

Fifth Sunday of Easter

2401 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506

## **OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH**

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Fr. Rich Toohey, Gina Adams,

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celebrated each month on the 1st

Sunday at 12:30PM. A mandatory prep class for parents is available.

Sunday at 11AM Mass & 3rd

Sacrament of Matrimony An



**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.

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| olp@olp.org<br>Faith Formation Office<br>814-838-9983<br>Office Hours: 8:00AM - 8:00PM<br>Business Hours: 8:00AM - 4:00PM<br>Interim School Principal<br>Mrs. Lisa Panighetti<br>School Phone<br>814-838-3548<br>School Website<br>www.eriecatholic.org<br><u>Parish Pastoral Team</u><br>Pastor<br>Rev. Rich Toohey<br>(fr.rich@olp.org)<br>Parochial Vicar<br>Rev. Nicholas Fratus<br>Priest in Residence<br>Rev. Shane Mathew | 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.         May 2025         18th       Cereal / Oatmeal (single serve)         25th       Pasta Sauce / Pasta         Pantry is OPEN May 13th & 27th         (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<br>Pantry is asking for<br><i>extra food donations</i> :<br>Canned Soup<br>Canned Vegetables<br>Whole Grain Cereal<br>Pet Food<br>Laundry Supplies<br>Toilet Tissue/Kleenex<br>Paper Towels/Napkins<br>Personal Hygiene Items<br>Reusable Grocery Bags<br>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** - O sing a new song to the Lord, / for he has worked wonders; / in the sight of the nations / he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading - Paul and Barnabas reported how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles (Acts 14:21-27).

**Psalm** - I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading - God's dwelling is with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a). Gospel - This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another

(John 13:31-33a, 34-35). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved

Family Discussion of the Week: Love One Another Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34) Adults: When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation? Kids: Do you believe love is stronger than hate? Why?

#### **MISSIONARIES OF MERCY**

Paul's back! After last week's "violent abuse," opponents organized a lynch mob that beat Paul nearly to death. But call Paul the "energizing evangelist," transforming deadly cruelty into life-giving zeal. Paul's past courage should inspire our commitment; Revelation's future "new heaven, new earth" should inspire our optimism. But Revelation's present assurance, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race," should challenge us to become "missionaries of mercy." Because Pope Francis declared that the Church's credibility is completely dependent on our showing unconditional mercy. Mercy, said Francis, makes the Church, the world, and everyone young again, reawakened to life's noblest virtues. Fittingly, in today's Gospel Jesus reinforces that theme: "This is how all will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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

# MAY 18, 2025

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

# MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

7:00AM Sarah Harrington -Mom, Dad, Kayleigh, Josh & Daniel
12:10PM Kathleen McCloskey - Pat Bogart

## TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

 7:00AM Dennis Dombrowski -Jerry Dombrowski & Family
 12:10PM Ted Marnen - Patty & Family

# WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

7:00AM Special Intention for the Suffering Souls in Purgatory - Dr. Hal Angeloff

12:10PM Joe & Jean Jenci - Guy & Heidi Fustine

# **THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025**

7:00AM William Cain - Jay & Marcia
12:10PM Kathleen McCloskey - Judy Abel
2:00PM School Mass - Mary Ellen Grisier - Sally Barrett

# FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

**7:00AM** Robert Lunardini - Family **12:10PM** Special Intention - Family

# SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

8:00AM Virginia Birkmire - Birkmire Family 5:00PM Margaret Hardner - Patricia

## SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
9:00AM George Kaufman - Wife & Family
11:00AM Tim Harrington - Family
4:30PM George Garan - Kohmuench Family

## MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

Memorial Day

9:00AM Chuck Harrity - Wife, Bev

Offices Closed and will reopen Tuesday

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

## **Confessions available:**

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

**<u>SANCTUARY LAMP</u>** - The lamp is burning this week for a Special Intention - Family.

**<u>CHAPEL LAMP</u>** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Larrie Dudenhoeffer - Stewart 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 May 18th          |
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| Monday:    | Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;           |
|            | Jn 14:21-26                                |
| Tuesday:   | Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;         |
|            | Jn 14:27-31a                               |
| Wednesday: | Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8         |
| Thursday:  | Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11    |
| Friday:    | Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17 |
| Saturday:  | Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21  |
| Sunday:    | Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;    |
|            | Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29            |
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# **A Family Perspective**

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us: **"Love one another."** Love is the glue that holds a family together. It's not the activities a family engages in that make it

exceptional, but the love they share for one another.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED** - Please pray for Louis Newell, Jr., father of Don Newell; for Charles "Chuck" Dougherty; and for Patricia Maciak, mother of Jim (Kathy) Maciak and John (Debbie) Maciak. May their families find hope and consolation through his faith in the resurrected Lord.

# 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:**

May 18: Rachel O. May 19: Amber D., Chris L. May 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G. May 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S. May 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y. May 23: Heidi A. May 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H. May 25: Christine O. *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 Parochial Vicar's Desk, Fr. Nick Fratus... Habemus Papam!

Since Fr. Rich is on the pilgrimage with some of our parishioners, the parochial vicar is allowed to write.



It has not been easy losing Pope Francis, but the process of choosing a new Holy Father has

afforded the Church a moment in the spotlight. It seems like the world was focused on who the next pope would be. This change allows us to take stock of who we are and perhaps more so on who we want to be in the future.

With an eye to who Pope Francis was for us, many people talked about the qualities they wanted in the next pope. It is entirely possible for us as the Church to embody these qualities. We entirely hope that Pope Leo will be close in the exercise of his office to who Pope Francis was for us. It seems like he is off to a good start.

As the pilgrims return, we hope that they also bring back with them a renewed sense of purpose with refreshed vigor in the faith. We all take the opportunity for refreshment especially as we continue to celebrate our rebirth in this Easter season. We know there are hardships to be endured but that what we experience is for the good of God's kingdom that by our actions God may be glorified. Let our lives show the glory of God to all that we meet.

#### Fr. Nick

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...

\*\*Remember this weekend the Knights of Columbus have two options to support them:

-The first is the annual Spring Flower Sale on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 12noon or until sold out. If they don't sell out by weekend Masses they will be available after Mass.

-The second is the Pancake Breakfast for Mothers (who eat for free!) on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8-11:30am. Please see page 7 for more information.

\*\*<u>Masses this Week</u> Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> -Weekday in Easter; *Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>* – St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest (15th Century reformer and preacher, encouraged devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus); *Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>* - St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; *Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>* Weekday in

Easter; *Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>* Weekdays in Easter; *Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>* - Weekday in Easter

\*\*<u>Scouting America Troop 59 Garage Sale</u> Saturday, June 14th, 8:00AM-1:00PM

Donation dates: Thursday, June 12th and Friday, June 13th from 6:00-8:00PM, at the school cafeteria. See page 10 for more details.

**\*\*Catholic Services Appeal 2025** We have 379 Pledges for **\$218,185.** Thank you to all who have pledged! We have exceeded our assessment to the Diocese of Erie (\$151,600) but our goal is 400 pledges for \$227,600 so we are 21 pledges and about \$9,500 short of our goals. Remember 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 if you have not already. Pledge envelopes are at the doors of the church or at the parish office.



Are you looking to join a winning team and help those that are disabled to gain mobility?

The OLP Ramp Team is seeking volunteers to join the team. No experience necessary, "If you can lift a board, we have a place for you." We volunteer for **Ramps for Hope**, a non-profit organization that has built over 850 ramps since 2010 with over 70 built in 2024.

All ramps are built at no cost to the recipient and all materials are purchased through grants and private donations. If you need a ramp or would like to help build with the OLP Ramp team, contact Tony Wujcik at 814–790– 8663 for more information.





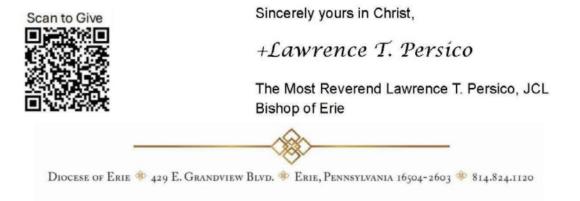
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Ever since our Lord's admonition to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless, wherever and whomever they may be, the Church has been reaching out to those in need. Today I would like to ask you to join me, as members of the worldwide Catholic family, in helping the Church to continue to provide for our needy brothers and sisters throughout the world by giving generously to the **International Needs Collection** to be taken up in the Diocese of Erie the weekend of May 24-25.

This annual collection offers a concrete way for us to reach out to those who live in lands and cultures far from our own. It is a combination of three collections:

- The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe which helps build churches; train and educate seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders; publish Catholic newspapers; support orphanages; and support evangelization among children, youth, and adults.
- The Catholic Relief Services Collection which helps all people, regardless of race, creed, or nation, providing for the victims of war and natural disasters, aiding the Church suffering under persecution, alleviating poverty, and educating the poor; and
- The Support for the Church in Africa collection, which provides for the rapidly growing and vibrant Church on that continent.

Please give generously to the International Needs Collection on May 24-25 and, just as importantly, please include those in need in your prayers. If you prefer to make your gift online, simply scan the QR code below to access the online giving site for the International Needs Collection. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families and parishes.



#### All Volunteers Welcome <u>Sunday Supper Mission</u> Meal served at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant

Volunteer to help feed our brothers and sisters in need by preparing and serving the meal, or kind monetary contribution to help defray the costs.

Planning Meeting: Wednesday May 21, 7:00PM Where: OLP Church Meeting Room What: Select Menu and volunteer for tasks Who: Any parishioner 15+ years Date to Serve: Sunday, June 1st, 3:30-5:30pm Contact: Pete Piotrowski, 814-600-5386 or Debbie Piotrowski, 814-812-0122

#### Watch Our Lady of Peace Mass On Our YouTube Channel

7:00AM Weekdays 8:00AM Saturdays 9:00AM Sundays



Go to **www.olp.org**, scroll down to 'Find Us on Social Media,' click on YouTube and you will be connected to our Channel. Once there you can watch previous Masses and also Subscribe by clicking the red Subscribe button.

Our own **Brian Kuzmin** sings with the Lake Erie Choral Artists and this is their last concert as they are retiring the group.

Please mark your calendars and support Brian and this Farewell Concert!

The Knights of Columbus Council of Our Lady of Peace

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 18th

OLP Cafeteria from 8:00 to 11:30AM

# Bring Mom for Breakfast (Mom's eat for FREE)

<u>Menu</u>:

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns/Sausage/Juice/Coffee/Tea Now Accepting Credit Cards Adults \$10 Child \$6 (6-15) 5 & Under Free Join us for the "Best Breakfast Deal" in town, and support your KofC organization.



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FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, SUGGESTED DONATIONS \$10

Sat, June 14, 2025, 4:00 pm

Christ First United Methodist Church, Jamestown, NY

Sun, June 15, 2025, 4:00 pm

St. Paul Episcopal Cathedral. Erie. PA

A FAREWELL CONCERT

Choral Works by Arcadelt, Clausen, Consolacion, Dawson, Dolanc, Elgar, Fauré, Forrest, Gjeilo, Halmos, Hassler Kennedy, Lauridsen, des Prez, Pearsall, Schütz, Sixten, Whitacre

Our Lady Undoer of Knots

From **May 15 - May 30** we call upon Mary and the Holy Spirit to give birth to Jesus anew at Our Lady of Peace.

Pick up your prayer card in the church and join the parish in daily prayer as we entrust the "Re-creation" of OLP to our Patron.



Our Lady of Peace... Pray for us

5th Gr YG: 4-5:30PM

# OLP YOUTH MINISTRY SPRING 2025 SCHEDULE

#### May

12th-OLP Adoration @6:30pm 13th-MS YG 14th-HS YG 14th-HS YG 16th-Kid's Night Out 17th-OLP Serves-sign up through bulletin 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 @ Cathedral 7pm 27th-MS YG 28th-HS @12th St. Chick-Fil-A



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Any questions or concerns please email sarah.beaver@olp.org

#### Cash Bingo benefits: Benedictine Sisters of Erie

When: July 29, Oct. 12, Nov. 23 Where: Polish Falcons, 421 East 3rd Street, Erie Cost: \$25.00 ~Doors open at Noon, bingo at 1:00PM, bar & kitchen open; Cash bingo, tips, \$100 lottery tree

Proceeds benefit the Benedictine Sisters of Erie ministries: InterCity Day Care; Erie Art House & scholarships.

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Celebrate the gift of life and support the work of The Women's Care Center. Over the last 4 years we have been able to purchase several state of the art Ultrasound Machines and 702 babies have been born to women after they viewed their ultrasound.

The state of Pennsylvania has cut funding to pregnancy and parenting support services causing a significant financial loss for The Women's Care Center. Join us in saving the lives of the unborn.

Pick up your baby bottle in the church on Mother's Day. Fill it with your change, currency or check. Return your full bottle on Father's Day.

> Checks should be made payable to the Knights of Columbus

# Special Collection Thank You: Good Shepherd Collection

Last weekend, our parish took a special collection to support our retired diocesan priest fund. We appreciate your generous response to share in the care of those faithful priests who have ministered to your spiritual needs. Your priests truly appreciate your support. If you would like to add your support to this collection, you may still return the special collection envelope for Good Shepherd in upcoming collections or mail to the Parish Office.

# **OLP PRAYER LINE**

The OLP Prayer Line is ready to pray for you! Prayer intentions for yourself, someone else or a special intention can be sent in by phone or email.

9:00am - 3:00pm Edie Testa at 814-651-5952 or ejt1125@gmail.com

3:00pm - 9:00pm Barb Turner at 814-392-8348 or dylewski49@hotmail.com

If you would like to become a member of the prayer team for this important ministry and pray for your fellow parishioners, contact:

Andrew Heinlein - Outreach Coordinator 814-833-7701 x 206 or andrew.heinlein@olp.org

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Pope Francis taught: We are a single family living in a common home.

# CATIOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

# Join us to explore Catholic Social Teaching with the help of the words and writings of Pope Francis

When: Tuesdays, May 13, 20 and June 3, 10

Where: School Cafeteria

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Understanding the principles of Catholic Social Teaching gives us the foundation for us to address current social questions using consistent moral guidance.

Catholic Social Teaching challenges us to live our faith, and to transform society with the light of faith. As Pope Francis said: "Faith and service cannot be separated...they are intimately linked, intervoven with each other."

Our Lady of Peace Parish - Adult Faith Formation

#### **Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form**

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□ New Registration

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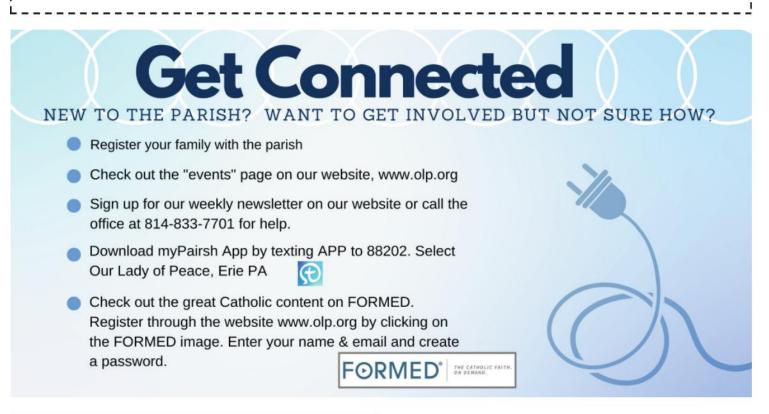
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- □ Change of Address □ Moving out of Parish
- □ Want envelopes

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.

Zip



## **CRS RICE BOWL**

Eucharist

Happy Easter! As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the



CRSRICE continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our

global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world.

Please turn in your Rice Bowl to the vestibule of the church in the large rice bowl set up on the table.

# 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: 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

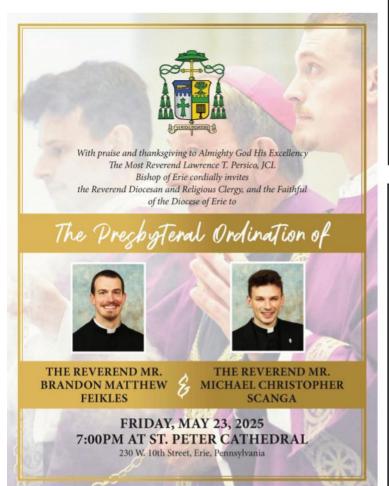


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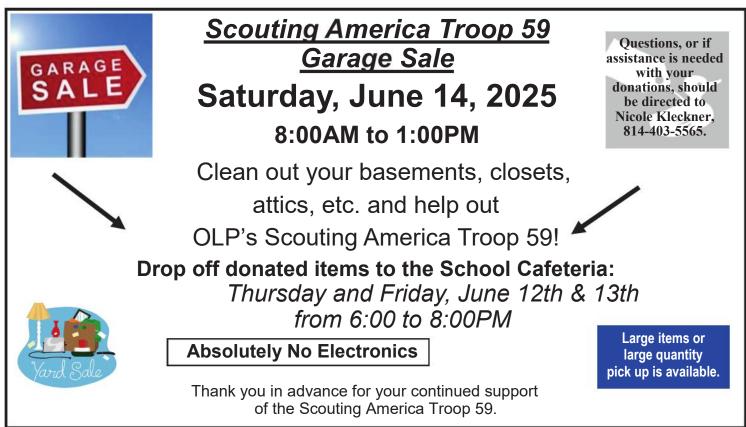


Knights of Columbus **Flower Sale** Saturday, May 17, 2025 8:00AM to Noon

Locally grown flowers available

# Please Be Aware:

A scam is being perpetrated across the country by malicious individuals preying on churches and members of the clergy. The scam plays on your sympathies or your natural inclination to be helpful. Any communication asking you to purchase gift cards should be considered a scam. You should always verify such requests by calling the parish directly. Don't use phone numbers in the fraudulent email. Always look for the parish's official phone number found on our website or in our Sunday bulletin. In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for money or personal information including a request for gift cards of any type - exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity being impersonated by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request. Financial fraud like the Gift Card scam can be reported to the FTC here: https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov and to learn more read this article https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/avoiding-and-reporting-gift-card-scams.





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