



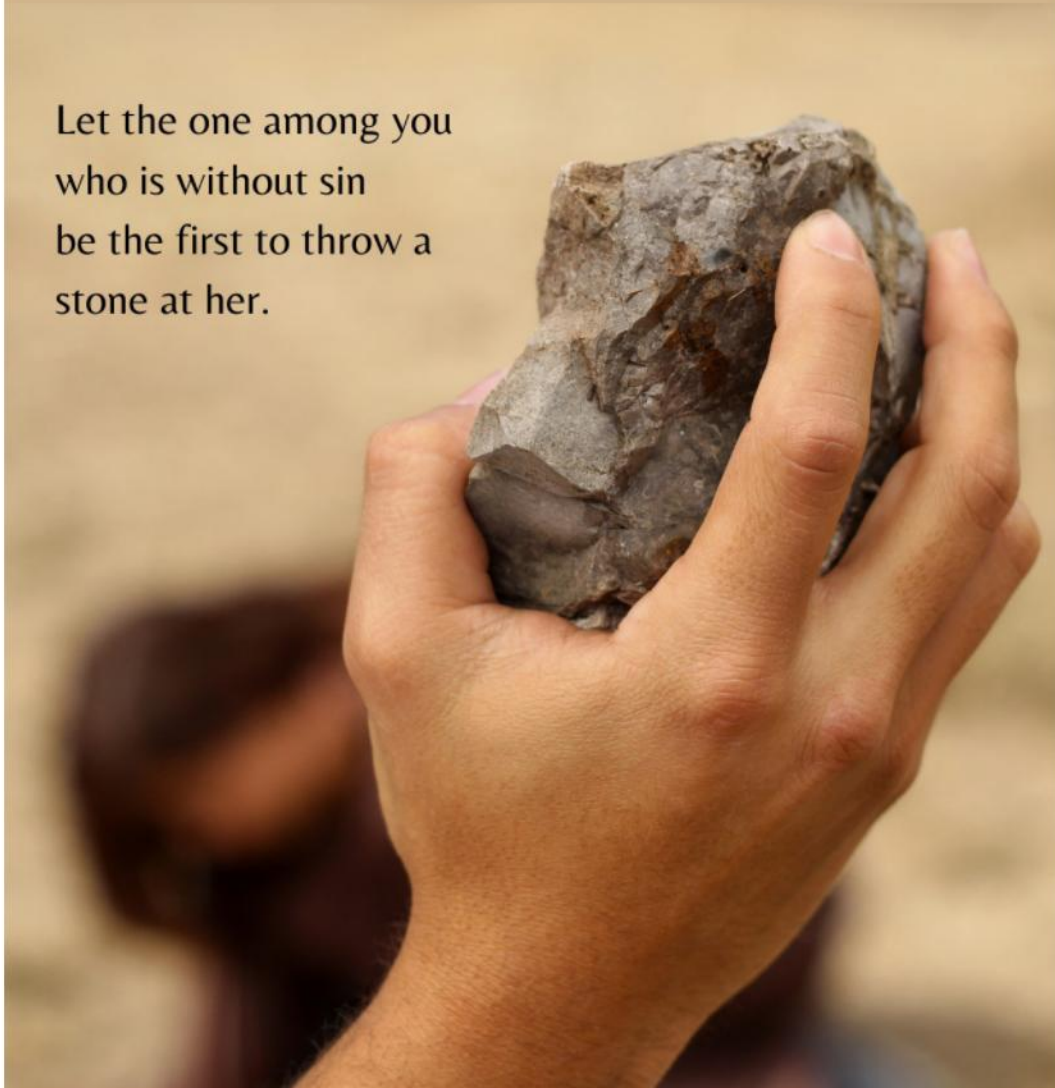
Our Lady of Peace

Radical Forgiveness

John 8:1-11

Jesus said
"neither do I
condemn you."

Let the one among you
who is without sin
be the first to throw a
stone at her.



April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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.



April 2025

- 6th Canned: Fruit / Vegetables / Chili
- 13th Granola Bars / Crackers
- 20th Meals in a Box / Juice / Applesauce
- 27th Mac 'n Cheese (single serve)

Pantry is OPEN April 8th & 22nd
(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 or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office, at 814-838-9983 or tammie.mang@olp.org.

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - Give me justice, O God, / and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. / From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, / for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading - See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21).

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

Second Reading - I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14).

Gospel - Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11).

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Family Discussion of the Week: False Pride

Jesus straightened up and said, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (Jn. 8:7)

Adults: Have you ever been too willing to "cast the first stone" when you disapproved of someone's behavior? How can you resist these feelings?

Kids: When have you made fun of someone? What could help you act differently?

GOD'S ACTIONS NOW

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

7:00AM Marie Kuzmin - Jim & Barb Pelkowski
 12:10PM Lawrence Smith - Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

7:00AM Linda Kaleta - Mischler Family
 12:10PM Claire Domino - Joe & Dianne

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

7:00AM Stan Niemic - Jerry & Mary Ann
 12:10PM Gert Milkowski - Daughter, Nancy
 2:15PM *Stations of the Cross with OLP School*
 5:00-7:00PM *The Light Is On For You*
 (opportunity for confession)

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

7:00AM Josephine & Fred Bandecca - Godson
 12:10PM Marcy Lubin - Family
 2:00PM **School Mass** - Fred Cicciozzi - Ehrman Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

7:00AM Ludwik & Kazimiera Pociiej -
 Eric & Noreen Pociiej
 12:10PM Dick Flaugh - Judy & Rick Oros
 6:00 PM **Confessions**
 7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

8:00AM Jackie Chereson - Family
 5:00PM Margaret Hardner - Patricia

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
 9:00AM Hank & JoAnne Starr - Mike & Julie Cooney
 11:00AM Emil Chimenti Family - Family
 4:30PM Deceased Members of the Mackowski Family -
 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 Jim & Sandy Feronti - Friends & Family.

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

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.



Readings for the Week of April 6th

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
 Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);
 Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
 Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23:56 [23:1-49]

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Rose Raucci; for George Zehner; and for Karen Johnson. May their families find hope and consolation through his faith in the resurrected Lord.

A Family Perspective

Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-downs. All of it deadly.
 Hear Jesus in today's gospel:
"Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone."
 Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!

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:**
 Apr. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
 Apr. 7: Margaret K.
 Apr. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.
 Apr. 9: Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.
 Apr. 10: Ann T., pat C., Pat M., Mary S.
 Apr. 11: Dave D., Paul M.
 Apr. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Alice O., Chris P.
 Apr. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F., Donna R.

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,

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

○ 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...

Blessed 5th Sunday of Lent! This Sunday was traditionally called Passiontide, and we continue the practice of covering the statues to take our liturgical fast of Lent even further. I continue the deeper look at the Sacred Triduum that I started last week in hope that it will encourage more of you to partake in these most holy days of the whole church year. Last weekend I focused on an introduction to the concept of the Sacred Triduum and a summary of Holy Thursday. **This weekend I focus on Good Friday and Holy Saturday (next weekend will be the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday).**

GOOD FRIDAY (April 18th)- Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world. The parish altar looks very different on Good Friday: it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death. The candle by the tabernacle is blown out, and the tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. This is quite dramatic, reminding us that Good Friday is a solemn day of mourning and prayer.

The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass—it is a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. Good Friday is the only day of the year on which no Masses are offered. These Good Friday services often take place at the time Jesus died (3pm) or during the time he hung on the cross (12-3pm).

At OLP, our service begins at 1:30pm and it usually concludes around 2:45-3pm. The priests and deacon begin the service by prostrating themselves in front of the altar. A liturgy of the Word that includes the reading of John's version of the Passion begins the service. It continues with an extended Prayer of the Faithful where we pray for the church and world. Veneration of the Cross is next at this service, in which the priest and the faithful kneel before a cross and possibly kiss it or show some sign of reverence. It concludes with the distribution of Holy Communion and then concludes in silence as an invitation to continue to meditate on the truth that this day represents.

At OLP, we have morning prayer at 8:00am on Good Friday as well as a Tenebrae Service at 7pm. It is a meditation on the passion and death of Jesus as well using the imagery of light and darkness.

HOLY SATURDAY (April 19th)- On this day Christ is in the tomb. There is no daytime Mass on Holy Saturday. It is still a day of fasting and sorrow before the Easter Vigil begins that evening. We recall, with Mary and the disciples, that Jesus died and was separated from them for the first time as He lay in the tomb. The faithful are expected to continue their Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday. In the Apostles Creed we pray "He descended into hell" (translated hades, that is, the temporary abode of the dead—not the eternal lake of fire) which describes what Jesus did in the time between his burial and Resurrection. Jesus descended to the realm of the dead on Holy Saturday to save the righteous souls—the Old Testament patriarchs, for example—who died before his crucifixion.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls Jesus' descent into the realm of the dead "the last phase of Jesus'

messianic mission," during which he "opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him." Before Holy Saturday, there were no souls enjoying the beatific vision of God in heaven! Christ's work on Holy Saturday is also known as the "Harrowing of Hell."

At OLP, we have Morning Prayer at 8am on this day as well as the traditional blessing of the Easter Foods at Noon.

May God bless our 5th Week of Lent 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...

****Jubilee Weekend for the Sick/World Health/Disability AND Anointing of the Sick Mass**

Our next Jubilee Mass Weekend at OLP is: **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 Mass on April 5th Mass.**

****Walking with the American Saints** **This Tuesday, April 8th from 7-8pm is the last session and I will present on St.**

Katharine 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. Katharine's tomb was moved to the Cathedral in Philadelphia.

****"The Light is On for You" is THIS Wednesday, April 9th from 5-7pm (local churches are open and priests hearing confessions throughout Erie).** See page 7 for participating churches.

****Stations of the Cross are held every Friday of Lent (April 11) at 7pm. Confessions are heard from 6-7pm every night of the 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 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 9th from 5-7pm.

****The Chrism Mass, which is Monday, April 14th at 1pm at St. Peter Cathedral, is one of the greatest celebrations and expressions of the community of our Diocesan Church of the entire church year.** The oils are blessed by Bishop Persico that will be used for the sacraments at parishes for the next year and the priests of the diocese recommit ourselves to our priestly ministry. This is another liturgy that every Catholic should experience at least once. This is a great opportunity to show solidarity with our Bishop and your priests- we would love to pray with you there!

****24 Hour Adoration During Holy Week at OLP will be held from Tuesday, April 15th at 12:30pm to Noon on Wednesday, April 17th. Please consider signing up for a 30 or 60 minute slot in the vestibule.**

****Masses this Week** Monday, April 7th - St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest (18th century French patron of teachers); Tuesday, April 8th to Thursday, April 10th- Lenten Weekdays; Friday, April 11th- St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr (11th Century Bishop of Cracow); Saturday, April 12th- Lenten Weekday.

****Catholic Services Appeal 2025** We presently have 330 Pledges for \$177,622. Thank you to all who have pledged! We have exceeded our assessment to the Diocese of Erie (\$151,000) but our goal is 400 pledges for \$227,000 and our parish project is the renovation of the rectory kitchen as well as the replacing of the flooring for the first floor. Please consider making a pledge; envelopes are at the doors of the church or at the parish office.

****Mass Intentions/Mass Schedule at OLP** On April 2nd we opened the Mass Intention Book for the rest of 2025. Until now, the book was only open through 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 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 1/3 of the weekly attendance we had in 2005 when we had 6 Masses each weekend. Our church can hold approximately 800-900 people so with 5 Masses we 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.

****HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17th-** The evening Mass on Holy Thursday (at 7pm at OLP) is referred to as The Mass of the Lord's Supper. This is where the Church re-lives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified. After the homily there is an optional "washing of the feet" ceremony, where the priest washes the feet of others to signify his role as servant—just as Jesus did with his disciples. Extra hosts are consecrated at this Mass to be used on Good Friday when no Mass will be celebrated. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of repose," a place where the consecrated Host is kept, away from the main altar where Mass is normally celebrated. (at OLP it is in the school cafeteria). Many parishes create space for people to stay and pray with the reposed Eucharist at this altar of repose late into the night, remembering Jesus' request in the Garden of Gethsemane for someone to "watch and pray" with Him. (at OLP we do this from 8:15-11pm at which time we pray Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) and then public prayer ends). At OLP, we start Holy Thursday with morning prayer at 8:00am.

****Faithful to the Finish 5K** Our 11th Annual 5K will be held on Saturday, May 10th at 8am at Presque Isle. Remember that all funds raised by our 5K go towards building up our Parish Endowment which we started several years ago with the Catholic Foundation of NWPa. As we prepare to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the OLP in September, your support of the 5K will ensure the ministry of Our Lady of Peace for years to come! See below on how you, your business or employer can be a sponsor and on page 14 on how to register and participate in this fun 5K walk/race.

****Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) and OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation for children)** Please continue to pray for the following OLP catechumens and candidates:

OCIA: Caleb Casey, Drew Dennington, Craig Johnston, Mark Keinath, Kyle Lazenby, Brandon Leuellen, Scott Russell, Devin Sharp, Joe Sierota, Nate Steis

OCIC: Francesa O'Neill Carino, Cassius Fyke



Sponsorship Levels

Gold - \$1000 - GCXC Race Timing Mgmt.

Silver - \$750 - SWAG

Bronze - \$400 - Award Medals

Sponsor - \$250 - RunSignUp

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.

Join us in prayerful support for the those entering the church this Easter

Receiving Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

OCIC -
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FRANCHESA O'NEILL CARINO



CASSIUS FYKE

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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Confirmation, Eucharist



CALEB CASEY

Confirmation



DREW DENNINGTON

Confirmation, Eucharist



CRAIG JOHNSTON

Confirmation, Eucharist



MARK KEINATH

Confirmation



KYLE LAZENBY

Confirmation



BRANDON LEUELLEN

Confirmation, Eucharist



SCOTT RUSSELL

DEVIN SHARP



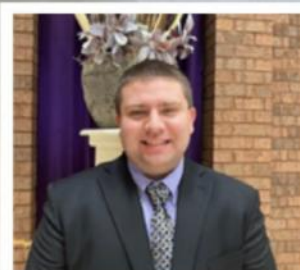
Confirmation, Eucharist

JOE SIEROTA



Confirmation, Eucharist

NATE STEIS



Confirmation

God, we thank you for the gift of faith and for those You are calling to Yourself.
May we be a light to their path.

The Light is ON for You.



Confessions will be heard at these churches on
Wednesday, April 9, 2025 - 5-7pm

Whether it's been a month or 50 years, all are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare their hearts for Easter.

Blessed Sacrament
Holy Cross
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Our Lady of Peace
Our Lady of The Lake, Edinboro
St. Boniface
St. Francis Xavier, McKea

St. George
St. John the Baptist
St. Joseph/Bread of Life
St. Jude the Apostle
St. Julia
St. Luke
St. Peter Cathedral



Len Kuzma, OLP Knight and Sr. Valerie Luckey, EMMAUS

Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus

Recently the OLP Knights of Columbus donated \$500 to Emmaus Ministries. The Knights have been volunteering for many years serving the men, women and children who come for a home cooked meal, a friendly smile and a warm welcome.

Emmaus served its first "meal" in 1974 and remains a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters to this day. From humble beginnings—a simple cup of soup and peanut butter and jelly sandwich—to today's full supper meals, Emmaus Ministries remains committed to its two-fold motto:

Bread for the Body. Care for the Soul.

Behind each of these varied outreaches of the ministry lies a simple truth: Each human being has value. We all deserve to be nourished, body and soul.

Thank you Knights of Columbus for your commitment to serving our neighbors.

OLP YOUTH MINISTRY SPRING 2025 SCHEDULE

<p>March</p> <p>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</p> <p>May</p> <p>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</p>	<p>April</p> <p>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</p>
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-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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Apr. 6 Last day of Faith formation. Parents and students in Grades 1-5 gather in the cafeteria for a special presentation.

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

Apr. 6 Last Confirmation Class
Apr. 27 Practice for Confirmation. Students and sponsors need to attend.

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

Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Child Abuse Prevention Month - Reporting Child Abuse:

It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Physical and sexual abuse of minors are pervasive societal problems, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the 2023 Pennsylvania statewide report there were 5,129 substantiated reports of child abuse. 1,749 or 34.1% of the substantiated reported were for sexual abuse, 1,350 were physical abuse. Parents remain the persons most responsible for abuse of their children. **To report child abuse, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7).**

For particular questions on reporting abuse in the Diocese of Erie, call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

Carrying the Cross with Christ this Lent

We're really on the homestretch of Lent now. Next week is Holy Week! Are you getting ready for the holiest week of the year?

It will begin with Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday. We will first remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem: how the crowd greeted him with joyful shouts of "Hosanna to the Son of David" and threw palm branches and cloaks in his path as a mark of homage and respect.


A few days later, they were screaming, "Crucify him, crucify him!" After our procession with palms, we will listen to the reading of the Passion.

If we have walked with Jesus this Lent and grown close to him, we will likewise walk with him in his passion. With Peter, we will weep bitter tears as we remember how we denied him, with Simon of Cyrene, we will help him carry his cross, with the women of Jerusalem, we will weep and mourn, and with Joseph of Arimathea we will bury him.

Let us truly participate in this last week before Holy Week so that we can fully participate in the holiest week of the year.

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

OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project



A resident at Maria House Project recently wrote:
 "On November 23rd I took a chance. I did not know what to expect but was willing to do anything to not feel the way I did inside for so many years. The Maria House is a sober spiritual living program designed for guys just like me, lost and broken, it's a repurposed barn on 30+ acres in the middle of nowhere. I look back now and know I was led here. I am learning how to love and be loved and reshaping the old way of thinking I had. I spend my days working with other guys in many different types of meetings, recovery, spiritual, mental health. I have hope today and that is so much more than I thought I could have 6 months ago. Thank you to all those that got me here. If you have any questions or are struggling with addiction and need someone to talk to, please reach out, one day at a time."

When this person said, "Thank you to all those that got me here," he's including you. Your **casseroles** go much farther than feeding the body, they feed the lives of many at Maria House Project.

The April **casseroles**, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church social room (basement) on *Saturday, April 19th*, between 3:30 and 4:30pm. If you would like us to pick it up call us: Skip or Dottie Glover at 814-440-3496 or email us scottiedippy@gmail.com. You may also leave the **casserole** in the church office during the drop-off time. **Casseroles** should be pre-cooked, frozen in a disposable container, with reheating directions attached. Names or addresses are NOT to be included.



March 24, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Between Palm Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday, parishioners in the Diocese of Erie are asked to give generously to the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land.

This collection is a most important source of support for Christians in the Holy Land. Christians continue to be impacted especially hard with the war between Hamas and Israel as well as the instability caused by events in Lebanon and Syria. The money collected helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes, provide Catholic education, and aid the Catholic community with housing, food, health care and employment.

Christians in the Holy Land have great need of your prayers and financial help. The wars, unrest, and instability there have been especially hard on them. Please take this opportunity to reach out to those Christians who suffer persecution and hardship in the very land where Jesus lived.

I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful celebration of the Easter Triduum.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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Holy Week 2025

APRIL 14 - APRIL 20



- April 13th - Palm Sunday - 5pm (April 12th), 7:30am, 9am, 11am and 4:30pm
- April 14th - Chrism Mass at St. Peter Cathedral - 1pm
- April 15th - 24 Hours of Adoration beginning at 1pm through Noon, April 16th
- April 17th - Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7pm
- April 18th - Good Friday Passion of the Lord - 1:30pm
- April 18th - Tenebrae Service - 7:00pm
- April 19th - Great Easter Vigil - 8:30pm
- April 20th - Easter Sunday Mass - 7:30am, 9am, 11am

Holy Week is the most important week in Catholicism. This week we walk with Jesus through the final days of his life: from the triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, to His sermon on the Mount of Olives, to the betrayal of Judas, the celebration of the Last Supper, as He prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, to His trials, death sentence, scourging, through His agonizing walk to Calvary and His death on the Cross. On Holy Saturday He is buried in the tomb to rise on Easter Sunday.

In Holy Week, we encounter the Church's most solemn observances and joyous feasts of Jesus' triumph over death once and for all time.



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

OLP is a community where caring for each other is a priority. Could you use help with a household project such as landscaping, gardening, painting or small house repair? We want to serve you,



OLP SERVES

May 17, 2025

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Signups for projects and volunteers will take place on April 5th/6th after all Masses

Need help with a project at your home? Completed forms can be dropped off at the church office, please return by May 4th.

Questions, contact Chris Turner at 401-580-1655
or Andy Heinlein at 814-413-6365





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MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK



OLP is a community where caring for each other is a priority.
Can you spare a day for your neighbor?
Do you have special skills to share?

May 17, 2025

Volunteer and work with a team helping fellow parishioners with small household projects.

Are you ready to serve your neighbor?
Contact Chris Turner at 401-580-1655
or Andy Heinlein at 814-413-6365.

Signups for volunteers and projects will take place on April 5th/6th after all Masses

Name: _____

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Masonry _____

Other _____

WALKING WITH THE AMERICAN SAINTS



We invite **YOU** to join us on a journey of discovery this **LENT**. Saints started out as ordinary people just like you; come and learn how they turned their ordinary lives into extraordinary ones.

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

NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS - ST. JUNIPERO SERRA - ST. THEODORE GUERIN - ST. DAMIAN OF MOLOKAI - ST. CATHERINE DREXEL

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. ~

OLP COOKS

PROVIDING MEALS FOR PARISHIONERS IN NEED

We have assembled our cooking team and are ready to begin providing meals for OLP Parishioners in need. If you need a meal or know of a parishioner who needs this ministry, please contact **Maria Prier**.

YOU are the eyes and ears of the parish. **If you know of someone who is having surgery, will be giving birth to a child, experiencing serious illness, or other special circumstances, contact our OLP Cooks Meal Coordinator, Maria Prier.** Thank you and let's start cooking!

Maria Prier, OLP Cooks Meal Coordinator
 priermaria@gmail.com
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A Hand Up Erie and Catholic Charities are in need of the following items:

- Couches, sofas, chairs
- Single and full-sized beds
- Bedroom dressers and nightstands

Gently used large items can be donated by contacting Pete Piotrowski at 814-600-5386 to make arrangements for pick-up at your home and delivered to the center.

Faith On Fire! 'Greater Things' Luncheon

HOW FAITH AFFECTS THE Brain

Saturday 4-12-25 - 9:30 to 1
 Saint Joseph Bread of Life Center
 147 West 24th St. Erie

Early Bird \$12.50 until 4/2/25
 Regular \$14.00 by 4/9/25
 10.00 (no lunch) online or at the door

Dr Sabol is a board certified neuropsychologist and former director of neuropsychology at two university hospitals. She frequently speaks on how faith and science intersect.

<https://bit.ly/PRAYBRAIN>
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Name _____ Phone _____
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Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.

CHECK ONE:

- New Registration
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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

Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889



Qualifies for service hours!

The Mass Book for July-December 2025 will opened Wednesday, April 2nd

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

We remind you that to ensure ALL parishioners can remember their loved ones by offering Mass for them we must limit the number of Masses per person to three per year.

If you have already had three Masses said for your loved one in the first half of this year we respectfully ask that you not request additional Masses.

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Please join us on **Saturday, May 10, 2025** for the 11th Annual
Our Lady of Peace Faithful to the Finish 5K Run / Walk

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

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 - (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.

Post-Race Refreshments: Refreshments available following the race near the Erie Runners Club Pavilion.

I would like to make an additional donation to the OLP Parish Endowment as I love OLP!

Donation Amount \$ _____

I would like to make a donation to the OLP Parish Endowment as I have no desire to run / walk!

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NAME _____ GENDER _____ DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____

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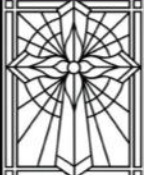
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