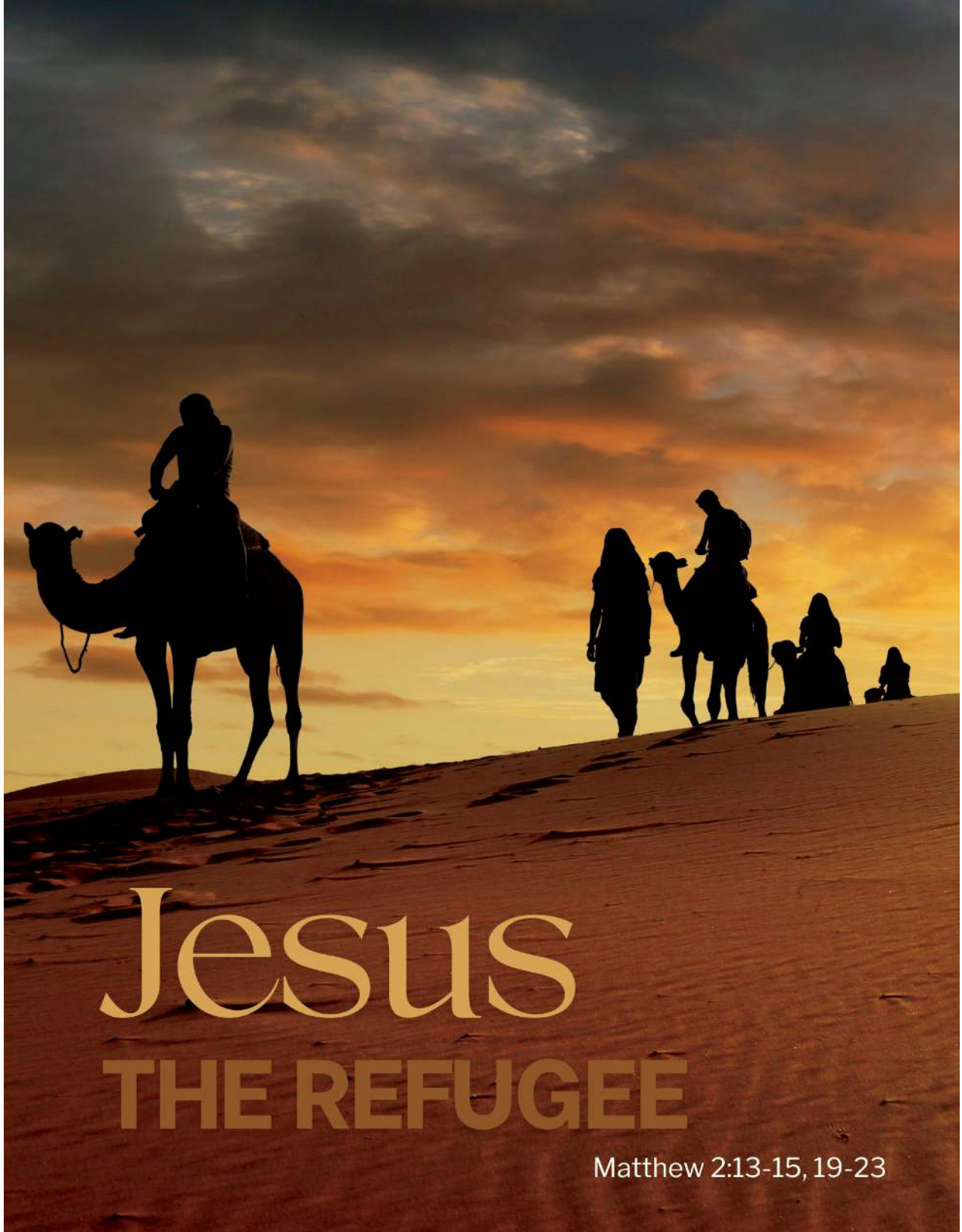




Our Lady of Peace



Jesus THE REFUGEE

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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Fr. Rich Toohey, Gina Adams,

Warren Beaver,

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:

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.

December 2025

28th Nut Butters / Jelly, Jam



Pantry is OPEN

(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 - The shepherds went in haste, / and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading - Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

Psalm - Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

Second Reading - You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

Gospel - Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Respect for Elders

Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. (Luke 2:51a)

Adults: What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

Kids: Why did Joseph leave Israel? How can he be an example for you?

SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025

7:00AM Joan Wieszczyk - Ken Tome

12:10PM Lawrence & Patricia Smith - Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025

7:00AM Joseph Henke - Sister, Dorothy

12:10PM Marcy Lubin - Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025

7:00AM Norma Kalie - Husband, Jim

12:10PM Josephine Przybycin - Fred & Evelyn

Vigil: *The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

5:30PM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

11:00PM Holy Hour for Peace

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:00AM Dan Carbo - Family



FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026

First Friday Adoration 7:30AM - 7:00PM Benediction

7:00AM Joan Wieszczyk - Jean Verdecchia

12:10PM Michael Kilmer - Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

8:00AM Nancy Barnhart - Jay & Marcia

5:00PM David Hanlon - Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30AM John Ehrman - Scott & Colleen Calhoun

9:00AM Pat Double - The 5 Big B's

11:00AM Bernard Bucceri & Deceased Members of the Bucceri Family - Family

2:00PM **Epiphany Concert**

4:30PM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

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

Sundays after all Masses during Advent
or by appointment - call the Church Office

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

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Anthony Gumino - Daughters.

Readings for the Week of December 28th

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Watch Our Lady of Peace Mass On Our YouTube Channel

7:00AM Weekdays

8:00AM Saturdays

9:00AM Sundays



Go to www.ulp.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 Lady of Peace...
Pray for us

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:

Dec. 28: Ann F., Michael M.

Dec. 29: Linda M., Janet A.

Dec. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.

Dec. 31: Jim Z.

Jan. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.

Jan. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.

Jan. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.

Jan. 4: Arlene B., Catherine C., Denny D.

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

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.



From the Pastor's Desk...

Happy Feast of the Holy Family and 4th Day of the Christmas Octave! I would like to share with you an article from Our Sunday Visitor written in 2021 regarding the family. It is about St. John Paul II's apostolic exhortation on the family that I just finished re-reading with a group of men from our parish who are raising families with children age 14 and younger. I was reminded of the great insights of JP II in this writing and so again wanted to share a summary with you.

"5 takeaways for families on the 40th anniversary of John Paul II's 'Familiaris Consortio' by Soren and Ever Johnson: It's not a stretch to say that the writings of Pope St. John Paul II can fill a library. But for us, one slender volume stands out in a sweeping 26-year pontificate that saw 14 encyclicals, 16 books and thousands of homilies, speeches and addresses. Celebrating 40 years this Nov. 22, the apostolic exhortation *Familiaris Consortio* ("The Community of the Family") was characterized by papal biographer George Weigel as one of St. John Paul II's "personal favorites." *Familiaris Consortio*, issued Nov. 22, 1981, has been called a plan of action, a road map and strategy for the Christian family; it is also a forerunner to Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia* ("The Joy of Love"). This quick read (three hours, give or take) is not only our personal favorite from the saint; it's a bracing vision that explodes with insights and strategies for the challenges every Christian family faces today.

The following is a list of five takeaways that we hope will inspire you to sit down and read the full document — one that might just become one of your personal favorites as well.

1. Your example is where everything starts

"The future of humanity passes by way of the family," wrote Pope St. John Paul II (No. 75). By extension, the future of your family passes by way of ... yes, your own personal example.

Do our children see us as parents who are leading them consistently and lovingly in prayer? "Only by praying together with their children," John Paul II writes in a striking passage, "can a father and mother — exercising their royal priesthood — penetrate the innermost depths of their children's hearts and leave an impression that the future events in their lives will not be able to efface" (No. 60).

When life gets difficult — when the inevitable temptations and hardships are encountered by our children — will the "innermost depths" of their hearts bear a permanent, convincing impression of God's tender care for his people and of our faithfulness in mirroring that care for our children? Please God, yes!

2. You can't outsource your role as primary educator and first herald

"You have asked to have your children baptized," we heard from the priest at the baptism of each of our children. "In so doing, you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the Faith. ... Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?" "We do," we answered as parents.

But then what? Nature abhors a vacuum, and sadly, too many parents today have — through whatever combination of woundedness, neglect and distraction — created a vacuum of authority and formation.

Familiaris Consortio is a wake-up call that no, we are not primarily our children's chauffeur for curbside drop-off at CCD or

Catholic school. In fact, we are the "first and foremost educators" and "first heralds of the Gospel" of our families, which St. John Paul II calls "the first and vital cell of society," "a school of humanity," an "educating community," "the first school of the social virtues," and a "society in its own original right."

3. Your family is a 'Little Trinity'

"Families, become what you are," John Paul II writes. The family, he continues, is the "living image of God," "a communion of persons."

To a culture that has forgotten the blueprint for the family, *Familiaris Consortio* invites us back to the Holy Trinity. Our family is a little icon or image of the Trinity. If each person of the Trinity is focused not on himself, not on material things, but on others, then our family is called to image this other-centered, "self-giving" way of life. As St. John Paul II writes, the "experience of communion and sharing should characterize the family's daily life." "As a community of love," he writes, "it finds in self-giving the law that guides it and makes it grow" (No. 37).

Becoming who we are as families, *Familiaris Consortio* reminds us, means a constant turning toward the Trinity in our daily life.

4. Your family is a 'Little Church'

If we're honest, we know that our culture defaults to a thin, reductionist view of "home" as a place to drop our stuff before we run off to the next activity. Our homes easily slip into "entertainment centers" where each member of the family pursues his or her own individual interests.

Familiaris Consortio instead outlines the vision for the family's "church in miniature" or "domestic church." "The dignity and responsibility of the Christian family as the domestic church," St. John Paul II writes, "can be achieved only with God's unceasing aid, which will surely be granted if it is humbly and trustingly petitioned in prayer" (No. 59).

Like a majestic cathedral, our homes ought to offer our children an immersive experience in the Faith. A beautiful home altar or prayer corner, icons, a crucifix — these and other visuals, suffused in "a family atmosphere so animated with love and reverence for God," will help to deepen our families' "fidelity and intensity of prayer" and "actual participation in the mission of the Church" (No. 62).

5. Your family is on mission

If our family is a "communion of persons," an image of the Trinity, and a "domestic church," then it only follows that we have been entrusted with what St. John Paul II calls a "missionary task."

"The future of evangelization," he writes, "depends in great part on the Church of the home" (No. 52). No pressure, Mom and Dad! By "radiating the joy of love" and the "certainty of the hope for which it must give an account," he writes, "the Christian family loudly proclaims both the present virtues of the Kingdom of God and the hope of a blessed life to come" (No. 52).

St. Joseph, Pillar of Families, pray for us!
St. John Paul II, pray for us!"
May God bless the rest of our Christmas Octave

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...

****Please note that the parish office is closed and will reopen Monday, January 5, 2026. Thank you for understanding the need to give our parish staff a well-deserved break.**

****Christmas Octave and Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

We celebrate Christmas as an Octave so from Thursday, December 25 to Thursday, January 1st our Masses will have full solemnity as if Christmas Day with a Gloria, extra music and chant as well as the use of the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Both ends of the octave, Christmas and Mary, Mary of God (January 1st) are Holy Days of Obligation. **Masses for Mary, Mother of God will be Wednesday, December 31st at 5:30pm and Thursday, January 1st at 10am.**

****Holy Hour for Peace** We will again "ring in the New Year" with **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11pm-12 Midnight on New Year's Eve (Wednesday, December 31st)**. What a great way to start the new year by receiving the Blessing (Benediction) of Jesus through His Eucharistic Presence right at Midnight! We will pray for peace in our world through a litany of peace. After the Holy Hour there will be time for a champagne toast and fellowship in the rectory.

****Thank you to** Warren and Christine Beaver and Mike and Mary Beth Whitman for, again, donating the Christmas Books for our Parish! This year we are giving out the book **"The Forgotten Way: the St. James Master Plan"** by Matthew Kelly. Matthew Kelly develops a simple yet profound approach to holiness based on the 11 words from the Letter of St. James in the Bible... "Someone who does not trip up in speech has reached perfection." James 3:2. I hope you will take advantage of this gift and allow the wisdom of St. James and Matthew Kelly draw you closer to perfection.

****Christmas Season** Recall that the Christmas Season lasts for 2 and a half weeks. Highlights include the Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 28th), Mary, the Mother of God (Thursday, January 1st), and the Epiphany (Sunday, January 4th when we will have the Proclamation of the dates for Easter and other significant dates of the Liturgical Year and hand out the house blessing cards). The Christmas Season will conclude on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 11th and we will have Solemn Evening Prayer with Benediction at 6pm to conclude our Christmas celebration.

****Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** Our Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be Saturday, January 24th at 6pm. All volunteers are encouraged to RSVP to the church office by January 12th.

****House Blessings** The Christmas Season, and more specifically the Epiphany, is the traditional time of year for house blessings. Fr. Luke and I are more than willing to come to your homes and bless them with you. Feel free to call either one of us and set up a time to do so.

****Masses this Week** *Monday, Dec. 29th*- 5th Day within the Octave of Christmas and the Feast of St. Thomas Beckett (13th Century Bishop of Canterbury killed by King Henry II); *Tuesday, Dec. 30th*- 6th Day of the Octave of Christmas; *Wednesday, December 31st*- 7th Day within the Octave of Christmas and feast of St. Sylvester I, Pope; *Thursday, January 1st*- Solemnity of the Mary, the Holy Mother of God, the Octave day of Christmas; *Friday, Jan. 2nd*- Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church (4th Century); *Saturday, Jan. 3rd*- the Holy Name of Jesus.

****Our Neighbors Place** OLP will participate in "Our Neighbor's Place" Ministry, which is the Emergency Overflow Shelter in Erie overseen by local church communities during the winter months. **OLP will be providing volunteers and resources the week of Wednesday, January 14th to Tuesday, January 20th.** This is a critical ministry, and I believe it is essential for our parish to be involved; please be open to the ways you can help.

****OLP Cursillo 2026** Last year we tried something new in collaboration with the Cursillo Retreat Movement in our Diocese and it was a great success. For the men's retreat in February 2025, OLP parishioners comprised most of the team and two thirds of the candidates and it was a great boost to both our parish and the Cursillo Movement. So we are going continue that with the Women's Cursillo April 17-19, 2026, at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek. I will be one of the spiritual directors, along with Deacon Ralph, and hopefully the lay leader (called a rector) will be as well.

Here's a little more about Erie Cursillo from their website... "Cursillo (kur-SEE-yo) literally means "little course" and is an intense three-day spiritual retreat, the purpose of which is a deep personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Those who experience the Cursillo Movement know it is more than just three days of religious instruction. It is an effort to change the spiritual environment, to bring Jesus Christ into the world." See www.eriecursillo.org for more information or to sign up.



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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Dec. 21 Class 9:15-10:45AM, Grade 3 Parent Day, Church Activity form due for Grades 1-5, Mass Day
Dec. 28 No Religious Ed. Classes
Jan. 4 No Religious Ed. Classes
Jan. 11 Class 9:15-10:45AM

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

Dec. 21 Class 5:30-7:00PM, Bishop letter part 2 and Sponsor form due
Dec. 28 No Confirmation Class
Jan. 4 No Confirmation Class
Jan. 11 Class 5:30-7PM

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

Yard Signs Available:

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



Ernie NIGHT TO SHINE

Night to Shine is an unforgettable WORLDWIDE celebration centered on God's love, honoring and valuing people with SPECIAL NEEDS.

Night to Shine will be happening across 62 countries with over 820 churches participating and here in ERIE!

Our Lady of Peace is the host church for the 9th year. This prom night experience is sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation where all guests are crowned the kings and queens of the prom.

You can be a part of this awesome night hosted by OLP on Friday, February 13, 2026

- Pray for the success of the event
- Volunteer to be a buddy for a special needs guest at Night to Shine
- Cheer on our guests at the RED CARPET as they are introduced
- Consider making a financial donation to support Night to Shine

Stop by our information table the weekend of January 10th & 11th. We will have more details about becoming a buddy, being part of the Red Carpet welcoming team or making a donation. For more info go to <https://www.ntserie.org/>



A Stewardship of Sharing November 2025 Fiscal Year July 2025 - June 2026

	Monthly	YTD
Weekly Envelope	\$69,399	\$372,187
Loose	4,884	27,490
Holy Days	2,767	6,647
Monthly School Support	1,691	8,147
Christmas/Easter/Flowers	1,103	1,158
Total Offertory	\$79,844	\$335,784
Budgeted Offertory	\$96,458	\$482,292
(Deficit) Surplus	(\$16,614)	(\$146,508)
Diocesan Designated Fund	\$ 3,607	\$14,541

Ways to Support Our Parish

- Electronic Giving (for more information, contact Mary Beth Whitman at marybeth.whitman@olp.org or 814-833-7701 x 202).
- Online at www.olp.org
- Via Paypal app or www.paypal.com and send to olp@olp.org.
- By mail (Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2401 W. 38th St, Erie PA 16506).
- Drop your envelope in the collection basket at Mass or at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support.

2025 CSA February 2025 to January 2026

Goal \$ 227,600
 Pledge Payments Received to Date\$208,335
Total Pledges\$236,373
433 Families - Goal is 500 Families

Every dollar raised supports important Diocesan services and every dollar raised over our assessment will be kept in the parish for parish improvements.
Our 2025-2026 Diocesan assessment is \$152,600.

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help our parish and reduce your taxable income.

Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as Our Lady of Peace.



OLP Music Ministry
presents an
Epiphany Concert



January 4, 2026 at 2:00pm
in the church

PRAYER
for a NEW BISHOP

O Almighty God,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
and those who assist him
in the discernment of our new bishop.
May the one chosen have the strength
to be a compassionate leader,
who models humility and joy.
Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
the courage of the apostles,
and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.

We also pray for the Diocese of Erie
that he is called to serve.
may we welcome him with open hearts
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
may we journey the path of life
with an unwavering focus
on the hope we have in Christ.

For he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025
The Most Revrend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L., Bishop of Erie



Volunteer Appreciation
DINNER

Saturday, January 24th

6:00 PM - SCHOOL CAFETERIA

In gratitude for your time
and service to the mission of OLP

Volunteers Plant

SEEDS
OF



Kindness



RSVP by Wednesday, January 12th
call the office at 814-833-7701
or email olp@olp.org

Because of your support, we
were able to make care
packages for 150 families with
household essentials like
laundry detergent, dish soap,
cleaner, shampoo, body wash,
toothbrushes,
toilet paper,
tissues and paper
towels. All things
we couldn't
imagine going
without.



**THANK
YOU!**

OLP. together we are making a real difference in our community!

Erie Winters are long and cold; but you can help "warm the hearts of the homeless."



OUR LADY OF PEACE AT "OUR NEIGHBOR'S PLACE"

WHAT: OLP will coordinate the overflow shelter needs for one week in January.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 14th–Tuesday, January 20th.

WHERE: Our Neighbor's Place is located at 450 E. 16th St., Erie.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR HOMELESS COMMUNITY.

- Pray for a successful week
- Volunteer for one of the evening (6:30–11pm) or morning (5:30–7am) shifts

CALL OR EMAIL ANDY TO GET INVOLVED

Andy Heinlein, Outreach Coordinator

☎ 814-833-7701 x 206

✉ andrew.heinlein@olp.org

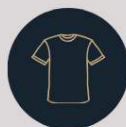
HOW CAN I HELP?



Sign up to volunteer at the shelter. There is an evening shift with (4) men and (4) women needed and a morning shift with (2) men and (2) women needed for each day of our week



Pray for a successful week for our volunteers and shelter guests.



Donate **NEW** clothing items:
Women's sweatshirt/pants S-2XL
Women's briefs sz. 6-10
Men's sweatshirt/pants S-2XL
Men's t-shirts (white) S-2XL
Men's and women's socks

**DROP OFF ITEMS
AT THE CHURCH OFFICE**



Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____

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

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ New Registration
- ☐ Change of Address
- ☐ Moving out of Parish
- ☐ Want envelopes

Get Connected

NEW TO THE PARISH? WANT TO GET INVOLVED BUT NOT SURE HOW?

- Register your family with the parish
- Check out the "events" page on our website, www.olp.org
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website or call the office at 814-833-7701 for help.
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Our rosary repair ministry will take a winter pause...



Please hold onto your rosaries that need repair until the Spring. There will be an announcement in April when we will resume.

Thank you Dianne for taking on this important ministry.

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:

Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 21, Apr 18

Time: 9:45AM to 1:00PM

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What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal

Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889



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January & February Schedule

December 31st-Holy Hour for Peace 11pm at OLP, open to all

Jan 2nd-Youth Group Christmas Party at Sinai Sports-
RSVP by Dec 29th

Jan 6th-MS YG at OLP

Jan 7th-HS YG at OLP

Jan 8th-4th/5th Gr YG at OLP

Jan 13th-MS YG at OLP

Jan 14th-HS YG at SFX

Jan 17th-11am-1am Festival of Praise Trip to Steubenville

Jan 20th-MS YG at OLP

Jan 21st-HS YG at OLP

Jan 22nd-Eucharistic Adoration with Praise & Worship 8pm

Jan 27th-MS YG at OLP

Jan 28th-HS YG at 12th St Chick-Fil-A

Jan 30th-Feb 1st-Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat, open to
those in high school and up, 15 years or older

Feb 3rd-MS YG at OLP

Feb 4th-HS YG at OLP

Feb 5th-4th/5th Gr YG at OLP

Feb 10th-MS YG at OLP

Feb 11th-HS YG at SFX

Feb 13th-Kid's Night Out at OLP 5:30-9pm

Feb 17th-OLP Mardi Gras Party-families welcome

Feb 24th-MS YG at OLP

Feb 25th-HS YG at 12th St Chick-Fil-A

Please Note: Middle School Youth Group (MS YG) is 6:30-8:30pm, no
optional silent Adoration due to a scheduling conflict. High School
Youth Group (HS YG) is 6:30-8:30pm, with optional silent
Adoration/prayer at 6pm.

Dinner is provided at MS and HS. 4th/5th Grade YG is 4-5:30pm, if an
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CONTACT US AT: Sarah.beaver@olp.org or
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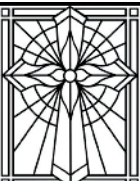
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