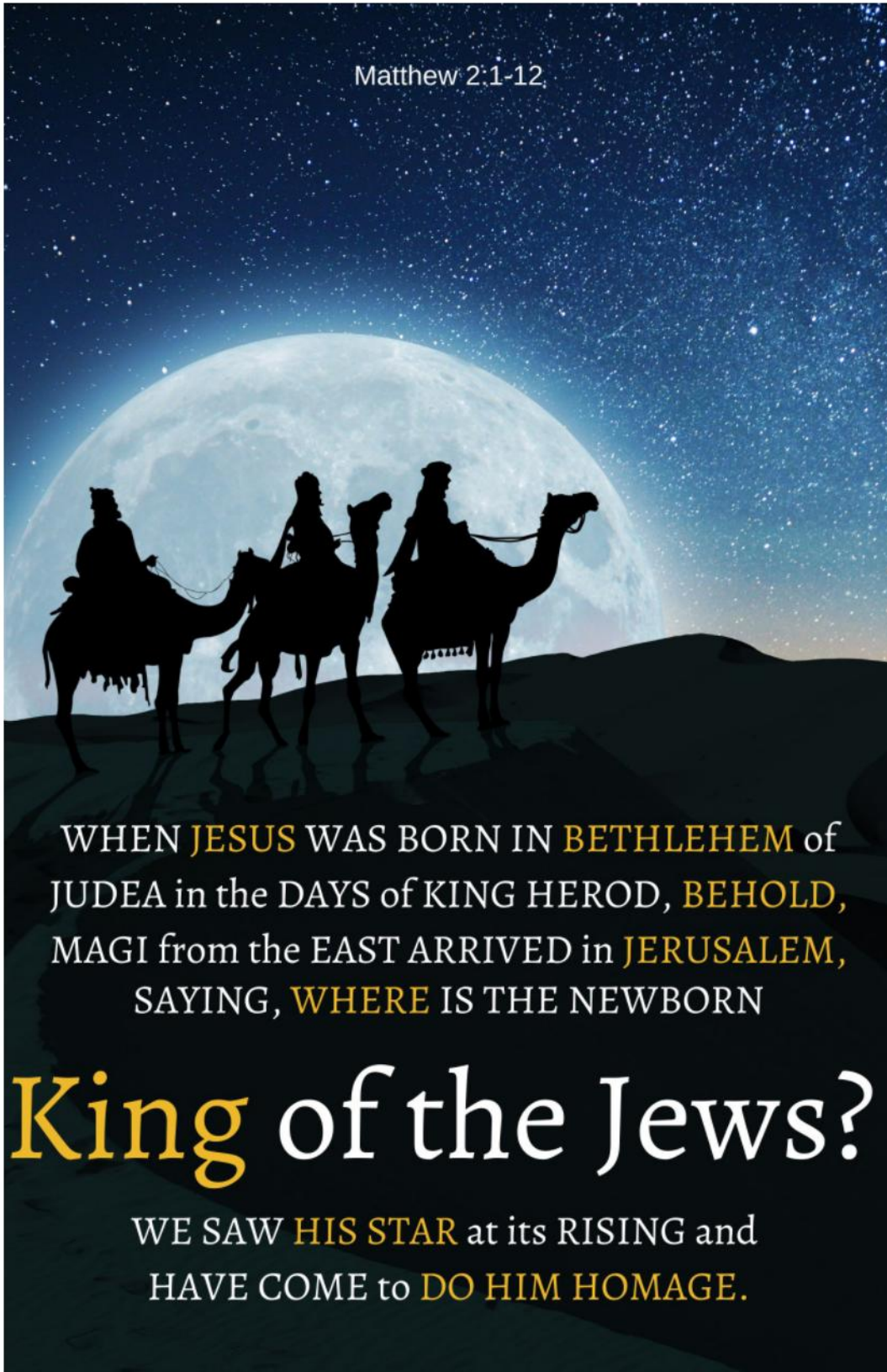




Our Lady of Peace

Matthew 2:1-12



WHEN **JESUS** WAS BORN IN **BETHLEHEM** of
JUDEA in the DAYS of KING HEROD, **BEHOLD**,
MAGI from the EAST ARRIVED in **JERUSALEM**,
SAYING, **WHERE** IS THE NEWBORN

King of the Jews?

WE SAW **HIS STAR** at its **RISING** and
HAVE COME to **DO HIM HOMAGE**.

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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.

January 2025

5th Canned: Tuna / Chicken / Meat

12th Shelf-Stable Microwave Meals / Rice

19th Applesauce / Nut Butters / Jelly

26th Dry Milk / Juice / Nutritional Drink



Pantry is OPEN January 14th & 28th

(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 - Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; / and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading - Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms - Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading - The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel - Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Overcoming Jealousy

Then Herod sent the (magi) to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." (Matthew 2:8)

Adults: When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

Kids: When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025

7:00AM Paul & Mary Naguszewski - Jerry & Mary Ann
 12:10PM Andrew Polakowski - Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025

7:00AM Ken & Angie Tome - Ken Tome
 12:10PM Vinnie LoPiccolo - Gaines & Finazzo Families

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

7:00AM Mr. & Mrs. Charles Witt
 12:10PM Joe Jenci, III - Sr. Claudia

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

7:00AM Fr. Michael Flannery - Flannery Family
 12:10PM James Fried - Fred & Evelyn Fried
 2:00PM **School Mass** - Paul F. Michalak, Jr. - Fetzner Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

7:00AM Suzann Flagle - Jerry & Mary Ann
 12:10PM David Hanlon - Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

8:00AM Gloria Alex - Friend
 5:00PM Special Intention - Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

7:30AM Susan Ambro - Family
 9:00AM Leonard Dombrowski - Family
 11:00AM John Donofrio Family - Wife & Family
 4:30PM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

The church will remain open for private prayer
 Monday through Thursday from 7:00AM - 8:00PM and
 Friday 7:00AM - 4:00PM
Confessions available:
 Wednesdays 11:15-Noon
 Saturday 8:30-9:00AM and 3:45-4:45PM
 or by appointment - call the Church Office

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

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 David Hanlon - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Andrew Polakowski - Family.

Readings for the Week of January 5th
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Our Lady of Peace...

Pray for us

A Family Perspective
 After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way" to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection. This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

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:

- Jan. 5: Ed B., Joyce K.
- Jan. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
- Jan. 7: Margaret K.
- Jan. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.
- Jan. 9: Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.
- Jan. 10: Ann T., Pat C., Pat M., Mary S.
- Jan. 11: Dave D., Paul M.
- Jan. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Alice O., Chris P.

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 Epiphany to you! Today we acknowledge the 2nd of three "manifestations" of Jesus during the Christmas Season, the manifestation to the Magi who came from the east following the Star of Bethlehem which would lead them to the newborn king. The 1st manifestation of the season is to the shepherds on Christmas night and the 3rd manifestation will be celebrated next weekend at the Baptism of the Lord (January 12th this year). The date of the Epiphany is technically January 6th which is the 12th day of Christmas; but it gets transferred to the closest Sunday in the United States.

Last weekend Pope Francis began the Jubilee Year 2025 at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and we prayed the Jubilee Year Prayer at all Masses in solidarity with the Universal Church. There will be a special presentation on the Jubilee by Sr. Kathleen and myself on Sunday, January 12th from 5:30-6pm before Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6pm. All will take place in the church.

I share with you here part of the letter Pope Francis wrote in 2022 to prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025.

"The Jubilee has always been an event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church. Ever since 1300, when Boniface VIII instituted the first Holy Year – initially celebrated every hundred years, then, following its biblical precedent, every fifty years, and finally every twenty-five years – God's holy and faithful people has experienced this celebration as a special gift of grace, characterized by the forgiveness of sins and in particular by the indulgence, which is a full expression of the mercy of God. The faithful, frequently at the conclusion of a lengthy pilgrimage, draw from the spiritual treasury of the Church by passing through the Holy Door and venerating the relics of the Apostles Peter and Paul preserved in Roman basilicas. Down the centuries, millions upon millions of pilgrims have journeyed to these sacred places, bearing living witness to the faith professed in every age.

The Great Jubilee of the year 2000 ushered the Church into the third millennium of her history. Saint John Paul II had long awaited and greatly looked forward to that event, in the hope that all Christians, putting behind their historical divisions, could celebrate together the two thousandth anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of humanity. Now, as the first twenty-five years of the new century draw to a close, we are called to enter into a season of preparation that can enable the Christian people to experience the Holy Year in all its pastoral richness. A significant step on this journey was already taken with the celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (2016), which allowed us to appreciate anew all the power and tenderness of the Father's merciful love, in order to become, in our turn, its witnesses.

In the last two years, not a single country has been unaffected by the sudden outbreak of an epidemic that made us experience first-hand not only the tragedy of dying alone, but also the uncertainty and fleetingness of existence, and in doing so, has changed our very way of life. Together with all our brothers and sisters, we Christians endured those hardships and limitations. Our churches remained closed, as did our schools, factories, offices, shops, and venues for recreation. All of us saw

certain freedoms curtailed, while the pandemic generated feelings not only of grief, but also, at times, of doubt, fear and disorientation. The scientific community quickly developed an initial remedy that is gradually permitting us to resume our daily lives. We are fully confident that the epidemic will be overcome and that the world will return to its usual pattern of personal relationships and social life. This will happen more readily to the extent that we can demonstrate effective solidarity, so that our neighbors most in need will not be neglected, and that everyone can have access to scientific breakthroughs and the necessary medicines.

We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, **Pilgrims of Hope**. This will indeed be the case if we are capable of recovering a sense of universal fraternity and refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millions of men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity. Here I think in particular of the many refugees forced to abandon their native lands. May the voices of the poor be heard throughout this time of preparation for the Jubilee, which is meant to restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone. As the Bible teaches, "The sabbath of the land shall provide food for you, for yourself and for your male and female slaves and for your hired servant and the sojourner who lives with you; for your cattle also, and for the beasts that are in your land, all its yield shall be for food" (Lev 25:6-7).

The spiritual dimension of the Jubilee, which calls for conversion, should also embrace these fundamental aspects of our life in society as part of a coherent whole. In the realization that all of us are pilgrims on this earth, which the Lord has charged us to till and keep (cf. Gen 2:15), may we never fail, in the course of our sojourn, to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home. It is my hope that the coming Jubilee Year will be celebrated and experienced with this intention too. Growing numbers of men and women, including many young people and children, have come to realize that care for creation is an essential expression of our faith in God and our obedience to his will.

The Dicastery charged with promoting the new evangelization can help make this season of grace a significant stimulus to the pastoral outreach of the particular Churches, both Latin and Eastern, which are called in these years to intensify their commitment to synodality. In this regard, our pilgrimage towards the Jubilee will express and confirm the shared journey that the Church is called to make, in order to be ever more fully a sign and instrument of unity in harmonious diversity. It will be important to foster a renewed awareness of the demands of the universal call to responsible participation by enhancing the charisms and ministries that the Holy Spirit never ceases to bestow for the building up of the one Church. The four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council,

together with the Magisterium of these recent decades, will continue to provide direction and guidance to God's holy people, so that it can press forward in its mission of bringing the joyful proclamation of the Gospel to everyone.

As is customary, the Bull of Indiction, to be issued in due course, will contain the necessary guidelines for celebrating the Jubilee of 2025. In this time of preparation, I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great "symphony" of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him. Prayer, moreover, to thank God for the many gifts of his love for us and to praise his work in creation, which summons everyone to respect it and to take concrete and responsible steps to protect it. Prayer as the expression of a single "heart and soul" (cf. Acts 4:32), which then translates into solidarity and the sharing of our daily bread. Prayer that makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the one God and to reveal to him what lies hidden in the depths of their heart. Prayer as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity. In a word, may it be an intense year of prayer in which hearts are opened to receive the outpouring of God's grace and to make the "Our Father," the prayer Jesus taught us, the life program of each of his disciples.

I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to accompany the Church on the journey of preparation for the grace-filled event of the Jubilee, and to you and your co-workers, with gratitude, I cordially send my Blessing." Pope Francis

I encourage you to check out the resources on our Diocesan website for the Jubilee Year which includes the Bull of Indiction which the Pope referenced above. Our leadership at OLP will continue to look at ways to celebrate the Jubilee Year at our parish and will keep you up to date on what is going on in the universal church throughout this special year.

May God bless our Jubilee Year 2025 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...

****Christmas Season** Recall that the Christmas Season lasts for two and a half weeks this year. Highlights still in the season include the Epiphany (Sunday, January 5th when we will have the Proclamation of the dates for Easter and other significant dates of the Liturgical Year and hand out the house blessing cards). **The Christmas Season will conclude on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 12th when we will have Solemn Evening Prayer with Benediction at 6pm.**

****House Blessings** Happy New Year! Please make sure you take a house blessing card for your home. The Christmas Season, and more specifically the Epiphany, is the traditional time of year for house blessings. Fr. Nick and I are more than willing to come to your homes and bless them with you. Feel free to call either one of us to set up a time to do so.

****Masses this Week** *Monday, Jan. 6th*- St. Andre Bessette, Religious (20th Century Holy Cross Brother known as the "miracle man of Montreal"); *Tuesday, Jan. 7th*- St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest (13th Century Dominican leader after St. Dominic); *Wednesday, Jan. 8th through Saturday, Jan. 11th*- Christmas Weekdays.

****Appreciation Dinner** **Our Parish Appreciation Dinner will be Saturday, January 18th at 6pm.** If you volunteer in any capacity, please mark your new 2025calendar and plan to attend. Reservations are necessary, so please let the office know you are attending by Wednesday, January 8th RSVP to the church office by calling 814-833-7701 x202 or email marybeth.whitman@olp.org.

****Vatican Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit** We have extended the time that we will have this exhibit since Advent was thrown off by the big storm. We will rotate through the panels after the Christmas Season from Mon. Jan. 13th through Sun. Feb. 2nd.

****Our Neighbor's Place** Last month we asked for your support for our parish participation in Our Neighbor's Place which is an overflow emergency shelter in Erie. OLP is taking the lead in providing volunteers and supplies the entire week of January 15-21, 2025. Please see page 6 on how you can help. In the past we have had parishioners volunteer with other faith communities in their weeks to support the shelter; but this is the first time OLP is taking on an entire week. I am excited that we are taking this step under the leadership of our new Community Outreach Coordinator, Andy Heinlein, and I have no doubt that you will do an outstanding job in helping us do this. This is such a great opportunity to live out the Corporal Work of Mercy of providing shelter for the homeless in our Catholic/Christian tradition. My hope is that we can expand into more weeks if that becomes necessary.

MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON, DC JANUARY 24, 2025

LET'S MAKE EVERY LIFE GREAT AGAIN!

52ND ANNUAL TRIP

Depart from Erie on Thursday evening, January 23, 11 p.m.
March in Washington, DC on Friday, January 24
Return Saturday morning, January 25 about 1:30 a.m.

- ✓ \$90 / seat
- ✓ Early reservations recommended.
- ✓ Sponsorship inquiries are welcome!
- ✓ peopleforlife.org/january2025
- ✓ www.facebook.com/MarchforLifeBusTrip
- ✓ Please call or e-mail with questions.

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EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES DISPLAY

Extended to January 13 - February 2



The exhibit was created to affirm our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Each panel tells the story of its occurrence and the country where it took place.

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

Each miracle reminds us of the miracle right in front of us - Jesus, present in the Most Holy Eucharist right here in the church.

The exhibit was inspired by Blessed Carlo Acutis, who desired to share the joy of Christ's presence with the world using his God-given talents. "Jesus is my great friend, and the Eucharist is my highway to Heaven."



Erie Winters are long and cold; but you can help "warm the hearts of the homeless."



OUR LADY OF PEACE AT "OUR NEIGHBOR'S PLACE"

WHAT: OLP will coordinate the overflow shelter needs for one week in January.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 15th-
Tuesday, January 21st

WHERE: Our Neighbor's Place is located at 450 E. 16th St., Erie.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR HOMELESS COMMUNITY.

- Pray for a successful week
- Volunteer to provide food/snack for a day
- Make a financial contribution

CALL OR EMAIL ANDY TO GET INVOLVED

Andy Heinlein, Outreach Coordinator

814-833-7701 x 206

andrew.heinlein@olp.org

HOW CAN I HELP?



Sign up to volunteer at the shelter



Donate Gift Cards of \$5 to McDonalds, Tim Horton's or Country Fair



Donate EMTA Bus Pass for 5 rides. Purchase at <https://ride-the-e.com/tares-2/>



Volunteer to prep nightly snack/breakfast bags



Donate clothing items:
Women's sweatshirt/pants M, L, XL
Women's briefs sz. 6-10
Men's sweatshirt/pants M, L, XL, XXL
Men's t-shirts (white) XL, XXL
Men's socks

**DROP OFF ITEMS
AT THE CHURCH OFFICE**

A Stewardship of Sharing November 2024 Fiscal Year July 2024 - June 2025

	Monthly	YTD
Weekly Envelope	\$ 82,302	\$415,245
Loose	4,029	24,777
Holy Days	3,960	7,693
Monthly School Support	1,663	8,248
Christmas/Easter/Flowers	2,479	2,504
Total Offertory	\$94,433	\$458,467
Budgeted Offertory	\$89,792	\$448,959
(Deficit) Surplus	\$4,641	\$9,508
Diocesan Designated Fund	\$ 5,453	\$22,207

Ways to Support Our Parish

- Electronic Giving (for more information, contact Mary Beth Whitman at marybeth.whitman@olp.org or 814-833-7701 x 202).
- Online at www.olp.org
- Via Paypal app or www.paypal.com and send to olp@olp.org.
- By mail (Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2401 W. 38th St, Erie PA 16506).
- Drop your envelope in the collection basket at Mass or at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support.

2024 CSA February 2024 to January 2025

Goal	\$ 200,000
Pledge Payments Received to Date.....	\$ 187,187
Total Pledges	\$ 203,077
418 Families - Goal is 500 Families	

Every dollar raised supports important Diocesan services and every dollar raised over our assessment will be kept in the parish for parish improvements.
Our 2024-2025 Diocesan assessment is \$145,333.

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help our parish and reduce your taxable income.

Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as Our Lady of Peace.

Blessing a New Home

WHEN YOU move into a new home, you may invite a priest, deacon, or lay minister to come and bless it. You may invite anyone else you would like. At a minimum, the people who live in the house should be there. The ceremony comes from the *Book of Blessings*.

All stand in some spacious place, such as a living room. The minister makes the Sign of the Cross, greets those gathered, and says the introduction.

Someone reads a passage from the Bible. There are several possibilities. In Luke 10:5–9 Jesus sends out the 72 disciples to evangelize by entering homes and saying, “Peace to this household.” In Genesis 18:1–10a visitors to the home of Abraham and Sarah promise the couple will have a new child. In Mark 1:29–30 Jesus goes to Simon’s house to heal his mother-in-law. In Luke 10:38–42 Martha welcomes Jesus to her home. In Luke 19:1–9 Jesus invites himself over to the house of Zacchaeus. In Luke 24:28–32 two disciples invite the risen Jesus to stay with them, not knowing who he is.

All pray a Psalm such as 112, 127, or 128. The minister explains the biblical texts. Someone who lives in the house leads intercessions. The minister concludes these with the blessing. It includes these words: “Be their shelter when they are at home, their companion when they are away, and their welcome guest when they return” (*Book of Blessings*, 673). The minister also prays that God will receive the members of this household into their everlasting dwelling place.

The minister sprinkles the people and the new home with holy water as a reminder of the redemption that is ours through Baptism into Christ.

A short prayer and a song conclude the ceremony.

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

St. Leonard of Port Maurice (1676-1751): "Do you know what Mass is? In the Church it is what the sun in our world, it is the soul of our faith, the center of our religion, the end and center of all the ceremonies, rites and sacraments. In a word it is the summary of all that is beautiful and good in the Church of God."

Volunteer Appreciation

DINNER

In gratitude for your time
and service to the mission of OLP

Saturday, January 18th

6:00 PM - SCHOOL CAFETERIA

RSVP by Wednesday, January 8th
call the office at 814-833-7701
or email marybeth.whitman@olp.org

Leading the way. . .



in truth,
in faith,
in love
of Christ

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Jan. 5 Class 9:15 to 10:45

Jan. 12 No Religious Ed. Classes

Jan. 19 Class 9:15 to 10:45, Gr. 4 Parent Day,
Church Activity form due for Grades 1-5

Jan. 26 No Religious Ed. Classes,
First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 12:15PM
in the church

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

Jan. 5 Class 5:30 to 7:00PM

Jan. 12 No Confirmation Class

Jan. 19 Class 5:30 to 7:00PM

Completed Bishop letter due

Jan. 26 No Confirmation Class

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



See the joy and magic of this evening ...

2024 Highlight Video



Facebook
Erie Night to Shine

Website
www.NTSErie.org

Night to Shine is back in Erie for its 8th year, hosted by Our Lady of Peace Church.

This prom-style event for people with special needs, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, will be held at the Zem Zem Shrine Club on Friday, February 7.

In 2024, OLP joined more than 700 churches in this world-wide event to celebrate people with special needs. In Erie, we honored over 160 special guests joining 100,000 guests in all 50 states and 56 countries around the world.

Night to Shine is a community-supported event and can only happen with local support and funding.

Please consider making a donation to ensure that our special guests continue to have their "Night to Shine" in Erie.

To make a donation to Erie Night to Shine, scan this qr code or go to the OLP website

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

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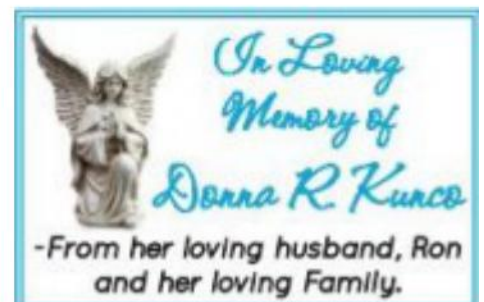
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