Week'. The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him." —The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1168 and 1169

I hope and pray that our parish family may enter into Holy Week more deeply than we ever have before... and may God bless our Holy Week ahead!

Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of our parish & school.... pray for us!

St. Nicholas, patron of the Erie Catholic School System. pray for us!

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the Catholic Church of the USA... pray for us!

St. Joseph, universal patron of the church.... pray for us!

St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie.... pray for us!



Other notes from the pastor...

****HOLY WEEK Confessions**

Wednesday, March 27th 11:15am-12Noon and 6-7pm

Friday, March 29th 12Noon-1:15pm and 3-4pm

Saturday, March 30th 8:30-9am and 11am-12Noon

****The Chrism Mass, Monday, March 25th 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 26th at 12:30pm to Noon on Wednesday, March 27th**. Please consider signing up for a 30- or 60-minute slot in the vestibule.

****Easter Food Blessing is Saturday, March 30th at 12 Noon in the main church.**

****Masses this Week** Monday, Mar. 25th through Wednesday, March 27th- Masses of Holy Week; Thursday, March 28th- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper; Friday, Mar. 29th- Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Not Mass); Saturday, Mar. 30th- Easter Vigil.

****The Annunciation of the Lord is transferred this year to Monday, April 8th since it falls during Holy Week (March 25th)**. Holy Week and the Easter Octave take liturgical precedence over this Solemnity so April 8th is the first available day after those special weeks.

****Catholic Services Appeal 2024 (CSA) UPDATE** We presently have 350 pledges for \$179,514 and \$97,049 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.

****National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis** Fr. Rich and 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.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 56: "SENT FORTH 56. Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that the "love that we celebrate in the sacrament is not something we can keep to ourselves. By its very nature it demands to be shared with all."⁸⁰ We are not the only ones in need of the love that Christ has shown us. We are called to help the rest of the world experience it. "What the world needs is God's love; it needs to encounter Christ and to believe in him. The Eucharist is thus the source and summit not only of the Church's life, but also of her mission."⁸¹ Jesus is sent by the Father for the salvation of the world. At the very end of the celebration of the Eucharist, we who have received the Body and Blood of Christ and have been incorporated more profoundly into his Mystical Body are likewise sent out to proclaim the Good News for the salvation of the world: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

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

St. John Chrysostom: "How many of you say: I should like to

see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment."

St. Maximilian Kolbe "The culmination of the Mass is not the consecration, but Communion."

****Cabrini Movie** This movie, showing at Tinseltown, is produced by the same company that produces "The Chosen", and 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.

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.ericursillo.org



A Family Perspective

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

Palm Sunday



Holy Week begins today. During this week we will act out parts of Christ's life and share in the mystery of His suffering, death and resurrection. From Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, to the Lord's Supper, washing of feet, going with Jesus to Gethsemane, embracing the Cross (veneration), and his crucifixion. The Triduum (Holy Thursday evening through Holy Saturday) is one day liturgically leading us to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

Lord God, I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.
Here I stand, at the start of this holy week,
the week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death, and I am
distracted by many things.
Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name.
The one who opens the gates of righteousness. The one who answers when we call.
I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me, and for sending your son to us, in
human frailty.
To walk the road we walk.
Open my eyes that I may see him coming, may praise him with a pure heart,
may walk in the way of his suffering, and share also in his resurrection.
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**Today, we join those who honored Jesus during his triumphant entry into Jerusalem.
We take palms as a symbol of the ways that we can honor and adore Jesus more in
our lives and to reaffirm our desire to welcome Him and never take Him for granted.**

**Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, a week that for Christians looks different
than any other week of the year.**



Chrism Mass

Monday, March 25, 1:00pm at St. Peter Cathedral

Today, Bishop Persico will bless the holy oils for the Diocese. The Oil of the Catechumenate will be used in Baptisms of infants and adults to instill wisdom and the strength to avoid evil and to prepare for a life with Christ. The Oil of the Infirm is used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, in which God gives the sick the grace and strength to bear the illness or infirmity. The Sacred Chrism is used for confirmation as well as being part of the Baptismal rite and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is a fragrant balsam that represents the "aroma of Christ." It is also a key moment of unity for the Diocese, as the local priests renew their vow of obedience to the Bishop and commitment to serve.

Lord God, six days before his death, your son sat with Lazarus, whom he raised from the dead, and ate dinner with his friends.

Your gospel tells us that Martha served and Mary knelt at Jesus' feet to anoint them with costly perfume. The disciple who was about to betray him said that it was a waste. He didn't care about the poor, really- and Mary felt ashamed.

Lord, often we cannot discern what is best: When to pour out costly perfume for your sake, even if the world thinks it is a waste. When to be busy serving, or when to rest at your Son's feet and learn.

Give us ears to hear you and eyes to see you.

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24 Hour Adoration

Tuesday, March 26-Wednesday, March 27

Our Lenten Season began on Ash Wednesday when we received ashes on our forehead as a reminder to "repent and believe in the Lord."

In this Lenten Season, there have been opportunities for confession and on Friday's we pray the Stations, all showing that we **believe**. Beginning at noon on Tuesday, April 4th we will have **24 HOURS OF ADORATION** in the main church concluding at noon on Wednesday, March 27th.

Spend time this Holy Week growing closer to Him, he longs for you to know Him.

Lord God, we tremble to think that it was one of Jesus' own friends who betrayed him.

One who sat by him, who broke bread with him.

Give us strength, we pray, to walk faithfully with Jesus;

even when the road we walk is rocky, even when the message of the cross seems like foolishness, and even when we feel betrayed.

You, Lord, are always faithful. We stumble, we become lost, but you are steady and sure.

Give us the grace to endure our troubles, and reveal to us the glory of your kingdom.

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Holy Thursday

Thursday, March 28, 7:00pm



Take and eat . . . take and drink.
Do this in memory of me.
Do what I have done for you.

Today we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper as we remember the first Mass that Jesus celebrated with the Apostles, when he invited them to take and eat. . . take and drink; and then commanded them to "do this in memory of me." After washing his disciples feet, Jesus says, "do what I have done for you." He is telling them and us that foot washing is an image of the Church we are called to be - a parish where service is at the heart of what we do, strengthened by the Eucharist.

After Mass, as church we "go to the garden" with Jesus, processing with the Blessed Sacrament to the cafeteria. There the Eucharist is reposed in the tabernacle until 11:00pm when all present will say Night Prayer.

Lord God, You sent your Son into the world, and before his hour had come, he washed his disciples' feet. You had given all things into his hands.

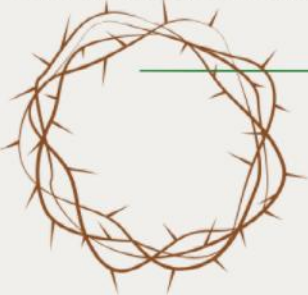
He had come for you, and was going to you, and what did he do?

He knelt down on the floor and washed his friends feet.

He was their teacher and their Lord, yet he washed their feet.

Lord God, help us learn from his example; Help us to do as he has done for us.

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Good Friday

Friday, March 29, 1:30pm

Good Friday is the most somber day of the whole year. We are encouraged to make every effort to be prayerful and quiet, especially during the hours of Noon and 3:00pm. This is the only day in the liturgical year where there is no Mass and the tabernacle is empty. We gather for the "Celebration of the Lord's Passion." The scriptures for the liturgy are filled with images of suffering and they point clearly to Jesus. Jesus, the servant who is beaten and disfigured, who empties himself of everything and is led to Pilate is none other than the only Son of God. There are special intercessions and the highlight of the ritual is the Adoration of the Holy Cross. All come forward, to reverence, genuflect or bow before the instrument of our salvation. The service concludes with a simple communion service using hosts consecrated at the Holy Thursday celebration. All leave in solemn silence.

Lord God, we wait, on Friday, for the resurrection of Sunday.

And sometimes our lives seem a succession of Fridays and we cannot see what is "Good."

Teach us to call your name as Jesus did. Make us trust in you like little children.

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Holy Saturday

Saturday, March 30, Noon

Lord God, on the Sabbath, Jesus rested.

He was in the grave.

He had finished his work.

To most people's eyes, it looked as if it were all over. He was dead and buried.

But only as a seed dies when it is planted in the earth, not to decay, but to spring to new life.

Teach us to take refuge in you when we are afraid.

Teach us that death is not our end.

Teach us to hope always in you and in the resurrection, the making of all things new.

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The blessing of the Easter foods dates back to the Middle Ages when milk, eggs, fat, and meat were forbidden during the Lenten fast and abstinence. When the feast of Easter brought the rigorous fast to an end, people showed their joy and gratitude by first taking the food to the church for a blessing. On Holy Saturday morning, families bring symbolic items in their Easter baskets to the church for a special blessing. Traditionally baskets are lined with a white cloth, filled with decorated eggs (Christ's Resurrection), lamb shaped butter (Christ as the Lamb of God), bread (Jesus is the Bread of Life), meats (great joy and abundance), salt, pepper, oil, vinegar (we are "the salt of the earth" and a reminder of the bitter herbs of Passover) and decorated with greens symbolizing spring renewal.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30, 8:30pm



The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Easter Triduum celebrating the passion and resurrection of Jesus. It begins in the darkness with a service of light. The lighting of the fire and the Easter candle are signs of Christ, "the light of the world," and celebrates the victory of light over darkness.

There are a series of readings recalling God's interventions in history, from creation to the redemption of Israel from Egypt, ending with the story of Jesus' resurrection. The great "alleluia," which had been banished from our prayer since Ash Wednesday, returns proclaiming with joy the triumph of God's Son. Water is blessed in an elaborate ceremony. We invoke the presence of the holy men and women who have gone before us and lead the Elect into the waters of Baptism. Those already baptized Christian will then be received into full communion with the Church. The whole congregation is then sprinkled in the waters of life, recalling our own baptism. The newly baptized then complete their initiation through the sacrament of Confirmation. At the joyful celebration of the Eucharist, some will receive communion for the first time.

Having been immersed in the Lord's passion, in the stories of salvation history, and in the waters of rebirth, we journey now through the fifty days of Easter toward the celebration of Pentecost. We pray that the realities and mysteries of the Triduum will remain with us - commitment, service, victory, resurrection, washing, welcoming - all are part of the Easter experience and the lifelong experience of the Church.



February 23, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Between Palm Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday, parishes in the Diocese of Erie are asked to give generously to the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land.

This collection is the most important source of support for Christians in the Holy Land. Christians continue to be hit especially hard with the war between Hamas and Israel. The money collected helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes, provide Catholic education, and aid the Catholic community with housing, food, health care and employment.

Christians in the Holy Land have great need of your prayers and financial help. The wars, unrest and instability there have been especially hard on them. Please take this opportunity to reach out to those Christians who suffer persecution and hardship in the very land where Jesus lived.

I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful celebration of the Easter Triduum.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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Altar Server Training

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

**Training will take place on
April 15th from 3:30-5:00pm
in the church.**

Questions, call Fr. Dan at
814-833-7701 x 205 or email
fr.dan@olp.org.

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

Fr. Dan

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

March 24 No Religious Ed. Classes

March 31 No Religious Ed. Classes

April 7 Regular Classes

April 14 No Religious Ed. Classes

April 21 Regular Classes, Last day of Faith Formation

April 21 Church Activity forms due

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

March 24 No Religious Ed. Classes

March 31 No Religious Ed. Classes

April 7 Regular Classes

April 14 No Religious Ed. Classes

April 21 Last day of class, please meet in the church.

Practice for Confirmation:

This is a change of time from the original

Sunday, May 19th, - 6:45pm for students and sponsors.

Confirmation Date: Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00pm

Questions: Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director,
814-838-9983 or Tammie.mang@olp.org

OLP YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE -SPRING 2024-

MARCH

2nd-Men's Conference 8am-1pm

8th-MS/HS Ripple Effect 6-9pm, meet in chapel, pick up outside church

9th-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
sarah.beaver@olp.org

ST. MARK SEMINARY AUXILIARY SPRING CARD PARTY RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

April 18, 2024

Donation: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

First Prize \$1,000 Third Prize \$100
Second Prize \$300 Fourth Prize \$100

Raffle to support our Seminarians. For event reservations call Kathy at 814-440-3406 and ask to be seated at the OLP table.



Reverend Mr. Luke Daghir, Brandon Feikles (St. James, Erie), Michael Scanga (St. Joseph, Sharon), Michael Geary (St. Francis, McKean), Joseph Preston (St. Francis, McKean), Anthony Frisina (St. Peter Cathedral, Erie), Tyler Niebauer (St. Basil the Great, Coalport), Noah Marangoni (OLMC, Pittsburgh)

Raffle Tickets
available at the
office



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.

Register for the Race at:

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

Please make sure you are signing up for the race for OLP.

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

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; 814-450-3697 (call or text)

Young People Who Care is a division of Anawim Ministries

www.AnawimMinistries.org



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 erieedeac@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

BOOK NOW!

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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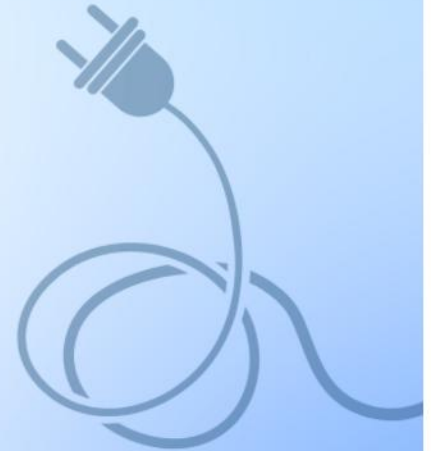
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- Check out the "events" page on our website, www.ulp.org
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website or call the office at 814-833-7701 for help.
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 please contact Cynthia in the church office by:

Calling: 833.7701 x 0 or **E-mailing:**
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!**

And She Said Yes! to the Ninth Annual 1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 8th Street, Erie

TIME: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS:

8:00 - 8:45 AM in the Church

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

College students, High school students & Religious - FREE!

Conference includes: Two talks, Adoration, Confession,

Mass, Basket raffle & Book/media sales

Master of Ceremonies: Fr. Larry Richards

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



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 Lisa is a Catholic speaker
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 practical insights on
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 with excellence.



LUKE 1:38
 Mary said, "Behold, I am
 the handmaid of the Lord.
 May it be done to me
 according to your word."

MORE INFO

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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

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

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

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

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.erieccd.org/chastity/tea.html>

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) 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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Volunteers needed on race day.


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

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Modern Day Simon of Cyrene. Palm

Sunday marks the beginning of Holy

Week. As we walk with Jesus this week,

 we

remember

the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today:

crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate

change, or of a lack of resources. How - like Simon of Cyrene - can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world?.

Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.




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

OLP SERVES

May 18, 2024

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

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

Questions, contact Chris Turner at 401-580-1655



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

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