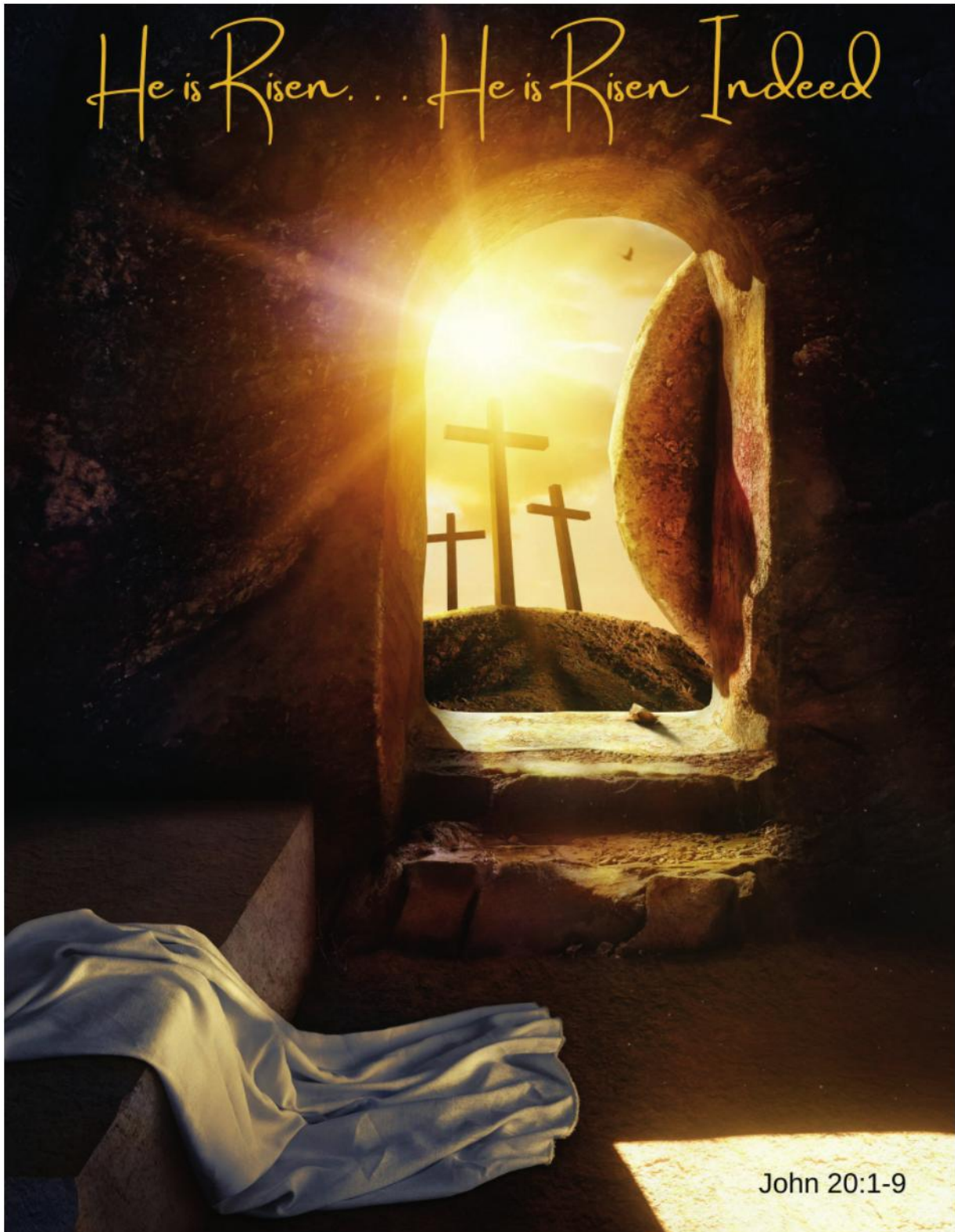




Our Lady of Peace



March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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.

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.

March 2024

31st Applesauce / Crackers

Pantry is OPEN

(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 - I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. / You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. / Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading - Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm - This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

Second Reading - All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

Second Reading - Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel - Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Made New by Christ

Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. (1 Corinthians 5:7)

Adults: What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?

Kids: What bad habit would you like to "clear out" during the hopeful time of this Easter season?

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: the Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a feast celebrating the one great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ's passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: "This is the day." It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter's speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ. Rejoice and be glad!

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

7:00AM Jack Catrabone - Family

12:10PM Leona Pettinato - Family

*Church offices closed today and
will reopen Tuesday at 8:00AM.*

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

7:00AM Alice DiSanto - Madeline Lynch

12:10PM Charles Gerbracht - Daughter, Sally

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

7:00AM Charlott Fresch -

Jerry & Mary Ann Anuszkiewicz

12:10PM Ted Marnen - Dan Leone

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

7:00AM Jean Donofrio - Children & Family

12:10PM Helen Bruno - Haythorn & Swonger Families

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

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

7:00AM Joyce Wingenbach - Bill McDonald

12:10PM Art Martinucci - Bob & Ann Swahn

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

8:00AM Rose Chludzinski - Mary Zukowski

5:00PM Richard Abel - Kathleen McCloskey

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

Sunday of Divine Mercy

7:30AM Blanche & Tony Ciccozzi - Ehrman Family

9:00AM Andrew Polakowski - Family

11:00AM Beverly Lupo - Jim & Dolly

2:00-3:00PM Confessions

3:00PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour

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

or by appointment - call the Church Office

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Ed Hoffman, father of Fr. Mark Hoffman; and for Craig DiSanti, cousin of Brian Kuzmin. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

Daily at 11:40AM

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary is prayed daily prior to the 12:10 Mass. Mary invites all her children to pray her Rosary. Also, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed following the 12:10 Mass in the Chapel. **All are welcome!**



Readings for the Week of March 31st

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21;
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Major Tom Carr - Mom & Dad.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Don & Rinda Pulice & Melanie Pulice-Malyuk - Art & Audrey Cavicchio.

A Family Perspective

That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John "did not know" what to do. In family life there are confusing moments when "we don't know" what to do. Like the apostles we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.

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. 31: Jim Z.

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

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

Apr. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.

Apr. 4: Arlene B., Catherine C., Denny D.

Apr. 5: Joyce K.

Apr. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.

Apr. 7: Margaret K.

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...

Happy Easter! "Christ Is Risen...He is Risen Indeed!" I offer you the traditional Paschal greeting which is still used in many Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches, and some Roman Catholic Churches. This greeting goes back to the early church and reinforced the ultimate significance of what we celebrate on Easter Sunday... that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the defining truth for all Christians. It was said in a dialogue form in which one Christian would greet another with "Christus resurrexit!" (Latin for Christ is Risen!) and the other would respond "Vere resurrexit!" (He is Risen Indeed!). We can learn a great lesson from this greeting of our early ancestors. Our identity as Christians should be the first and most significant dimension of who we are- and the truth of Easter should penetrate every part of our lives, even how we say hello. Can this be said of us?

Our God of the Resurrection is constantly seeking to bring new life to us individually and as a church. And I believe He continues to do that at OLP. Recently our Parish Leadership Team (PLT), Staff and Pastoral Council gathered for a planning meeting. We shared the ways we have seen Christ present at our parish over the last year. Many responses were given but a few highlights included "The One Hour to Peace. . . from Mass to Mission" last fall in which over 465 people participated over 5 weeks, our youth ministry that is thriving under the leadership of Sarah Beaver, our great liturgies and music ministry, our office staff that pray and support visitors every day, our welcoming environment at Mass, the comradery and community at social gatherings like the parish picnic and the Appreciation Dinner, the growing Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass that brings energy and life to our parish family, our RCIA program and the genuine faith and conversion seen in our candidates, the support and formation we are receiving through the Amazing Parish Movement that OLP is participating in, and the 12 local outreach ministries that OLP regularly supports (Emmaus Soup Kitchen, Sunday Suppers, City Mission, etc).

The Holy Spirit is moving at OLP and we want to keep surrendering to Him in all we do to allow him to take us further and deeper in the mission of Christ. We have persevered through some challenging times since my arrival here seven years ago- significant and repeated turnover in leadership, the PA Grand Jury Report in 2018 regarding abuse in the Diocese, and COVID 19- and yet we still keep praying, serving and loving in the name of Christ. Well done, OLP! I am proud of you! I am so excited to see what God will continue to do in and through our parish in the years ahead. Let's keep surrendering, praying, serving, learning, and loving... and God can transform our community through us!

Remember that we are part of a bigger church community (the Diocese of Erie) and that there is a big announcement coming in regard to restructuring of the Catholic Church in Erie County on April 11. This will likely impact our Mass schedule and we want to be praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ who may be affected in a significant way. Please pray for Bishop Persico and our local church community as this announcement approaches- for openness, surrender and trust that God is working and moving in all of this.

May God bless our Easter Octave 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...

****Easter Octave** The celebration of Easter cannot be exhausted or limited to one day, so we as Catholics reserve eight of them, the OCTAVE of EASTER, to celebrate as Easter Day. The celebration of this most central part of our Christian faith, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus, and its result, the conquering of sin and death FOREVER, requires a full week, plus one, to celebrate. We know that the celebration of the hope and joy the resurrection brings is actually what we celebrate EVERY SUNDAY (and what we celebrate for the 50 days of the Easter Season), but in these eight days we amplify the FESTIVE REALITY of Easter. The most concrete way we celebrate the octave is at daily Mass where the prayers for Easter Sunday are said every day. The Gospel readings at Mass recount many of the post resurrection appearances of Jesus to the apostles and disciples. Also, the Easter dismissal at Mass ("Go in Peace, Alleluia, Alleluia") is used all week. So consider joining in daily Mass or find your own way to honor the octave but the key is to celebrate all week!

****Divine Mercy Sunday** The Octave of Easter ends next Sunday, April 7th. The fact that it is the last day of the Easter Octave is reason enough to be joyful, BUT it is also the celebration of a relatively new feast in our Catholic calendar called Divine Mercy Sunday. In April 2000, Pope John Paul II declared the 2nd Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday in the Universal Church. In 1931, Our Lord appeared to Saint Faustina (Helen Kowalska) near Krakow, Poland. She writes about this vision in "The Diary of St. Faustina, Divine Mercy in My Soul." In the vision she saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You... I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory" (47, 48) "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You' " (327). The image painted to St. Faustina's description will be displayed in Church throughout this week. Jesus also asked St. Faustina to promote a new prayer for devotion to Divine Mercy. **This led to the Divine Mercy Chaplet which we will sing during our Divine Mercy Holy Hour next Sunday at 3pm. There are pamphlets that teach how to say this prayer at the doors. We will have an hour of confessions from 2-3pm as well.** Hopefully, this feast can motivate all of us to learn more about this great devotion to God's love and mercy, but even more importantly to ask for it!



****Faithful to the Finish 5K** Our Annual 5K will be in person this year on **Saturday, May 11th at 8am at Presque Isle**. Remember that all money raised will go towards building up the Parish Endowment which we started at the Catholic Foundation of NWPa recently. Fr. Dan is excited to run this year and is shooting to win his age group- good luck Fr. Dan! Please see page 7 for more info and to register yourself and/or your family.

****Masses this Week** Monday, April 1st through Saturday, April 7th. Masses of the Octave of Easter.

****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 359 pledges for \$182,214 and \$101,929 paid. Recall that our overall goal is \$200,000 with our annual assessment from the Diocesan Church at \$144,333 and the cost of the mortar pointing on the church building is \$55,000.

****National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024** Fr. Rich, Fr. Dan and other parishioners of OLP are joining the group from the Diocese of Erie for the first Eucharistic Congress in the US in 83 years. Find more details at www.eriecd.org/EucharisticRevival.html. Please see page 7 for more info.

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

Paragraph 57: "Pope Francis has insisted that evangelization—spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ—is a task that belongs to every member of the Church, not just a few specialists: "All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized." He exhorts us all to become missionary disciples: "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are 'disciples' and 'missionaries,' but rather that we are always 'missionary disciples.'" What is essential is not that one have advanced training, but rather that one discover through Christ the love that God has for us and that one desire to lead others to that same joyful discovery: "[A]nyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love." All that is needed is for one who has known that love—the love that is displayed most preeminently in the Eucharist—to tell other people about it. All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives. In your heart you know that it is not the same to live without him; what you have come to realize, what has helped you to live and given you hope, is what you also need to communicate to others."

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

St. Therese of Lisieux: "Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart...don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love..." "Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the

sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing..." "The guest of our soul knows our misery; He comes to find an empty tent within us - that is all He asks."

St. John Paul II: (Excerpt from *Our Holy Father's homily continued*.)

"Celebrating this mystery, we not only renew what Christ did in the Upper Room, but we also enter into the mystery of His death! "We proclaim Your death!"- redeeming death. "Christ is risen!" We are sharers in the Sacred Triduum and the night of Easter. We are sharers in the saving mystery of Christ as we await His coming in glory. Through the institution of The Eucharist we have entered the end times, the time of awaiting Christ's second and definitive coming, when the world will be judged and at the same time the work of redemption will be brought to completion. The Eucharist does not merely speak of all this. In The Eucharist - all this is celebrated - in It all this is fulfilled. Truly The Eucharist is the Great Sacrament of The Church. The Church celebrates The Eucharist, and at the same time The Eucharist makes the Church."



Return of the Sanctus Bells at Mass

Beginning with this year's celebration of the Sacred Triduum and the Easter Season we have re-instituted the practice of ringing the bells at Mass during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Why? Fr. Rich, Fr. Dan, Deacon John, and our Liturgy Committee all agreed that this would be another great way to highlight this sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our Christian faith, especially during these years of Eucharistic Revival.

The Church has this practice of ringing the bells during the Epiclesis (when the priest places his hands over the bread and wine to call the Holy Spirit upon them) and the two elevations of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus after Jesus' own words are prayed during the Consecration. This highlights and focuses us on the great miracle, gift, and mystery that we have just witnessed, are called to adore, and very soon to receive.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to either Fr. Rich, Fr. Dan or Deacon John.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine; all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine!

Happy Easter! He is Risen...He is Risen Indeed!

Thank you for joining Our Lady of Peace for Easter Mass! We are so blessed to welcome you to our church. Whether you are a regular attendee or just passing through the area to visit family, welcome to OLP!

If you have been away from the church, we welcome you back. You have been missed. We are here to walk with you throughout the year, not just occasionally, sharing in the highs and lows of life with you. Why choose Mass each week? Those who attend church regularly say that it changes them. They find a family, a community and place to call "home." They find rest, love and mercy and feel that sacrificing an hour a week is nothing in comparison to the peace that permeates their life, their family, their work and their faith.

So welcome! We hope we see you again soon.

Peace of Christ...beyond all understanding.



OLP YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE -SPRING 2024-



APRIL

- 3rd**-MS/HS Easter Party 6:30-8:30pm, Gym
- 7th**-Divine Mercy Service 3pm, OLP Church
- 10th**-MS/HS Ripple Effect 6-9pm, meet in chapel, pick up outside church
- 12th-14th**-Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat
- 16th**-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
- 17th**-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in social room
- 18th**-St. Francis in McKean Adoration 8pm
- 20th**-Women's Conference 8am-1pm
- 22nd**-4th/5th Gr. YG 4-5:30p, meet in chapel
- 23rd**-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
- 24th**-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, 12th St. Chick-Fil-A
- 26th-27th**-Festival of Praise Trip to Latrobe, PA, 4pm Fri to 11am Sat. RSVP by Apr. 20th

Questions/RSVP

sarah.beaver@olp.org

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

PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie

TIME: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS:

8:00 - 8:45 AM in the Church

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

College students, High school students & Religious - FREE!

Conference includes: Two talks, Adoration, Confession,

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



LISA COTTER

Lisa is a Catholic speaker and author known for her practical insights on relationships, femininity, and living life 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

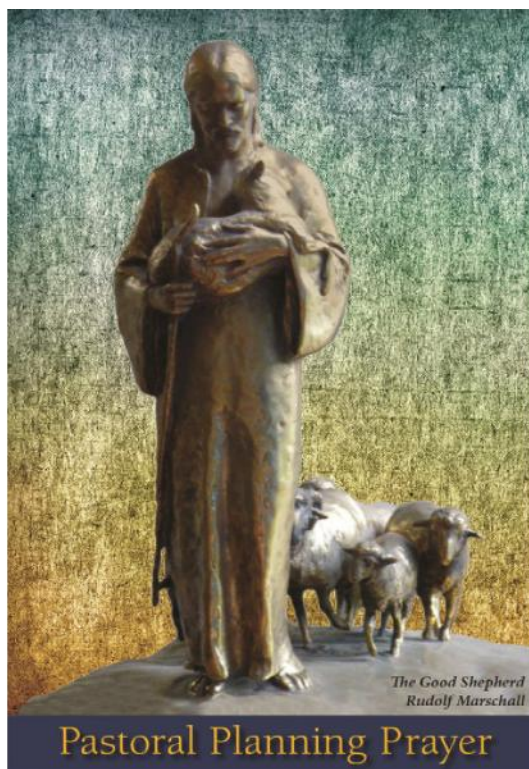
www.138women.com or 814-455-7364

ALL FAITHS WELCOME!



As we continue through the pastoral planning for the Diocese of Erie, Bishop Persico calls us to keep everyone in your prayers.

Use this prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to guide us in planning for vibrant communities of faith for future generations.



Loving God, author of creation,
your spirit pervades and enriches our world.
Through your Son, who shares our humanity,
you have called us to participate in your divine creativity
and to build the kingdom of God here on earth.
Form us, we pray, as one community
under the leadership of our bishop
to serve all the people of this region in your name.

Inspire us to discover new ways
and structures to spread your Gospel.
Open our eyes to see Christ in others,
especially the poor, the sick and the marginalized.
Empower us to be the hands and feet of Christ
in our parishes and communities.
Help us to welcome all into His embrace.

Guide us in our discernment,
as we pray with Pope Francis
for the vision to see new paths of possibility;
for a spirit of mission that invigorates our every effort;
and for the strength to be unafraid of what is new.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Imprimatur, July 25, 2014
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico JCL.
Bishop of Erie

Pastoral Planning Prayer

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



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 or call Jo @ 724.699.3340



Scan this code to learn more about the Congress, the schedule, speakers, etc.



Scan this code to register for the Diocesan pilgrimage!

The 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

Adult Pricing*

\$1,129 Triple/Quad
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\$1,829 Single

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____


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

CHECK ONE:

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

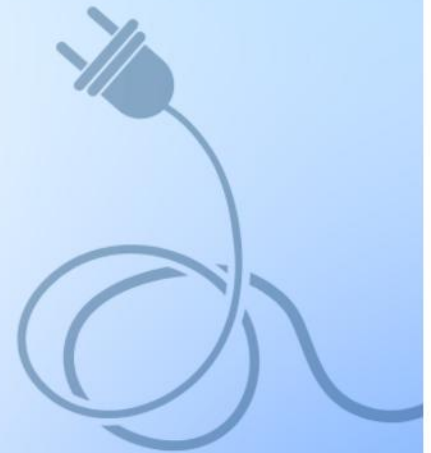
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NEW TO THE PARISH? WANT TO GET INVOLVED BY NOT SURE HOW?

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

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: 9:45AM 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 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 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@ulp.org

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Mark Your Calendar for Area Events

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

Please pray for the vocations of our seminarians.

Sunday, April 21, 2024 1:00PM, doors open at Noon

Julia's Cash Bingo

Poolish Falcon's Club 431 E. 3rd St., Erie

Tickets \$25, includes cards for all 10 games; additional packets
\$5.00 each. Purchase tickets from any Julia Cares Volunteer, or
by contacting Maureen at 814-746-0690.

Cash prizes for Bingo, 50/50, Basket Raffle and Tips; food and
drink available for purchase; no outside food or drink allowed.

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 women, 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.eriecd.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.saintjamescc.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:

Gold Sponsor \$1,000

Silver Sponsor \$750

Bronze Sponsor \$400

Sponsor \$250

Volunteers needed on race day.

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

LENT AND CRS RICE BOWL

Happy Easter! As our CRS Rice Bowl
journey comes to an end, may the



Eucharist continue to
transform our lives and
help us respond to God's

call to serve our global
family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection
with people in our local community and around the world.

*Please turn in your Rice Bowl to the vestibule of the
church in the large rice bowl set up on the table.*

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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