

Our Lady of Peace



They were exceedingly astonished and they said

"He has done all things well.

He makes the deaf hear the the mute speak."

Mark 7:37

Parish Office Phone 814-833-7701 Fax 814-833-7702 Website www.olp.org E-mail olp@olp.org **Faith Formation Office** 814-838-9983 Office Hours: 8:00AM - 8:00PM Business Hours: 8:00AM - 4:00PM

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Parish Pastoral Team Pastor

Rev. Rich Toohey (fr.rich@olp.org) Parochial Vicar Rev. Nicholas Fratus Priest in Residence Rev. Shane Mathew Permanent Deacons Deacon Ralph DeCecco Deacon John Mang Music/Liturgy Director Mr. Brian Kuzmin Faith Formation Director Mrs. Tammie Mang Office Manager Mrs. Mary Beth Whitman Office Secretary Mrs. Cynthia Berarducci Coordinator of Youth Ministry Miss Sarah Beaver **Outreach Coordinator** Mr. Andrew Heinlein Maintenance Supervisor Mr. Michael Przepierski Pastoral Council President Mr. Justin Miles Finance Council Chairman Ms. Rami Sorge Parish <u>Leadership Team</u> Fr. Rich Toohey, Gina Adams, Warren Beaver, Justin Miles, Mary Beth Whitman

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated each month on the 1st Sunday at 11AM Mass & 3rd Sunday at 12:30PM. A mandatory prep class for parents is available. 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.

OCIA (Order 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.

September 2024



8th Juice / Nutritional Drink

15th Pasta / Sauce

22nd Pancake Mix / Syrup

29th Toothpaste / Cotton Swabs

Pantry is OPEN September 10th & 24th (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 - You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; / treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading - Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm - Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading - Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel - Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Rich in Faith

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? (James

Adults: When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance? Kids: What does your belief in Jesus mean to you?

SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase "Sunday best" has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it's a healthy sign that we're as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man's origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark's Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

7:00AM Ronnie Whitman - Family 12:10PM Patricia Smith - Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

7:00AM Marianna Krzak - Friends 12:10PM Rinda & Don Pulice - Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

7:00AM Mary Hooks - Daughter, Ginny Bello 12:10PM David Kostolansky, Jr. - Joan



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

7:00AM Major Tom Carr - Tom & June Carr **12:10PM** Robert Wieczorek - Family 2:00PM School Mass - Roberta Gusky -Erie Catholic School System

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

7:00AM Joyce Wingenbach - Bob & Nancy Warzyniak 12:10PM Shirley Zacherl - Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 2024

8:00AM K. G. Sprague - Ashley 5:00PM Maria D'Accardo -Vincenzo & Calcedonia Missalino

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP 9:00AM Dan Tacone - Judy & Pete Pentz 11:00AM Penny Bizzarro - Family 4:30PM Judy Barr - 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

BANN I Joseph Oxendine / Maria LaFuria

Andrew Turi / Jordan Rovnak

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SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Robert Wieczorek - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Rinda Pulice - Ken Flick & Family.

Monday:

Readings for the Week of September 8th 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Lk 6:20-26

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42 Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17 Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35 Sunday:

A Family Perspective

If commitment is the choice we make to give up other choices, then it is about "losing ourselves." If we try to be independent from others by "saving ourselves," we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Stanley Niemic. May his family find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

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:

Sept. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.

Sept. 9: Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.

Sept. 10: Ann T., Pat C., Pat M., Mary S.

Sept. 11: Dave D., Paul M.

Sept. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Alice O., Chris P.

Sept. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F., Donna R.

Sept. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.

Sept. 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B.

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 lesus Christ * Your Son * Who 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...

Our Parish Leadership Team (PLT) had an awesome experience at the Amazing Parish Summit the last week of August! I thought this could be an opportunity to remind you what Amazing Parish is. AP exists to revitalize the Church by equipping her pastors and leaders with the training, resources and support they need to create vibrant and thriving parishes. Although every parish is unique, they've found that there are three common "building blocks" that form the foundation of an amazing parish. They are (1) A culture of prayer- team members and parishioners regularly pray together and invite God into their discussions and decisions. (2) A culture of active discipleshipteam members and parishioners actively engage and invest in the faith lives of each other and others. (3) A culture of healthy teamwork- team members (and parishioners) commit to and practice the Five Behaviors of a Team which are building trust, mastering conflict, achieving commitment, embracing accountability and focusing on results.

So for the last 2 and half years, our PLT, staff and pastoral council have been continuing formation in these building blocks with the help of our Amazing Parsh Coach, Nate Schoffel from Denver. One fruit of this formation is creating clarity and cohesiveness when it comes to our parish vision and strategy. And the next step for our parish is communicating this vision and strategy with our lead volunteers and eventually the entire parish as well as helping our entire parish to be strengthened in the building blocks above. I pray that this next step can continue to be a part of our parish transformation which can only happen through the power of the Holy Spirit. So please pray for the Holy Spirit to set us on fire in His love and power to grow in the principles and vision of Amazing Parish and to boldly bring His love and peace to our families, our community and our world!

May God bless our parish formation in Amazing Parish and our week ahead!

Fr. Rich

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

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

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

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

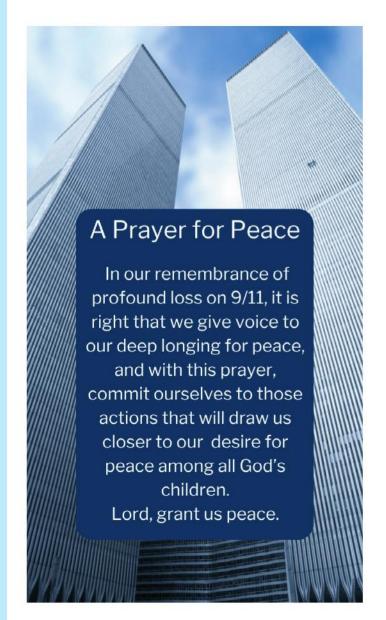
St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie.... pray for us!

Other notes from the pastor...

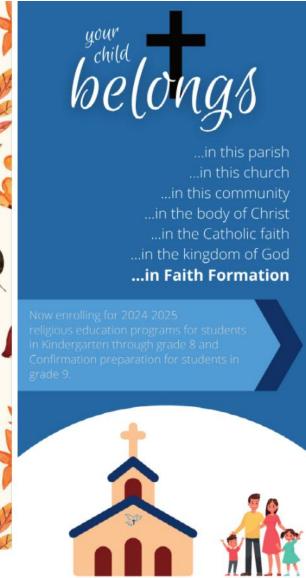
- **A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration for the Sanctification of Human Labor and the unemployed will be held on Monday, September 16th at 6:30pm in the Church.
- **Masses this Week Monday, Sept. 9th- St. Peter Claver, Priest (Catalonian Jesuit Missionary to Columbia in the 17th Century, called "the slave to the slaves"); Tuesday, Sept. 10th- Weekday in Ordinary Time; Wednesday, Sept. 11th- Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice on the 23rd anniversary of 9/11; Thursday, Sept. 12th- The Holy Name of Mary; Friday, Sept., 13th- St. John Crysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (4th Century Constantinople); Saturday, Sept. 14th- The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

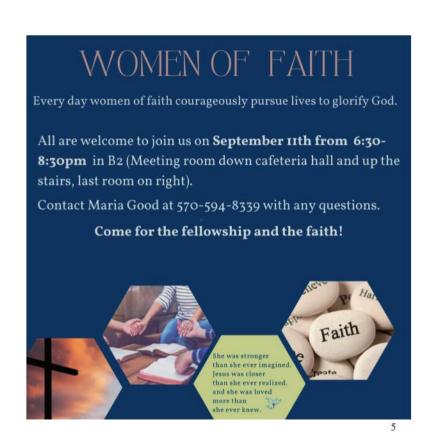
- **Eucharistic Revival Continues at OLP John 6 is the scripture that is at the heart of the Eucharistic Revival that our National Catholic Church is in (we are in the last year of a 3-year Revival). Our Liturgy Committee is planning to take the next year to continue to our Eucharistic Renewal here at OLP. Three aspects of that effort include:
- (1.) A parish wide Eucharistic Consecration from October 22-November 24 using Matthew Kelly's 33 Days of Eucharistic Glory.
- (2.) A Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit during Advent.
- (3.) Catechesis on the Mass/Eucharist in the bulletin with inserts over the next year.

I also plan on commenting more on Open Communion (the argument that everyone should be able to receive Holy Communion at Mass) in the next few weeks in my bulletin article.













SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

- 2401 WEST 38TH STREET -

12:00 pm - Drop off puzzles

12:45 pm - Swap Begins

1:30 pm - Swap Ends

(or when puzzles are gone)





Questions? Call 814-969-4902

Please tape all puzzle boxes closed

Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Outreach

You can help local refugee families and share Christ's love by donating new or gently used, clean and in good repair items.

The following are needed:

- . Men's clothing: pants, long sleeve shirts, winter coats
- Children's clothing; ages 5-17, both boys and girls needed, winter coats
- Toys for young children, under 5 (games should be simple, and should not require reading). Soccer balls are a favorite.
- · Linens: sheet sets for twin and full
- Kitchen: silverware and gently used pots and pans

All items should be placed in the box in the vestibule. Thank you for your support.

For More Information Contact: Select International Tours Select Internation

NEWS FROM

THE OUTREACH COORDINATOR



- Our St. Patrick Haven outreach group needs your help! On the first Saturday of each month, members of the group prepare a meal for approximately 30 men and deliver it to St. Patrick's Haven, located at 239 E. 12th St. The group needs help delivering the meal at 4pm.

 If you can assist in the delivery, please contact
 me.
- I have received a few requests from parishioners interested in a social activity for seniors from the parish. Several years ago there was an OLP Seniors group that met monthly. If there is enough interest in being part of an OLP Seniors group, I would be happy to assist in getting it up and running. Please let me know if you are interested in joining an OLP Seniors group.
- I am still in need of volunteers who would like to be part of our Hospital Visitation ministry and Nursing Home ministry. Please call or email me if you are interested or would like more information.
- My office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30am-12:30pm. I am located on the lower level near the meeting room. I share space with Sarah Beaver, our Youth Minister. Stop in any time and say hello!

Andy Heinlein

OLP Outreach Coordinator

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

<u>Grades 1-8:</u> Classes meet from 9:15-10:45 in the school and church basement.

Sept. 08- Parent meetings- Gr. 1-5 at 9am in the school cafeteria, Gr. 6-8 at 10:15am in the school cafeteria

Sept. 15- No Religious Ed. Classes

Sept. 22- First day of classes

Grade 9, Confirmation class meets from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the church Social Room.

Sept. 08- Parent/Student meeting- 5:30pm in the church

Sept. 15- No Religious Ed. Classes

Sept. 22- First day of classes

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



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August 26, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I ask for your support of the Catholic Education Collection being taken up on the weekend of September 14-15.

This annual second collection supports lifelong education and faith formation opportunities for everyone throughout our diocese. Please generously support this collection. You play an integral part in our success in nurturing growth in the minds, hearts and spirits of the faithful.

Half of the funds raised from this collection remain in your parish to support your local education and faith formation programs. The other half is used across the diocese for ministry and leadership training, technology support, creative projects in faith formation, as well as tuition assistance for families attending Catholic schools. A small portion also supports The Catholic University of America.

Thank you for your generosity. Contributions can be made directly at your parish or online at https://www.eriercd.org/cec.html.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Nicholas J. Rouch

The Very Reverend Nicholas J. Rouch, STD Vicar General

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form CHECK ONE: ■ New Registration Name ☐ Change of Address Address ■ Moving out of Parish Zip City ■ Want envelopes Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.

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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:

Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21

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

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Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge Saturday, Sept. 28th at 11:00AM OLP Soccer Field

All children ages 9 through 14 are invited to participate in the **Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge.** The local competition will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 28th at 11:00AM at the OLP**

Soccer Field. Youth will compete by age groups, with winners progressing through local, regional, and state competitions. Participants will shoot 15 penalty kicks and points are awarded based on the location of the kick in the goal. **Entry forms will be available at the competition.**



Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center 2067 Evergreen Road, Villa Maria, PA 16155 Call to Register 1-724-964-8886

Saturday, September 14, 2024 10:00Am to 4:00PM

Sound, Silence, & Soul Immersive Meditation Workshop with Nicole Schoeppner, VSTP



Are you ready to explore sound as a meditative practice for inner stillness, connection and healing? Sound Therapy is a meditative and therapeutic practice that involves immersing oneself in sounds and vibrations produced by various instruments, such as singing bowls, gongs, chimes, and other instruments.

The instruments used in a sound bath produce harmonic tones and vibrations that can help induce a deep state of relaxation and promote healing. The sounds and vibrations have a balancing and calming effect on the mind and body, helping to reduce stress, anxiety, and promote a sense of overall well-being. Sound Baths are a natural and effective form of stress reduction, deep relaxation, meditation, and promoting a sense of harmony and balance. They are also helpful for enhancing creativity, improving sleep quality, and supporting emotional and energetic healing.



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