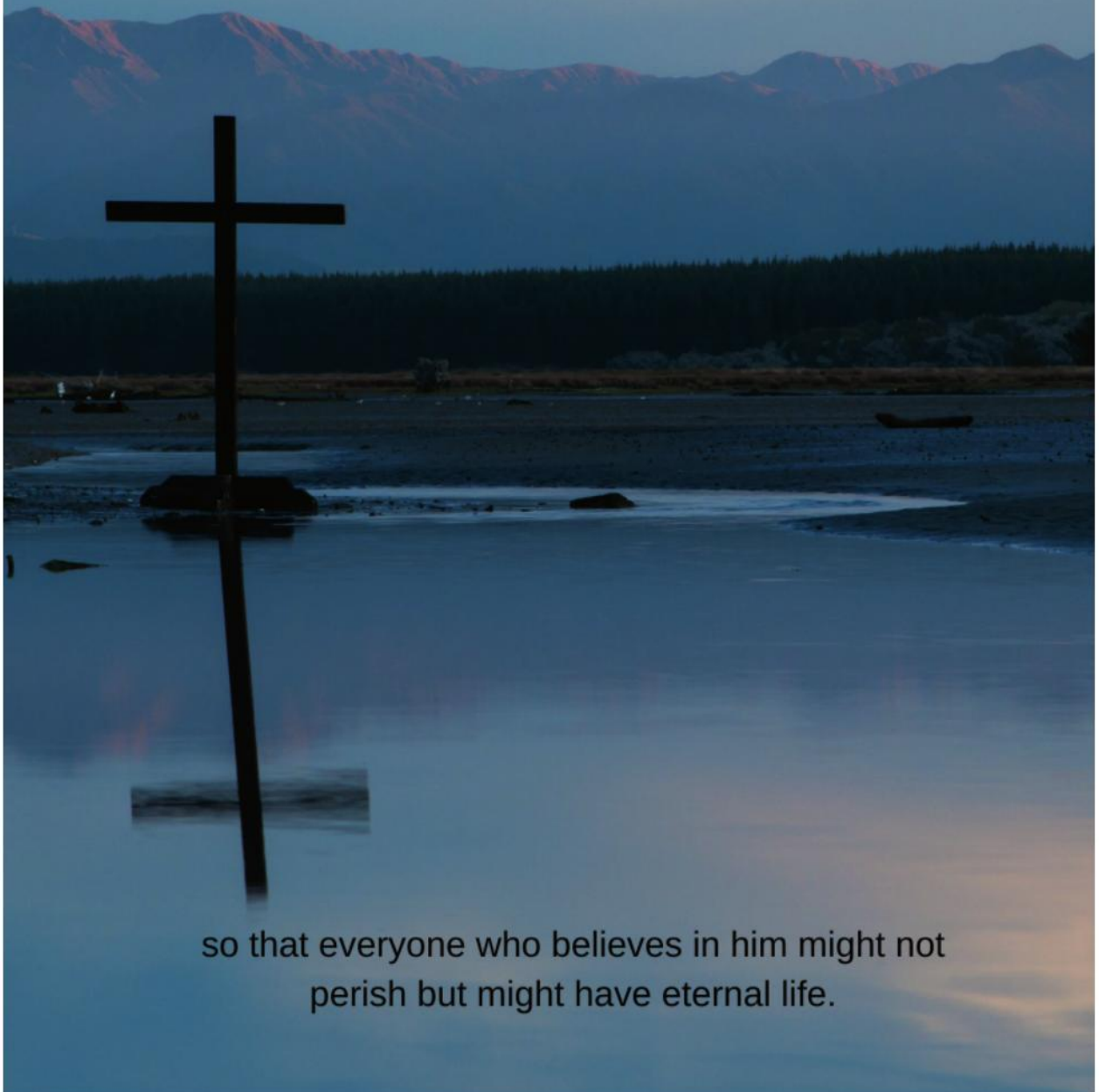




Our Lady of Peace

*God so loved the world that he gave
his only-begotten Son,*



so that everyone who believes in him might not
perish but might have eternal life.



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Rev. Shane Mathew

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Mr. Justin Miles

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Ms. Rami Sorge

Parish Leadership Team

Fr. Rich Toohey, Gina Adams,

Warren Beaver, Justin Miles,

Mary Beth Whitman

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

Sacrament of Matrimony An appointment with a parish priest 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.



September 2025

14th Canned: Fruit / Vegetables

21st Rice / Applesauce / Juice

28th Potato Flakes / Gravy / Soup

Pantry is OPEN September 23rd

(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!

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, / in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, / through whom we are saved and delivered.

First Reading - Whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. (Numbers 21:4b-9)

Psalm - Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78)

Second Reading - He humbled himself; because of this God greatly exalted him. (1 Philippians 2:6-11)

Gospel - So the Son of Man must be lifted up. (John 3:13-17)

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Family Discussion of the Week: Exaltation of the Cross

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Adults: What is something you can give up this week to make more time for prayer or service?

Kids: Have you ever had to give something up (sacrifice)? Was it hard?

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

The truth that Jesus came to reveal to us is not concerned with our sinfulness or the inevitability of death or any other discouraging reality. We can discover all those things on our own. He came to reveal to us something that we have great difficulty in believing, that is, that God loves us so much that, if we really understood it, we would not fear anything that God is good and loving and merciful. But saying it and knowing it in the depths of one's being are quite different matters. And if there is one thing that is of overriding importance in John's Gospel, is the desire to lead us from a merely verbal and superficial form of faith to a deeply personal experience of the love of God.

The goodness of God means that he wishes to share his eternal life with us. Of course, this is our own most earnest wish. However, this cannot happen unless *we believe* in Jesus and embrace the message that he gives us. It is crucial that we understand what believing in Jesus means. It does *not* mean simply to believe that he existed or that he worked miracles and preached eloquently in Galilee. Nor does it mean to believe that he died on the cross and rose from the dead. One can accept the truth of all these statements without really changing one's life. Rather, to believe Christ means that we accept, not only the facts about his life and death and resurrection, but also *the significance of these facts for our own lives*. In other words, we must come to understand that we need to be committed to the same *unselfish love* that we see in Jesus and that found its most perfect expression in his dying for us on the cross.

Fr. Demetrius Dumpp, adapted from A Mystical Portrait of Jesus

Demetrius Dumpp, OSB (d. 2013), was a monk of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and a professor of New Testament studies at St. Vincent Seminary for almost fifty years.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

7:00AM Edward Johns - Family
 12:10PM Dick & Irene Izbicki - Fred & Evelyn
 6:30PM OLP Synod Listening Session (Church Chapel)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

7:00AM Tony Costello - Gary & Cheryl Carver
 12:10PM John Krell - Bill & Linda Habursky

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

7:00AM Terry Sidelinger - Lamb Family
 12:10PM Ray Dombrowski - Densie & Michael

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

7:00AM Deborah Phillips - Friend
 12:10PM Ray Lubin & Jean Burr - Family
 2:00PM School Mass - James Ballas - Chris Allen

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

7:00AM John C. Smith - Friend
 12:10PM Sara Gerbracht - Daughter

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

8:00AM Linda Vanhooser - Lamb Family
 5:00PM Leo Pamula - Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
 9:00AM Special Intention for Bryan Schwartz
 11:00AM John Donofrio - Family
 4:30PM Douglas & Diane Malinowski - Brother, Andrew

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



Our Lady of Peace...
 Pray for us

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

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Bob Fuller - Wife, Kathy.

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 September 14th

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Jn 19:25-27
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

A Family Perspective

Parents are like the shepherd in today's gospel; they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love offers a glimpse of the unconditional love God, Our Father, has for each of us.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for David Booser; and for Jeanne Johannesmeyer. May their friends and family find hope and consolation through their 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:

Sept. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.
 Sept. 15: Mary Alice W., Loretta B., Mandy K.
 Sept. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.
 Sept. 17: Len & Cathy K., Nancy D.
 Sept. 18: Rachel O.
 Sept. 19: Amber D., Chris L.
 Sept. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G.
 Sept. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.

If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 397-6443. There are no dues and no meetings, only opportunities for grace and the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.

When at Mass offer the Mass for

Vocations by praying the prayer below:

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner * but rather that he be converted and live * grant we beseech you * through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin * Saint Joseph, her spouse * St. Junipero Serra * and all the saints * an increase of laborers for your Church * fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls * through the same Jesus Christ * Your Son * Who lives and reigns with You * In the unity of the Holy Spirit * God forever * and ever. Amen.

Serra Prayer for Vocations

From the Pastor's Desk...

A blessed Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross to you! This is one of a handful of feasts that is still celebrated even when it falls on Sunday. May we always glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! This past week I mailed you a letter. I hope you read it but wanted to repeat it here due to its importance.

"Of all the letters that I have written to you over the last 8 years I would suggest this is among the most important. Today I write to you about our Parish Vision and Re-Creation Plan (PVRP) that we have all been praying about this summer. I shared from the pulpit and bulletin in April and May how we got to this point and how prayer is laying the foundation for the next steps. Remember that we are still in the last phase of that prayer plan; praying the rosary once a week for the intention of rebirth at our parish.

In May, I mentioned that the Parish Vision and Re-Creation Plan is a plan to allow God to bring new life and new mission to Our Lady of Peace. It is a plan to help move our community from living our parish mission on Sundays to living out our mission seven days a week. It is a plan that cannot happen without you.

This plan also cannot happen without the help of a team of committed parishioners and professionals who can guide us. With that in mind, back in the Spring we created a Parish Vision Committee (PVC) to help lead us through the practical steps of this re-creation process. This team consists of Herb Morrow, Mike Zavasky, Gina Adams, Kevin Cooney, Brian Kuzmin, Joe Rys, Dominick Sisinni, Andrew Wawrzyniak, Mary Beth Whitman and myself. The PVC solicited the help of local Liturgical Design Consultant, Dr. Michael DeSanctis, a retired professor at Gannon University and member of St. Jude Parish. Also, we have contracted with LaBella Associates, an architecture firm out of Rochester, NY who specializes in liturgical design and will walk with us through most of the steps outlined below starting with a feasibility study. LaBella was chosen after a significant process that included interviews with local firms.

I am very excited to announce that the next step in our PVRP is a Parish Mission; "Passionate Faith: Growing in Holiness and Mission" will take place from October 5-7. It will be led by Nate Schaaf from Amazing Parish. Nate is also the coach for our Parish Leadership Team (PLT). The Parish Mission is three evenings of inspiration and prayer from 6:30-8pm and I hope you will join in this time to grow in faith. Please mark your calendars and plan around this essential step in our re-creation plan. After the parish mission, we will take a deeper dive into the Sacraments, learning more about how we are called to worship and celebrate them in our Catholic tradition. This takes place over 4 weeks, with each session being offered twice a week:

WEEK 1 Monday 10/27 -6:30-8pm
Thursday 10/30 -10-11:30am
WEEK 2 Wednesday 11/5 -6:30-8pm
Thursday 11/6 -10-11:30am
WEEK 3 Thursday 11/13- 6:30-8pm
Thursday 11/13 -10-11:30am
WEEK 4 Monday 11/17 -6:30-8pm
Thursday 11/20 -10-11:30am

Once we have been inspired by our parish mission, have learned about the Church's teaching on the Sacraments and their celebration, the next step is listening sessions. In January 2026, LaBella will lead listening sessions to get your input on how to build our parish campus to incorporate what we have learned and how to improve what we do.

So, how can you participate in this process fully?

1. Continue to pray for our parish vision and re-creation- especially the Rosary in September.
2. Come to the Parish Mission on October 5-7.
3. Attend the four Formation Sessions between October 27- November 20.
4. Join the Listening Sessions in January.

Thank you for your support and participation in this Parish Vision and Re-Creation Plan! I cannot wait to see what the Holy Spirit is going to accomplish in and through Our Lady of Peace Parish in the next 5 years as we go through this process! May God bless our parish and our Parish Vision Re-Creation Plan!"

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...

****There will be a new Synod Listening Session at OLP on Monday, September 15th from 6:30-8pm.** The topic will be the baptismal call of the Catholic Laity. This is following up on the synod on synodality that took place throughout the universal Catholic Church that took place between 2022-2024. Listening sessions like this will be held at parishes throughout the Diocese of Erie throughout September and a Diocesan Report will then be submitted to the US Catholic Conference by November 1st. Then a US report will be submitted to the Vatican by the end of 2025. More information will be coming on our listening session in the next few weeks but for now mark your calendars to be a part of this ongoing movement in the church re-initiated by Pope Francis and being continued by Pope Leo XIV.

****SSJs Celebrity Bartending Event** I am one of the celebrity bartenders for the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network Autumn Fundraising event that will be held on Friday, September 19th from 5:30-10pm at La Nuova Aurora Society. My brother Jim and I will be serving drinks from 7:30-8:30pm in the dining room while OLP's JoAnn Barnes will be serving at the main bar from 5:30-6:30pm with Sr. Claudia Dombrowski (former OLP School Principal). I would love to serve you a drink on Friday but if you cannot be there but want to support the event (and sponsor me!), contact the parish office during the week.



****The next step in our Parish Vision and Re-Creation Plan after our 4 and a half months of intentional prayer is a parish mission. The Mission will take place October 5-7, 2025, and is called "Passionate Faith: Growing in Holiness and Mission with Nate Schaaf from Amazing Parish." It will involve nightly sessions of inspiration and prayer from 6:30-8pm. Recall that OLP has been participating in the Amazing Parish Movement since spring of 2022 and Nate has been our coach since Fall of 2022. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to be a part of this important step of our PVRP!**

****Masses this Week** Monday, Sept. 15th- Our Lady of Sorrows; Tuesday, Sept. 16th- Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (3rd Century); Wednesday, Sept. 17th- St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (11th Century German Benedictine Abbess and newly named doctor of the church); Thursday, Sept. 18th- Weekday in Ordinary Time; Friday, Sept. 19th- St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr (4th Century Patron of Naples); Saturday, Sept. 20th- Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs (Korean Martyrs from 1839-1867, 103 total).

****Thoughts on Anniversary** It is hard to believe that 24 years ago I was ordained a priest of Jesus Christ at St. Peter Cathedral. And it's even harder to believe that one third of my ordained ministry (8 years) has now been spent as the pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish. I continue to be so grateful to God for my call to be a priest and the great joy and fulfillment I experience in living out that call. I have said repeatedly what a privilege and gift it is that people open their lives and hearts to me just because I have the role of pastor/priest. And I hope you know how grateful I am to you for that privilege and gift here at OLP. AND how grateful I am for your support of me personally and your support of me through your support of our parish. If we can make it another eight years together, not only would I have 16 years at OLP which would be half of my priestly ministry life, but it would give us the opportunity to fully rebuild the mission of Jesus Christ at OLP. Let's keep praying for each other and I cannot wait to see what God accomplishes through us!

SYNOD: The Catholic Church needs your voice

September 15th, OLP will hold a synod listening session in the ****chapel at 6:30pm**

**** NEW LOCATION**

Pope Leo XIV is continuing the synod movement that was re-initiated by Pope Francis in 2022. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) are asking for input on "the Baptismal call of the Catholic laity."



All are welcome

Congratulations to the 2025 OLP Raffle Winners

\$10,000

Arlene Murosky

\$2,500

John Kalata

\$1,000

Jacob Applebee

\$500

Rebecca Dudenhoeffer
Scott & Julia Herzing
Mary Brenda Robinson



2025-09-15 10:00 AM



Are you cleaning out closets or spare rooms; found any *cotton, flannel or fleece material*? Please consider donating it to the **Sew What?** group. *Yarn, thread and batting is also needed.*

thread and batting is also needed.

The group sews pillowcases, quilts, blankets, winter hoods, scarves, stuffed animals and other items for veterans, refugees and our Erie neighbors in need. Over the years **Sew What?** has delivered thousands of homemade items to community service agencies, relying solely on donations. **Please contact:**

Mary E., 814-866-2854 or Joni B., 814-881-8324.

Pickup available.

Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html>. For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.




FREE Puzzle Swap


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
- 2401 WEST 38TH STREET -

12:00 pm - Drop off puzzles
12:45 pm - Swap Begins
1:30 pm - Swap Ends
(or when puzzles are gone)



Questions? Call 814-969-4902 | Please tape all puzzle boxes closed



PRAY WITH MARY

THURSDAYS: MAY 29,
JUNE 26,
JULY 31,
AUGUST 28,
AND SEPTEMBER 25

FROM 6:30-7:30PM IN THE CAFETERIA

JOIN US THIS SUMMER AND DEEPEEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER

Learn about the Doctrine and Spirituality of:

- The Immaculate Heart of Mary,*
- Our Lady of Loreto,*
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel,*
- Our Lady of Peace and*
- Our Lady of Sorrows*

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Harrisburg, September 22, 2025




PEOPLE FOR LIFE BUS TRIP \$50 / SEAT

Join us for this very important and powerful public pro-life statement.
Leave Erie at 5 a.m.
March and Rally at the State Capitol
Return to Erie by 8 p.m.

Use the QR code (peopleforlife.com/pamarch) to reserve your seat(s) or send your payment to People for Life; PO Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. Include contact information and a name for each reservation.
Time will be available to tour the capitol building and visit your legislators.



www.PeopleforLife.org

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration for Faith Formation was due Aug. 1, 2025. If you have not registered, please do so ASAP.

All registration forms can be found on our website, olp.org under the Faith Formation tab.

Parent meetings are as follows:

Grade 1-5: September 7 at 9am in the school cafeteria

Grade 6-8: September 7 at 10:15am in the school cafeteria

Grade 9: September 7 at 5:30pm in the church; this is for parents and students.

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

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

JOIN US FOR A 

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Benefitting French Creek Council Jamboree Contingent

Sunday September 14

12:00-5:00 PM Our Lady of Peace School Cafeteria
2401 West 38th St Erie

INCLUDES:
Spaghetti, salad, bread, drinks, dessert

50/50 and Basket Raffle!

Sponsored by West Lake Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary

Suggested Donation at the Door:
\$15 (12+), \$10 (6-11), Under 5 Free





Saturday October 11, 2025

JPT Event Center 2319 W 38th St, Erie

Doors open 12pm / Bingo at 1pm

\$30 admission

Includes 10 games of **\$CASH\$** bingo

50/50, Chinese auction baskets, instant and tip boards

Benefits Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus

Purchase tickets in advance Pete (814) 600-5386 or OLP Church office

Tickets also sold at the door

Please consider supporting our Knights so they can continue their works of FAITH and CHARITY

Youth Ministry Schedule September 2025

Youth Group (YG) for Middle School (MS) and High School (HS) all begin at 6:30PM and conclude at 8:30PM. Dinner is always provided, and there are always adult chaperones at each event. For YG, drop off and pick up will always be at the Church's main entrances. These events are open to youth of any parish, school or faith background.

Sept 2nd: Youth Pilgrimage to the Cathedral, meet for 5:15pm Mass, tour to follow, ending by 8pm

6th: St. Francis Movie Night. *Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati* following the 6pm Mass

Our Lady of Peace Parish Picnic starting with the 5pm Mass

9th: MS YG, at Our Lady of Peace

10th: HS YG, at Our Lady of Peace

11th: 4th/5th Gr YG, at Our Lady of Peace, starting in the social room-downstairs of the Church, ending in the chapel, snacks provided, 4-5:30pm

13th: Men's Conference in Pittsburgh-contact Chandler if interested (for HS)

16th: MS YG at OLP

17th: HS YG at St. Francis

23rd: MS YG at OLP

24th: HS YG at 12th St Chick-Fil-A

26th: Kid's Night Out (babysitting opportunity for those K-5th) at OLP 5:30-9pm contact Sarah to RSVP by Sept. 24th

30th: MS YG at Our Lady of Peace

Oct 1st: HS YG at Our Lady of Peace

Oct 2nd-4th/5th Gr YG at Our Lady of Peace, starting in the Church social room, ending by the Church entrance, 4-5:30pm, snacks provided

Oct 4th: MS NET Retreat, details to follow

Oct 5th: HS NET Retreat, details to follow

Contact Info

Sarah Beaver: sarah.beaver@olp.org

Chandler Villanueva: youth@stfrancisxaviermckean.org




Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

Saturday, Sept. 27th at 11:00AM
OLP Soccer Field

All children ages 9 through 14 are invited to participate in the **Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge**. The local competition will be held at the **OLP Soccer Field on Saturday, Sept. 27th at 11:00AM**. Youth will compete by age groups, with winners progressing through local, regional, and state competitions. Participants will shoot 15 penalty kicks and points are awarded based on the location of the kick in the goal.

Entry forms will be available at the competition.

Join us for a **Parish Mission** as we welcome

Nate Schaaf from Amazing Parish 

OCTOBER 5-7

6:30PM

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

PASSIONATE FAITH:

GROWING IN HOLINESS AND MISSION

*When passion fuels belief,
even the impossible begins to stir.*



Nate has been an Amazing Parish Coach for 4 years. He spent 3 years as a full-time missionary with Life Teen serving on retreats, at summer camps and in multiple parishes. He worked as a youth minister for another 3 years in Massachusetts before joining the Amazing Parish team. He and his wife homeschool and homestead with their 5 beautiful children in Parker, Colorado.


childcare available – register at sarah.beaver@olp.org

Have you officially registered as a parishioner?

Becoming a registered member helps us connect with you about church events and programs, allows you to fully participate in parish life, and shows your desire to journey in life and faith together with others also on the same road.

We are holding a **Registration weekend** on **Sept. 20th/21st**. Stop by our table in the vestibule after mass to register or for more information or to enjoy some cookies!

Registration forms are always available in the church office or online at www.olp.org.



Rosary Society Meeting & Tureen Dinner

**Thursday, September 18th
6:00pm in the cafeteria**

Join us in ministry to the parish by spreading devotion to Mary through the Rosary and works of charity.

Bring a dish to share and your own table wear.
Questions, call Debbie at 814-812-0122 or Marilyn at 814-833-4683



August 25, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to thank you for your generous support of Catholic education in the past. I also ask you to continue your generosity during the weekend September 20-21 when we will conduct the Catholic Education Collection in our diocese.

This annual special collection supports lifelong education and faith formation opportunities for everyone throughout our entire diocese. We have many reasons to be proud of the faith formation occurring at all levels - from parish religious education to Catholic schools, from baptismal instruction to adult faith formation and OCIA. We are teaching the truths of the Catholic faith and forming disciples.

Half of the funds raised from this collection remain in your parish to support local education and faith formation programs. The other half supports diocesan faith formation initiatives, tuition assistance for Catholic school students and educator leadership development. A small portion also supports The Catholic University of America.

Please generously support this collection. Your gift to the Catholic Education Collection renews the very heart of the Church as we strive to carry out our mission to teach the Christian faith to each new generation. Contributions can be made directly at your parish or online at <https://www.eriercd.org/cec.html>. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

With every best wish, I remain,

Scan to give



Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

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YOU are invited to volunteer with OLP at



WHEN: Saturday, September 27th and Thursday, October 2nd

TIME: 8:00am until Noon

WHERE: 2849 East 29th St., Erie 16510

WHAT: New construction: variety of tasks.
Tools and equipment provided!
Dress for indoor and outdoor weather

Non-construction volunteers also needed to provide snack at break time.

WHO: Anyone 16 years of age or older
(All must complete a waiver, parent signature needed for youth waiver)

***Need at least 4 and no more than 12 construction volunteers**

CONTACT: Nancy Milkowski at nemilkowski14@gmail.com or signup in the vestibule September 20th-21st

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.

31ST ANNUAL Rosary March

108th Anniversary of the
Miracle of the Sun, Mary in Fatima



OCTOBER 12, 2025 at 2:00 PM

St. Peter Cathedral - 10th and Sassafras Streets, Erie

Please arrive by 1:30 pm

HOMILY BY: Bishop Lawrence Persico

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Father Jerry Piscaro

MORE INFO: John Walsh 814-868-1100

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OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project



Are you new to the parish and wondering what the OLP **Casserole Club** is about?

It is an easy way to help an organization who's mission is to help men in recovery from addiction. Fr. James Peterson (d. 2013) founded Maria House Project in 1972 and it offers housing, food, spiritual direction and transportation. Residents may be in recovery from addiction, incarceration, homelessness, loneliness, or mental illness. Our Lady of Peace, **Casserole Club** has no meetings, gatherings or dues. It simply provides a location, once a month, for people to bring homemade or store bought **casseroles** for Maria House Project.

Our Lady of Peace's involvement with Maria House Project has been going on for over 15 years. *For more information please visit: www.mariahouseproject.org.*

The September **casseroles**, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church office lobby on *Saturday, September 20th*, between 3:30 and 4:30pm. If you would like us to pick it up call Skip or Dottie Glover at 814-440-3496 or email scottiedippy@gmail.com. **Casseroles** should be pre-cooked, frozen in a disposable container, with reheating directions attached. Names or addresses are NOT to be included.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Thank you to all who supported the Baby Bottle Fundraiser.

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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
334-614-3042



**OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH
MUSIC MINISTRY RECRUITMENT WEEKEND**

Praise the Lord with music!

God has given each of us the gift of song. This song lives in the hearts of us all. When we sing, or play our instrument, that song lifts our praises to our Lord. OLP's music ministry provides an opportunity for any person, of any skill level, to share their musical gifts with their parish community. Join us!

CANTORS:

- Leads sung music at Sunday Masses, funerals, weddings and other liturgical events
- No rehearsals. Music and recordings are emailed to Cantors throughout the year.

INSTRUMENTALISTS:

- Participate as needed: instrumentalists will be invited to participate for special Masses and events as needed throughout the year.
- Instrumentalists may join one of our choral groups and participate on a weekly bases.

SELAH PRAISE BAND:

- Contemporary Praise and Worship Band
- Ministers at the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass
- Rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

VOICE OF PEACE CHOIR:

- Traditional 4-part Choir
- Ministers at the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass
- Rehearses on Thursdays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Saturday and Sunday, September 13 & 14.

Sign-ups are in the back of church.

CONTACT US:

Director of Music and Liturgy: Brian Kuzmin

Email: brian.kuzmin@olp.org; Phone: 814-833-7701, x203

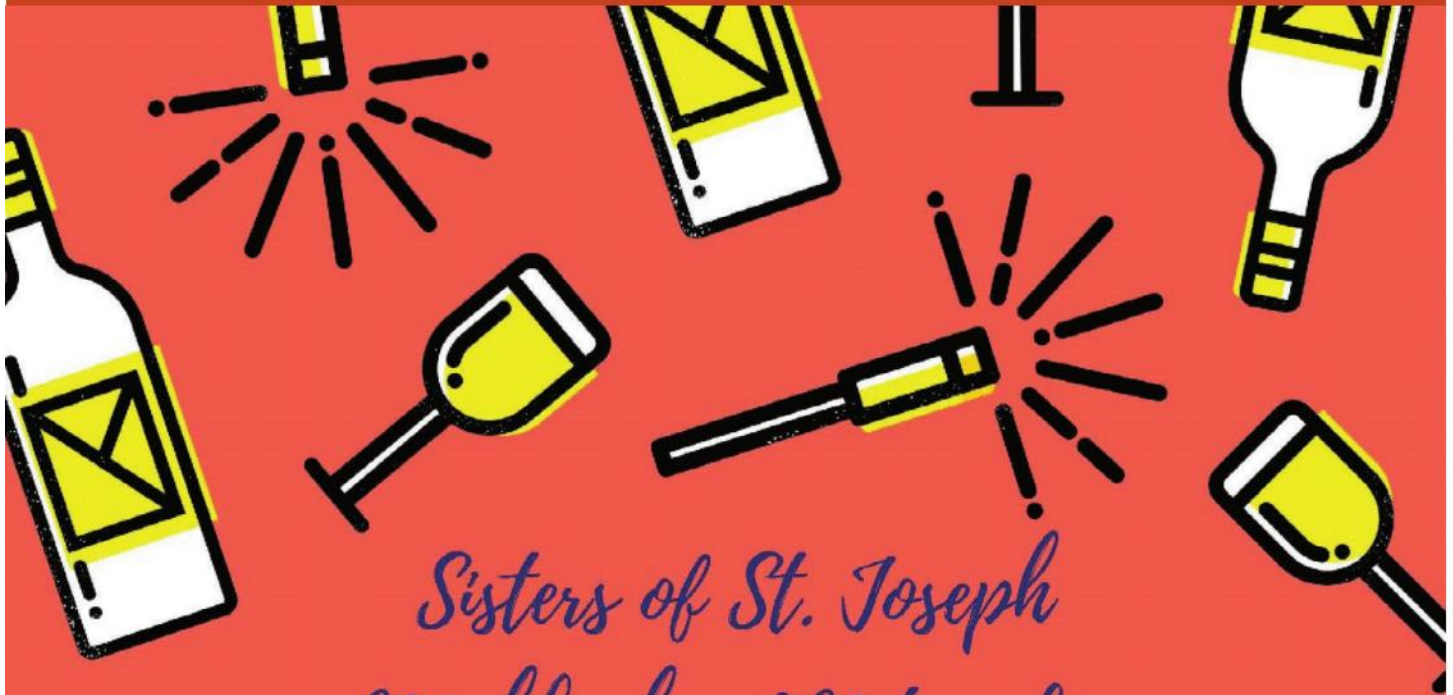
Selah Praise Band: Debby Holmes

Email: debbyholmes75@gmail.com; Phone: 814-746-1539

Voice of Peace: Lesley Lopez

Email: leslopez62@yahoo.com; Phone: 814-464-7177

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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:

Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20

Time: 9:45AM to 1:00PM

Where: 11th & French St.

What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal

Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

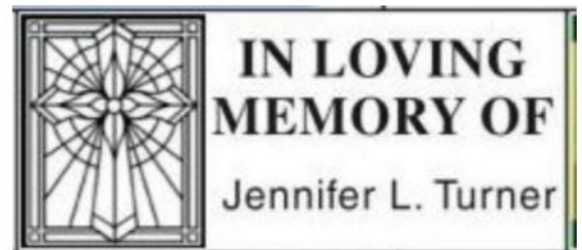
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Save the date and join us on Saturday, May 16, 2026

Andy Heinlein - Outreach Coordinator
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