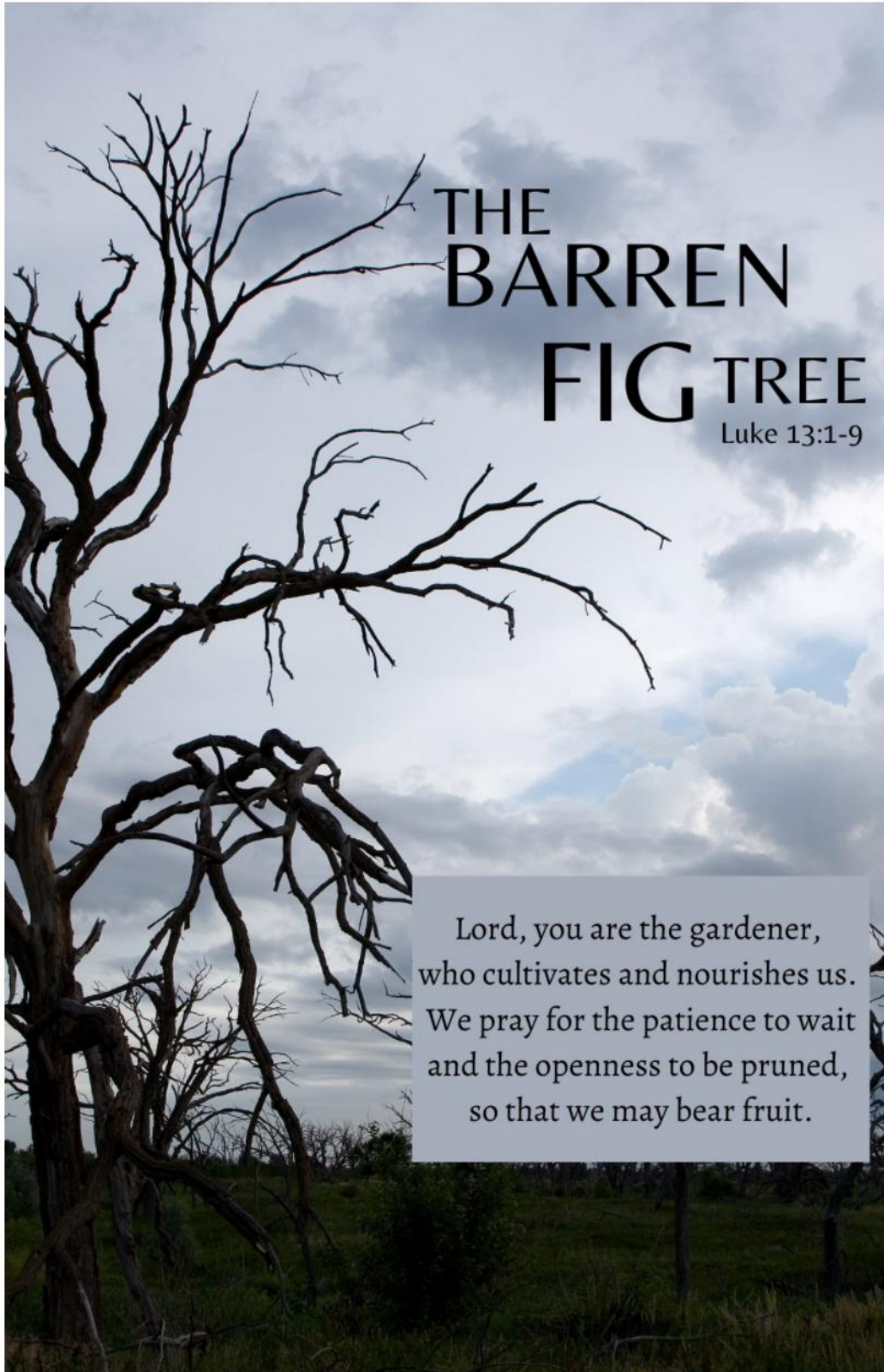




# *Our Lady of Peace*



## THE BARREN FIG TREE

Luke 13:1-9

Lord, you are the gardener,  
who cultivates and nourishes us.  
We pray for the patience to wait  
and the openness to be pruned,  
so that we may bear fruit.

*March 23, 2025*

*Third Sunday of Lent*

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Warren Beaver, Justin Miles,

Mary Beth Whitman

**The Sacrament of Baptism** is

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

**Sacrament of Matrimony** An appointment with a parish priest 5-6 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.

**March 2025**



23rd Canned Vegetables/Bar Soap  
30th Potato Flakes / Gravy / Soup

Pantry is OPEN March 25  
(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 who are unable to attend the 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 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** - My eyes are always on the Lord, / for he rescues my feet from the snare. / Turn to me and have mercy on me, / for I am alone and poor.

**First Reading** - "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them" (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15).

**Psalms** - The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** - Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12).

**Gospel** - I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9).

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**Family Discussion of the Week: Tempered With Humility**

The reign of God is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches. (Lk. 13:19b)

**Adults:** What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God's loving care?

**Kids:** What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin now?

**MID-LENT CHECK-IN**

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you... The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025**

7:00AM Virginia Birkmire - Birkmire Family  
 12:10PM Norb Rapela - Judy & Rick Oros

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025**

**The Annunciation of the Lord**

7:00AM Patricia Caldwell - Family  
 12:10PM Urban Barrett - Family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025**

7:00AM Passauer Family - Mary Beth Passauer  
 12:10PM Joseph & Sandy Kostolansky - Joan Santangelo

**THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025**

7:00AM Bob Matta - Friend  
 12:10PM Carol Iacovetta - Bogniak Family  
 2:00PM **School Mass** - Joseph Henke -  
 Dorothy Truchanowicz

**FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025**

7:00AM Tom Vinca - Loretta & Craig Schaal  
 12:10PM Baby Cody - 12:10 Mass Group  
 6:00 PM **Confessions**  
 7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025**

8:00AM David Johnson, III - Family  
 5:00PM Linda Bizzarro - Darrell & Nancy Meyers

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP  
 9:00AM Leonard Dombrowski - Family  
 11:00AM William Krasnesky - Bob & Kathy Sczesny  
 4:30PM Greg Theiss - Malue Family

The church will remain open for private prayer  
 Monday through Thursday from 7:00AM - 8:00PM and  
 Friday 7:00AM - 4:00PM

**Confessions available:**

Wednesdays 11:15-Noon  
 Saturday 8:30-9:00AM and 3:45-4:45PM  
 Sundays during Lent after all the Masses  
 or by appointment - call the Church Office

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of the Metz Sisters - Niece

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Bill McCartney - OLP Staff.

*Readings for the Week of March 23rd*  
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;  
 Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;  
 Lk 1:26-38  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
 Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;  
 Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
 Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;  
 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32


**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED** - Please pray for Janet Wolf; and for William "Bill" McCartney. May their families find hope and consolation through his faith in the resurrected Lord.

**A Family Perspective**  
 The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not meet his expectations. In families, there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and support. Don't cut them out of your life. Love calls us to be connected, not just productive.

**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:**  
 Mar 23: Heidi A.  
 Mar. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.  
 Mar. 25: Christine O.  
 Mar. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.  
 Mar. 27: Ann R..  
 Mar. 28: Ann F., Michael M.  
 Mar. 29: Linda M., Janet A..  
 Mar. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James 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

**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.



## From the Pastor's Desk...

A blessed 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent to you! "24 Hours for the Lord" is a Lenten initiative introduced by Pope Francis that encourages 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, inviting the faithful to experience God's mercy. **The Catholic Church of Erie will be observing "24 Hours for the Lord" at St. Peter Cathedral Parish, located at 230 W. 10th St., Erie, beginning on Friday, March 28 with a 5:15PM Mass celebrated by Bishop Persico, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross at 7PM, Evening Prayer at 10PM and Night Prayer. The event will continue on Saturday, March 29 starting at 3AM with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Morning Prayer at 6:30AM, an 8AM Mass with Bishop Persico, the Rosary at 12PM, another Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3PM, Benediction at 3:30PM and concluding with the 4PM Vigil Mass.** Throughout this 24-hour period, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the Sacrament of Confession will be available, offering a profound opportunity to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life while experiencing the Lord's abundant mercy.

Sr. Kathleen has organized this event in the past for our Diocese and is doing it again this year as part of our staff at OLP. I have told her she has the full support of our parish, and I volunteered our parish to cover the hours of Midnight to 6AM for adoration. I hope you all will make an effort to be a part of this great opportunity for grace (you are free to go to any of the 24 hours and are not just limited to the ones OLP has agreed to cover) and please see elsewhere in the bulletin for what hours still need to be covered. I also thank the different ministries and groups from OLP who have committed to taking an hour of adoration already.

May God bless our 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent ahead including our "24 Hours for the Lord!"

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...**

**\*\*Thank you to Pete and Debbie Piotrowski for covering the cost of the Paschal Candle**, which we will light at the Great Easter Vigil on April 19<sup>th</sup>, in memory of Richard and Joan Sahovey and Joseph & Magdalena Piotrowski.

**\*\*Masses this Week** Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>- Lenten Weekdays; Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>- the Annunciation of the Lord.

**\*\*Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays of Lent (March 28; April 4 and 11) at 7pm.** Consider adding Stations of the Cross to your Lenten sacrifice this year, especially if you have not ever with prayed them. **Confessions will be heard from 6-7pm before Stations.**

**\*\*Lenten Confessions** In addition to our normal weekly confession times (Wednesdays from 11:15am-Noon, Saturdays from 8:30-9am and 3:45-4:45pm) we will have extra opportunities throughout Lent. They are Fridays from 6-7pm (before Stations) and after all Sunday Masses including 4:30pm. "The Light is On for You" is Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm (local churches are open and priests hearing confessions throughout Erie).

**\*\*Mass Intentions/Mass Schedule at OLP We are opening the Mass Intention Book for the rest of 2025 on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Until now we had only opened January to June of 2025 because there was talk of a collective effort by the Diocese to evaluate the Mass schedule for all churches in and around Erie. After further consideration, the Bishop and Diocesan leadership have decided not to initiate that and are leaving it up to individual parishes to consider the need to adjust their Mass schedules. I can tell you that I have tasked our leadership at OLP to create a process to look at our schedule and consider if we need to make changes. Looking at the October Count for the Diocese of Erie (all parishes are asked to get a count on the number of people attending each weekend Mass throughout October each year), although OLP had the highest weekly average in 2024 of 1,140 people per weekend (with the next closest being St. James- 865, St. Jude- 768, St. George-767, Blessed Sacrament- 753, St. Patrick at 750 and St. Peter-598), that is only one third of the weekly attendance we had in 2005 when we had 6 Masses a weekend. Our church can hold approximately 800-900 people so 5 Masses could handle 4000-4500 per weekend so we are at about 25% capacity overall. So let's pray that the Holy Spirit guide this process that we are beginning and inspire what is best for our parish and diocese regarding our Mass schedule at OLP.

**\*\*Catholic Services Appeal 2025 We presently have 262 Pledges for \$134,762.** Thank you to all who have pledged! Our goal is 400 pledges for \$227,600 and our parish project is the renovation of the rectory kitchen as well as the replacing the flooring for the first floor. Please consider making a pledge if you have not already. Pledge envelopes are at the doors of the church or at the parish office.

**\*\*Walking with the American Saints** Our 5-part series on the American Saints continues. This journey is led by myself, Sr. Kathleen and Fr. Nick. Saints are not just individuals who lived long ago in far of places. They have lived the call to holiness in recent centuries and on our continent and hopefully, they inspire us to strive for that holiness in our lives. There are presently 11 Saints who live on US soil either before or after the founding of our country and there are six "Blesseds" who are one step/approved miracle away from being canonized saints.

This week, I will give a presentations on St. Theodore Guerin from Indiana who's shrine I was able to visit last October when I was on my annual retreat, and on April 8<sup>th</sup>, St. Catherine Drexel who is from our very own state of Pennsylvania and who's shrine I visited during Pope Francis' first papal visit to the United States in 2015 for the World Gathering of Families. Since then, St. Catherine's tomb was moved to the Cathedral in Philadelphia.

**\*\*Jubilee 2025** Page 8 has our schedule for celebrating the Jubilee at OLP. Masses for the Jubilees that pertain to you (maybe you are in a band or play sports so you would come the weekend of June 14/15 for a special blessing) and to invite others to join us for the blessing as well. The groups identified in our schedule are all being invited to the Vatican where they will have Jubilee days of prayer. We could not celebrate all these groups individually or at the same times as the Vatican so we grouped them together in a way that works for our parish schedule. Our next Jubilee Mass at OLP will be April 5/6 for the Sick/World Health (April 5-6)/Disability (April 28-29)- we will have the Sacrament of ANOINTING of the Sick AT THE 5PM April 5th Mass.

**\*\*Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) and OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation for children)** Lent is the beginning of the Period of Enlightenment which is the catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) and candidates (those preparing for Eucharist and Confirmation) final period of preparation for entering full communion with us in the Catholic faith (at the Easter Vigil- April 19<sup>th</sup>).

The following are the OLP catechumens and candidates, **OCIA:** Caleb Casey, Drew Dennington, Craig Johnston, Mark Keniath, Kyle Lazenby, Brandon Leuellen, Scott Russell, Devin Sharp, Joe Sierota, Nate Steis. **OCIC:** Francesa O’Neill Carino, Cassius Fyke. Please keep them in your prayers.

**\*\*Anointing of the Sick** will be offered at the 5PM Mass on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please share the invitation with anyone you know who may be suffering serious illness in mind, body or spirit. Please register in the back of church prior to Mass.



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.



### Sponsorship Levels

**Gold - \$1000 - GCXC Race Timing Mgmt.**

**Silver - \$750 - SWAG**

**Bronze - \$400 - Award Medals**

**Sponsor - \$250 - RunSignUp**

*Committed Adorers for  
Friday, March 28th-Saturday, March 29th*

**24 hours for the Lord**



- 5:00PM St. Mark Seminary
- 6:00PM OLP External Outreach Committee
- 7:00PM Denis & Joanne Deiner and Julie Sins (St. Joe BOL)
- 8:00PM St. Jude Parish
- 9:00PM
- 10:00PM St. Francis Xavier Parish/Prep
- 11:00PM
- 12:00AM Pete & Debbie Piotrowski/Serra Club
- 1:00AM Denis Deiner/Erin Mahoney
- 2:00AM
- 3:00AM OLP Parish Leadership Team
- 4:00AM Serra Club
- 5:00AM OLP Pastoral Council/OLP Eucharistic Ministers
- 6:00AM OLP Women’s Faith Sharing Group
- 7:00AM Julie Sins/Spiritual Sisters of the Work
- 8:30AM
- 9:00AM Catholic Schools Office
- 10:00AM
- 11:00AM
- 12:00PM St. Stephen’s Parish
- 1:00PM
- 2:00PM
- 3:00PM



Ready to sign up...  
Email Sr. Kathleen at  
sr.kathleen@olp.org or  
call 814-833-7701 x206

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount \_\_\_\_\_

- Checks payable to : Our Lady of Peace, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie PA
- Questions? Cynthia Berarducci 814-833-7701 x 0  
cynthia.berarducci@olp.org
- **Sponsorship Commitment due 4-8-25**
- **Sponsorship Commitment received by 3-28-25 includes your name on race t-shirt**

Your sponsorship will be publicized on our website, social media, OLP bulletin, GCXC Race Timers and RunSignUp websites and in the racers SWAG package.

All Proceeds benefit the **OLP Parish Endowment...** funding the next generation of faith.

## Carrying the Cross with Christ this Lent

Jesus' cross was rough-hewn, uneven, crooked and so heavy. Our crosses are rough, uneven and crooked, but very small and light. Our little crosses remind us of the cross of Jesus which he carried and died on for love of all of us.

Each Friday in Lent, there are Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm here at OLP, join us this week. As we walk with Jesus through this Lent, let us also walk the way of the cross-the way of his passion and death-with him.

*Lord, help me to unite my cross(es)  
with Your Cross this Lent.*

### Year End Giving Statements

To request your giving statement, contact Mary Beth Whitman in the church office by: **Calling:** 833.7701 x 202 or

**E-mailing:** marybeth.whitman@olp.org

*Thank you for supporting the mission of OLP.*

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

**Mar. 23** Class 9:15-10:45am, church activity forms due, Mass day

**Mar. 23** Edge Retreat by NET team, 9am Mass-3pm

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

**Mar. 23** Class 5:30pm-7pm

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

## The Mass Book for July-December 2025 will open on

### Wednesday, April 2nd, at 8:00AM.

**We thank you for your patience and understanding in the delay.**



Our Lady of Peace...  
Pray for us

## OLP YOUTH MINISTRY SPRING 2025 SCHEDULE

### March

1st-Men's Conference  
4th-Mardi Gras Party 6-9pm  
12th-Ripple Effect 6-9pm  
13th-St. Francis Adoration  
15th-Bingo Fundraiser OLP gym  
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

### 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

-4th/5th Gr YG: 4-5:30PM meets in social room, OLP students can come over @3pm.  
-MS/HS 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)

On behalf of the Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus, Doug Fleming presented a \$1,000 check to Randy Newport, Director of the Women's Care Center, to be used for their after care program for clients needing support after the birth of a child.

The OLP Council has submitted a request for matching funds through the Aid/Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program to receive an additional \$200 from the Knights of Columbus Supreme office.

The donation was made possible by an anonymous donor to assist those in need as part of Pro-Life efforts.



**St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary  
Annual Card Party**

**Thursday, April 24th - 6:00pm**

Doors open at 5:00pm - Admission \$10.00

St. Mark's Gym

429 East Grandview Blvd.

Light meal will be served.



Evening includes Grand Prizes, Gift Auction, Money Tree and more.....

**For reservations please  
text or call Erin at 814-440-5885  
by Friday, April 11th**

~ Please pray for the vocations of our seminarians.~

**A Stewardship of Sharing February 2025  
Fiscal Year July 2024 - June 2025**

	Monthly	YTD
Weekly Envelope	\$75,496	\$714,761
Loose	3,743	37,115
Holy Days	166	16,286
Monthly School Support	1,577	13,531
Christmas/Easter/Flowers	288	44,183
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$81,270</b>	<b>\$825,876</b>
Budgeted Offertory	\$89,792	\$718,336
<b>(Deficit) Surplus</b>	<b>(\$8,522)</b>	<b>\$107,540</b>
Diocesan Designated Fund	\$ 1,017	\$21,521

**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.*

**2025 CSA  
February 2025 to January 2026**

Goal	\$ 227,600
Pledge Payments Received to Date.....	\$ 65,339
<b>Total Pledges .....</b>	<b>\$ 130,075</b>
<b>251 Families - Goal is 500 Families</b>	

Every dollar raised supports important Diocesan services and every dollar raised over our assessment will be kept in the parish for parish improvements.  
**Our 2025-2026 Diocesan assessment is \$152,600.**

**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.**

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WHEN: Tuesdays in Lent (March 11, 18, 25 and April 1 and 8)  
WHERE: OLP Church  
TIME: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

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# Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

- **March 15-16:** Workers, Entrepreneurs
- **April 5-6:** Sick, World Health, Disability
- **May 10-11:** World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Good Shepherd Sunday, Bishops, Deacons, Seminarians, Consecrated Life
- **June 14-15:** Artists, Bands and Popular Music, Sports, Choirs
- **July 26-27:** Youth, Teenagers Families, Grandparents and Elderly
- **August 16-17:** Volunteers, Confraternities-Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus
- **September 20-21:** Catechists, Education
- **October 11-12:** Marian Spirituality
- **October 18-19:** Digital Missionaries and Catholic Influencers, Communications, Missions
- **November 1-2:** Days for the Promotion of Holiness
- **November 15-16:** Armed Forces, Police and Security, First Responders, Governments, Veterans
- **December 13-14:** Migrants, Justice, consolation, Poor, Prisoners
- **January 6, 2026: Closing of the Holy Door**

Join us during this year of renewal, conversion and prayer and consider a visit to St. Peter Cathedral and/or St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway sites designated by Bishop Persico for Pilgrimage during the Jubilee year in the Diocese of Erie. Share your Jubilee pilgrimage story with the parish by emailing [marybeth.whitman@olp.org](mailto:marybeth.whitman@olp.org).





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- Register your family with the parish
- Check out the "events" page on our website, [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org)
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website or call the office at 814-833-7701 for help.
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### Erie City Mission Volunteers Needed

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

#### Dates are Saturday's:

Apr. 19, May 17, June 21, July 19

**Time:** 9:45AM to 1:00PM

**Where:** 11th & French St.

**What:** Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal

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

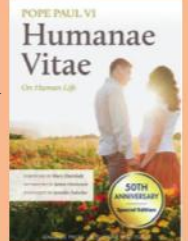
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Please join us on **Saturday, May 10, 2025** for the 11th Annual  
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**Place:** Presque Isle State Park; Erie Runners Club Pavilion at Beach 1

**Start:** 8:00AM Race starts and ends at Beach 1

**Proceeds benefit the OLP Parish Endowment, investing in the next generation of faith.**

**Entry:** \$30.00 Registered before April 28th w/T-shirt; \$40.00 Registered April 29th or after/no T-shirt

**Mail Entry and Payment to:** Faithful to the Finish, Our Lady of Peace, 2401 W. 38th Street, Erie PA, 16506.

Please make checks payable to: *Our Lady of Peace.*

**Online Registration:** [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com)

Donations also accepted if you cannot participate.

**Packet Pick-Up/New Registrations:** **Thursday, May 8, 2025, 4:00 - 6:00PM, Church Office: 2401 W. 38th St.**

**Event Day Registration and/or Packet Pick-Up:** 7:00 - 7:45AM

**Contact:** Cynthia Berarducci - [cynthia.berarducci@olp.org](mailto:cynthia.berarducci@olp.org) - (814) 833-7701 x 0 (Cell: 814-392-9130)

**Awards:** Medallions awarded to First/Second/Third Place Finishers in the following age groups for both male and female: 15 & Under, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & Over.

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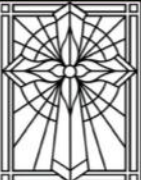
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