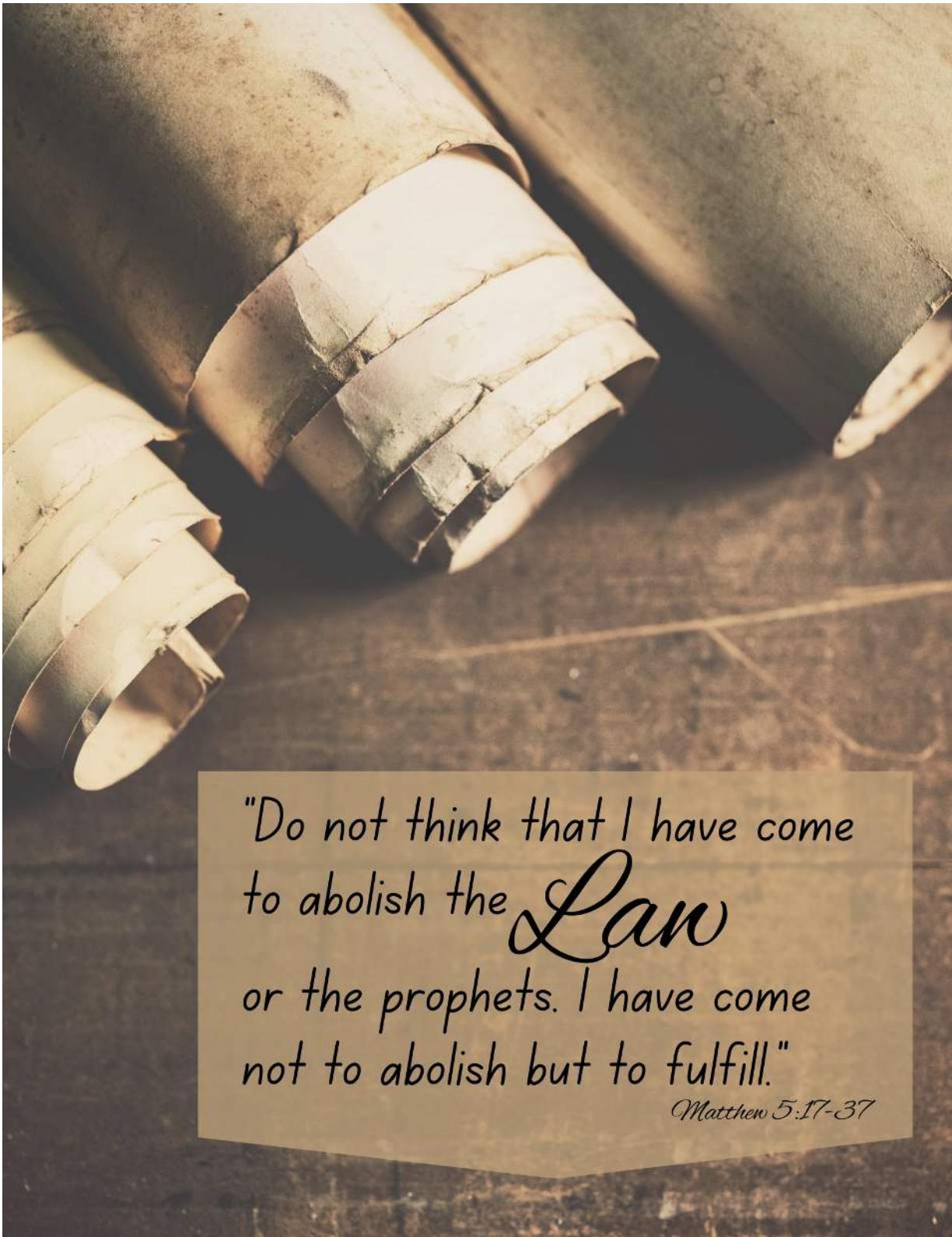




Our Lady of Peace



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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.

**February 2026**

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 or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office, at 814-838-9983 or tammie.mang@olp.org.

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - Be my protector, O God, / a mighty stronghold to save me. / For you are my rock, my stronghold! / Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading - God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm - Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading - God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel - Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Implications of the New Law

Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24)

Adults: How do you reconcile with those who have offended or hurt you?

Kids: When have you taken the first step to make up with someone who has hurt you or whom you have offended?

CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026

7:00AM Ed Wagner - Daughter, Corky
 12:10PM Jeff Hickin - Nancy Miller
 6:30PM **Holy Hour for Government Leaders**
 Church offices closed today and will reopen Tuesday.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

7:00AM Fr. Nick Fratus - Kathy Luschini
 12:10PM Michael Kilmer - Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday

Ashes distributed at all the times listed below

7:00AM Mable Gianoni -
 Daughter, Kathy Luschini
 12:10PM Dick Burr - Family
 1:30PM **School Mass** - Cheryl Kulich - Sally Meister
 5:30PM Ashes Distribution Service
 7:00PM Marilyn Rieger - OLP Music Ministry



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

7:00AM Fr. Nick Fratus - 7AM Mass Group
 12:10PM Chuck Harrity - Wife, Bev

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

7:00AM Rose Majczyk - Sr. Claudia Dombrowski
 12:10PM Jeanne Werner - Joe & Dianne Yochim
 6:00 PM **Confessions**
 7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

8:00AM Jeanette Bisbee - Jay & Marcia
 5:00PM Peggy Spangler - Michelle & Todd Michaels

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

7:30AM John E. Ehrman - Larry & Pam Gutting
 9:00AM Pat Double - The 5 Big B's
 11:00AM John & Louise Gaines - Michael & Denise
 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

Fridays during Lent 6:00-7:00PM

Saturday 8:30-9:00AM and 3:45-4:45PM

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



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 15th	
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Watch Our Lady of Peace Mass On Our YouTube Channel

7:00AM Weekdays

8:00AM Saturdays

9:00AM Sundays



Go to www.olp.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.

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Peggy & John Pulice - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Dorothy Zavasky - Family.

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. 15: Mary Alice W., Loretta B., Mandy K.

Feb. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.

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

Feb. 18: Rachel O.

Feb. 19: Amber D., Chris L.

Feb. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G.

Feb. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.

Feb. 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne 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...

Happy Feast of St. Valentine Weekend! Lent, our "great annual Catholic retreat," is here... woo hoo! This is a special time we as Catholics set apart to recommit to the basic Christian disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in order to grow in our relationship with God and make more room for Him in our hearts and in our lives. We begin that journey **this Ash Wednesday (February 18th)** when we will have Masses at 7am, 12:10pm, 1:30pm (School Mass) and 7pm. There will also be a Service for Distribution of Ashes at 5:30pm. While Ash

Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation attending Mass is still a noble way to start this great season of grace. It is also a day of abstinence from meat for Catholics 14 years and older (as are all the Fridays in Lent), and a day of fasting for Catholics age 18-59. Those obligated to fast may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain one's strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

I cannot encourage you enough to make a plan NOW for your Lenten commitments in those areas of prayer, fasting and almsgiving (giving to the poor). Here are some opportunities at OLP to consider to intensify your spiritual commitment during Lent:

-DAILY MASS (it has been a powerful Catholic tradition to commit to this prayer more regularly during Lent).

-Celebrate Mass on 3 special feasts in March... the Feast of St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of the Diocese of Erie on Tuesday, March 17th; the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Patron Saint of the Universal Church on Thursday, March 19th (see below about the Table that day as well), and the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on Wednesday, March 25th (when we genuflect during the Creed like at Christmas).

-Daily Rosary is said at 11:35am in the main church Monday through Friday.

-The Chosen Season 5 Study continues on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm through March 24th in the church. Note: March 24th will take place in the cafeteria.

-Stations of the Cross at 7pm on all Fridays during Lent.

-St. Joseph Table on Thursday, March 19th at 6pm in the school cafeteria which includes a prayer service and blessing of the food and then a simple meatless meal. People are encouraged to bring non-perishable food or monetary donations for the West Millcreek Food Pantry.

-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, March 6th and March 31st and April 1st (Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week) from 1pm to 12 Noon (23 hours straight).

-Operation Rice Bowl (provided in the bulletin as well as to all Faith Formation and school children) to support Catholic Relief Services.

“The Light is On for You” where confessions are heard **Wednesday, March 25th** at participating local parishes from 5-7pm.

In addition to these communal opportunities, see my notes below for the full Confession schedule for Lent. Also, the Hallow App has another great Lenten Challenge called Pray40 that I would recommend- it will focus on two great books-

the Brothers Karamozov by Fyodor Dostoevsky and The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen.

Whatever you decide for your plan, Lent should look different for us as Catholics so let's get ready to begin to renew our spiritual health... may God bless our week and Lent 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...

****Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2026 Catholic Services Appeal *In Christ, We Are One*.** The CSA is essential to carrying out the Church's mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word, celebrate the sacraments, and provide hope to people in need, beyond what any parish can provide on its own. As baptized Catholics, the Lord calls each one of us to share His love and build up His Church. Through our gifts to the CSA, we carry out His life-giving mission. Thank you for your faithful generosity and prayers for the CSA.

****Holy Hour for Government Leaders** There will be a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Presidents Day, February 16th at 6:30pm. We will pray for local, state and national leaders in our country to lead and govern with the gifts of the Holy Spirit of wisdom, right counsel, courage and fear of the Lord.

****Mardi Gras** Please join your parish family for a Mardi Gras dinner in the school cafeteria at 6pm on Tuesday, February 17th. I thank our Families Together Ministry for organizing and sponsoring this celebration so it can be held at no cost to you before we enter into our penitential season of Lent.

****Burning of Palms** I will burn the palms for this year's ashes on Tuesday, February 17th at 1:30pm with the OLP School Community in the parking lot. All are welcome to join us as we prepare for Ash Wednesday.

****Lenten Guidelines 2026** The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th, and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 2nd.

-Traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

-Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.

-Ash Wednesday and Good Friday also are days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)



Called By Name

Helping young men discern God's call in their lives

****Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday, February 20, 27 (Living Stations), March 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 7pm. Confessions will be heard from 6-7pm before Stations.**

****Lenten Confessions** In addition to our normal weekly confession times (Wednesdays from 11:15am-Noon, Saturdays from 8:30-9am and 3:45-4:45pm) we will have extra opportunities throughout Lent. They are Fridays from 6-7pm (before Stations) and after all Sunday Masses including 4:30pm. "The Light is On for You" is Wednesday, April 9th from 5-7pm (local churches are open and priests hearing confessions throughout Erie).

****Masses this Week** *Monday, Feb. 16th and Tuesday, Feb. 17th*. Weekdays in Ordinary Time; *Wednesday, Feb. 18th*- Ash Wednesday; *Thursday, Feb. 19th and Friday, Feb. 20th*. Weekdays in Lent; *Saturday, Feb. 21st*- St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (11th century Benedictine and defender of Gregorian Reform).

****OLP will be leading a Pilgrimage to Sights and Sounds Theatre in Lancaster** to see their production of "Joshua" on **June 16-18, 2026**. There are limited spots on the bus. For more info see page 7. Call Cynthia in the church office to RSVP and send in your \$50 deposit to reserve your spot.

****Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Fr.**

Nick Fratus who passed away in DuBois several weeks ago and who's funeral was at Blessed Sacrament Parish (Fr. Nick's home parish) on January 27th. The exact cause of death has not yet been declared but it is understood to be natural causes. Fr. Nick was serving as the hospital and nursing home chaplain in DuBois since last August. This hits close to home as we remember Fr. Nick's service as parochial vicar at OLP from July 2024 to August of 2025 and so let us also keep each other in prayer as we mourn Fr. Nick's loss. Several of you have approached me since Fr. Nick's passing to relay the impact that Fr. Nick had on you in his priestly ministry, particularly his graciousness and ability to listen and counsel in confession as well as his ministry to the sick. If you would like to make a donation to help defray funeral costs you can drop off your donation in the church office. Let us all continue to pray... "Eternal rest grant unto Fr. Nick, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."

****Presentation of the Gifts at Masses** The ushers/greeters/sacristans are always looking for individuals or families to help with the presentation of the gifts at the 5pm Saturday, and 7:30am, 9am, and 11am Masses on Sunday at OLP. It would great if you would consider volunteering for this role (especially if you have never done it). On Sundays, approach the ushers before Mass and letting them know you are available to do it. On Saturdays, approach the sacristan in the sacristy to volunteer. If you are not sure who that is, just go to the sacristy where the priest and altar servers prepare for Mass and ask for the sacristan. This will be a big help to those responsible for finding gift bearers at the Masses so thank you for helping with this if you can.

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."

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

Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - AI-generated

Explicit Images: With the rising use of AI, explicit nonconsensual images can be generated easily and without the victim's knowledge. An offender may not even need an explicit image to work from. When threatened with explicit AI-generated images being published or distributed online, victims often succumb to demands for money, in-person meetings or worse. This can affect anyone, regardless of age or gender - but children are most at risk. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provides a free service called, "Take It Down," that can help one remove or stop the online sharing of nude, partially nude, or sexually explicit images or videos of minors.

For information visit: <https://takeitdown.ncmec.org>

For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

OLP PRAYER LINE

The OLP Prayer Line is ready to pray for you! Prayer intentions for yourself, someone else or a special intention can be sent in by phone or email.

9:00am - 3:00pm Edie Testa
at 814-651-5952 or ejt1125@gmail.com

3:00pm - 9:00pm Barb Turner
at 814-392-8348 or dylewski49@hotmail.com

If you would like to become a member of the prayer team for this important ministry and pray for your fellow parishioners, contact:

Andrew Heinlein - Outreach Coordinator
814-833-7701 x 206 or andrew.heinlein@olp.org

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-1pm 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 OLP student, they can come over at 3pm until 4pm.

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

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. 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

Yard Signs Available:

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



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.

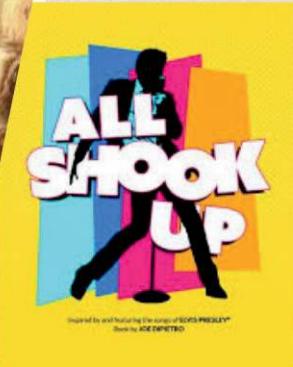
Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
may we journey the path of life
with an unwavering focus
on the hope we have in Christ.

For he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.





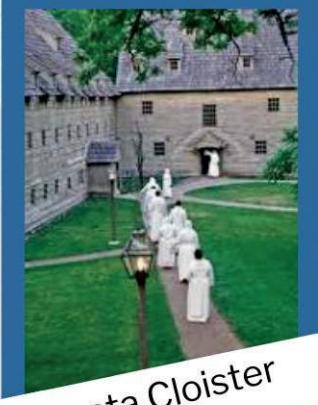
Join us for a Pilgrimage to Lancaster, PA



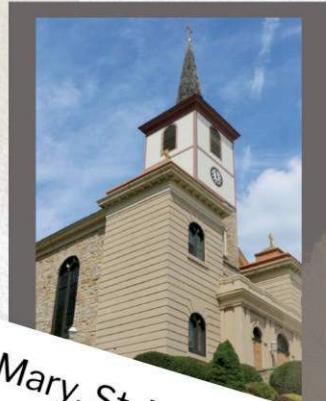
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Ephrata Cloister



St. Mary, St. Mary, PA

Day 1

Depart from Our Lady of Peace and travel to St. Mary's Parish, St. Marys, PA for Mass and a tour. Visit Straub Brewery and enjoy lunch on the bus.

Arrive in Lancaster and check into our hotel then enjoy "All Shook up" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre.

Day 2

Enjoy a visit to the Historic Ephrata Cloister, a trip to Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market for lunch on your own and browse the area.

Experience "Joshua" at the Sight and Sound Theatre followed by dinner at an Amish family home.

Day 3

Depart for Kitchen Kettle Village for shopping and lunch then travel to St. Francis of Assisi Church in Clearfield, PA for Mass and tour.

We will stop for a quick dinner on the way home and arrive back to Our Lady of Peace in the evening with new friends and great memories.

Pilgrimage includes bus transportation, show tickets, event tickets, (2) breakfasts, (1) lunch and (2) dinners.

A \$50 deposit per person holds your spot.

There are currently 20 spots still available

Seats are reserved on a first come first served basis.

Checks payable to Our Lady Peace. Questions call Cynthia @814-833-7701.

22:32 MEN

2026 CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th

*Strengthen
Your Brothers!*

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Event
At St. Jude Parish, Erie, PA and at
local parishes in NW PA and NE Ohio

All Faiths are Welcome!

Inspiring NATIONAL SPEAKERS including:



FATHER
LARRY RICHARDS



BE RENEWED
IN CHRIST!

\$20 Adult Early Registration
(before February 1st)
\$25 Adult Registration
(after January 31st)
\$20 Group of 8 or more
\$15 Adult - first time attendee ONLY
High School and College Students - FREE
Please register beforehand.



"BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU
THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL.
AND WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED BACK,
STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS."
LUKE 22:32



FATHER
MATHIAS THELEN



MATTHEW LEONARD

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Our conference will be held live
at St. Jude Parish in Erie and will
also be live-streamed out to
parishes in the Erie Diocese and
others in surrounding areas.
Our website has a list of those
parishes.



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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.

To learn more or sign up, please call
Kathleen at 814-452-6930 or
visit: mealsonwheelserie.org

LENT AND CRS RICE BOWL

This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl-connecting our prayers, fasting and almsgiving to encounter God through our global



family. We'll meet, pray for and learn from families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition.

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

UPMC HOSPITAL MINISTRY UPDATE:

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
andrew.heinlein@olp.org

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to the Eleventh Annual

1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie

TIME: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Registration and Refreshments: 8:00 - 8:30 AM

Cost: \$25

College and High School students & Religious - FREE!
Conference includes: Two talks, Adoration, Confession,

Mass, Basket Raffle & Book/Media Sales

SPEAKERS: Jeff Joaquin with his message of Mercy
and Paula Umana with her message of Hope

ATTENDANCE: Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home



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MORE INFO

www.138women.com or 814-455-7364

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Mardi Gras *Party*

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Tuesday, February 17th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

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February 28, 2026



10:00AM to 3:00PM



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Altar Server Retreat



Word Made Flesh Altar Server Retreat

6th-12th Graders Invited

FREE to Attend - Registration Required!

- Be with Bishop Persico and fellow altar servers from around the Diocese
- Grow deeper in love, reverence, and knowledge of the Mass
- Encounter Christ in Talks, Adoration, and Confession
- Meet consecrated Religious Brothers and Sisters

SCHEDULE

9:15 - 9:45AM	Registration and Welcome Please arrive by 9:45AM	1:00 - 1:25PM	Talk 2 - <i>Nature of Serving: Spiritual, Evangelical, Reverent</i>
10:00 - 10:40AM	Logistics / Talk 1 - <i>The Power and Reality of the Mass</i>	1:45 - 2:45PM	Eucharistic Exposition / Confessions/ Reflection by Bishop Persico
11:00 - 11:45AM	Q & A Panel	2:50-3:00PM	Closing Remarks, Departure
Noon	LUNCH (will be provided)		

Registration deadline:
February 21st

REGISTER HERE >

<https://forms.office.com/r/XvmjfZDWMh>



Remember you are dust and to
dust you shall return.

Ash Wednesday
February 18th

Masses: 7:00am, 12:10pm, 1:30pm (school) and 7:30pm
Ashes Distribution Service 5:30pm

OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

~Albert Pike



Maria House Project is grateful for all the **casseroles** that Our Lady Peace has provided over the years. What you "have done for others" has made a big difference in many lives. Thank you!

The February **casseroles**, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church office on **Saturday, February 21st**, between 3:30 and 4:30pm. If you would like us to pick it up call Skip or Dottie Glover at 814-440-3496 or email scottledippy@gmail.com. **Casseroles** should be pre-cooked, frozen in a disposable container, with reheating directions attached. Names or addresses are NOT to be included.

New book available for LENT (limited quantities available)

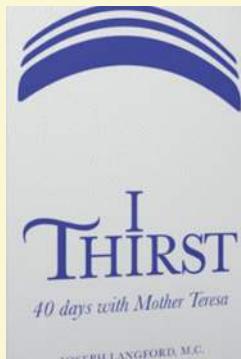
Cost: - \$5

St. Teresa of Calcutta was a woman known and loved for her tender work among the poorest of the poor. Behind her drive and desire to serve Christ's poor was a profound understanding of the thirst of God for man, and man's thirst for God. This guided meditation on Scripture and the teaching of Mother Teresa will lead those who read it into the heart of the mystery of God's thirst for souls, and how man can meet the Lord's thirst. Fr. Joseph Langford, an intimate friend of Mother Teresa's and a co-founder with her of the Missionary of Charity Fathers, leads the reader into Mother Teresa's love of God, and helps foster the love of God in the heart of the reader.

Divided into seven main sections, these meditations will provoke prayer on:

- The Dynamics of Thirst
- Prayer as Thirst
- Our Lady's Example in Meeting God's Thirst
- Thirst in the Service of God
- Sharing in the Thirst of Christ
- Jesus as the Incarnation of God's Thirst
- Satiated Thirst

I Thirst provides an opportunity to spend a few minutes every day with Mother Teresa and the thirst of our Lord. It provides an opportunity to grow in intimacy, and to meet the thirst of God with our own thirst for him.



**THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC
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The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) is available to answer your real-life questions about fertility, end-of-life issues, feeding tubes, healthcare proxies, use of opioids, vaccines, etc. (ncbccenter.org)

- This service is intended for real-life decisions, not hypothetical situations or academic research. Questions outside the scope of this service may not receive a reply, including statements or descriptions of experiences with no actual questions. For reading and research, please see our list of resources, our periodicals *Ethics & Medics* and *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, and our model advance directive in *A Catholic Guide for End of Life Decisions*.

Submission methods and response times:

- **Online** at ncbccenter.org - Our goal is to respond within 5 business days, however our response may be delayed due to an increase in volume of questions.
- **Business hours phone line** - call 215-877-2660. If you have an urgent question during business hours please indicate the reason for urgency in your voicemail and we will try to respond within 2 hours.
- **After hours phone line** - call 215-877-2660 **For urgent situations only.** Please indicate the reason for urgency and we will work to return your call within 2 hours.



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Lent 2026

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*Father
Luke Daghir*
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*Father
Michael Scanga*
MARCH 10



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Joe Petrone*
MARCH 17



*Father
Ben Daghir*
MARCH 24



Holy Thursday
6:00PM SOUP, BREAD, & DESSERT
7:30PM HOLY THURSDAY MASS
APRIL 2

OUR SPEAKERS WILL BE SHARING THEIR VOCATION STORIES,
REFLECTING ON HOW THEY SERVE & SUPPORT THE LAY FAITHFUL, ADDRESSING THE NEEDS
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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:

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

Time: 9:45AM to 1:00PM

Where: 11th & French St.

What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal

Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889



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Our Neighbor's Place 2026

On behalf of Fr. Rich, David Prier and Dan Jerioski (ONP chairs), and Andy Heinlein (Outreach Coordinator), thank you to all who helped make OLP's week of leadership at Our Neighbor's Place Homeless Shelter a success. Thank you for your prayers, financial contributions, clothing donations and time volunteered at the shelter.

We give a "shout out" to the following ministries for providing evening snacks and breakfast for the guests: Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus, High School Youth Group, Women of Faith, Families Together and Sunday Suppers. The guests were always asking for seconds!

Thank you to the 60 parishioners who volunteered to work either the morning or evening shifts at the shelter. May God bless you for your support in meeting the needs of our homeless brothers and sisters.

We look forward to building on our support of Our Neighbor's Place next year!

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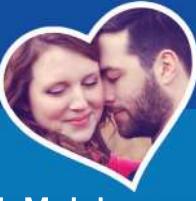




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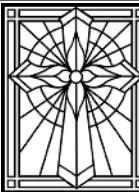


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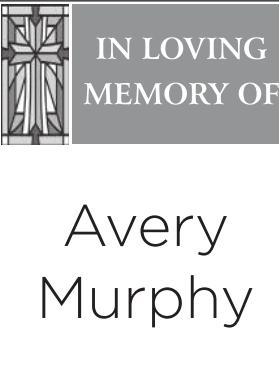
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