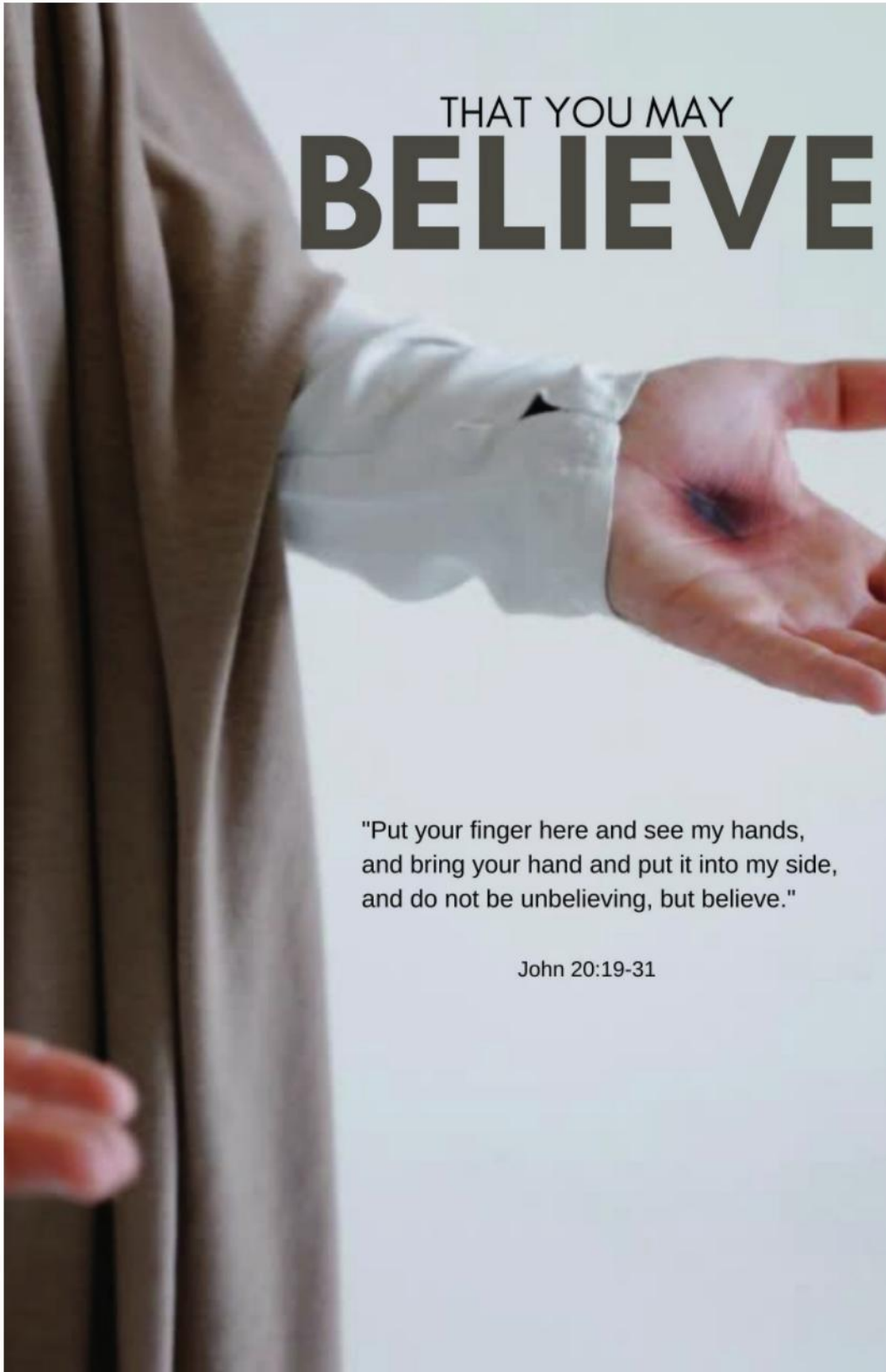




Our Lady of Peace



THAT YOU MAY
BELIEVE

"Put your finger here and see my hands,
and bring your hand and put it into my side,
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

John 20:19-31

April 7, 2024

Sunday of Divine Mercy

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Justin Miles, Mary Beth Whitman

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.

April 2024



- 7th Storage Baggies (all sizes)
- 14th Meals in a Box / Rice (Boil-in-Bag)
- 21st Cleaning Products
- 28th Potato Flakes / Dry Milk

Pantry is OPEN April 9 & 23

(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 - Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, / who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

First Reading - With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm - Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading - The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel - Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Following the Example of Jesus

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul; no one claimed private ownership of any possessions; everything they owned was held in common. (Acts 4:32)

Adults: What could you do this week to inspire your family to resemble the early Christians more closely?

Kids: What could you and your family do to help others who are in need?

DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

7:00AM Helmut Bamberger - Bill & Patty Eckert
 12:10PM Lawrence Smith - Fmaily

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

7:00AM Jim Whitman - Family
 12:10PM Kathryn Santangelo - Family
 1:30PM **School Mass** - Cyndy Bartlett - Ehrman Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

7:00AM Jean Yurkovic - Jean Verdecchia
 12:10PM Marcy Lubin - Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

7:00AM Josephine & Fred Bandecca - Godson, Leon
 12:10PM Frank Mezler - Rita Serafin

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

7:00AM Jackie Chereson - Sandra Ambro
 12:10PM Jay Ferraro - Geoff & Amber Dietz

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

8:00AM Christina Langer - Parents
 5:00PM Don & Rinda Pulice - Tom & Pam Swanson

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024


Third Sunday of Easter

7:30AM Judi Ryback - Wingenbach Family
 9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
 11:00AM Jean Yurkovic - Sister, Jo
 4:30PM Dorothy Zavasky - Family

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

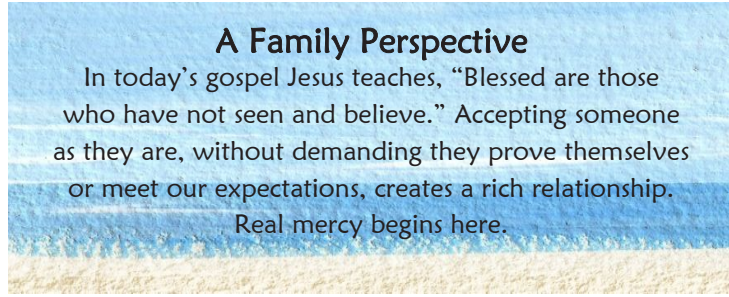
PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Ed Hoffman, father of Fr. Mark Hoffman; for Craig DiSanti, relative of Barbara & David and Brian Kuzmin; and for Eleanor Agnello. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

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 April 7th
 Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Andrew Polakowski - Family.
CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Joyce Wingenbach - Cindy & Scott Esser.



A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Real mercy begins here.

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:
 Apr. 7: Margaret K.
 Apr. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.
 Apr. 9: Ellie A., Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.
 Apr. 10: Ann T., Pat C., Pat M.
 Apr. 11: Dave D., Paul M., Connie S.
 Apr. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Chris P.
 Apr. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F., Donna R.
 Apr. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.
If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 397-6443. There are no dues and no meetings, only opportunities for grace and the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.

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

From the Pastor's Desk...

A blessed Divine Mercy Sunday to you! Today is also the last day of the Octave of Easter and the 2nd Second Sunday of Easter. I meant to say something about the use of the Bells at the Consecration before last weekend but time got away from me. As the Liturgy Committee reviewed the documents of the church that guide the entire Mass over the last year, we came to the Eucharistic Prayer and the option to use bells. After significant discussion it was decided to bring the bells back. The most compelling reasons to reinstate the bells were:

1. Since my arrival at Our Lady of Peace, I have been asked by quite a few people if we would consider bringing the bells back during the Eucharistic Prayer. And I have always told them that I would address it with the Liturgy Committee at some point.
2. As we are In the midst of the Eucharistic Revival in the United States (2022-2025 AD) and coming off "The One Hour to Peace. . . from Mass to Mission" program last fall, it felt like an appropriate time to put greater emphasis on the Eucharistic Prayer where the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ and the bells help to do that.
3. It can be a great catechetical moment for children and their parents.
4. It is a practical help to call us to attention if our minds wander during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Below is a little more background to this practice since we have returned to the use of the bells. The custom originated during the 11th through the 13th centuries, when theologians were attempting to define more precisely the way in which Christ is present in the Eucharist. As Catholics continued to meditate on this profound mystery, various liturgical practices were introduced in order to signal His presence on the altar under the appearance of bread and wine. For example, in the 12th century, priests began the practice of elevating the host following the consecration. In France and England, a dark curtain was sometimes drawn to create a background against which the Eucharistic host could be seen more clearly. At early morning Masses, when it was still dark, a candle was often lit to illuminate the Eucharist at its elevation.

According to the Church's liturgical books, the first ringing may take place prior to the consecration, as a sign that this important moment in the Mass is about to take place. Typically, this pre-consecratory bell is rung when the Holy Spirit is called upon to sanctify the bread and wine (called the epiclesis), just before the celebrant begins the Institution narrative, in which Jesus' words at the Last Supper are recounted. Following this, there are usually two more times when the altar bell is rung: after the consecration of the bread and after the consecration of the wine. The bells after each consecration may be rung once or three times. We are opting for 3 rings.

Growing up at St. George, one of my favorite parts of being an altar server was ringing the consecration bells and I know the altar servers at OLP are very excited to begin this custom. So, I hope this can be another way that the Eucharistic Revival in our National Catholic Church can help us grow in Eucharistic Amazement!

May God bless our 2nd Week in Easter 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...

****Updates on Fr. Dave Whiteford and Fr. Kyle Seyler** Bishop Persico extended Fr. Dave's leave of absence from 6 months to indefinite last month so please keep Fr. Dave (who was parochial vicar at OLP from 2022-2023) in your prayers and if you want to send him a note of encouragement and support feel free to drop it off at the parish office and we will forward it to him.

Fr. Kyle (who was parochial vicar at OLP from 2017-19) was reinstated to full priestly ministry last summer. He was assigned the parochial vicar at the Epiphany of the Lord Parish in Meadville while residing at Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church in Conneaut Lake. Several have asked me about Fr. Kyle over the last 6 months which reminded me that I had not publicly shared the good news of this reinstatement! Thank you for your continued prayers for Fr. Kyle over the last 5 years.

****Cursillo and Divine Mercy Encounter Retreats** Please keep the women of Cursillo 261 in your prayers this weekend as they participate in the retreat this weekend at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek. Also, it's not too late to sign up for the Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat that will take place April 26-28 at St. Joseph Bread of Life Church in Erie. It is for anyone age 15 or older (including young adults and adults) and Fr. Dan and Sarah Beaver will be helping lead the April retreat.

****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 (as well as explaining the Divine Mercy Devotion) at**

the doors. We will also have an hour of confessions from 2-3pm next Sunday 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 10th Annual 5K will be in person this year on **Saturday, May 11th at 8am at Presque Isle**. Remember that all money raised by our 5K will go towards building up the Parish Endowment which we started with the Catholic Foundation of NWPa several years ago. Fr. Dan is excited to run this year and is shooting to win his age group- good luck Fr. Dan! See page 10 for more info and to register yourself and/or your family. We are still looking for sponsors for the Race; so please let me know if you or your business would be able to sponsor the 2024 10th Annual 5K Race.

****Masses this Week** *Monday, April 8th*- the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord; *Tuesday, April 9th, Wednesday, April 10th, and Friday, April 12th*- Easter Weekdays; *Thursday, April 11th* - St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr (11th Century Polish Bishop); *Saturday, April 13th*- St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr (7th Century Deacon who died in exile near Constantinople).

****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 **368 pledges for \$184,596**. 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. If you have not yet pledged, envelopes are available in the church. We appreciate your support.

****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.eriercd.org/EucharisticRevival.html.

****Resurrection at OLP** 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" experience we had last October in which over 465 people participated over 5 weeks, our wonderful 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 to OLP every day, our welcoming environment at Mass and community gatherings, the comradery and community at social gatherings like the parish picnic and the appreciation dinner, the growing Children's Liturgy at the I Iam 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 has been participating for the last two years, and the 12 local outreach ministries in Erie 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!

****Catholic Church of Erie County Restructuring** 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 not likely impact OLP directly (other than probably looking at adjusting our Mass schedule) but we still want to be praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ who will be affected in a significant way. So 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.

****Quotes from the USCCB's Pastoral Letter "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church" NOV 2021 Paragraph 58-59 (END):** "We have offered these reflections on the Eucharistic faith and practice of the Church as a starting point. There is much more that could be said, but what is most important is that we enter more deeply by faith and love into this great Mystery of Mysteries. Let us all ask the Lord to call us into a time of Eucharistic renewal, a time of prayer and reflection, of acts of charity and sincere repentance. The Lord is with us in the Eucharistic Mystery celebrated in our parishes and missions, in our beautiful cathedrals and in our poorest chapels. He is present and he draws near to us, so that we can draw nearer to him. The Lord is generous to us with his grace; and so we, by his grace, should always humbly ask him to give us what we need. 59. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Risen Christ says to us, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water (Rev 21:6). Brothers and sisters, let us thirst for the Lord who first suffered thirst for us (Jn 19:28). Let us adore Jesus who ever remains with us, on all the altars of the world, and lead others to share in our joy!"

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

Fr. John Hardon, S.J.: "We should never again use the expression, 'When Jesus was on earth' or think of Him as being only in heaven, Jesus is still on earth. While all the sacraments confer grace, the Eucharist contains the author of grace, Jesus Christ Himself."



Our Lady of Peace...

Pray for us

Representing the **Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus**, Doug Fleming (on left) presents a \$1,000 check to Randy Newport, Director of the Women's Care Center of Erie, as part of the Knights of Columbus Aid Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program.

These funds will be used by the WCC as part of their after birth program to assist new moms/families.



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

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!

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!

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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 Dagher, 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.

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

Be There 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 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
 - \$1,329 Double
 - \$1,829 Single

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Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____


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

CHECK ONE:

- New Registration
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- 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.olp.org
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website or call the office at 814-833-7701 for help.
- Download myPairsh App by texting APP to 88202. Select Our Lady of Peace, Erie PA 
- Check out the great Catholic content on FORMED. Register through the website www.olp.org by clicking on the FORMED image. Enter your name & email and create a password.



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@olp.org

Erie City Mission Volunteers Needed

We need your help in preparing and cooking food for our brothers and sisters in need.

Dates are Saturday's:

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.

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

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,
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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

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

Julia's Cash Bingo

Polish 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 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>

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.saintjamesccc.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

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



Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Child Abuse Prevention Month - Reporting Child Abuse:

It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Physical and sexual abuse of minors are pervasive societal problems, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the 2022 Pennsylvania statewide report there were 4,992 substantiated reports of child abuse and 440 more cases in the court system. 2,056 or 38.2% of the substantiated reported were for sexual abuse, 1,501 were physical abuse. 62.2% of the victims were female. Parents remain the persons most responsible for abuse of their children.

To report child abuse, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7). For particular questions on reporting abuse in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

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Thank You! Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. Thank you for being a part of this effort!



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

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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



Please join us on **Saturday, May 11, 2024** for the 10th Annual
Our Lady of Peace Faithful to the Finish 5K Run / Walk

Place: Presque Isle State Park; Erie Runners Club Pavilion at Beach 1

Start: 8:00AM Race starts and ends at Beach 1

Proceeds benefit the OLP Parish Endowment, investing in the next generation of faith.

Entry: \$25.00 Registered before May 1st w/T-shirt; \$35.00 Registered May 2nd or after/no T-shirt

Mail Entry and Payment to: Faithful to the Finish, Our Lady of Peace, 2401 W. 38th Street, Erie PA, 16506.

Please make checks payable to: *Our Lady of Peace.*

Online Registration: www.runsignup.com

Donations also accepted if you cannot participate.

Packet Pick-Up and New Registrations: Wednesday, May 8, 2022, 3:00 - 7:00PM in the
OLP School Cafeteria, 2401 West 38th Street, Erie.

Event Day Registration and/or Packet Pick-Up: 7:00 - 7:45AM

Contact: Cynthia Berarducci - cynthia.berarducci@olp.org - (814) 833-7701 x 0 (Cell: 814-392-9130)

Awards: Medallions awarded to First/Second/Third Place Finishers in the following age groups for both male and female: 15 & Under, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & Over.

Post-Race Refreshments: Refreshments available following the race near the Erie Runners Club Pavilion.

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