



Our Lady of Peace

REDEMPTION
is at hand



Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

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Fr. Rich Toohey, Gina Adams,

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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.



December 2024

1st Canned: Fruit / Vegetables / Chili

8th Pancake Mix / Syrup

15th Juice / Nutritional Drink

22th Nut Butters / Jelly or Jam

29th Pasta Sauce / Pasta

Pantry is OPEN November 12th & 26th
(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 - To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. / In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. / Nor let my enemies exult over me; / and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading - The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalms - To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading - Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2).

Gospel - Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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Family Discussion of the Week: The Habit of Prayer

Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man. (Luke 21:36)

Adults: What have been the strength of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?

Kids: What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?

THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024

7:00AM Paul T. Bowser - Michael Siggia Family

12:10PM Christopher Cuzzola - Family

*Church Offices closed today,
will reopen Tuesday at 8:00AM*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024

7:00AM Sue Slagle -

Michelle, Mary Margaret & Mary Beth

12:10PM Rina Hoffman - Michael & Denise Gaines

6:30PM Holy Hour, Eucharistic Miracles

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

7:00AM Suzann (Cartney) Slagle - 7AM Mass Group

12:10PM John Molder - Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024

7:00AM Janet Eisert - Tom & Ann Falconer

12:10PM John Yochim - Joe & Dianne

2:00PM School Mass - Ruth Wise - Cousin, Joan

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024

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

7:00AM David Christenson - Family

12:10PM Joseph Kostolansky - Daughter, Joan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

8:00AM Joseph & Jennie Bizzarro -

Daughter, Mary & Family

5:00PM Joann Nolan - Karen Stazer-Welser

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

Second Sunday in Advent

7:30AM Cyndy Bartlett - Ehrman Family

9:00AM Rachael Metz - Niece

11:00AM Joseph Morettini - Son, Tony

4:30PM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

Confessions available after the Sunday Masses

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

7:00AM Barbara Wawrzyniak - Gary & Linda Kaminski

12:10PM Marie Kengersky - Daughter, Sylvia

2:00PM School Mass - Nick Orlando - Ehrman Family

5:30PM Msgr. Robert Schrieffer - John & Betsy Truran

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

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 - Carolyn Baldwin & Family .

Readings for the Week of December 1st

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Patricia Straub, aunt of Fr. Rich Toohey; and for Aurelia Dilla, mother of Donna Stoicovy. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

A Family Perspective

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.

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:

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

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

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

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

Dec. 5: Ed B., Joyce K.

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

Dec. 7: Margaret K.

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

Happy New Year as we start a new liturgical year! Recall that, like Lent, Advent is a preparatory and penitential season and so we are encouraged to renew our commitments in the basic areas of Christian discipleship- prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Here are some opportunities to do that...

1. Prayer:
 - a. **Tuesday, December 3rd**- Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour from 6:30-7:30pm with a theme of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and Eucharistic Miracles.
 - b. **Friday, December 6th**- First Friday Adoration from 7:30am-7pm Benediction.
 - c. **Monday, December 9th**- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses are at 7am, 12:10pm, and 2pm (School) and 5:30pm. This is a holy day of obligation.
2. Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 - a. Confessions after all Sunday Masses
 - b. Normal weekly opportunities- Wednesdays from 11:15am-Noon; Saturdays from 8:30-9am and 3:45-4:45pm
 - c. **"The Light Is On For You"- Wednesday, December 18th from 5-7pm.** All participating Erie churches are open for confessions during this time.
 - d. Extra Confession Times in Late Advent
Thursday, December 19th from 6-7pm.
Friday, December 20th from 11:15am-12Noon
3. Almsgiving: In addition to the great things we have already done around Thanksgiving we have a Parish Advent Service Project (see the flyer on page 8 for details)
 - a. St. Martin Center Shining Stars— gift cards for needy families
 - b. West Millcreek Food Pantry Family Care Packages- toiletries and personal care items for families in need.

I hope to see you at these extra Advent opportunities to connect with God and your parish family. May God bless first week of Advent 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...

****Advent Faith formation Opportunities:**

1. **Tues., Dec. 3rd 6:30pm-** Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration- Theme of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and Eucharistic Miracles.
2. **Tues., Dec. 10th Community Advent Experience-** 5:30pm Dinner/ 6pm Prayer/ 6:15pm Activities including Crafts, Cookie Decorating, and packing of the Food Pantry Care Packages (Parish Advent Service Project)
3. **Tues., Dec. 17th 6:30pm-7:30pm-** Eucharistic Miracles Presentation by Fr. Rich and Sr. Kathleen Dietz

****Tinseltown Advent Opportunities:**

1. **"Drummer Boy Christmas Concert Live"** by For King and Country will be shown December 5-9, 2024. I will be going on December 8th at 6:30pm. Contact me or call the Parish Office by December 6th if you would like to join me.

2. **"I Am the Immaculate Conception"** is a Catholic Documentary showing December 12, 14 and 17. I am attending on December 12th (the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!) at 7pm; contact me or call the parish office by December 10th if you would like to join me.

****#iGiveCatholic - now through December 3, 2024** This year our goal is \$45,000 and 175 donors. We have chosen the Adult Faith Formation program to benefit from your sacrifice. Donations will be used to fund our new staff position, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, held by Sr. Kathleen Dietz, FSO. They will also be used for parish subscriptions to media resources such as FORMED and Hallow; for a Parish Mission in Spring 2026 (we hope to bring in a nationally-known speaker); and for other supplies and hospitality at new formation events. **Donations will be accepted until midnight on Tuesday, December 3rd which is the National #iGiveCatholic day.** You can give online at erie.igivecatholic.org or checks (made payable to OLP) or cash can be dropped off at the parish office.

****Masses this Week** Monday, Dec. 2nd and Thursday, Dec. 5th- Weekdays in Advent; Tuesday, Dec. 3rd - St. Francis Xavier, Priest (Jesuit missionary in the 16th Century); Wednesday, Dec. 4th- St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church (8th Century Damascus); Friday, Dec. 6th- St. Nicholas, Bishop (4th century Asia Minor); Saturday, Dec. 7th- St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

****Mass Catechesis Section in the Bulletin** We have begun to periodically include a section in the bulletin called "Our Catholic Faith" which explains parts of the Mass and other parts of our Catholic Tradition that involve liturgy and worship. We planned this as part of the ongoing Eucharistic Revival that is still happening in the National Catholic Church (this is the 3rd of three years); and as a follow up to the "The One Hour to Peace . . . from Mass to Mission" Formation we experienced as a parish last Fall (2023) which gave an overview of the Mass. So keep your eyes open for those sections over the next 8-10 months and let's keep diving deeper in Eucharistic Amazement here at OLP!

****OLP Cursillo... Strive for '25** We are trying something new in collaboration with the Diocesan Cursillo Retreat Movement. We are attempting to have a parish focused Cursillo Retreat where OLP parishioners are team members and to have mostly OLP members make the retreat. **On February 21-23, 2025, will be the OLP Men's Cursillo at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek.** I am one of the spiritual directors, along with Deacon Ralph, and Mike McLaughlin as the lay leader. A Women's Cursillo is set for March 21-23, 2025, at Our Lady of Mercy Church with many OLP members as part of the team. "Cursillo (kur-SEE-yo) literally means "little course" and is an intense 3-day spiritual retreat, the purpose of which is a deep personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It is an effort to change the spiritual environment, to bring Jesus Christ into the world." Questions: Steve Patterson 814-746-8859 or Debbie Patterson 814-504-8400. Stop by the office; register at: www.eriecursillo.org.



October 29, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are again approaching the annual collection for our Retired Religious, to be held in parishes on December 7th and 8th. This event has significant benefits for the retired Sisters in our diocese, as well as for the over 30,000 retired religious throughout the country.

The Retirement Fund for Religious offers financial support for those Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked for years for little or no stipends. Last year, the people in our diocese contributed \$140,304 to help defray the costs of medication, nursing care, medical equipment, transportation, physical and occupational therapy and other necessary needs. Your generous gift is vital for their ongoing health care, supporting them so that they may age safely, with dignity and comfort.

Senior Religious are a treasure of the Church. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, religious education programs, hospitals, social service agencies and countless other ministries throughout our diocese; many still serve those in need today. Those who are no longer able to actively serve still support all that is being done through their ministry of prayer, while continuously remembering the generous people who care for them through the aging process.

Some of you may not presently know consecrated men and women, but they have affected your lives through their ministry to your parents and grandparents and through the many organizations now in place due to their foresight and generosity. Ministries started by Sisters have had a tremendous influence in this diocese. They stand as a legacy to those generous women who dedicated their lives in service to the reign of God and who continue to find ways to minister to others. I join you in praising God for their faithful and generous service to the Church both in the past and in the years to come.

Please join me in supporting this year's Retirement Fund for Religious. I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please continue to pray for an increase of vocations to the consecrated life and for God's blessing on all our women and men religious. Know you remain in their prayers and mine.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

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December

OLP Youth Ministry Schedule

3rd-Holy Hour at 6:30pm w/ fellowship to follow

4th-Ripple Effect 6-9pm

10th-Advent Community Gathering-5:30pm dinner,
6pm prayer, 6:15pm activities

11th-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm (6pm optional silent
Adoration)

14th-4th/5th Gr Retreat, 11am-3pm @OLP

15th-HS YG 5:30-7:30pm

17th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm (6pm optional silent
Adoration)

18th-HS @12th St Chick-Fil-A 6:30-8:30pm

19th-St. Francis Adoration in McKean 8pm w/
fellowship to follow

31st-11pm Holy Hour of Peace into the new year!

Questions email Sarah.beaver@olp.org

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES DISPLAY

November 30 - December 21



As part of our Eucharistic Revival and a continuation of our emphasis on growing in love for our Lord in the Eucharist, Our Lady of Peace will be displaying the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit inspired by Bl. Carlo Acutis this Advent.

The exhibit will be in three parts, changing weekly during each of the first three weeks of Advent.

On Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30pm in the church, Fr. Rich will give a presentation on Eucharistic miracles.

We encourage all to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the Eucharistic Revival called for by the U.S. Bishops.



Are you ready to show the world
that OLP is the place to be?



We are excited to offer OLP gear for sale
after Masses now thru December 9th

Our Catholic Faith:

learning more about the what, the why and the how we live our faith.

Advent Wreath

AN ADVENT wreath symbolizes our longing for the coming of Christ. The wreath is a circle of evergreen branches into which are set four candles. Traditionally three candles are violet and one is rose, but four violet or four white candles may also be used.

The wreath symbolizes many things. Evergreens signify God's enduring promise of redemption, evident like green branches in the midst of snow. The circle signifies our hope for the return of Christ, whose Kingdom will have no end. The colors of the candles match the traditional colors of the vesture for the four Sundays of Advent. Violet garments signify our penitent hope for salvation. The rose color, which may be worn on Advent's Third Sunday, signals that the season is nearly over—joy is at hand!

The wreath's most luminous symbol is its growing light. One candle is lit on the First Sunday of Advent, two on the Second, three on the Third and all four on the Fourth. In the northern hemisphere, Advent comes at a time when the days decrease to their shortest length. As the hours of darkness increase, we light more candles on the wreath. The wreath, which symbolizes the coming of Christ, grows in intensity as the anniversary of Jesus' birth draws near.

The Advent wreath may be used at home or at church. It should be blessed on the First Sunday of Advent after the homily at one Mass, at evening prayer Saturday night, or during a prayer service including biblical readings and Advent songs. At home, a family member can bless the wreath. It may be lit during the evening meal, to remind everyone of the true meaning of this holy season.

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Advent Wreath Year C

IF YOU are setting up an Advent wreath in your home this year, here are some prayers you could say while you light its candles. You may say these before or after a meal, when waking up, before going to bed, or whenever you and the members of your household can gather for prayer. Before you say the prayer, read and talk over the gospel you heard at Sunday Mass that week.

Week 1: O God, whose Son promised to come back in a cloud with power and great glory, help us prepare for his return. When we are afraid, give us hope. As we light this first candle, give us strength to endure our trials. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 2: O God, who sent your Word to John in the desert, open our ears to hear his message. By the glow of these two candles, make straight our winding roads. Brighten our path that we may run to meet Christ at his coming. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Week 3: O God, who filled people with expectation, hear our prayer as we light the rose candle. Help us know what we should do as we await the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Week 4: O God, who fulfilled your promise to Mary, fill us also with your Spirit. Make us leap for joy as we light the fourth candle of this wreath. May its light purify our hearts for the coming of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE - 5:00PM, 7:30PM AND MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY - 10:00AM

PRAY'N • PACK'N • PLAY'N

Community

ADVENT EXPERIENCE 2024

SAVE THE DATES AND JOIN US

- **Tuesday, December 3rd** - Holy Hour at 6:30pm. Come early and pray with the Eucharistic Miracles display in church.
- **Tuesday, December 10th** - Parish Advent Community Experience with Dinner, packing of our food pantry Service Project items, activities, and cookie decorating. 5:30-7:30pm in the cafeteria.
- **Tuesday, December 17th** - Eucharistic Miracles presentation in the church at 6:30pm.



Don't get so caught up in preparing for Christ's coming that you forget to prepare yourself to participate in it.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

- Dec. 1** No Religious Ed. Classes
- Dec. 8** Class 9:15 to 10:45AM
- Dec. 15** No Religious Ed. Classes
- Dec. 22** Class 9:15 to 10:45, grade 3 Parent Day, Church Activity form due for Gr. 1-5
- Dec. 29** No Religious Ed. Classes

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

- Dec. 1** No Confirmation class
- Dec. 8** Class 5:30 to 7:30PM
- Dec. 15** No Confirmation class
- Dec. 22** Class 5:30 to 7:30PM, Bishop letter part 2 & Sponsor form due
- Dec. 29** No Confirmation class

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



Our Lady of Peace...

Pray for us

Bulletin Early Deadlines

The Holidays are fast approaching and with it comes some early deadlines for the bulletin. They are as follows:

For Sunday, December 22, 2024, articles are due by December 6

For Sunday, December 29, 2024, articles are due by December 9

For Sunday, January 5, 2025, articles are due December 13

For Sunday, January 12, 2025, articles are due December 13

You may e-mail the info to: cynthia.berarducci@olp.org

or drop it off at the church office.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

OLP Boy Scout Troop 59 Christmas Decorations Sale

Time to clean out your old Christmas decorations and shop for new ones.

Troop 59 will be accepting all your new/used Christmas decorations.

Drop off your decorations:

OLP Scout House:

Monday, November 25th 6:00 – 8:00PM

Monday, December 2nd 6:00 – 8:00PM



Christmas Decoration Sale:

OLP School Cafeteria:

Saturday, December 7th

8AM-12Noon and 4:00-7:00PM

Sunday, December 8th

8:00AM – Noon



Donations benefits:

OLP/West Lake FD Troop 59 activities.

Questions? Contact: Alyson Dana, 814-490-3493
alysondana81@gmail.com



The Knights of Columbus Council
of Our Lady of Peace

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, December 8th

OLP Cafeteria from 8:00AM to 12:30PM

Menu:

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,

Hash Browns/Sausage/Juice/Coffee/Tea

Credit Cards Accepted

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

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



Like us on FaceBook:

www.facebook.com/kofc11454/

Special Guest:
Santa Claus



Prepare the way of love this *Advent*

Parish Advent Service Project:

Millcreek Food Pantry. . . The parish is hosting a Community Advent Experience on Tuesday, December 10th. We will be making care packages for the families of the Millcreek Food Pantry.

The following items are needed:

laundry detergent	fabric softener	tissues
cleaning products	dish detergent	toilet paper
deodorant (men/women)	shampoo	paper towels
soap/bodywash	toothbrush/paste	
razor/feminine products	diapers	

There are 150 families that regularly rely on the Millcreek Food Pantry for their daily needs.

St. Martin Center Shining Stars. . .

\$25-\$50 Gift cards from Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Five Below, McDonalds or Little Caesars are needed by Tuesday, December 10th. The parish is sponsoring 150 children again this year.

You can make a difference in the life of a child this Christmas.

Drop off donations in the "Advent Project" bins in the vestibule



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 BUT 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.

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Catholic Young Adults of Erie

COFFEE

With Christ

Saturday, December 14th, 2024

Following the 8am Mass at St. George

Coffee, tea and food provided

Questions: cberan@stgeorgeerie.org

Open to all those ages 18-40

Bring a friend!

Speaking on Marriage and Family
Justin and Louise Blose



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:

Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar 15

Time: 9:45AM to 1:00PM

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