



# *Our Lady of Peace*

persecuted  
poor in spirit      righteousness' sake  
kingdom of heaven      called children of God  
hunger and thirst      **Blessed**      merciful  
righteous      mercy  
mourn      pure in heart      inherit the earth  
comforted      see God      meek  
peacemakers

Matthew 5: 3-12

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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.



**February 2026**

1st	Pasta / Pasta Sauce
8th	Shelf Stable Milk / Juice / Tea / Coffee
15th	Canned: Chicken/Beef/Tuna/Salmon
22nd	Mayonnaise / Mustard / Ketchup

Pantry is OPEN February 10th & 24th  
(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](mailto:deacon.john@olp.org) or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office, at 814-838-9983 or [tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:tammie.mang@olp.org).

**Sunday's Readings:**

**Entrance Antiphon** - Save us, O Lord our God! / And gather us from the nations, / to give thanks to your holy name, / and make it our glory to praise you.

**First Reading** - You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

**Psalm** - The Lord blesses the humble and gives them the heavenly kingdom (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** - God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

**Gospel** - Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

**Family Discussion of the Week: Blessed Are We**

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5:11-12)

**Adults:** When you heard the Beatitudes announced today, which one struck you most strongly?

**Kids:** Who is welcome in the reign of God? Who would you like to tell about the reign of God?

**Your Light Must Shine Before Others**

In the Spotlight: Our society loves celebrity. We love it so much that we've created a whole social class of them, people who are celebrated: celebrities. The place we often find them is "in the spotlight." But in one of his usual twists on our usual assumptions about what is right and good, Jesus today informs us that we shouldn't be in the spotlight, we should be the spotlight. Paul understood this when he was writing to the Corinthians. He did not come to them as a celebrity, as the one to be celebrated; he came weak, fearful, and trembling so that the light of the gospel, and not his own, might shine. Isaiah gives us a bit more information about whom we should shine our light upon: the hungry who need to be fed, the homeless who need shelter, the oppressed who need a voice. Our own little spotlight, then, becomes the very light of the dawning day, as we build lives and communities that live in charity and justice. Copyright © 2007, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

**7:00AM** Special Intention for Fr. Rich Toohey -  
Jim Toohey

**12:10PM** Larrie Dudenhoeffer - Family  
**Blessing of Candles**

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

**7:00AM** Betty Mahoney - Erin  
**12:10PM** Roger Czulewicz - Family  
**2:00PM** Mass at Walnut Creek Nursing & Rehab,  
Living & Deceased Members of Walnut Creek Community

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

**7:00AM** Bernard Warzynak - Dick Wingenbach  
**12:10PM** Adolph Yochim - Joe & Dianne

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

**7:00AM** Rina Hoffman - Don & Ruth Mathis  
**12:10PM** Elizabeth Spirito - Deacon Jerry & Joan Peterson  
**2:00PM** School Mass - Deceased Members of the  
Ehrman Family - Ehrman Family

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026

**First Friday** Adoration **7:30AM - 7:00PM Benediction**  
**7:00AM** Patrick Murphy - Corky  
**12:10PM** Michelle Seifert - Fred & Evelyn Fried

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

**8:00AM** Bob Rectenwald - Jay & Marcia  
**5:00PM** Pat Finnucan - Finnucan Family

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**7:30AM** Living & Deceased Members of OLP  
**9:00AM** John Kozak - Family  
**11:00AM** Bob Fuller - Wife, Kathy & Family  
**4:30PM** Stan Mackowski - Family

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

### Confessions available:

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED** - Please pray for  
Pamula Hurt; and for Allene Kraus, Godmother of Mary Beth  
Whitman. May their family and friends find hope and  
consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

### Daily at 11:40AM All are welcome!

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary is prayed  
daily prior to the 12:10 Mass. Mary invites all her children  
to pray her Rosary. Also, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is  
prayed following the 12:10 Mass in the Chapel.



### Readings for the Week of February 1st

Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3;  
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;  
Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;  
Mt 5:13-16

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in  
memory of Leon Mackowski - Pat Long.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of  
Larrie Dudenhoeffer Family.

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

**7:00AM Weekdays**

**8:00AM Saturdays**

**9:00AM Sundays**



Go to [www.olg.org](http://www.olg.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.

## 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:

Feb. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.  
Feb. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.  
Feb. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.  
Feb. 4: Arlene B., Catherine C., Denny D.  
Feb. 5: Joyce K.  
Feb. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.  
Feb. 7: Margaret K.  
Feb. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P.,  
Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.

*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...

Happy February! The beginning of the month of February is a time to celebrate several traditional customs in our Catholic faith. February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple and traditionally called Candlemas Day. It is halfway between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox and so, in the Northern Hemisphere as we see the days becoming longer, we celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World and bless our candles that constantly remind us of that. At the 12:10pm Mass on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will start Mass with a blessing of candles (you are invited to bring any candles you would like blessed for your shrines at home) and have a candlelight procession to celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World. Also, there will be some candles that will be available to take for a donation.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of St. Blaise and the traditional day to offer throat blessings due to the story of St. Blaise helping a young boy with a throat issue. So at all Masses this weekend (January 31/February 1) we will offer a solemn general blessing for this purpose as part of the concluding rites and then after Mass, clergy from OLP will offer personal blessings for those who wish to receive them. On Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, throat blessings are offered after the Homily at both daily Masses. The blessing prayer which I share here, reminds us that this is a blessing for general health and healing. *"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God heal you of any disease of the throat and other any illness, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen."* The blessing is offered with two candles crossed and tied with red ribbon that were blessed the previous day. February 11<sup>th</sup> is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick (the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes where many people have experienced hope and healing through Mary's intercession) so this is a good time to recommit ourselves to prayer for all those who are sick and suffering in body, mind or soul. Please know if that is you, that your pastor and your parish family pray for you and are here for you to help you carry your cross with faith, hope and love. May God bless those who are sick and our week ahead!

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...

**\*\*2026 Paschal/Easter Candle Donor** If anyone would like to sponsor the 2026 Easter Candle in memory or honor of someone, please contact the parish office. The cost of the candle is \$800.

**\*\*First Friday Adoration is this week on February 6<sup>th</sup>.** Come spend some time in adoration of our Lord between 7:30am and 7:00pm Benediction.

**\*\*OLD Palms** It's that time. . . return your old palms during the next few weeks so they can be burned for our ashes for Ash Wednesday which is February 18<sup>th</sup>. There are designated boxes in the vestibules of the church for their return.

**\*\*Knights Pancake Breakfast/Scout Sunday** Next Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> is Scout Sunday and our scouts will be present for Mass at 9am. It is also the next Pancake Breakfast offered by the Knights of Columbus from 8-11am. Both these groups do much to support our mission at Our Lady of Peace so your prayers and support of them are appreciated.

**\*\*Thank You to Pat and Dennis Buto** for their many years, 37 to be exact, at the Millcreek Food Pantry. The time and service that you both have given over the years to the Pantry is greatly appreciated and has assisted in caring for our brothers and sisters in our community. As Pat & Dennis step down, Scott Barnes will be the liaison for the Millcreek Food Pantry.

## **\*\*Promotion Sunday for Catholic Services Appeal 2026**

**Promotion Sunday will be next weekend (February 7/8).**

Commitment Sunday will be February 14/15. This is the annual appeal to financially and spiritually support the important work of the Diocesan Church of which we are a part. The theme of this year's Appeal is *"In Christ, We Are One."*

**\*\*Masses this Week** Monday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Feast of the Presentation of the Lord; Tuesday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>- St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Wednesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>- Weekday in Ordinary Time; Thursday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>- St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr (3<sup>rd</sup> Century); Friday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>- St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs; Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>- Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**\*\*Vocation Initiatives** This weekend we are promoting a new vocation initiative that OLP is one of several pilot parishes for the Diocese of Erie. **"Called By Name"** involves proactively seeking suggestions from parishioners as to young men in the parish who show qualities and actions indicative of a call to the priesthood. See elsewhere in the bulletin for more information but I hope and pray that our parish will have a great response to this. As you have heard me say recently, projections for the number of priests in our diocese are not good and "vocations are everyone's business!"

Also, this weekend we are having another round of 3-month sign-ups for taking the **Parish Vocation Chalice** for a week. We would love to have families and individuals who have never taken the chalice to volunteer. If you sign up, you are called up to take the chalice at the end of the Mass that you sign up for and commit to praying for vocations that week in an intentional way using the prayer resources in the case or your own. You then return the chalice to the office by Saturday morning of your week. You can sign up in the vestibule of the church after Masses this weekend or contact Christine and Warren Beaver at [wbeav@verizon.net](mailto:wbeav@verizon.net).

**\*\*7am Mass Group Charity Bucket** I want to thank and commend everyone who has given donations to the bucket this past year as they were able to donate \$500 to each of the following non-profit organizations in the name of Our Lady of Peace- St. Patrick's Haven, St. Martin Center, Emmaus Soup Kitchen, Erie City Mission, The Reason for Our Hope and Safe Net. Well done 7am Mass Group!

**\*\*Mardi Gras** Join your parish family for a Mardi Gras dinner in the school cafeteria from 6:00-8pm on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Dinner includes Gumbo and child friendly foods (no need to bring anything). I thank our Families Together Ministry for organizing and sponsoring this last celebration so there is no cost to you before we enter into our penitential season of Lent.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

**Feb. 1** No Religious Ed. Classes  
**Feb. 8** Class 9:15-10:45AM  
**Feb. 15** No Religious Ed. Classes  
**Feb. 15** Edge Youth Group Night 5:30-7:00PM  
**Feb. 22** Class 9:15-10:45AM,  
First Reconciliation Retreat

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

**Feb. 1** Class 5:30-7:00PM  
**Feb. 15** No Religious Ed. Classes  
**Feb. 15** Confirmation Youth Group Night 6:30-8:30PM  
**Feb. 22** Class 5:30-7:00PM

Questions: Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director,  
814-838-9983 or [tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto: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](mailto:ejt1125@gmail.com)

3:00pm - 9:00pm Barb Turner  
at 814-392-8348 or [dylewski49@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:andrew.heinlein@olp.org)

## Diocese of Erie

### Pre-Lenten Retreat

**FEBRUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

Step away from busyness and stress to join other single and married adults in a weekend of prayer and community. The Virtue & Integrity Education Office of the Diocese of Erie is sponsoring a pre-Lenten retreat. Opportunities for the sacraments, time for quiet prayer, and community will be available.



<https://www.vancoevents.com/us/DMYY>



## Called By Name

Helping young men discern God's call in their lives

The pilot launch of the Called By Name campaign that was announced in last week's bulletin begins this weekend. This is not only an opportunity for us to reflect upon God's personal call in our own lives, but also a chance to allow God to call others through our invitation. Do you know of a Catholic single young man between the ages of 14-40 who may be called to the priesthood or religious life? If so, help us to encourage him by submitting his name and contact information. There are two ways to submit that information: online or by completing a printed form.

1. To submit the information online, go to this online site: <https://www.vancoevents.com/us/DMVF> or use this QR Code:



2. Complete a hardcopy form to include the name of the young man and his contact information. (Forms are available in the back of the church near the bulletins.) You can then submit that completed form by mailing it to the parish or dropping it off at the parish office.

Feel free to submit more than one name if you know of several young men who may have a calling to a religious vocation and who show signs of holiness and leadership. Those whose names are submitted will receive a personal letter of encouragement and some resources to help them discern from Bishop Persico and Fr. Scott Jabo, the Vocation Director.

Thank you for your generous participation in this Called By Name Campaign.

In the words of Pope St. John Paul II: "God is always free to call whom He wishes and when He wishes. But usually He calls by means of us and our words. So do not be afraid to call... We must call. The Lord will do the rest."

## Special Collection Thank You Help Spread the Faith Communications

Your support makes it possible for the Diocese of Erie to deliver the *Faith* magazine, reach those on the margins, strengthen our digital evangelization and to provide clear, trustworthy communication.

Thank you for supporting this collection.



# Together we prepared the way with love . . .

As we return to ordinary time, we take this opportunity to thank all who participated in the Thanksgiving and Advent Service Projects.

We provided 165 Thanksgiving desserts and 3 large turkeys to the West Millcreek Food Pantry as well as a special collection Thanksgiving Weekend.

For our Advent Service Project we filled 150 bags with household and personal care items for the families of the West Millcreek Food Pantry AND were able to provide 175 gift cards to St. Martin Center to support the Shining Stars Program ensuring all receive something at Christmas.

Your generosity brightened the holidays for many and demonstrated Christ's love of neighbor. Thank You!



YOU are invited to volunteer with OLP at



**WHEN:** Saturday, February 7th and  
Tuesday, February 10th

**TIME:** 8:00am until Noon

**WHERE:** 1270 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. (rehab) or 1730 E. 26<sup>th</sup> (new build)

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

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



Register at  
<https://form.jotform.com/242903971179061>

**CONTACT:** Nancy Milkowski at [nemilkowski14@gmail.com](mailto:nemilkowski14@gmail.com)  
or signup in the vestibule January 31st-February 1st



## Word Made Flesh Altar Server Retreat

If you are an altar server in grades 6-12, we hereby invite you to join us for The "Word Made Flesh" Altar Server retreat. Held at Cathedral Preparatory School in Erie on Saturday, February 28 from 10am-3pm, this retreat will give you a day to grow deeper in love, reverence, and knowledge of the Mass.

You will be able to meet fellow altar servers from around parishes in the Diocese, have contact with different consecrated religious brothers and sisters, and spend a part of the day with the Bishop who will lead us in prayer.

It costs \$0 to attend, lunch is provided for, and we will conclude the day with Eucharistic Adoration + Confessions in St. Peter's Cathedral, the mother church of our Diocese.

You can register by scanning the QR code below. We pray you consider joining us for this powerful retreat where you will encounter God's Love for you, and grow in love for the most privileged means where God becomes flesh for us - the Holy Mass.



Peace and God Bless!

The Word Made Flesh Retreat Team

Fr. Brandon Feikles, Fr. Ben Daghir, Fr. Luke Daghir, Dr. Aaron Kerr

A FAMILY & COMMUNITY WIDE  
CELEBRATION

# Mardi Gras Party

Tuesday, February 17th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Dinner includes delicious Gumbo as well as some kid friendly foods.  
NO NEED TO BRING ANYTHING.

Enjoy an evening of fun and celebration.  
Kids activities will be available.





The Knights of Columbus Council  
of Our Lady of Peace

## Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 8th

OLP Cafeteria from 8:00 to 11:00AM

### Menu:

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,  
Hash Browns/Sausage/Juice/Coffee/Tea

**Credit Cards Accepted**

Adults \$10 Child \$6 (6-15) 5 & Under Free

Join us for the "Best Breakfast Deal" in town,  
and support your KofC organization.



Like us on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/kofc11454/](http://www.facebook.com/kofc11454/)



## Music Ministry HAS A CHAIR FOR YOU!

OLP's Music Ministry is inviting you to join us for Mass  
on Sunday, February 8.

We'll have a chair for you at the Mass of your choice:  
9:00am, where you will sing with Selah Praise Band  
11:00am, where you will sing with Voice of Peace Choir

This is a fun opportunity to try us out! Everyone is welcome, youth  
through adult. Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend!

**INTERESTED:** Simply arrive 15 minutes before Mass so  
we can meet you and get you settled into your chair.  
Don't worry, we'll have everything you need to join us!

### QUESTIONS:

Debby Holmes, director of Selah Praise Band

Cell: (814) 746-1539; email: debbyholmes75@gmail.com

Lesley Lopez, director of Voice of Peace Choir

Cell: (814) 464-7177; email: leslopez62@yahoo.com



## Year End Giving Statements

To request your giving statement  
please contact Cynthia in the church office by:

**Calling:** 833.7701 x 0 or **E-mailing:**

[cynthia.berarducci@olp.org](mailto:cynthia.berarducci@olp.org)

## Mark Your Calendar for Area Events

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026 11:00AM-4:00PM

### Spaghetti Dinner

**Our Lady of Mercy Church** 837 Bartlett Rd., Harborcreek  
Choice of entrée: Meatballs or Chicken Parmesan (pre-sale  
only). Refreshments, side salad, Italian bread & cookies.  
Basket Raffle benefits the Religious Education Department.  
Pre-Sale Pricing: \$14 Full Plate; \$8 Half Plate  
Door Sale Pricing: \$15 Full Plate; \$9 Half Plate  
Sit Down & Take-Out available.

RISEN & ROOTED RCYM  
FUNDRAISER

For those  
IN K-5TH  
GRADE

## RISEN & ROOTED KID'S NIGHT OUT SCHEDULE


OPEN TO KIDS FROM ANY SCHOOL

\$30+ \$5 PER  
ADDITIONAL  
CHILD IN THE  
SAME FAMILY

FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> AT OLP  
MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> AT OLP  
MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AT OLP  
5:30-9:00PM

Dinner, snacks, crafts, games, & prayer included.  
Must RSVP, no walk in's. Limited spots.  
Sign in/out Cafeteria at OLP, Parish Center at St. Francis!  
Regarding volunteers, we will have youth group  
participants due to this being a fundraiser

RSVP to [sarah.beaver@olp.org](mailto:sarah.beaver@olp.org) by the Wednesday before!

## Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Championship Boys & Girls ages 9 - 14

All boys and girls ages 9 through 14 are invited  
to participate in the  
Knights of Columbus  
Free Throw Contest.



The local  
competition will be  
held on

→ **Saturday, February 7th  
at 1:00PM in the OLP Gym.**

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship  
is held annually with winners progressing through  
local, district, regional, and state competitions. All  
boys and girls 9 to 14 years of age are eligible to  
participate and will compete in their respective age  
divisions.

Entry forms available at the competition. All  
participants will shoot 15 Free Throws to determine  
the winners who will advance to the District  
competition.



# RISEN & ROOTED

## REGIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 OLP student, they can come over at 3pm until 4pm.

CONTACT US AT: Sarah.beaver@olp.org or  
youth@stfrancisxaviermckean.org



**Saturday, February 7, 2026**  
**Bayfront Convention Center**



**Honoring:**

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### 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



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### Volunteer Opportunity:

Meals on Wheels Erie is seeking caring volunteers to help deliver meals to homebound neighbors in our community. We offer once-a-week delivery routes for those looking for a regular commitment, as well as substitute opportunities for those who can help as their schedule allows. Routes take about two hours to complete, and all training is provided.

Due to the growing community need, we are expanding and looking to add up to three new delivery routes as soon as possible.

Meal delivery is a fun, meaningful, and rewarding way to serve - each visit brings nourishment, a friendly face, and reassurance to someone in need.

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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

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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](http://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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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:

Feb. 21, Mar. 21, Apr 18, May 16

Time: 9:45AM to 1:00PM

Where: 11th & French St.

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Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

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LAST SUPPER



*Season 5*

**6:30-8:30pm**

**Tuesdays, February 3 - March 24\*, 2026**

\*March 24<sup>th</sup> will take place in the cafeteria

**Where: Our Lady of Peace Church**

**NO COST: All materials provided**

**Please drop off or mail registration form to:**

**Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie, PA 16506**

**Attn: OLP Adult Faith Formation**

*We are loved because He is Love. We are saved because He is merciful.*

Adult Faith Formation presents: The Chosen Season 5 Study

You will be registered upon receipt of your registration form—**due by January 28, 2026**

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