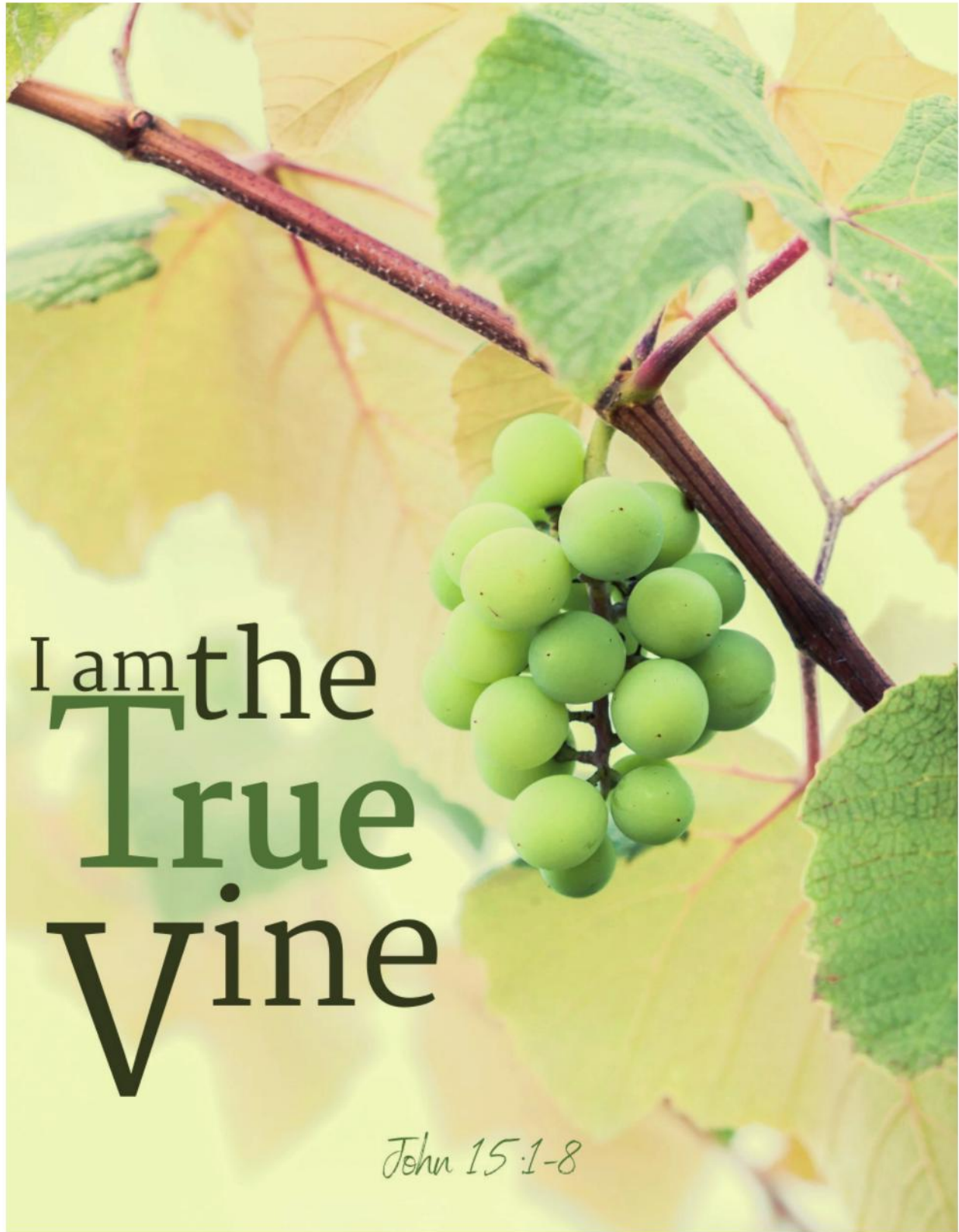




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Mr. Justin Miles

Finance Council Chairman

Ms. Rami Sorge

Parish Leadership Team

Fr. Rich Toohey, Fr. Dan Hoffman,
Gina Adams, Warren Beaver,
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:
Call the office: 814-833-7701 x0



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

28th Potato Flakes / Dry Milk

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 - O sing a new song to the Lord, / for he has worked wonders; / in the sight of the nations / he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading - The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm - I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading - Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel - Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Strengthening Your Faith

(The vine grower) removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. (John 15:2)

Adults: When have you been "pruned" by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?

Kids: When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help another person?

LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and be in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

7:00AM Carol Bitting - Jay & Marcia Montgomery
 12:10PM Frank Mezler - Lou & Jenny Serafini

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

7:00AM Special Intention for Patty McAndrews
 12:10PM Joseph Prischak - Family
 1:30PM School Mass -

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

7:00AM Nancy Zimmerman - Todd & Jane Culmer
 12:10PM Greg Bosner - Joe & Dianne

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

7:00AM Barbara Wawrzyniak - Gary & Cheryl Carver
 12:10PM Carol Galdon - Loretta Schaal

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

7:00AM Special Intention for Blessed Mother's Intentions
 12:10PM Urban Barrett - Family
 1:30PM School Mary's Day Mass -
 Special Intention for OLP School Community

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

8:00AM Rose Chludzinski - Mary Zukowski
 5:00PM Joan Dombrowski - Jerry Dombrowski & Family

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
 9:00AM Jack & Midge Cooney - Michael Cooney Family
 11:00AM Greg Bosner - OLP Bible Study
 1:00PM First Communion
 4:30PM George 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

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!**



SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in
 memory of Deceased Members of the Hardner Family - Patricia.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of
 Don & Rinda Pulice - Kenny & Karen Flick.

Readings for the Week of April 28th

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115: 1-4, 15-16;
 Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
 Jn 14:27-31a
 or (for the memorial)
 Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
 Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;
 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

A Family Perspective

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must
 "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their
 children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and
 setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so
 our children will grow and "bear fruit."

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. 28: Ann F., Michael M., Mary Margaret M.
 Apr. 29: Linda M., Janet A.
 Apr. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.
 May 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.
 May 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.
 May 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.
 May 4: Arlene B., Catherine C., Denny D.
 May 5: Joyce 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...

Jesus is Risen, Alleluia! In a few weeks, our 10th Annual "Faithful to the Finish" 5K Run/Walk will be held at Presque Isle State Park at 8am (Saturday, May 11th). Part of our mission at Our Lady of Peace is to ensure that the Christian way of life continues not just in our generation, but for generations to come. One way we can do that is by supporting the Parish Endowment that was established with the Catholic Foundation of NWPa. For the past 3 years all proceeds raised by our annual Faithful to the Finish 5K has gone towards the OLP Parish Endowment. We started the endowment at \$10,000 in 2022 and it is now up to \$40,171 so let's keep it growing! I know Fr. Dan is greatly looking forward to running in the 5K for his first time and has been getting back in shape to take a run at the top spot in his age group! Look elsewhere in the bulletin for more information on how to sponsor or participate in the 5K and I hope to see you there!

May God bless our 5K and our 5th Week of 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...

****Please pray for members of our parish that will be encountering the Risen Christ through the Sacraments of the Church in the next month!** Children in our parish will be receiving the great gift of the Bread of Life that is Jesus Christ in the Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, April 27th at 11am and Sunday, May 5th at 1pm. The youth of our parish will be sealed with the gift and power of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 23rd at 7pm. Let's pray that these sacramental moments can truly be transformative and affirming in the hearts, souls and lives of our young people.

****First Friday Day of Eucharistic Adoration is May 3rd from 7:30am-7pm Benediction.** Come spend some valuable time with your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

****There will be a Holy Hour for Social Communications on Monday, May 6th at 6:30pm** Sunday, May 12th is World Day of Social Communications, so we pray the words of Pope Francis from 2023... "May the Lord Jesus, the pure Word poured out from the heart of the Father, help us to make our communication clear, open and heartfelt. May the Lord Jesus, the Word made flesh, help us listen to the beating of hearts, to rediscover ourselves as brothers and sisters, and to disarm the hostility that divides. May the Lord Jesus, the Word of truth and love, help us speak the truth in charity, so that we may feel like protectors of one another."

****Catholic Services Appeal 2024 (CSA) UPDATE** We presently have 387 pledges for \$191,392. 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 west side of the church building project being \$55,000. Please consider a pledge if you have not yet done so. Envelopes are available in church or at the office.

****Communication/Social Media** Speaking of Social Communications... I continue to encourage you to check out and subscribe to our communication/social media resources for OLP. Here are my goals for our parish by Pentecost (May 19th):

Facebook	1,700 Current Followers	Goal	1,800
YouTube	884 Current Subscribers	Goal	1,000
FORMED	715 Registered	Goal	800
E-Newsletter	1,350 Current Subscribers	Goal	1,500

Please share, like, register, follow or do whatever you have to do to help us increase our social media and communication footprint!

****Also speaking of social media,** Dr. Ryan Molli from OLP has a podcast that he started last fall in which he interviews people from around the Erie area. I was part of his 30th episode a few weeks ago. Other OLP parishioners that have been on the podcast are Jim Toohey (my brother), John Melody and Matthew Zimm. I encourage you to check them out!

****Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)** Presently we have 185 parishioners/households using EFT, PayPal or our online donation portal (Vanco) for planned weekly/monthly giving in support of parish ministry. I encourage you to consider planned giving as a way to support the parish and would love to see us get to 200 total planned givers by Pentecost. Visit www.olg.org for more info on how to sign up or call the office, 814-833-7701.

****Masses this Week** *Monday, April 29th*- St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (14th Century Third Order Dominican, Mystic and author); *Tuesday, April 30th*- St. Pius V, Pope (16th Century Dominican and Pope who implemented the Council of Trent); *Wednesday, May 1st*- St. Joseph the Worker; *Thursday, May 2nd*- St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (4th Century Alexandrian bishop who was the champion of the Council of Nicea which was the first Ecumenical Council of the Church in 325 AD); *Friday, May 3rd*- Sts. Pihillip and James, Apostles; *Saturday, May 4th*- Easter Weekday.

****New Outreach Coordinator Hired at OLP** We continue to celebrate new life and resurrection at Our Lady of Peace as I am excited to announce we have hired Andy Heinlein as our new Outreach Coordinator. Andy will get his feet wet from now until June 15 and then he will be working 25 hours a week. He will spend some time in the office and the rest of his time outside the office in ministry; working with our internal parish ministries and out in the community through our external outreach groups. Andy and his family joined OLP in 2023 and have been a true blessing to us, I look forward to seeing how Andy will help us go deeper into the mission of Christ!

****OLP Serves** Another way we are experiencing resurrection here at OLP is through OLP Serves. Our inaugural OLP Serves went well last August, so, we are planning two "OLP Serves" this year. This is a day in which parishioners help do projects at the homes of other parishioners. **Our next OLP Serves Day is Saturday, May 19th from 8am (Mass) to 4pm. (the second OLP Serves Day will be Saturday, August 17th).** We are asking you to help us identify small projects (landscaping, gardening, painting or small house repair) that you or your fellow parishioner need help with. We also need volunteers to help

execute the projects. Please contact Chris Turner at (401) 580-1655 or cet81691@gmail.com if you know of a project or if you are willing to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to continue to expand what it means to be a parish family and I hope you will consider being involved.

****Fr. Rich on the Erie County Catholic Church Restructuring Reaction**

On April 11th the Chancery announced the newest restructuring plan for the Catholic Church in Erie County. You can find the plan on the website of the Diocese of Erie- www.eriecd.org under the Pastoral Planning link and then select the Erie County Plan. I have to say that I was initially disappointed by the final plan. It backed off considerably from the proposed plan given in August 2023. The proposed plan had 30 parishes involved in some change and 7 (including OLP) not changing. The final plan had 21 changing and 16 with no change. Our parish feedback to the proposed plan said that it did NOT go far enough in making changes that are necessary so obviously a final plan that does less was not what our parish leadership was hoping for. I was surprised at how strongly I initially reacted (even feeling it physically).

That being said, as I processed my reaction to the plan, I recalled that we had been praying for openness, trust and peace in responding to the plan. I realized I was narrowing my prayer for those who would be asked to change; and I was not praying for peace for those who might be frustrated with a lack of change. I realized, I too, had to surrender and trust In God even though things were not playing out as I thought they should.

I shared with the daily mass group the connection I made with the most recent episode of the Chosen (Season 4, Episode 1) in which there was a very simple scene with Simon (the Zealot) and Judas washing their clothes in the Sea of Galilee. Judas is expressing his frustration that Jesus isn't speeding up his ministry to expand quicker and that Jesus' plan doesn't seem very efficient. He even more practically suggests that if they started taking up collections when Jesus was preaching to the thousands, that they would have enough money to pay other people to do their laundry and they could focus on the important ministry that needed to be done in spreading the word and works of Jesus. Simon patiently and wisely tells Judas that there is a reason for Jesus asking them to do their laundry right now and they had to learn that lesson instead of obsessing on how Jesus should be doing things differently. This is such a great lesson that I repeatedly have to learn. So I prayed that God could help me to be open to the lesson he has for me and for the rest of our Diocesan Church as we take this next step in the pastoral plan.

One thing I know for sure, now that the plan has been announced, we at OLP can move forward in the growth and new life that God wants for us in the next five years. I told our leadership at our planning meeting last month that two areas that I strongly feel the Spirit pushing for here at OLP are:

1. Expanding our involvement in the Corporal Works of Mercy (in the greater Erie community) and the Spiritual Works of Mercy (more internally within our parish but outside as well). I feel that OLP (and the Catholic Church) should become a leader in outreach to those in need as we have been historically over the last 2000 years. This would also help reestablish credibility that was lost with the clergy abuse scandal (nationally in 2002, but most poignantly since 2018 locally).

2. Creating a plan to build a gathering space and more office space connected to our present church and office that will be accessible to all. In a time when everyone is talking about decline and downsizing in the Catholic Church, building and growing at OLP would create new hope not only for our parish but for Catholics in Erie and create new momentum and support (possibly expanding our property and building some new structures for youth activities, bookstore or other possibilities!).

The other area I didn't mention at that meeting; but I have said before and continue to believe is essential is expanding our parish staff to help grow our ministries and formation opportunities at OLP. We have to continue to look at new ways of being a Catholic parish in the 21st Century. Our buildings and ministries that sustained us in the 20th Century will not continue to work now and in the future. We must grow our paid staff as well as forming and encouraging volunteer lay leadership in our parish (this could allow us to more creatively find ways to reach out to and minister to LECOM and other unique institutions and groups that are in our vicinity).



**The Knights of Columbus Council
of Our Lady of Peace**

**Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, May 5th**

OLP Cafeteria from 8:00 to 12:30PM

**Bring Mom for Breakfast
(Mom's eat for FREE)**

Menu:
Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,
Hash Browns/Sausage/Juice/Coffee/Tea

Now Accepting Credit Cards

Adults \$10 Child \$6 (6-15) 5 & Under Free

Join us for the "Best Breakfast Deal" in town, and support your KofC organization.

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Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Child Abuse Prevention Month: Recent statistics tell us one out of every ten children will be abused before they turn 18. 91% of sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child or the child's family knows. This means that on every Sunday in our congregation there are people who have been abused and may continue to experience the pain of that abuse. Reaching out to those who have suffered from abuse is critical in bringing hope and the love of Christ to them. Assistance is available for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse by contacting the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Gerard Tobin at 814-451-1521.

**OLP YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE
-SPRING 2024-**

MAY

1st -MS/HS Ripple Effect 6-9pm, meet in chapel, pick up outside church
3rd -Kid's Night Out-RSVP by May 1st
7th -MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
8th -HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
11th -Faithful to the Finish 5k, RSVP in Apr.
13th -4th/5th Gr. YG 4-5:30pm, meet in chapel
14th & 21st -MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
15th & 22nd -HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
(22nd @ Chick-Fil-A)
18th -St. Francis in McKean Adoration 8pm
18th -Pepperoni Ball Sale Pick Up Fundraiser 10-11:30am

Questions/RSVP
sarah.beaver@olp.org

OUR LADY OF PEACE
YOUTH MINISTRY
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For those
IN K-5TH
GRADE

**OLP'S
KID'S NIGHT
OUT SCHEDULE**

OPEN TO KIDS FROM ANY SCHOOL

\$25 + \$5 PER
ADDITIONAL
CHILD IN THE
SAME FAMILY

MAY 3RD
5:30-9pm
Dinner, snacks, crafts, games, & prayer included.
Must RSVP, no walk in's. Limited spots. Sign in/out
OLP Cafeteria.

RSVP to sarah.beaver@olp.org by the Wednesday before!

**Special Collection Thank You:
Good Shepherd:**

Last weekend, our parish took a special collection to support our retired diocesan priest fund. We appreciate your generous response to share in the care of those faithful priests who have ministered to your spiritual needs. Your priests truly appreciate your support and thank you for contributing. If you would like to add your support to this collection you may return the Good Shepherd envelope in upcoming collections. Thank you for your continued support!

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS


Celebrate the gift of life and support the work of The Women's Care Center. Over the last 3 we have been able to purchase 5 state of the art Ultrasound Machines. 661 babies have been born to women after they viewed their ultrasound.

The state of Pennsylvania has cut funding to pregnancy and parenting support services causing a significant financial loss for The Women's Care Center. Join us in saving the lives of the unborn.

Pick up your baby bottle in the church on Mother's Day. Fill it with your change, currency or check. Return your full bottle on Father's Day.

Checks should be made payable to the Knights of Columbus

 Our Lady of Peace...
Pray for us



Due to unforeseen circumstances, The Chosen: season 4 Faith Formation Program at OLP will end on April 30th.

We will show episode 4 on Tuesday, April 30th. Sometime in the fall we hope to be able to show episodes 5-8.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

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 30th.

Questions, contact Chris Turner at 401-580-1655

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____


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

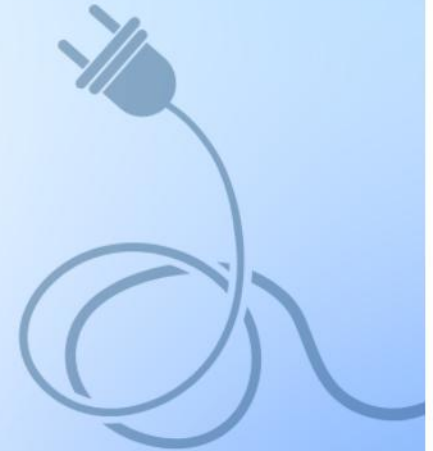
CHECK ONE:

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

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 myParish 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.



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:

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:

May 4 - First Communion Practice for May 5th: 9:30AM in the church

May 5 - First Communion: 1:00PM

Grades 9-10:

May 19 - Confirmation practice: 6:45PM for students and sponsors

May 23 - Confirmation: 7:00PM

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

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Mark Your Calendar for Area Events

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 4:00-5:00PM

The Synod & The Eucharistic Revival

Webinar Lead by: Bishop Andrew Cozzens (Diocese of Crookston) and Bishop Daniel Flores (Diocese of Brownsville)

Please use this link to register:

https://uscgb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zDrqR6hqStCXyqZ1zzxtKQ

Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4, 2024

Concert & Presentation by Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP

St. Joseph Church 600 Pennsylvania Ave., Warren, PA
No cost for this two-part event; a free-will offering taken. Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, composer, teacher & Paulist priest, will bring his dynamic presence for a concert May 3 at 7:00PM: "Tune, Text & Theology: Encountering Christ through Music." Presentation May 4th 9:00AM to Noon: "Encounter Christ in the Eucharist."

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 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:

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

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday: May 12, 13, 14

Parish Mission Talk: "Prayer: The Missing Ingredient in our Spiritual Lives"

St. Agatha Church of the Epiphany of the Lord Parish

353 Pine St., Meadville, PA

Speaker: Fr. Ben Dagher. The rosary will be prayed at 6:00PM with the main talk at 6:30PM. Tuesday evening includes a healing Mass followed by an opportunity for individual prayer. After each evening there will be a social in St. Agatha's Center.

Third Saturday of the Month: May 18, June 15, July 20

Monthly Bingo

All Saints Parish 11264 Rte 97N, Waterford, PA 16441

Doors open at 5:30PM; Games begin at 6:15PM. Refreshments available for purchase.



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!

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Any questions, email erieeac@gmail.com or call Jo @ 724.699.3340



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

The pilgrimage includes:

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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: darrell.meyers@olp.org; 814-450-3697 (call or text)
Young People Who Care is a division of Anawim Ministries
www.AnawimMinistries.org



Save the Date and start cleaning out your closets...

The OLP Boy Scout Troop 59
Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, June 15, 2024

Watch for more info...



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.

I would like to make an additional donation to the OLP Parish Endowment as I love OLP!

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