

'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 10:25-37



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2401 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

The West Millcreek Food

Pantry is asking for

extra food donations:

Canned Vegetables

Whole Grain Cereal

Toilet Tissue/Kleenex

Paper Towels/Napkins

Personal Hygiene Items

Reusable Grocery Bags

Thank you!

Laundry Supplies

Canned Soup

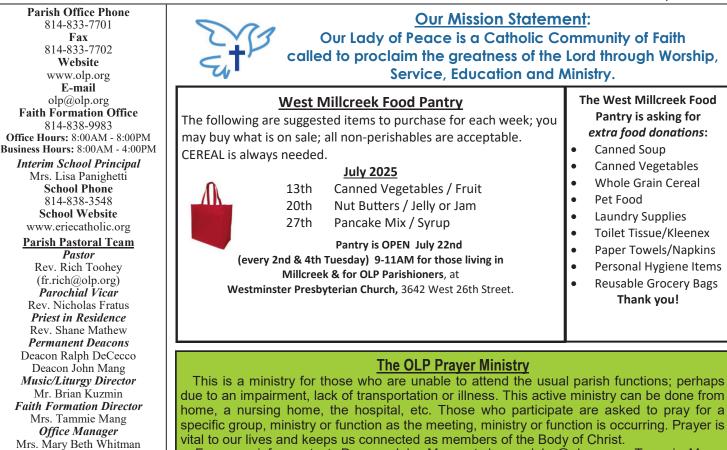
Pet Food

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For more info, contact: Deacon John Mang at <u>deacon.john@olp.org</u> or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office, at 814-838-9983 or tammie.mang@olp.org.

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; / I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading - The word of the LORD is very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

Psalm - Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69).

Second Reading - Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15-20). Gospel - The Samaritan traveler was moved with compassion at the sight of the man stripped

and beaten by robbers (Luke 10:25-37). 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: Acting With Mercy But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wound, having poured oil and wine on them. then he put him on his own animal,, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. (Lk 10:33-34) Adults: When have you gone out of your way to help a stranger in need? Kids: Would you help a new student who needed help? Why or why not?

GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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Warren Beaver, Justin Miles, Mary Beth Whitman The Sacrament of Baptism is

celebrated each month on the 1st

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

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.

or by appointment.

Sunday at 11AM Mass & 3rd

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025

7:00AM Special Intention in Thanksgiving for the 7AM Mass Group - Mary Ann

12:10PM Gary Nason - Brother & Sister-in-Law

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025

7:00AM Larrie Dudenhoeffer - Family **12:10PM** Ted Marnen - Patty & Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025

7:00AM Joe Manzi - Foti Family **12:10PM** Dave Bello - Fred & Evelyn

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

7:00AM Marge Wojtkiewicz - Family **12:10PM** Rosemary Wayman - June Kline

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025

7:00AM Tim - John & Mary 12:10PM Catherine Poydock - Sylvia Bosner

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025

8:00AM Special Intention for Souls in Purgatory -Annemarie Harrington **5:00PM** Judy Miculandra - Judy Peterman

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP **9:00AM** Special Intention for the Stumpf Family **11:00AM** Eleanor Agnello - Frank Minichelli

4:30PM Gregg Theiss - Malue Family

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

Confessions available:

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

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Larrie Dudenhoeffer - Joe, Becky, Grant & Anna.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Judy Miculandra - Friends.

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

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 July 13th
Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 - 11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;
2	Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27;
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Friday:	Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15,
Ĩ	16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15;
	Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28;
	Lk 10:38-42

A Family Perspective

Children learn by watching us. Do they see you helping others like the Good Samaritan, or avoiding them like the Levite in today's gospel? Frequently, it's more important to be concerned about what your children observe in your actions than what they see on TV or tech. Reflect on that.

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:

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

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

July 15: Mary Alice W., Loretta B., Mandy K. July 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.

July 17: Len & Cathy K., Nancy D.

July 18: Rachel O.

July 19: Amber D., Chris L.

July 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann 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. God forever * and ever. Amen.

Serra Prayer for Vocations

JULY 13, 2025

From the Pastor's Desk...

This week we celebrate the Marian Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Wednesday, July 16th. This will mark the transition into the 4th phase of our Parish Re-Creation Prayer Plan between May 15th (the Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church Building) and September 30th (the Anniversary of the founding of our parish). From July 16th until August 15th (the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary), we will pray the Angelus. Each day that you pray the Angelus you are encouraged to move a crucifix from the prayer fence to the prayer bowl. Again, we will continue to see the prayers for our parish's new birth build up as our prayer bowl continues to fill.

Part of the goal of our Marian Prayer Plan, in addition to the main purpose of seeking our Blessed Mother's intercession for the rebirth of Jesus at Our Lady of Peace Parish, is to get exposed to different devotions and prayers connected to Mary. The "Pray with Mary" summer formation series also provides opportunity to learn more about what we as Catholics believe about Mary. It is held monthly throughout our prayer plan; our next session is on Thursday, July 31st. So ultimately, we hope to grow in our understanding, devotion and love of Mary, our parish patron, as we turn to her in prayer for our parish.

With that in mind, let's learn a little more about Mary under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel through Franciscan Media. "Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th century they became known as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." They soon celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary. In 1726, it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to her and often championed the mystery of her Immaculate Conception.

There is a tradition that Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites in England, in the 13th Century and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary's own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. The scapular reminds us of the gospel call to prayer and penance—a call that Mary models in a splendid way."

May God bless our parish through Mary's Intercession... and our week ahead!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of our parish $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ 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...

<u>OLP will host one of our seminarians</u> for one month this summer as part of their formation and discernment. **Sam Ghering is from St. Patrick Parish in Franklin, PA. He just finished his first year in seminary formation and is 19 years old. **Sam will be staying with us from July 16th until August 10th so please** welcome him into our parish family.

*******"<u>Come to the Table</u>" Vacation Bible School will be held August 11-15 and is always a highlight of the summer at OLP. Children grades K-5 are invited to attend and youth grades 6-12 are encouraged to volunteer. See page 6 for more information. ****<u>Masses this Week</u>** Monday, July 14th- St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (17th Century "Lily of the Mohawks" and first canonized native American); *Tuesday, July 15th-* St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (13th Century Franciscan Minister General and bishop of Albano); *Wednesday, July 16th-*Our Lady of Mount Carmel; *Thursday, July 17th-* Weekday in Ordinary Time; *Friday, July 18th-* St. Camillus de Lellis (17th Century soldier convert and patron of the sick, hospitals, and nurses); *Saturday, July 19th-* Blessed Virgin Mary, Image and Mother of the Church.

**<u>Mark your calendars:</u>

-Friday, August 15th (6-9pm) for our next bonfire and dinner, -Thursday, August 21st (7pm) for our Parish Feast Day Liturgical Celebration, and

-Saturday, September 6th (5-10pm) for our Annual Parish Picnic. **<u>OLP Raffle</u> Our next early bird prize drawing will take place on July 18th. Get your sold tickets in for a chance on the Yeti wine chiller, wine glasses and Wegman's gift card as well as \$15,000 in cash prizes being drawn at the Parish Picnic on September 6th. We are halfway to our goal of 3,700 sold tickets. Every ticket gets us closer to the goal and helps us meet the needs of our budget to minister to the OLP community. Thank you for your support.

AUGUST 12, 2025

Are you ready to be part of Erie Gives? It's a day to celebrate all the good going on in our community.

All donations to OLP Church will go towards the campus vision - future renovation project. Together in faith, we trust Him to unfold newness in His time and His way. Join us in being made new!

Visit www.eriegives.org to donate online or drop off a check at the office, payable to Erie Community Foundation by August 5th.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By virtue of our baptism, we are all called to be missionaries. Like the Apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice, both around the world and here at home.

The **Collection for National Needs**, to be taken this year the weekend of July 19 and 20, affords the opportunity for Catholic communities, who have the means, to stand in solidarity with poorer ones in our own country. This collection is a combination of two other collections:

- The Catholic Home Mission Appeal impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics. Through annual grants, the Catholic Home Missions funds catechesis for children and adults, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry, and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses.
- The Black and Indian Mission Collection helps to evangelize and support our African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities with mission schools, religious education programs, the purchase of catechetical materials, and ministry training.

The struggle to receive basic pastoral care and catechesis is faced by thousands of faithful living in home mission dioceses. I ask your generous response to the Collection for National Needs on July 19 and 20. Your support will truly make a difference in strengthening the Church at home and be greatly appreciated. Be assured that you and your family remain in my prayers.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persíco

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL Bishop of Erie

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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

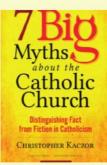


Stop in the church vestibule to see what's new at the OLP Catholic Resource Kiosk NEW book available: \$5

7 Big Myths About The Catholic Church

The Roman Catholic Church has long been the target of suspicion and hostility. But how much of this is based on ignorance and prejudice and how much is the fruit of thoughtful consideration of the facts?

This book separates fact from fiction. Without excusing or justifying wrongdoing, author Christopher Kaczor

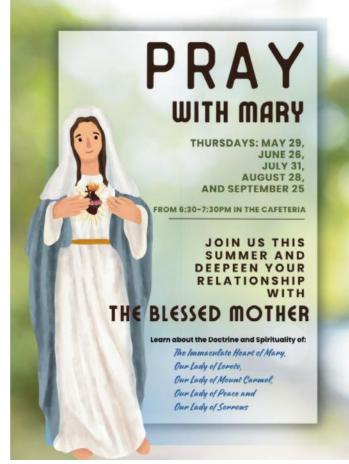


clarifies official Catholic teaching and demonstrates that much popular opinion about Catholicism is based on

misunderstanding and misinformation. He also provides robust and lucid arguments for Catholic belief and practice.

No one book can answer everyone's questions or objections about Catholicism, but this work examines seven of the most controversial and common myths about the Catholic Church. **Topics include:**

- The Church Opposes Science
- The Church Hates Gays
- The Church Hates Women
- The Church Opposes Same-Sex Marriage Because of Bigotry



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11th-13th:Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat for HS 16th:MS/HS Bonfire at the Pavilion 6-9pm, snacks & games 18th-20th:HS Steubenville Youth Conference Trip 23rd:Beach Day-families welcome, 4-8pm, Beach 6 27th:11am Mass praying for youth, come sit with SB 30th:MS Summer Retreat 11am-5pm at OLP (Every Thursday praise & worship 8PM Adoration at St. Francis in McKean, families welcome!)

AUGUST

3rd:Fest in Cleveland 7th:Prep for VBS 11am-4pm 11th-15th:Vacation Bible School 15th:VBS Bonfire 6pm 20th:MS/HS Bonfire at the Pavilion 6pm-9pm, snacks & games 22nd:OLP Feast Day Celebrations (TBD) (Every Thursday praise & worship 8PM Adoration at St. Francis in McKean, families welcome!)

LOOKING TO BE A PART OF A HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP/BIBLE/BOOK STUDY MEN 8 WOMEN WEEKLY GROUPS AVAILABLE. CONTACT SARAH FOR MORE INFO

Questions, RSVP to sarah.beaver@olp.org

TROOP 59

25TH ANNIVERSARY



Cash Bingo benefits: Benedictine Sisters of Erie

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When: July 20, 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.

#### OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project



"Giving food is not charity, it is an expression of humanity and compassion."

Everyone at Maria House Project is grateful for your humanity and compassion!

The July casseroles, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church social room (basement) on Saturday, July 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 <u>scottiedippy@gmail.com</u>. 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.

YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US! RAIN OR SHINE AT THE OLP PAVILION (BEHIND THE SCHOOL)

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND AT 5PM

Open to ALL current and former Scouts and their families! Food will be provided - BYOB

Bring a chair! Donations accepted to defray the cost. RSVP to: Howardrichards@yahoo.com



**Anniversary Celebrations** for couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more Wedding Anniversaries in 2025 Sunday, August 3, 2025 Our Lady of Feace Church 2401 West 38th Street., Erie 2:00.J.M Register by July 24th either online at: www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ anniv.html or call Cynthia in the Church office at 814-833-7701 x 0 Reception to follow in School Cafeteria Happy Anniversary!

# Yard Signs Available:

These yard signs, with the metal stake, are available in the church office.



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**



August 16, 2025

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Signups for projects and volunteers will take place on July 19th/20th after all Masses.

Tell us about your needs. Completed forms can be dropped off at the church office, please return by August 3rd.

Questions, contact Chris Turner at 401-580-1655

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

#### CHECK ONE:

□ New Registration

Name

Address City

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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lust drop of your rosary or rosaries at the office in an envelope with your name and phone number. You will receive a call when it has been repaired and is ready for pick up.

Thank you Dianne for taking on this important ministry.

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for our brothers and sisters in need.

What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal

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

July 19, Aug 23, Sept 20, Oct 18 Time: 9:45AM to 1:00PM

Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889

Dates are Saturday's:

Where: 11th & French St.

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Qualifies for

service hours!

# OLP SERVES C 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?

# August 16, 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.

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| Name:           |                   |                |
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| Special Skills: |                   |                |
| Leadership      | Organizing        | Carpentry      |
| Electrical      | Plumbing          | Roofing        |
| Yard Work       | Painting          | House Cleaning |
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