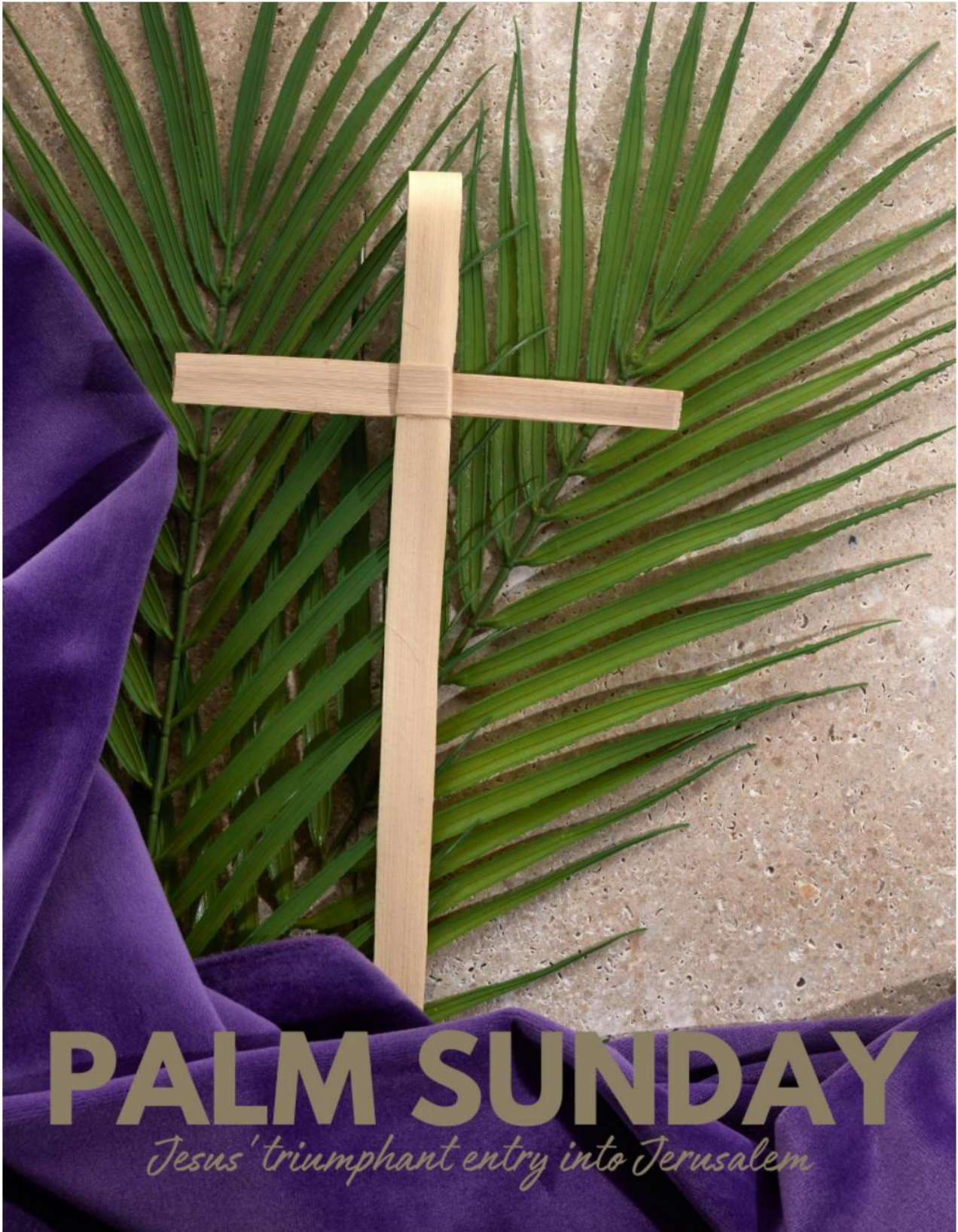




Our Lady of Peace



PALM SUNDAY

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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
13th Granola Bars / Crackers
20th Meals in a Box / Juice / Applesauce
27th Mac 'n Cheese (single serve)

Pantry is OPEN April 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:

Gospel at the Procession with Palms - Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

Entrance Antiphon - Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

First Reading - In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Is. 50:4-7).

Psalm - My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading - Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel - The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 - 23:56 [23:1-49]).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Love and Betrayal

The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." (Luke 22:61)

Adults: When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus?

Kids: When have you let someone down who trusted you? How did you feel?

THE STORY OF OUR REDEMPTION

We begin the final week of Lent with these familiar readings. This year, we hear the Passion from the Gospel of Luke. These readings for Palm Sunday and the Passion used to be read on successive Sundays. Now they are combined into a single feast, so that we may see the whole sweep of the glory and the suffering played out. Jesus accepts the adulation of the crowd, the foreshadowing of his glory in the Resurrection. He bids farewell to his disciples in his last Passover, and forgives his tormentors as he dies on the cross. Later this week, we enter the Holy Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when the whole story of our redemption will play out once again.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

Monday of Holy Week

7:00AM John Staszak -

Eric & Noreen Pocij

12:10PM Pam Kelsey - Judy & Rick Oros

1:00PM Chrism Mass, St. Peter Cathedral, Erie



TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00AM Robert Lunardini - Family

12:10PM Rose M. Eisweirth - Fred & Evelyn Fried

12:40PM til Noon Wednesday -

24 HOUR Adoration, OLP Chapel

2:00PM School Mass - Vilma & Pete Battista -
Ehrman Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00AM Major Tom Carr - Tom & June Carr

12:10PM Dan Parry - Family

1:00PM Jesus Christ Superstar
Presented by OLP 8th Grade

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

Holy Thursday

7:00AM Morning Prayer

7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper -

Living & Deceased Priests Who Served OLP

Collection for the Needy Fund of the Parish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -

until Evening Prayer at 11:00PM (OLP Cafeteria)



FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025

Good Friday

7:00AM Morning Prayer

12:00-1:00PM Confessions

1:30PM Passion/Veneration of Cross/
Distribution of Communion

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

3:00-4:00PM Confessions

7:00PM Tenebrae Service

(A Good Friday Service with prayer, readings & song)

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

Holy Saturday

8:00AM Morning Prayer

11:00AM Confessions

12:00PM Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

8:30PM Great Vigil of Easter

Living & Deceased Members of OLP



SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30AM Maria D'Accardo -

Vincenzo & Calcedonia Missalino

9:00AM Amelia Patsy -

Son & Daughter-in-Law

11:00AM Donna Griffin - Friends



NO 4:30 Mass

Readings for the Week of April 13th

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 - 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25;
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42

Saturday: I) Gn 1:1 - 2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

II) Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16: 5, 8-11

III) Ex 14:15 - 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18

IV) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6

V) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4

Epistle) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

A Family Perspective

Today, Jesus tells us, I am among you as one who serves."

By accepting the palm branch today, you publicly reaffirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service is what defines a family as truly Christian.

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. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F., Donna R.

Apr. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.

Apr. 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B.

Apr. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.

Apr. 17: Len & Cathy K., Helen W., Barbara W., Nancy D.

Apr. 18: Rachel O.

Apr. 19: Amber D., Chris L.

Apr. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Donna G.

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 Palm Sunday to you! We enter the holiest week of the liturgical year and I hope this week will look different for you than any other week in your year. I continue here to explain the Sacred Triduum in more detail than I have in the past. I and our parish leadership stress the importance of the Triduum and encourage you more than ever to attend it's liturgies. So this weekend I complete the explanation of the Triduum with the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. I focused on the overview of the Sacred Triduum and Holy Thursday in my article two weeks ago and Good Friday and Holy Saturday last week in case you missed them.

EASTER VIGIL (April 19th). A vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil: the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church. At Our Lady of Peace our Vigil Mass will begin at 8:30pm.

The vigil is divided into four parts and can last up to three hours: 1) the Service of Light, 2) the Liturgy of the Word, 3) the Liturgy of Baptism, and 4) the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This is also the Mass in which many OCIA catechumens are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. Although celebrated Holy Saturday evening, it is the dramatic Easter vigil liturgy that marks the beginning of Easter. We are awaiting our master's return with our lamps full and burning, so that he will find us awake and seat us at his table (cf. Luke 12:35ff).

The Service of Light and the Liturgy of the Word are most unique to the Vigil so I include full details about them here.

Service of Light

The atmosphere in the church is different: the holy water fonts are drained, all the lights are out, the tabernacle is empty. The service begins outside the church. A new fire is lit and blessed. After the blessing of the new fire, one of the ministers brings the new paschal candle to the priest, who cuts a cross into the candle with a stylus. Then he makes the Greek letter Alpha above the cross, the letter Omega below, and the four numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross, saying meanwhile:

“Christ yesterday and today (he cuts a vertical line);
the Beginning and the End (he cuts a horizontal line);
the Alpha (he cuts the letter Alpha above the vertical line);

and the Omega (he cuts the letter Omega below the vertical line);

All time belongs to him (he cuts the 1st numeral of the current year in the upper left corner of the cross);

and all the ages (he cuts the 2nd numeral of the current year in the upper right corner of the cross);

To him be glory and power (he cuts the 3rd numeral of the current year in the lower left corner of the cross);
through every age and for ever. Amen (4th numeral of the current year in the lower right corner of the cross).”

Then the priest may insert five grains of incense into the candle in the form of a cross, meanwhile saying:

“1. By his holy; 2. and glorious wounds; 3. may Christ the Lord; 4. guard us; 5. and protect us. Amen.”

The priest lights the candle from the new fire. The candle is then processed through the church, with the deacon lifting the candle at three different times, singing: The Light of Christ. (or Lumen Christi) and the congregation sings in reply: Thanks be to God (or Deo gratias). Everyone lights their candle from the Easter candle and continues in procession until the whole church is alight. The Paschal candle symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World.

Next follows the glorious Easter song of the Catholic Church: **the Exsultet (the Easter Proclamation)**. "This magnificent hymn, which is remarkable for its lyric beauty and profound symbolism, announces the dignity and meaning of the mystery of Easter; it tells of man's sin, of God's mercy, and of the great love of the Redeemer for mankind, admonishing us in turn to thank the Trinity for all the graces that have been lavished upon us" (©1947 With Christ Through the Year, by Bernard Strasser). This is usually sung by the deacon.

2) Liturgy of the Word

During the Easter vigil, nine readings are provided: seven Old Testament and two New Testament. Not all are required to be read due to time constraints, but at least three Old Testament readings must be read, including Exodus 14. These readings help us meditate on the wonderful works of God for his people since the beginning of time. The readings are:

Creation, Gen 1:1-2; 2;

Abraham and Isaac, Gen 22:1-18;

Crossing of the Red Sea, Exodus 14:15-15:1;

Isaiah 54:5-14;

Isaiah 55:1-11;

Baruch 3:9-15.32-4:4;

Ezekiel 36:16-17.18-28;

Romans 6:3-11; and

Gospel Reading, Year A: Matthew 28:1-10; Year B:

Mark 16:1-7; Year C: Luke 24:1-12.

The Gloria is sung before the reading of the Epistle of the Romans, and the Alleluia is sung before the Gospel.

EASTER SUNDAY- March 31st. Easter Sunday is what we've all been waiting for! The forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent was in preparation for this day, when our hearts and souls can drink in deeply the culmination of the Paschal mystery: the Resurrection.

"Therefore Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts', the 'Solemnity of solemnities', just as the Eucharist is the 'Sacrament of sacraments'. St. Athanasius calls Easter 'the Great Sunday' and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week 'the Great Week'. The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him."

—The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1168 and 1169

I hope and pray that our parish family may enter into Holy Week more deeply than we ever have before.... and may God bless our Holy Week ahead!

Yours in Christ,
Jr. 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...

****OLP School 8th Grade presents Jesus Christ Superstar** For the first time, this long standing school tradition will be presented for the parish on Palm Sunday, April 13th at 6:00pm. It, also, will be held on Wednesday, April 16th for the school at 1:00pm. All are invited to experience this moving presentation.

****HOLY WEEK Confessions**

Wednesday, April 16 th	11:15am-12Noon and 6-7pm
Friday, April 18 th	12Noon-1:15pm and 3-4pm
Saturday, April 19 th	8:30-9am and 11am-12Noon

****The Chrism Mass, which is Monday, April 14th at 1:00pm 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.

****Holy Thursday Church Visit Pilgrimage** OLP Youth Ministry is sponsoring a bus for the traditional Holy Thursday Church Visit Pilgrimage. This is a great tradition of praying at multiple Altars of Repose in local churches on Holy Thursday as a way to "go to the garden" with Jesus. See page 7 for details.

****Sacred Triduum Liturgy Schedule:**

Holy Thursday (April 17th)

7am Morning Prayer (Church)
7pm Mass of the Last Supper (Church)
8:30-11pm Private prayer at Altar of Repose (Cafeteria)
11pm Night Prayer (Cafeteria)

Good Friday (April 18th)

7am Morning Prayer
1:30pm Passion of the Lord Service
7pm Tenebrae

Holy Saturday (April 19th)

8am Morning Prayer
Noon Blessing of Easter Foods
8:30pm The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (April 20th)

7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 11am Mass

****Catholic Services Appeal 2025** We presently have 343

Pledges for \$192,386. Thank you to all who have pledged! We exceeded our assessment to the Diocese (\$151,000) but our goal is 400 pledges for \$227,000. Our parish project is the renovation of the rectory kitchen as well as 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.
****OLP Faithful to the Finish 5K** Next month is our 11th Annual "Faithful to the Finish" 5K Run/Walk at Presque Isle State Park at 8am (Saturday, May 10th). Part of our mission is to ensure that the Christian way of life continues not just in our generation, but for generations to come. One way we can do that is by supporting our new Parish Endowment that we have established with the Catholic Foundation of NWPA. For the past 4 years all monies raised by our annual Faithful to the Finish 5K has gone towards the OLP Parish Endowment. We started the endowment at \$10,000 in 2022 and it is now up to \$57,765 so let's keep it growing! Unfortunately, I will not be at the 5K this year due to the pilgrimage to Italy (May 5-16) but know I will be with you in spirit and prayer! [Look below on how to sponsor and on page 14 participate in the 5K.](#)



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 those entering the church this Easter

Receiving Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

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OCIA -
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



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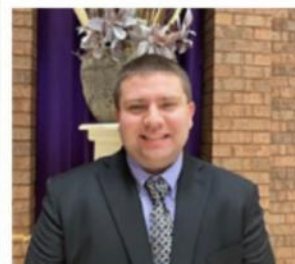
DEVIN SHARP

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.

SUNRISE Holy Saturday HIKE

Who: all are welcome, if under 18-please have an adult join you
 What: a sunrise reflective walk to contemplate Christ in the tomb
 Where: Start & end @Browns Farm; 5774 Sterrettania Rd, Fairview, PA 16415
 When: April 19th. Meet at 6am, return by 8am
 Extra details: bring a Rosary, a snack to break the fast, we'll pray morning prayer on the trail, wear warm gear

Questions: Sarah.beaver@olp.org



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Rosemary Wayman, mother of Dave Wayman. May her family find hope and consolation through his faith in the resurrected Lord.

Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Child Abuse Prevention Month: Recent statistics tell us one in ten children are sexually abused before they turn 18. 18.91% of sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child or the child's family knows. This means that on every Sunday in our congregation there are people who have been abused and may continue to experience the pain of that abuse. Reaching out to those who have suffered from abuse is critical in bringing hope and the love of Christ to them. Assistance is available for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse by contacting the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Gerard Tobin at 814-451-1521.

Carrying the Cross with Christ this Lent

Today we begin Holy Week. Put your twig crosses in a prominent place or carry it in your pocket to remind you of this holiest week of the year.

On Good Friday, after venerating the cross, you may place your twig cross in the place indicated, as a sign that your cross is united with the cross of Jesus on that solemn day and always.

What a wonderful preparation for Easter.



Holy Thursday Pilgrimage

Join us as we visit many of the Altars of Repose following the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Meet at OLP Scout House by 8:30pm, we'll bus to 4-5 other parishes and return to OLP for night prayer at 11pm.

Open to all ages-permission forms available for youth without parents joining, but families encouraged to join!
 Donations welcome to help cover the cost of the bus, but by no means mandatory!

We'll offer paper reflections for each church.

Email Sarah.beaver@olp.org to RSVP
 or call the OLP office 814-833-7701 x206-to Sarah Beaver



Catholic Charities
and
A Hand Up Erie



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.

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.

Palm Sunday



Holy Week begins today. During this week we will act out parts of Christ's life and share in the mystery of His suffering, death and resurrection. From Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, to the Lord's Supper, washing of feet, going with Jesus to Gethsemane, embracing the Cross (veneration), and his crucifixion. The Triduum (Holy Thursday evening through Holy Saturday) is one day liturgically leading us to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

Lord God, I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.
Here I stand, at the start of this holy week,
the week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death, and I am distracted by many things.
Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name.
The one who opens the gates of righteousness. The one who answers when we call.
I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me, and for sending your son to us, in human frailty.
To walk the road we walk.
Open my eyes that I may see him coming, may praise him with a pure heart,
may walk in the way of his suffering, and share also in his resurrection.
(ibelieve.com)

Today, we join those who honored Jesus during his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We take palms as a symbol of the ways that we can honor and adore Jesus more in our lives and to reaffirm our desire to welcome Him and never take Him for granted.

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, a week that for Christians looks different than any other week of the year.



Chrism Mass

Monday, April 14, 1:00pm at St. Peter Cathedral

Today, Bishop Persico will bless the holy oils for the Diocese. The Oil of the Catechumenate will be used in Baptisms of infants and adults to instill wisdom and the strength to avoid evil and to prepare for a life with Christ. The Oil of the Infirmed is used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, in which God gives the sick the grace and strength to bear the illness or infirmity. The Sacred Chrism is used for confirmation as well as being part of the Baptismal rite and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is a fragrant balsam that represents the "aroma of Christ." It is also a key moment of unity for the Diocese, as the local priests renew their vow of obedience to the Bishop and commitment to serve.

Lord God, six days before his death, your son sat with Lazarus, whom he raised from the dead, and ate dinner with his friends.

Your gospel tells us that Martha served and Mary knelt at Jesus' feet to anoint them with costly perfume. The disciple who was about to betray him said that it was a waste. He didn't care about the poor, really- and Mary felt ashamed.

Lord, often we cannot discern what is best: When to pour out costly perfume for your sake, even if the world thinks it is a waste. When to be busy serving, or when to rest at your Son's feet and learn.

Give us ears to hear you and eyes to see you.

(ibelieve.com)

24 Hour Adoration

Tuesday, April 15-Wednesday, April 16



Our Lenten Season began on Ash Wednesday when we received ashes on our forehead as a reminder to "repent and believe in the Lord."

In this Lenten Season, there have been opportunities for confession and on Friday's we pray the Stations, all showing that we **believe**. Beginning at noon on Tuesday, April 15th we will have **24 HOURS OF ADORATION** in the main church concluding at noon on Wednesday, April 16th.

Spend time this Holy Week growing closer to Him, he longs for you to know Him.

Lord God, we tremble to think that it was one of Jesus' own friends who betrayed him.

One who sat by him, who broke bread with him.

Give us strength, we pray, to walk faithfully with Jesus;

even when the road we walk is rocky, even when the message of the cross seems like foolishness, and even when we feel betrayed.

You, Lord, are always faithful. We stumble, we become lost, but you are steady and sure.

Give us the grace to endure our troubles, and reveal to us the glory of your kingdom.

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Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm



Take and eat . . . take and drink.
Do this in memory of me.
Do what I have done for you.

Today we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper as we remember the first Mass that Jesus celebrated with the Apostles, when he invited them to take and eat. . . take and drink; and then commanded them to "do this in memory of me." After washing his disciples feet, Jesus says, "do what I have done for you." He is telling them and us that foot washing is an image of the Church we are called to be - a parish where service is at the heart of what we do, strengthened by the Eucharist.

After Mass, as church we "go to the garden" with Jesus, processing with the Blessed Sacrament to the cafeteria. There the Eucharist is reposed in the tabernacle until 11:00pm when all present will say Night Prayer.

Lord God, You sent your Son into the world, and before his hour had come, he washed his disciples' feet.
You had given all things into his hands.

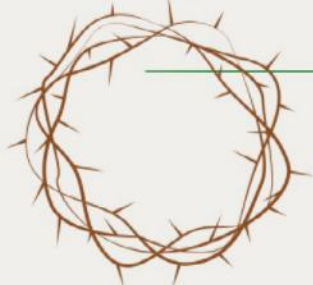
He had come for you, and was going to you, and what did he do?

He knelt down on the floor and washed his friends feet.

He was their teacher and their Lord, yet he washed their feet.

Lord God, help us learn from his example; Help us to do as he has done for us.

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Good Friday

Friday, April 18, 1:30pm

Good Friday is the most somber day of the whole year. We are encouraged to make every effort to be prayerful and quiet, especially during the hours of Noon and 3:00pm. This is the only day in the liturgical year where there is no Mass and the tabernacle is empty. We gather for the "Celebration of the Lord's Passion." The scriptures for the liturgy are filled with images of suffering and they point clearly to Jesus. Jesus, the servant who is beaten and disfigured, who empties himself of everything and is led to Pilate is none other than the only Son of God. There are special intercessions and the highlight of the ritual is the Adoration of the Holy Cross. All come forward, to reverence, genuflect or bow before the instrument of our salvation. The service concludes with a simple communion service using hosts consecrated at the Holy Thursday celebration. All leave in solemn silence.

Lord God, we wait, on Friday, for the resurrection of Sunday.

And sometimes our lives seem a succession of Fridays and we cannot see what is "Good."

Teach us to call your name as Jesus did. Make us trust in you like little children.

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Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 19, Noon

Lord God, on the Sabbath, Jesus rested.

He was in the grave.

He had finished his work.

To most people's eyes, it looked as if it were all over. He was dead and buried.

But only as a seed dies when it is planted in the earth, not to decay, but to spring to new life.

Teach us to take refuge in you when we are afraid.

Teach us that death is not our end.

Teach us to hope always in you and in the resurrection, the making of all things new.

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The blessing of the Easter foods dates back to the Middle Ages when milk, eggs, fat, and meat were forbidden during the Lenten fast and abstinence. When the feast of Easter brought the rigorous fast to an end, people showed their joy and gratitude by first taking the food to the church for a blessing. On Holy Saturday morning, families bring symbolic items in their Easter baskets to the church for a special blessing. Traditionally baskets are lined with a white cloth, filled with decorated eggs (Christ's Resurrection), lamb shaped butter (Christ as the Lamb of God), bread (Jesus is the Bread of Life), meats (great joy and abundance), salt, pepper, oil, vinegar (we are "the salt of the earth" and a reminder of the bitter herbs of Passover) and decorated with greens symbolizing spring renewal.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 19, 8:30pm



The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Easter Triduum celebrating the passion and resurrection of Jesus. It begins in the darkness with a service of light. The lighting of the fire and the Easter candle are signs of Christ, "the light of the world," and celebrates the victory of light over darkness.

There are a series of readings recalling God's interventions in history, from creation to the redemption of Israel from Egypt, ending with the story of Jesus' resurrection. The great "alleluia," which had been banished from our prayer since Ash Wednesday, returns proclaiming with joy the triumph of God's Son. Water is blessed in an elaborate ceremony. We invoke the presence of the holy men and women who have gone before us and lead the Elect into the waters of Baptism. Those already baptized Christian will then be received into full communion with the Church. The whole congregation is then sprinkled in the waters of life, recalling our own baptism. The newly baptized then complete their initiation through the sacrament of Confirmation. At the joyful celebration of the Eucharist, some will receive communion for the first time.

Having been immersed in the Lord's passion, in the stories of salvation history, and in the waters of rebirth, we journey now through the fifty days of Easter toward the celebration of Pentecost. We pray that the realities and mysteries of the Triduum will remain with us - commitment, service, victory, resurrection, washing, welcoming - all are part of the Easter experience and the lifelong experience of the Church.



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May 17, 2025

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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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Name _____ Phone _____
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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



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The Mass Book for July-December 2025 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.

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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

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.

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