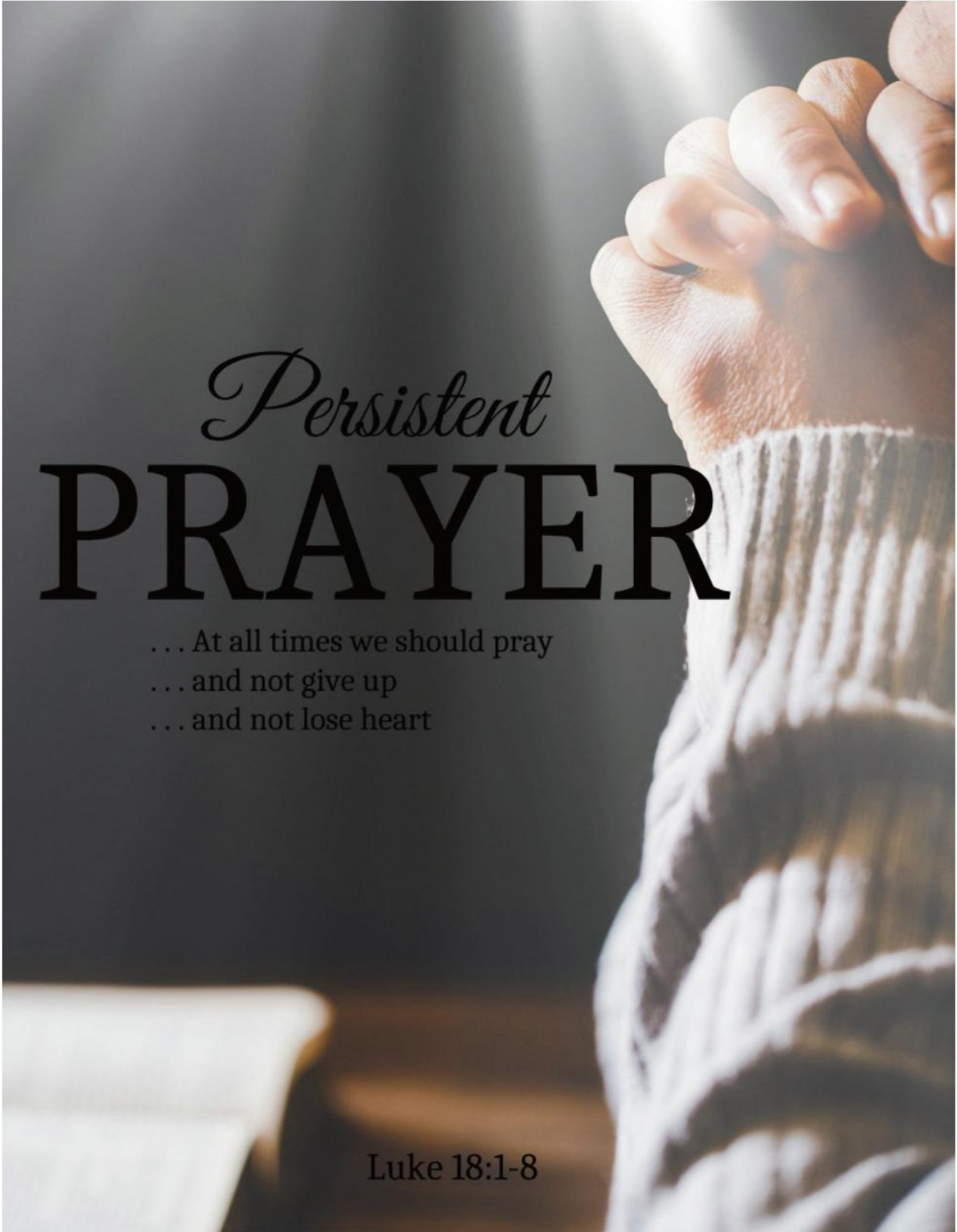




Our Lady of Peace



Persistent **PRAYER**

... At all times we should pray
... and not give up
... and not lose heart

Luke 18:1-8

October 19, 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Warren Beaver,

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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:

9AM-3PM Edie 814-651-5952

3PM-9PM Barb 814-392-8348



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.



October 2025

19th Dried Fruit / Raisins / Nuts

26th Hamberger or Tuna Helper / Tuna

Pantry is OPEN October 28

(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in

Millcreek & for OLP Parishioners, at

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26th Street.

The West Millcreek Food

Pantry is asking for extra food donations:

- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Whole Grain Cereal
- Pet Food
- Laundry Supplies
- Toilet Tissue/Kleenex
- Paper Towels/Napkins
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Reusable Grocery Bags

Thank you!

The OLP Prayer Ministry

This is a ministry for those who are unable to attend the usual parish functions; perhaps due to an impairment, lack of transportation or illness. This active ministry can be done from home, a nursing home, the hospital, etc. Those who participate are asked to pray for a specific group, ministry or function as the meeting, ministry or function is occurring. Prayer is vital to our lives and keeps us connected as members of the Body of Christ.

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

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; / turn your ear to me; hear my words. / Guard me as the apple of your eye; / in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading - As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight (Exodus 17:8-13).

Psalm - Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

Second Reading - Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2).

Gospel - Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? (Luke 18:1-8).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Taking Responsibility

For a while the judge refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out..." (Luke 18:4-5)

Adults: Whose needs might you be failing to listen to right now?

Kids: How often do you put off chores until you are forced to do them? Who is hurt by such a decision?

PERSISTENCE

Today's readings are about persistence, passionate persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands raised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about persistence, the relentless, unwavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God's passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

7:00AM Connie Dombrowski -
Jerry Dombrowski & Family
12:10PM Andrew Polakowski - Family
6:30PM Holy Hour - Respect Life

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

7:00AM Gary Bauschard - Family
12:10PM Adolph Yochim - Joe & Dianne

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

7:00AM Bob Fuller - Wife, Kathy & Family
12:10PM Alice Trimble - Dudenhoeffer Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

7:00AM Jean Brown - Jerry & Mary Ann
12:10PM Leo Schlecht - Alexander & Groner Families
2:00PM School Mass - Linda Bucci - Ehrman Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

7:00AM Marie Pears - Daughter, Gina Adams
12:10PM Bob Urraro - Wife & Daughter

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

8:00AM Dorothy Keane - Peggy & David
5:00PM Anthony Paul Bruno -
Swonger & Haythorn Families

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Louis Newell - Stravinsky Family
9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
11:00AM Eric & Kathleen Obert - Good Family
4:30PM Russ Madonia - Bob & Diane Boeh

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 Andrew Polakowski - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Anthony Paul Bruno - Swonger & Haythorn Families.

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 October 19th

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94;
Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel, the widow is praised for her perseverance. In our homes, perseverance is essential for resolving differences in marriage and for teaching lessons and skills to our children. It is always an act of faith and trust in the goodness of others

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Dennis Haynes. May his family and friends 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:

Oct. 19: Amber D., Chris L.
Oct. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G.
Oct. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.
Oct. 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y.
Oct. 23: Heidi A.
Oct. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.
Oct. 25: Christine O.

Oct. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.
If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 814-397-6443. 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...

On this weekend that we celebrate the Jubilee for Digital Missionaries and Catholic Influencers (celebrated at the Vatican July 28-29), for Communications (celebrated at the Vatican Jan 24-26) and for Missions (celebrated the weekend of October 4-5), I share with you the **ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV**

TO CATHOLIC DIGITAL MISSIONARIES AND INFLUENCERS...

"In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, peace be with you!

Dear brothers and sisters, we have begun with this greeting: peace be with you!

How much we need peace in these times marked by hostility and war, which in turn calls us to give witness to the greeting of the Risen Lord: "Peace be with you!" (*Jn* 20:19). May his peace be with all of us, in our hearts and in our actions.

This is the mission of the Church: to proclaim peace to the world! The peace that comes from the Lord, who conquered death, brings us God's forgiveness, gives us the life of the Father, and shows us the way of Love!

1. This is the mission that the Church entrusts to each of you who have come to Rome for your Jubilee. You are here to renew your commitment to nourish Christian hope in social networks and online spaces. Peace needs to be sought, proclaimed, and shared everywhere, both in the places where we see the tragedy of war and in the empty hearts of those who have lost the meaning of life and the desire for introspection and the spiritual life. Perhaps, today more than ever, we need missionary disciples who convey the gift of the Risen Lord to the world; who voice to the ends of the earth the hope that Jesus gives us (cf. *Acts* 1:3-8); and who go wherever there is a heart that waits, seeks, and is in need. Yes, to the ends of the earth, to the farthest reaches, where there is no hope.
2. There is a second challenge in this mission: always look for the "suffering flesh of Christ" in every brother and sister you encounter online. Today we find ourselves in a new culture, deeply characterized and formed by technology. It is up to us – it is up to each one of you – to ensure that this culture remains human.

Science and technology influence the way we live in the world, even affecting how we understand ourselves and how we relate to God, how we relate to one another. But nothing that comes from man and his creativity should be used to undermine the dignity of others. Our mission – your mission – is to nurture a culture of Christian humanism, and to do so together. This is the beauty of the "network" for all of us.

Faced with cultural changes throughout history, the Church has never remained passive; she has always sought to illuminate every age with the light and hope of Christ by discerning good from evil and what was good from what needed to be changed, transformed, and purified.

Today we are in a culture where the technological dimension is present in almost everything, especially as the widespread adoption of artificial intelligence will mark a new era in the lives of individuals and society as a whole. This is a challenge that we must face: reflecting on the authenticity of our witness, on our ability to listen and speak, and on our capacity to understand and to be understood. We have a duty to work together to develop a way of thinking, to develop a language, of our time, that gives voice to Love.

It is not simply a matter of generating content, but of creating an encounter of hearts. This will entail seeking out those who suffer, those who need to know the Lord, so that they may heal their wounds, get back on their feet and find meaning in their lives. Above all, this process begins with accepting our own poverty, letting go of all pretense and recognizing our own inherent need for the Gospel. And this process is a communal endeavor.

3. This brings us to the third invitation in this mission, which I extend to all of you: "go and mend the nets." Jesus called his first apostles while they were mending their fishing nets (cf. *Mt* 4:21-22). He asks the same of us today. Indeed, he asks us to weave other nets: networks of relationships, of love, of gratuitous sharing where friendship is profound and authentic; networks where we can mend what has been broken, heal from loneliness, not focus on the number of followers, but experience the greatness of infinite Love in every encounter; networks that give space to others more than to ourselves, where no "bubble" can silence the voices of the weakest; networks that liberate and save; networks that help us rediscover the beauty of looking into each other's eyes; networks of truth. In this way, every story of shared goodness will be a knot in a single, immense network: the network of networks, the network of God.

Be agents of communion, capable of breaking down the logic of division and polarization, of individualism and egocentrism. Centre yourselves on Christ, so as to overcome the logic of the world, of fake news, of frivolity, with the beauty and light of Truth (cf. *Jn* 8:31-32).

Before concluding with a blessing and commending your witness to the Lord, I would like to thank you for all the good you have done and continue to do in your lives: for pursuing your dreams, for your love for the Lord Jesus and your love for the Church, for the help you give to those who suffer, and for your journey along the virtual highways."

May God bless Catholic Digital Missionaries, Influencers and Catholic Missions... and our week ahead!

Yours in Christ, *Fr. Rich*

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of our parish & school... pray for us!

St. Nicholas, patron of the Erie Catholic School System... pray for us!

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the Catholic Church of the USA... pray for us!

St. Joseph, universal patron of the church... pray for us!

St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie... pray for us!



Other notes from the pastor...

****The office will be closed on Monday, October 20th as the staff gather for their annual retreat.** Thank you for your understanding and please remember us in your prayers.

****Remember that October is the Month of the Rosary in our Catholic Tradition and the USCCB has also designated it as Respect Life Month.** Consider recommitting to this great devotion to Mary and to pray in a special way for the respect of ALL life, at all stages, from conception to natural death. **We will have a Respect Life Holy Hour on Monday, October 20th at 6:30pm where we will have reflections from Catholic Social Teaching and we will pray the Rosary in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord.**

****OLP's next Anointing of the Sick Mass will be Sunday, November 2nd at 11am.** Consider coming yourself or bringing others in need of anointing with you to that Mass. The elderly, those with serious physical or mental illness, and those anticipating major surgery are among those eligible for this great Sacrament of Healing, strength and hope as well as those who are actively dying.

****Masses this Week** *Monday, Oct. 20th- St. Paul of the Cross, Priest (18th Century founder of the Passionist Order); Tuesday, Oct. 21st- Mass for Refugees and Exiles; Wednesday, Oct. 22nd- St. John Paul II, Pope (Polish Pope from 1978-2005); Thursday, Oct. 23rd- St. John of Capistrano, Priest (15th Century Reformer of the Franciscans and Poor Clares); Friday, Oct. 24th- St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop (19th century rigorous reformer in Cuba); Saturday, Oct. 25th- Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mercy.*

****Mission Follow Up** Thank you to all who participated in our inspired Parish Mission last week! Our Amazing Parish Coach Nate Schaff led us through 3 nights of reflecting on our Parish's Core Values... Passionately Faithful, Heart Like Mary and Committed to Mission. If you did not get a chance to go to one or all of the nights, please contact the office who can get you access to the recordings. On this weekend when the Vatican is celebrating the Jubilee for Marian Spirituality (October 12), I would particularly encourage you to reflect on the 2nd evening's session, "Heart Like Mary." It is my hope that our whole parish could be nourished by this experience and have a common spiritual experience that moves us forward in our Parish Vision and Re-creation Plan.

Special thanks to the Parish Leadership Team (Warren Beaver, Gina Adams, and Mary Beth Whitman) who took the lead on planning and executing the mission by working closely with Nate, to our parish staff who put in overtime to support the mission, to Families Together, the Rosary Society and the Knights of Columbus who covered the hospitality, and for Pat Brown who helped with music on Tuesday evening. This is the 3rd parish mission we have had since my arrival at OLP (others being Chris Padgett in September 2017 and Anthony Digman in January 2023) and I hope that they can become a regular part of our parish rhythm every two to three years.

I encourage you to share your mission experience. Email Mary Beth at marybeth.whitman@olp.org with What impacted you? How you heard God speaking to you? or What commitment you are making to grow in holiness? Your story inspires others.

****SYNOD Update** Thank you to the parishioners who participated in the Synod Listening Sessions back in September. Our parish response was submitted to the Diocese of Erie who will provide a summary to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops who will then issue a national summary to the Vatican.

****Thank You to everyone who supported me, my brother Jim Toohey and JoAnn Barnes (both OLP parishioners) in the celebrity bartending event for the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network last month.** They were able to raise over \$21,000 for the Neighborhood Network which continues to seek ways to serve the poor on the west side of Erie. This was the most money they have raised for this event and I know OLP had a big part to do with that!

****OLP Parish Vision and Re-creation Plan:**

STEP ONE- Intentional Prayer from May 15 to Sept. 30, 2025.

STEP TWO- Parish Mission from October 5-7, 2025.

STEP THREE- "Sacraments and their Celebration" Formation on the Sacraments from October 27 to November 20, (see page 14 for details).

STEP FOUR- Listening Sessions with LaBella Associates, architect, in January 2026.

****Liturgical Ministries Promotion: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality and Altar Servers.** Our beautiful liturgies at OLP cannot be sustained without parishioners being willing to serve the parish in these important ministries. Each of these ministries serves Christ's presence at the Mass in four unique ways... the lector uniquely serves Jesus in His proclaimed Word, the EMHC uniquely serves Jesus in His most substantial presence in the Holy Eucharist, the Ushers/Hospitality Ministers uniquely serve Jesus present in the congregation who gathers, and the Altar Servers uniquely serve Christ present in the presiding priest at Mass. It is an incredible privilege and gift to serve Christ in these ways but also a significant responsibility. So, I hope you will seriously pray about whether God is calling you to serve Him uniquely in the Liturgy at OLP and if He is, that you will respond with generosity.

****The 2026 Mass Book will open on Thursday, October 23rd at 8:00AM.** To ensure everyone has an opportunity to have Masses said for loved ones we must limit you to (3) intentions per deceased loved one.



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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades 1-8: Classes meet in the school & church basement.

Oct. 19 Classes 9:15-10:45, Faith Formation Mass day at 11AM

Oct. 26 Edge Youth Group Night 5:30-7PM

Grade 9 Confirmation class: Classes meets from 5:30-7:00PM in the Church Social Room.

Oct. 19 Class 5:30-7PM, Parents are to attend

Oct. 26 Confirmation Youth Group Night 6:30-8:30PM

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

Can you offer a ride?

Some of our parishioners are unable to drive at night, or can't get to Mass and have to miss our parish events/Mass.

Would you be willing to provide a friendly ride?

Call or email Chris Turner to get involved,
401-580-1655 or cet81691@gmail.com



The 2026 Mass Book
will open on
Thursday, October 23rd

To ensure everyone has an opportunity to have Masses said for loved ones we must limit you to (3) intentions per person.

CYO Boys Basketball Attention High School Boys Grade 9 through 12:

Our Lady of Peace CYO is a Catholic Youth Organization for young men in our parish.

We will begin Open-Gym sessions in October and practices will be in mid-November.



For more info or to register, contact
Coach Darrell Meyers:
814-450-3697 or darrell.meyers@olp.org

BE A
SAINT!

Retreat for 4th/5th Graders
Saturday, October 25th, 2025
2pm-6pm

There is no cost to attend! Snacks are provided. We will end with the 5pm Mass.

Drop off at the main entrance of the church. Bring a friend!

RSVP: by October 22nd to Chandler at
youth@stfranciscxaviermckean.org

Questions? email Chandler or
Sarah.beaver@olp.org



Open
HOUSE
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS



Cathedral Prep Open House
Sunday, October 26
12:00-3:00pm

8th Graders in attendance are eligible to win one of five \$1,000 scholarships to Cathedral Prep. Questions?
enrollment@cathedralprep.com

Mercyhurst Prep Open House
Sunday, November 2
12:00-3:00pm

All applicants who take the November 8th entrance exam will be eligible for a Mercy Merit Scholarship. Questions?
[Allison @ aoarlandoemslakers.com](mailto:Allison@aoarlandoemslakers.com)



OCTOBER 2025 YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE



- October 1st**-High School (HS) Youth Group (YG) at OLP 6:30-8:30pm
Oct 2nd-4th/5th Grade Youth Group 4-5:30pm
Oct 2nd-Adoration at St. Francis Xavier in McKean 8-9pm, open to all ages
Oct 4th-MS NET Retreat at OLP Cafeteria 11am-6pm (includes the 5pm Mass) RSVP by Oct 1st
Oct 5th-HS NET Retreat at OLP Caf 10:30am-4pm (includes the 11am Mass) RSVP by Oct 1st
Oct 5th-Oct 7th-OLP Parish Mission, open to all ages/families. All three nights 6:30-8pm
Oct 7th-MS YG at OLP 6:30-8:30pm
Oct 8th-HS YG at St. Francis Xavier 6:30-8:30pm
Oct 9th-Adoration at St. Francis Xavier 8-9pm, open to all ages
Oct 12th-HS Movie Night at OLP 7-9:30pm
Oct 14th-MS YG at OLP 6:30-8:30pm
Oct 15th-HS YG at OLP 6:30-8:30pm
Oct 16th-Adoration at St. Francis Xavier 8-9pm, open to all ages
Oct 21st-MS YG at OLP 6:30-8:30pm
Oct 22nd-HS YG at OLP 6:30-8:30pm
Oct 23rd-Adoration at St. Francis Xavier 8-9pm, open to all ages
Oct 24th-OLP Trunk or Treat 6:30-8pm open to all families
Oct 25th-4th/5th Grade Retreat 2-6pm, ending with 5pm Mass, RSVP by Oct 20th
Oct 28th-MS YG at OLP 6:30-8:30pm
Oct 29th-HS YG at 12th St Chick-Fil-A 6:30-8:30pm -(permission form required, can be found at olp.org under faith formation, under youth ministry)
Oct 30th-Adoration at St. Francis Xavier 8-9pm, open to all ages
November 1st-All Saint's Day Party, in OLP Gym 6-9pm, all ages and families welcome
Nov 5th-Middle and High School Youth Group at OLP 6:30-8:30pm
Nov 6th-4th/5th Grade Youth Group 4-5:30pm
Nov 6th-Adoration at St. Francis Xavier 8-9pm, open to all ages

*MS/HS YG always starts with optional silent Adoration 6-6:30pm, and include dinner.
 4th/5th Gr YG always includes snacks-if it is an OLP student, they can meet at 3pm in the school lobby.*

CONTACT US AT:

sarah.beaver@olp.org - youth@stfrancisxaviermckean.org

Inter-Church Ministries Coats for Kids



With winter just around the corner, it's time to clean out your closets and donate NEW or GENTLY USED WINTER COATS, HATS, and GLOVES for boys and girls from infant to adult size

Drop off your items in the bins located in the church vestibule, items should be clean and in good condition.

**Donations accepted
through October 26th**

More Information: **Andy Heinlein**, Outreach Coordinator
andrew.heinlein@olp.org or 814-833-7701 x206

OLP LITURGICAL MINISTRY TEAM

God gave each of us talents with which to serve the Church

**MINISTRY LEADERS ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY
QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED.**

Liturgical Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Karen Martin - karenmartin825@gmail.com

Lector - Guy Fustine - ffustine@hotmail.com

Ministers of Hospitality/Usher - Joyce Wickles - jpwicks@roadrunner.com

Altar Server - Deacon John Mang - deacon.john@olp.org

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU TO SERVE OLP.

Remembering with great love and affection all of our faithful departed:

Linda Verdecchia	Thomas Fabin	Russell "Russ" Madonia	Leon Mackowski
Eric Buggs	Valere Gourley	Karen Krugger	Carol Schroeck
Chris Gallagher	Silvio "Sam" DeMichele, Jr.	Charles "Chuck" Dougherty	Edward Orr
Virginia Birkmire	Richard Reese	Louis Newell, Jr.	Joyce DaValle
Kathleen DiNicola	Janet Wolf	Patricia Maciak	Terese Wieszczyk
Patricia Straub	William "Bill" McCartney	Joseph Kuhar	Virginia DiBacco
Aurelia Dilla	James Ballas	Denise Schoenfeldt	Judith Glennon
Helen Walchack	Rose Raucci	Carmelina "Millie" Fatica	Samuel "Sam" Benigni, Jr.
Roberta Kalata	Karen Johnson	Catherine Hill	Richard "Dick" Estock
Theresa "Terri" Ferko	George Zehner, Jr.	Sister Paula Burke	Janet Zoni
Dr. Daniel Carneval	Rosemary Wayman	Linda Vanhooser	David "Dave" Booser
Thomas Dolak	Ronald Visnoski	Robert Hirsh	Jeanne Johannesmeyer
Mary Ann Kuna	Alfred Mangano	Suzanne Palucki	Donald Prischak
Stephen Polaski, Jr.	Gordon Ketchel	Patricia Buckel	Nancy Wierzchowski
Larrie Dudenhoeffer	Mary Lee Smrekar	Marjorie Hedderick	Joyce Pillar
Jeffrey Wolford	Philip Eden	Alice Trimble	Mary Dobek
William Mullen	Francis "Shelly" Czulewicz	Sylvia Rumberger	Margaret Ignaczak
Joan Dembrosky	"Grandma Shirley" Nelson	Helen Klier	Dennis Haynes
William "Bill" Skadhaug	Donna Griffin	Louis Fornello, Jr.	

All are invited to attend the
All Souls Prayer Service
being celebrated on

Monday, November 3, 2025 7:00PM

This special service is offered as a time of peace and reflection for the parish community who honors family and friends that have passed away this year.

Come and celebrate our hope and promise of new life through Christ Jesus.

Livestream available on our YouTube channel.

Please contact the church office to include the name of a loved one whose funeral was celebrated this past year.

Disability **is not** Inability

October is Disability Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness, advocating for inclusion, and celebrating the unique contributions of individuals with disabilities; both visible and invisible, while fostering acceptance and support.

Did you know that OLP has been the host church for Erie Night to Shine for the past 8 years?

Night to Shine is a GLOBAL prom night celebration for the special needs community sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. It happens across 72 countries and 1,000 cities as well as RIGHT HERE IN ERIE, PA.

You can be part of this awesome event hosted by OLP on Friday, February 13, 2026! Watch the bulletin in future weeks to learn more about how YOU can get involved and make sure all guests have an incredible experience.



UPMC HOSPITAL MINISTRY UPDTE:

UPMC Hamot recently updated their computer system and currently do not have a way to reference patients by their parish.

If you or a loved one is in the hospital at UPMC Hamot and would like our Hospital Ministry Team to pray with you and bring communion please call or email.



Andy Heinlein - Outreach Coordinator
814-833-7701 x206 or
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This year's theme - *"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"* - is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates - through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools.

Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "each of us is a mission on this earth" (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.



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



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Thank you to the parishioners who worked September 27 & October 2 preparing the ceiling for painting at the latest Habitat build. Working with Habitat for Humanity allows OLP to continue its mission of service to the Erie Community.



If you were unable to help this time, consider committing to serve at our next Habitat work days in February 2026.

All Saint's Day FAMILY EVENT

November 1st from 6-9pm in the school gym

Open to everyone, so invite a friend to join you! There will be a saint costume contest, "saint" inspired snacks, crafts, games and activities.

You won't want to miss the Saint skit by the Mountain Movers, the High School Youth Team.

RSVP: sarah.beaver@olp.org so we know how many to plan for.



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