



# *Our Lady of Peace*

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled  
in your hearing

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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.



**January 2025**

26th Dry Milk / Juice / Nutritional Drink

Pantry is OPEN January 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](mailto:deacon.john@olp.org) or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office, at 814-838-9983 or [tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:tammie.mang@olp.org).

**Sunday's Readings:**

**Entrance Antiphon** - O sing a new song to the Lord; / sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor. / strength and honor in his holy place.

**First Reading** - Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

**Psalm** - Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

**Second Reading** - As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

**Gospel** - While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

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**Family Discussion of the Week: Time Accepting Responsibility**

Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." (Luke 4:17b-18a)

**Adults:** What do you believe that the anointing you received at baptism requires you to do?

**Kids:** What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?

**GOD'S LAW**

Scripture has always held God's law to be the path to human happiness. In today's first reading, Ezra the priest reads the scroll of the law to the people returned from exile. They weep—then are joyful. Israel's relationship with God had always been defined by how they kept and lived God's law. The author of Psalm 96 likewise praises the law of God as the source of wisdom, joy and enlightenment, purity and justice.

In his advice to the bickering Corinthians, Paul points out that, just as God has made all parts of a human body essential for the health of the whole, living as "Christ's body" requires that each member be recognized as necessary for the good of all. Finally, in Luke's Gospel Jesus claims that the Spirit is sending him to relieve human suffering. Like Ezra, he is reading from a scroll, proclaiming God's "law" of mercy to those in need.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025**

7:00AM Fred Fiedler - Children

12:10PM Mary Jane MacKrell - Kozak Family

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**

7:00AM Linda Verdecchia - Jerry &amp; Mary Ann

12:10PM Ruth Wise - Donna, Larry &amp; Sally

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025**

7:00AM Alan Moy - Friend

12:10PM Irene &amp; Jim Malue - Malue Family

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025**

7:00AM Marie Kuzmim - Jim &amp; Barb Pelkowski

12:10PM Frank Santangelo - Wife, Joan

2:00PM **School Mass**-Deceased Members of the DelBeato Family - Ehrman Family**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025**

7:00AM Susan Ambro - Family

12:10PM Special Intention - Family

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025**

8:00AM Richard Kasza - Friend

5:00PM Gasco Adriana - Angela La Furia

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025****The Presentation of the Lord**

7:30AM Joseph Ambro - Family

9:00AM Living &amp; Deceased Members of OLP

11:00AM Tom Boltz - Denise &amp; Michael Gaines

4:30PM Mary Jane MacKrell - OLP Rosary Society

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 for a Special Intention.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Frances Birchard - Family.

## A Family Perspective

In today's gospel, Jesus was 'praised by all' except in his hometown of Nazareth, where 'the eyes of all were intently on him.' Acceptance can be difficult to find at home due to unrealistic EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to 'proclaim liberty' to anyone 'oppressed' or 'captive' by our EXPECTATIONS.

*Readings for the Week of January 26th*

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2, 3, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:8-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

**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. 26** No Confirmation Class

Questions: Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director,  
814-838-9983 or [tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:tammie.mang@olp.org)

## 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. 27: Ann R.

Jan. 28: Ann F., Michael M., Mary Margaret M.

Jan. 29: Linda M., Janet A..

Jan. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S..

Jan. 31: Jim Z.

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

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

*If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 397-6443. There are no dues and no meetings, only opportunities for grace and the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.*

**When at Mass offer the Mass for****Vocations by praying the prayer below:**

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner \* but rather that he be converted and live \* grant we beseech you \* through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin \* Saint Joseph, her spouse \* St. Junipero Serra \* and all the saints \* an increase of laborers for your Church \* fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls \* through the same Jesus Christ \* Your Son \* Who lives and reigns with You \* In the unity of the Holy Spirit \* God forever \* and ever. Amen.

Serra Prayer for Vocations

## From the Pastor's Desk...

A Blessed Catholic Schools Week to you! This week is a good time to more deeply appreciate the mission of Catholic Education in our church and to recommit ourselves to that mission. I encourage everyone in our parish to seriously consider Erie Catholic School System (and more specifically, Our Lady of Peace School) for the education of your children. I always tell you not to assume you cannot afford it and to speak to the administration of the school or myself if tuition is an issue for you. Also please pray for our Catholic Schools that they may be an instrument of grace and spiritual growth for our children and their families, as well as our adults who work and volunteer there.

On another note, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple and since it falls on a Sunday in Ordinary Time we will still celebrate it next weekend. At both the 9am and 11am Masses we will have a blessing of candles and procession from the back of the church. If you have any candles you would like to have blessed please bring them to one of those Masses and place with the others in the back of the church. This was traditionally called Candlemas Day and the theme of the day focuses on Jesus as the Light of the world as for Catholics in the northern hemisphere the days are getting longer as we move toward spring and summer.

May God bless our Catholic Schools and our week ahead!

May God bless our week ahead!

Yours in Christ,

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...**

**\*\*\*Night to Shine** Please keep this prom event for the special needs community of Erie in your prayer as it approaches on Friday, February 7th. Our Lady of Peace Parish has been blessed to be the host church for this event for the past 7 years which is organized by the Tim Tebow Foundation. I thank Linda Hennigan, Michelle Ohmer and Mary Beth Whitman and all the volunteers who help organize this great event. There are 3 ways you can still help this special event and ministry....ONE- volunteer to be a buddy who stays with a honored guest throughout the event so that their parents/guardians can be treated to a social in another part of the building. TWO- Come to the Red Carpet from 6-7pm as each attendee is announced and cheered on by everyone else as they literally walk the red carpet. Please stop by or call the office if you would like to join the red carpet crew. THREE- Make a donation. We continue to seek sustainable ways to fund this ministry; so if you would like to make a donation or have ideas of grants or other sources of funds, please contact the office. And certainly we can all pray for this ministry and those it serves in the days ahead!

**\*\*Thank you for Our Neighbors Place Overflow Shelter** Thank you to Andy Heinlein (Parish Outreach Coordinator), Lori Mungle (parish Overflow Shelter Coordinator), and those who helped with running the Shelter from January 15-21, and those who donated time and money and supplies. The overflow shelter provides shelter for 40-50 people each night and is a critical way to live out the Corporal Works of Mercy so well done everyone and all glory to God!

**\*\*Throat Blessings Monday, February 3rd is the Feast of St.**

**Blaise and the traditional day for throat blessings** that include a prayer for protection against all ailments. Individual blessings will be offered during Mass that day. We will also offer the general blessing at the conclusion of all the weekend Masses (Saturday evening and Sunday, February 1/2) as well as offering individual blessings AFTER every Mass.

**\*\*Knights Pancake Breakfast/Scout Sunday** Next Sunday, **February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Scout Sunday** and our scouts will be present for Mass at 9am. **It is also the next Pancakes Breakfast offered by the Knights of Columbus from 8-11am.** Both these groups do much to support our mission at Our Lady of Peace so your prayers and support of them is appreciated.

**\*\*Masses this Week** Monday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>- St. Angela Merici, Virgin (16<sup>th</sup> century Italian orphan and founder of the Ursuline Order); Tuesday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>- St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church (13<sup>th</sup> Century Dominican Philosopher and Theologian); Wednesday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>- Weekdays in Ordinary Time); Friday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>- St. John Bosco, Priest (20<sup>th</sup> Century Italian "Apostle of Youth" depicted in the OLP windows- (check it out at [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org) on the Spiritual Resources page).

**\*\*Vatican Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit** We have extended the time that we will have this exhibit since Advent was thrown off by the big storm. The 3 sets of panels will rotate weekly through Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**\*\*Christmas Thank You's** Now that our Christmas Season is officially over, I would like to again thank everyone who helped make Christmas at OLP a beautiful celebration and season. I specifically thank our staff members who put in overtime, all of our liturgical ministers, our music ministry and our environment committee led by Brian Kuzmin and Chris Ehrman and his crew from Allburn Florist who did a wonderful job in decorating the church and getting us in the Christmas Spirit (I received many, many compliments on how beautiful the church looked!). And thank you the Boy Scouts leaders who helped decorate and un-decorate the church over the past month. Lastly, on behalf of Fr. Nick, Fr. Shane and myself, I want to thank all of you who gave us personal Christmas gifts and cards. We were overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and generosity, and we continue to thank God for you, Our Lady of Parish family!

**\*\* Epiphany Proclamation** I share below the Epiphany Proclamation. Make sure you mark the dates on your personal calendar and set aside those most important days of our liturgical year (Holy Week and Easter) for prayer and celebration with your parish family. Do not let those days be an after-thought; but make them a priority around which to plan vacations, events, and other things that can keep us from worshipping.



## Epiphany Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts (for the year 2025)

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the fifth (5th) day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the twentieth (20th) day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-ninth (29th) day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the eighth (8th) day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the twenty-second (22nd) day of June the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the thirtieth (30th) day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.



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

## Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 2nd

OLP Cafeteria from 8:00 to 11:00AM

#### Menu:

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

#### Now Accepting Credit Cards

Adults \$10 Child \$6 (6-15) 5 & Under Free  
Join us for the "Best Breakfast Deal" in town,  
and support your KofC organization.



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[www.facebook.com/kofc11454/](https://www.facebook.com/kofc11454/)



Our Lady of Peace...  
Pray for us

## All Volunteers Welcome Sunday Supper Mission

Meal served at First Presbyterian Church

We need your help in preparing, cooking and feeding  
our brothers and sisters in need.

**Planning Meeting:** Wednesday Jan. 29, 7PM

**Where:** OLP Church Meeting Room

**What:** Select Menu and volunteer for tasks

**Who:** Any parishioner 15+ years

**Date to Serve:** Sunday, Feb. 9th, 3:30-5:30pm

**Contact:** Pete Piotrowski, 814-600-5386 or Debbie Piotrowski, 814-812-0122

## OLP YOUTH MINISTRY SPRING 2025 SCHEDULE

### January

10th-Kid's Night Out  
12th-HS YG 6-8pm  
14th-MS YG  
(start in chapel, end in cafeteria)  
15th-HS YG  
chapel to social room for whole year  
16th-19th-Mercyhurst Play  
21st-4th/5th Gr YG  
22nd-MS/HS YG  
23rd-St. Francis Adoration 8pm  
23rd-26th-Cathedral Prep Play  
28th-MS YG  
(start in chapel, end in cafeteria)  
29th-HS @12th St Chick-Fil-A  
31-2-DME Retreat

### April

2nd-Ripple Effect 6-9pm  
3rd-St. Francis Adoration  
3rd-6th-Cathedral Prep Musical  
8th-4th/5th Gr YG  
9th-MS/HS YG  
10th-13th-Mercyhurst Musical  
17th-Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm and visiting the Seven Churches tradition  
18th-Good Friday Service at 1:30pm, Tenebrae at 7pm  
19th-Holy Saturday Sunrise Hike Asbury Woods 6am, Easter Vigil 8:30pm  
23rd-MS/HS Easter Party 6-9pm  
27th-Divine Mercy Sunday Service 3pm with HS YG to follow (4-6pm)  
29th-MS YG  
30th HS @12th St Chick-Fil-A

### February

5th-Ripple Effect 6-9pm  
6th-St. Francis Adoration 8pm  
7th-Night to Shine Service Hour Opportunity  
10th-OLP Adoration @7pm  
11th-MS YG  
(start in chapel, end in cafeteria)  
12th-HS YG  
14th-15th-MS/HS Lock In @Meadville  
18th-4th/5th Gr YG  
19th-MS/HS YG  
25th-MS YG  
26th-HS @12th St Chick-Fil-A  
27th-St. Francis Adoration

\*MS YG will start in the chapel and end in the cafeteria ONLY on the following dates: Jan 28th, Feb 11th & 25th\*

### March

1st-Men's Conference  
4th-Mardi Gras Party 6-9pm  
12th-Ripple Effect 6-9pm  
13th-St. Francis Adoration  
16th-HS YG 5:30-7:30pm  
18th-4th/5th Gr YG  
19th-St. Joseph's Event 6pm  
21st-Kid's Night Out  
23rd-MS NET Retreat 9am-3pm  
25th-MS YG  
26th-HS NET Retreat 4-9pm  
28-30-DME Retreat

### May

2nd-4th-OLP Musical  
3rd-Confirmation Mass at 5pm  
7th-Ripple Effect 6-9pm  
10th-Faithful to the Finish 5K  
12th-OLP Adoration @6:30pm  
13th-MS YG  
14th-HS YG  
16th-Kid's Night Out  
17th-OLP Serves  
18th-HS YG 5:30-7:30pm  
20th-4th/5th Gr YG  
21st-MS/HS End of Year Party 6-9pm  
22nd-St. Francis Adoration  
23rd-Priest Ordination  
27th-MS YG  
28th-HS @12th St. Chick-Fil-A

-4th/5th Gr YG: 4-5:30PM meets in social room, OLP students can come over @3pm.  
-MSHS YG's: 6:30-8:30pm starts in chapel, optional silent Adoration 6pm.  
-HS Chick-Fil-A @12th St Chick-Fil-A 6:30-8:30pm, permission form required.  
-St. Francis Adoration in McKean, 8pm, with fellowship.

Any questions or concerns please email [sarah.beaver@olp.org](mailto:sarah.beaver@olp.org)

YOU are invited to volunteer with OLP at



**WHEN:** Saturday, February 1st and  
Tuesday, February 4th

**TIME:** 7:45am until Noon

**WHERE:** 2112 East Lawn Parkway, Erie 16510

**WHAT:** New construction: variety of tasks.  
Tools and equipment provided! Dress for  
indoor and outdoor weather

Non-construction volunteers also needed to provide snack at break time.

**WHO:** Anyone 16 years of age or older  
(All must complete a waiver, parent signature  
needed for youth waiver)

\*Need at least 4 and no more than 12  
construction volunteers

**CONTACT:** Nancy Milkowski at [nemilkowski14@gmail.com](mailto:nemilkowski14@gmail.com)

## Year End Giving Statements

To request your giving statement please contact  
Mary Beth Whitman in the church office by:

**Calling:** 833.7701 x 202 or **E-mailing:**  
[marybeth.whitman@olp.org](mailto:marybeth.whitman@olp.org)

Thank you for supporting the mission of OLP.

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

A Catholic Community of faith called to proclaim the greatness of the Lord through Worship, Service, Education and Ministry.



## WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION

- Remember the church in your will and leave a lasting legacy at OLP
- Our Lady of Peace Parish Endowment, held with the Catholic Foundation of NWPa
- Memorial donations for a deceased loved one or a donation in honor of living loved one
- OLP School Scholarship Endowment - Tuition assistance for parishioners attending Erie Catholic School System-OLP
- Tuition Angel - Tuition assistance for OLP School emergency situations
- Parish Needy Fund - Providing for Emergency Needs of Parishioners
- The Parish accepts donations of stock
- Talk to your Financial Advisor about how you can make a tax free donation from your IRA or set up a Charitable Gift Fund

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**QUESTIONS ABOUT A DONATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE,  
CONTACT MARY BETH WHITMAN AT THE CHURCH OFFICE**



814-833-7701 x202



[marybeth.whitman@olp.org](mailto:marybeth.whitman@olp.org)



Concert Dedication  
of the restored  
Casavant Opus 3353  
Gallery Organ  
and newly installed  
Casavant Opus 3953  
Sanctuary Organ

Join us for an afternoon  
musical celebration on  
Sunday, February 2,  
the Feast of the  
Presentation of the Lord

Organ concert at 4:00pm  
featuring  
concert organist



**NATHAN  
LAUBE**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2025  
4:00PM**

**SAINT PETER CATHEDRAL**  
230 W 10TH ST | ERIE, PA 16501

Free and open to the public

## Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Championship Boys & Girls ages 9 - 14

All boys and girls  
ages 9 through 14  
are invited to  
participate in the  
Knights of  
Columbus Free  
Throw Contest.



**The local competition will be held on  
Sunday, February 16th  
at 1:00PM in the OLP gym.**

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw  
Championship is held annually with winners  
progressing through local, district, regional, and  
state competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14  
years of age are eligible to participate and will  
compete in their respective age divisions.

Entry forms will be available at the competition. All  
participants will shoot 15 Free Throws to  
determine the winners who will advance to the  
District competition.



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  
[www.olg.org/about/donate](http://www.olg.org/about/donate)  
and scroll down to Night to Shine.

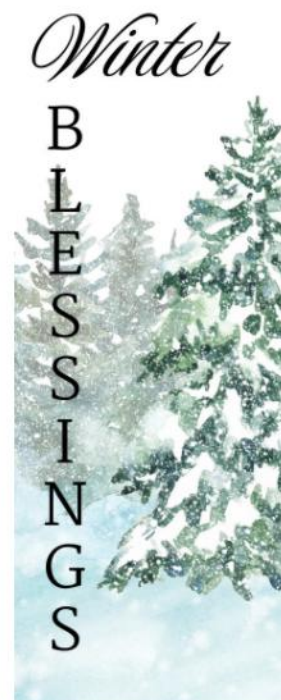


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### Corporate Sponsorships

Do you know of a business who would be interested  
in sponsoring Erie Night to Shine?  
Call or email Mary Beth in the OLP office at  
833-7701, ext. 202 or [marybeth.whitman@olg.org](mailto:marybeth.whitman@olg.org).





**CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS OF ERIE**  
*Coffee with Christ*

**Speaking on having hope amidst the challenges of life:  
Fr. Luke Dagher**

**Saturday, February 8th, 2025**  
**Following the 8am Mass at St. George**

Coffee, tea & food provided  
 Bring a friend!

Open to all those graduated high school through age 40

Questions:  
[cberan@stgeorgeerie.org](mailto:cberan@stgeorgeerie.org)

*Are you looking for a community of true Christian friendship and an chance to grow in your faith?*

A Cursillo retreat is for you. . .

Cursillo is a weekend retreat that focuses on the teachings of Jesus and is designed to help you come to a new awareness of the ways you can live out your faith. It runs from a Friday morning through a Sunday afternoon.

The weekend is open to all adults who are ready to learn, grow and experience their Catholic faith through talks, worship, fellowship and self reflection.

**Women's Weekend  
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\$20 Adult Early Registration (before February 1st)  
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## 1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025**

**PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie**

**TIME: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS: 8:00 - 8:45 AM in the Church**

**COST: \$25**  
 College students, High school students & Religious - FREE!

**Conference includes:** Two talks, Adoration, Confession, Mass, Basket Raffle, Book/Media Sales, and 1:38 Women attire for sale.

**ATTENDANCE:** Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home



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**Time:** Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

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### INVITING ENVIRONMENT

Maintain a positive demeanor and help foster a sense of joy and fellowship before and after Mass.

Families are encouraged to join together - families that serve together, grow together! Share the joy of welcoming others as part of our Hospitality Ministry!

## JOIN US IN 2025!

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  - (814) 323-0806 or [cdipietro1095@gmail.com](mailto:cdipietro1095@gmail.com)
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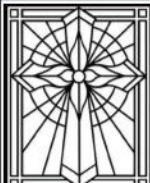
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