



Our Lady of Peace

PREPARE THE WAY OF **THE LORD**

MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS

A voice of one crying out in the desert.

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

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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.



November 2024

8th Pancake Mix / Syrup

15th Juice / Nutritional Drink

22th Nut Butters / Jelly or Jam

29th Pasta Sauce / Pasta

Pantry is OPEN December 10th & 20th
(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 people of Sion, behold, / the Lord will come to save the nations, / and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard / in the joy of your heart.

First Reading - Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm - The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading - I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel - The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Prayer of Repentance

John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Luke 3:3)

Adults: In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?

Kids: What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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 Schriefer - John & Betsy Truran

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

- 7:00AM Thomas Vojtek - Paul Vojtek Family
 12:10PM Penny Bizzarro - Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

- 7:00AM Alberta Bigwood - With Much Love, Melissa
 12:10PM Joseph Pettinato - Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

- 7:00AM Madeline "Toodie" Hall - Wegley Family
 12:10PM Deceased Members of the Daugherty Family - Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

- 7:00AM Mary Lou Wagner - Daughter, Corky
 12:10PM Allison Bosner - Mom, Sylvia

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

- 8:00AM Stanley Mackowski - Wife & Family
 5:00PM Don & Rinda Pulice & Melanie Pulice-Malyuk - Ken Tome

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30AM Joyce Wingenbach - Bill McDonald
 9:00AM Amelia & Anthony Patsy - Daughter
 11:00AM Wayne Johnson - Carroll Family
 4:30PM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

Confessions available after the Sunday Masses

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 All are welcome!

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.



SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Joseph Pettinato - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of George Zavasky - Family.

Readings for the Week of December 8th

- Monday: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Helen Walchack; and for Roberta Kalata. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"

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. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.
 Dec. 9: Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.
 Dec. 10: Ann T., Pat C., Pat M., Mary S.
 Dec. 11: Dave D., Paul M.
 Dec. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Alice O., Chris P.
 Dec. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F., Donna R.
 Dec. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.
 Dec. 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 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 Second Sunday of Advent to you! Today would normally be the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary but it is transferred to tomorrow, December 9th since it falls on a Sunday. The Diocesan Office of Worship provided parishes with the following: "The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on Sunday, December 8, 2024, which coincides with the Second Sunday of Advent. As such, the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9. Previously, when the date was transferred, the obligation was abrogated: This is no longer the case. Recently, the USCCB requested clarification from the Holy See about the obligation to attend Mass when a holy day of obligation in Advent, Lent, or Easter falls on a Sunday and is transferred to Monday. In a memo to U.S. Bishops dated October 10, 2024, Bishop Paprocki communicated the decision of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts: **"The feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred."** The faithful should be reminded that their Sunday obligation and obligation for the Solemnity are two separate obligations and must be observed by attending Mass twice. The obligation for the Second Sunday of Advent may be fulfilled from the evening of Saturday, December 7 through Sunday, December 8 (4:30pm at OLP). The obligation for the Immaculate Conception may be fulfilled anytime on Monday, December 9. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Office for Divine Worship." Or feel free to contact me at the parish office. **With that in mind, we will have Masses for the Immaculate Conception on Monday at 7am, 12:10pm, 2pm (school) and 5:30pm.**

I have always seen the window from December 8th to December 12th (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) as a special opportunity to ensure that Mary is part of our Advent preparations for Christmas. In 2019, Pope Francis added the feast of Our Lady of Loreto on December 10th to the universal calendar of the church so now we even have more opportunity to honor Mary in this stretch coming up this week. Our Lady of Loreto is the main Marian devotion in Italy and the shrine holds the Holy House of Nazareth (where we will visit during our Eucharistic Miracles of Italy Pilgrimage in May). There is also a Litany of Loreto to Mary which is the only Litany to Mary officially approved by the Catholic Church and which includes many of the Marian Titles for Mary acknowledged in our Catholic Tradition over the years.

I encourage you to do something extra this week to honor our Blessed Mother. Consider praying the rosary, or a novena to Mary, or the Litany of Loreto (which is included in the bulletin), or refamiliarize yourself with our stain glass windows in the chapel that are dedicated to Mary (and are explained in the hallway outside the sacristy. As a Marian Parish, we can never honor Mary enough. Recall the words of St. Maximilian Kolbe who had a great devotion to Mary... "Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

May God bless us in this special Marian window and our second 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 Tuesdays Remaining....

1. **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)

2. **Tues., Dec. 17th. 6:30pm-7:30pm-** Eucharistic Miracles Presentation by Fr. Rich and Sr. Kathleen Dietz, FSO

****Other Advent Opportunities Remaining** 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. **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: 11:15am-Noon; Saturdays: 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: Our Parish Advent Service Project items are needed by December 10th (see pg. 12 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.

**Tinseltown Advent Opportunities:

1. **"Drummer Boy Christmas Concert Live" by For King and Country will be shown until December 9, 2024. I am going on December 8th at 6:30pm.** Contact me or 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 the parish office by December 10th if you would like to join me.

****Masses this Week** Monday, Dec. 9th- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Tuesday, Dec. 10th- Our Lady of Loreto (main Italian Marian Shrine who's litany is the most well-known Marian Litany); Wednesday, Dec. 11th- St. Damasus I, Pope (4th Century Pope who helped promote and preserve devotion to the saints); Thursday, Dec. 12th- Our Lady of Guadalupe (appeared to St. Juan Diego in Mexico in 1531); Friday, Dec. 13th- Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (4th century Sicily); Saturday, Dec. 14th- St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church (16th Century reformer of the Carmelite Order).

****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 in collaboration with the Cursillo Retreat Movement in our Diocese. We are planning a parish focused Curillo Retreat where OLP parishioners are the team members and we try to have mostly OLP members make the retreat. The Men's Cursillo is on **February 21-23, and the Women's Cursillo is on March 21-23. Both take place at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek.** I am one of the spiritual directors, along with Deacon Ralph, and Mike McLaughlin is the lay leader for the Men's Cursillo. What is Cursillo? "Cursillo (kur-SEE-yo) literally means "little course" and is an intense three-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." Sign up is easy, stop by the office or register online at www.eriecursillo.org. Contact Steve Patterson 814-746-8859 or Debbie Patterson 814-504-8400 if you have questions.

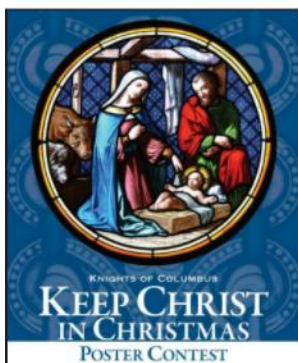
Order forms available:

- in the church vestibule
- the church office
- on our website.

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



OLP Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

Who: Anyone from age 5 to 14

What: Poster Contest topic "Keep Christ in Christmas." People will have a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, and your artwork will bring others to remember Christ in Christmas.

Due: December 13, 2024

Contact: Bob Koshinsk, 814-449-1779 or rkoshinsk@roadrunner.com

Entry Forms available in the Church Office.

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

The Litany of Loreto This litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary was composed during the Middle Ages. The place of honor it now holds in the life of the Church is due to its faithful use at the shrine of the Holy House at Loreto. It was definitively approved by Pope Sixtus V in 1587, and all other Marian litanies were suppressed, at least for public use. Since then, several Popes have added titles to the Litany, as only they may do.

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy on us. Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,	Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,	Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,	Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,	Pray for us.
Holy Mother of God,	Pray for us.
Holy Virgin of virgins,	Pray for us.
Mother of Christ,	Pray for us.
Mother of the Church,	Pray for us.
Mother of Mercy,	Pray for us.
Mother of Divine Grace,	Pray for us.
Mother of Hope,	Pray for us.
Mother most pure,	Pray for us.
Mother most chaste,	Pray for us.
Mother inviolate,	Pray for us.
Mother undefiled,	Pray for us.
Mother most amiable,	Pray for us.
Mother admirable,	Pray for us.
Mother of good counsel,	Pray for us.
Mother of our Creator,	Pray for us.
Mother of our Savior,	Pray for us.
Virgin most prudent,	Pray for us.
Virgin most venerable,	Pray for us.
Virgin most renowned,	Pray for us.
Virgin most powerful,	Pray for us.
Virgin most merciful,	Pray for us.
Virgin most faithful,	Pray for us.
Mirror of justice,	Pray for us.
Seat of wisdom,	Pray for us.
Cause of our joy,	Pray for us.
Spiritual vessel,	Pray for us.



Vessel of honour,	Pray for us.
Singular vessel of devotion,	Pray for us.
Mystical rose,	Pray for us.
Tower of David,	Pray for us.
Tower of ivory,	Pray for us.
House of gold,	Pray for us.
Ark of the covenant,	Pray for us.
Gate of heaven,	Pray for us.
Morning star,	Pray for us.
Health of the sick,	Pray for us.
Refuge of sinners,	Pray for us.
Solace of migrants,	Pray for us.
Comfort of the afflicted,	Pray for us.
Help of Christians,	Pray for us.
Queen of Angels,	Pray for us.
Queen of Patriarchs,	Pray for us.
Queen of Prophets,	Pray for us.
Queen of Apostles,	Pray for us.
Queen of Martyrs,	Pray for us.
Queen of Confessors,	Pray for us.
Queen of Virgins,	Pray for us.
Queen of all Saints,	Pray for us.
Queen conceived without original sin,	Pray for us.
Queen assumed into Heaven,	Pray for us.
Queen of the most Holy Rosary,	Pray for us.
Queen of families,	Pray for us.
Queen of peace.	Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world	Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	Have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we, your servants,
 may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body;
 and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
 may be delivered from present sorrow,
 and obtain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

OLP Families Together Presents

Adult Night Out

Escape the winter blues with OLP...

Saturday
JAN 25TH
6:00-8:00pm

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We get it, you're busy and tired with juggling the demands of daily life...



... BUT “laughter is the language of the soul.” We want to help you develop a strong, healthy, faithful and fun relationships by giving you a night out. All are welcome: couples, singles, girls night, guys night.

We've got it all covered: fun, food and a night of laughter with local comedian Lisa Chimenti, babysitting available.

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SAVE THE DATE – REGISTRATION OPENS SOON

The Light is ON for You.



Confessions will be heard at these churches on
Wednesday, December 18, 2024 - 5-7pm

All Saints, Waterford
Blessed Sacrament
Holy Cross
Holy Trinity
Mount Carmel (5-6:30pm)
Our Lady of Peace
St. Boniface
St. Francis Xavier, McKean
St. George

St. Gregory, North East (6-7pm)
St. James (December 17, 6pm)
St. John the Baptist
St. John, Girard
St. Joseph/Bread of Life
St. Jude the Apostle
St. Julia
St. Luke
St. Peter Cathedral

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE - 5:00PM, 7:30PM AND MIDNIGHT
CHRISTMAS DAY - 10:00AM



If you are cleaning out your closets or spare rooms and find any *unwanted cotton, flannel or fleece material*, please

consider donating it to the **Sew What?** group. *Yarn, thread and batting is also needed.*

This group sews pillowcases, quilts, blankets, winter hoods, scarves, stuffed animals and other things for veterans, refugees and our Erie neighbors in need. Over the years **Sew What?** has delivered thousands of items to community service agencies in the Erie area, relying solely on donations to perform its work.

Please contact:

Mary E., 814-866-2854

or

Joni B., 814-881-8324.

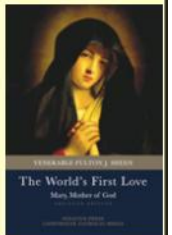
Pickup available.

Stop in the church vestibule to see what's new
at the OLP Catholic Resource Kiosk

NEW book available: \$5

The World's First Love, by Venerable Fulton Sheen

With his characteristic eloquence and brilliance, Venerable Fulton Sheen presents a moving portrayal of the Blessed Virgin Mary that combines deep spirituality with history, philosophy and theology. While considering the different phases of Mary's life, he discusses various problems common to mankind of every age and reveals clearly that every problem can be solved. Venerable Sheen emphasizes the unique dignity, strength, and gifts of women and their ability to help heal the world's problems. He stresses mankind's need of the Mother of God and her burning love for all her children. He also gives profound insights into all the Marian beliefs ranging from the Immaculate Conception to the Assumption to the miracle of Our Lady of Fatima.



EUCHARISTIC 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.



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. 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. 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

Special Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

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

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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.

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OLP Boy Scout Troop 59 Christmas Decorations Sale

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
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Pancake Breakfast Sunday, December 8th

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

Menu:

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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.

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Name _____ Phone _____
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- ☐ Want envelopes

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Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889



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Please drop off or mail check and registration form to:
Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 W. 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506
Attn: OLP Bible Study

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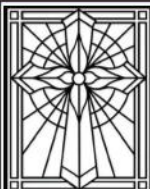
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