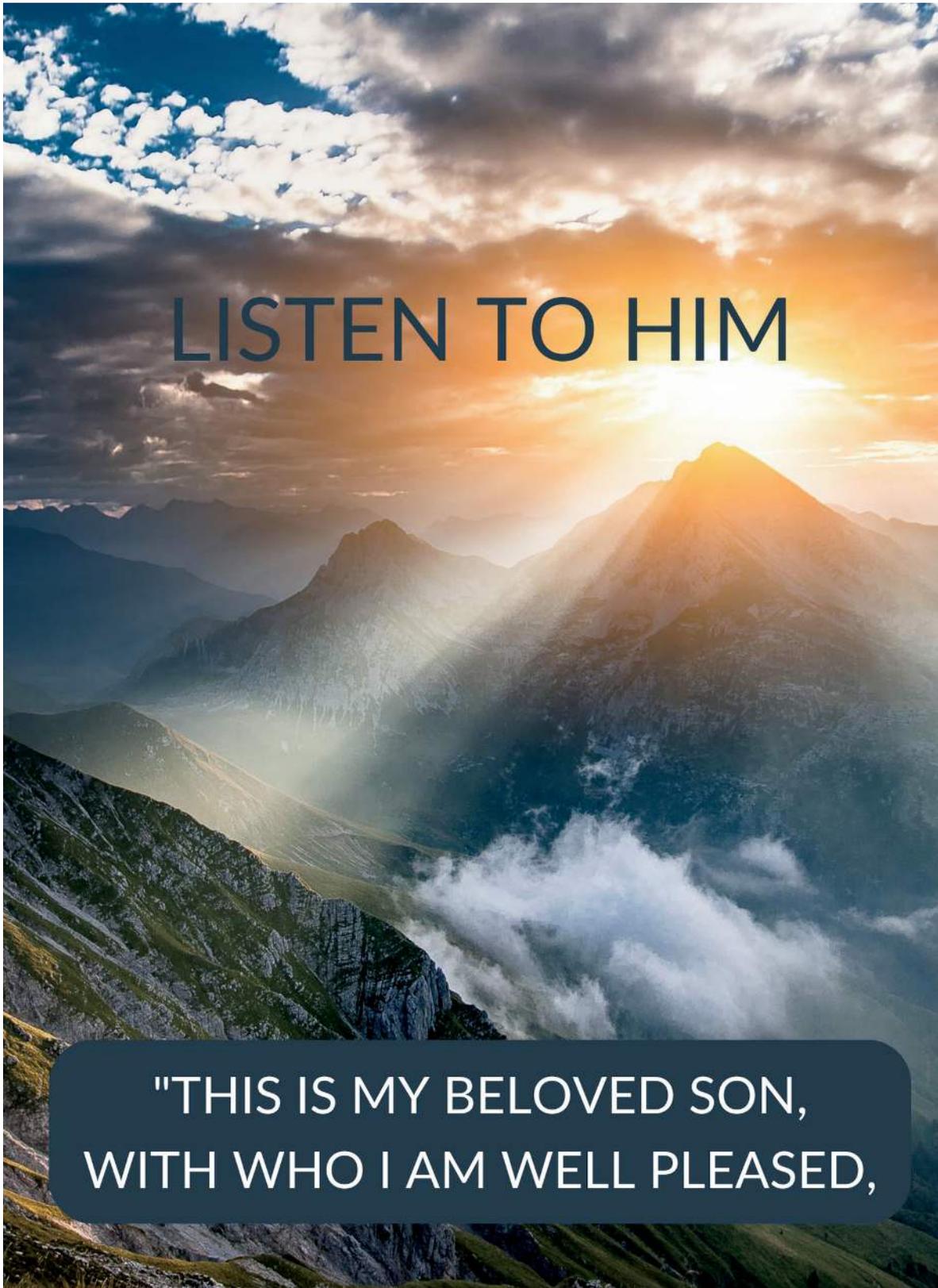




# *Our Lady of Peace*



LISTEN TO HIM

"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON,  
WITH WHO I AM WELL PLEASED,

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

2401 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506

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**Parish Leadership Team**

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.



**March 2026**

1st Cereal / Oatmeal / Breakfast Bars

8th Mac 'n Cheese / Applesauce

15th Nut Butters / Jam, Jelly

22nd Rice / Potato Flakes / Gravy

29th Canned: Vegetables / Soup

**Pantry is OPEN March 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** - When he calls on me, I will answer him; / I will deliver him and give him glory, / I will grant him length of days.

**First Reading** - The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** - We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** - God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** - Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

**Family Discussion of the Week: Call to Faithfulness**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. (Matthew 17:1-2)

**Adults:** What difference does your faith in Jesus Christ make in your life?

**Kids:** What does it mean to you to be a holy person?

**TURNING POINTS**

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today.

# MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026**

7:00AM Trenton Zdarko - Jean Verdecchia  
 12:10PM Jeanne Johannesmeyer - Judy Dymski

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026**

7:00AM David Cooney - Family  
 12:10PM John Hodas - Friends  
 2:00PM **Mass at Walnut Creek Nursing & Rehab,**  
 (4850 Zuck Rd.): Living & Deceased Members of  
 the Walnut Creek Community

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026**

7:00AM Louise Dossert & Samantha Smith - Family  
 12:10PM Terese Wieszczyk - OLP Rosary  
 2:00PM **School Stations of the Cross**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026**

7:00AM Deceased Members of the Mahoney Family -  
 Erin  
 12:10PM Leon & Wanda Polakowski - Family  
 2:00PM **School Mass** - Ralph Hummel - Cathy

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026**

7:00AM Patricia Miklos - Family  
 12:10PM Nancy Zupcic - Bill & Tamara Swick  
 6:00 PM **Confessions**  
 7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026**

8:00AM Joan Wieszczyk - Michele Pulice  
 5:00PM Larry Galla - Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

7:30AM Larry Heinlein -  
 Carol & Donny Willison  
 9:00AM Janice Gangemi - Friend, Marcy  
 11:00AM Larrie Dudenhoefter - Family  
 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

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED** - Please pray for  
 Valentine Wieszczyk, father of Rose Ann Gutting & Rachael  
 Kibbe; Zachary Carbo; Richard Krainski; and for Robert  
 Maracci. 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 March 1st*

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
 Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;  
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
 Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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

7:00AM Weekdays  
 8:00AM Saturdays  
 9:00AM Sundays



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

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in  
 memory of John E. Ehrman - Larry & Pam Gutting.  
**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of  
 Deceased Members of the Metz Family - Niece, Marcia.

**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:**

- Mar. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.
- Mar. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.
- Mar. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.
- Mar. 4: Arlene B., Catherine C., Denny D.
- Mar. 5: Joyce K.
- Mar. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
- Mar. 7: Margaret K.
- Mar. 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:**

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

Serra Prayer for Vocations

## From the Pastor's Desk...

A blessed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent to you and beginning of the month of March! Do not forget that in the midst of this great season of prayer and fasting we celebrate three significant solemnities in March that are required feasting. **ONE- Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick's Day** and the patronal feast of the Diocese of Erie. **TWO- Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of St. Joseph** which used to be a holy day of obligation since St. Joseph is the universal patron of Catholic Church. We will have our traditional **St. Joseph Table that Thursday evening at 6pm** and everyone is encouraged to bring a non-perishable food or monetary donation in support of our West Millcreek Food Pantry. **THREE- Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord** and is again a day we break our liturgical fasts as well as others due to the joy that day invokes. It is also one of two days of the whole year that we genuflect during the words of the Incarnation as we profess the Creed since the Annunciation is the day Jesus became flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

These celebrations during Lent remind us of the constant cycles of life that are always drawing us into different aspects of the Paschal Mystery (Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection). As we experience one aspect of the mystery (for example the suffering of the cross through our own suffering) we know that the others are not far off (the Resurrection, relief, growth are coming if they are not already happening). So let's train hard when our church calls us to train, and celebrate hard when our church calls us to celebrate.

May God bless our 2<sup>nd</sup> full week of 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...

**\*\*Catholic Services Appeal 2026** As of Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, OLP had 244 pledges for \$156,165. We have almost reached our Diocesan Assessment of \$160,000 and at almost 75% of our parish goal of \$210,000. Remember that everything raised over what we contribute to the Diocesan Church will be put toward our Parish Vision and Renovation Plan. Please make a pledge if you have not already done so and thank you to those that have!

**\*\*During Lent we will be ending Masses with no hymn; just instrumental music as a way to encourage more silence in this season.** Please be considerate of those who may want to take a moment of prayer in their pews as you depart.

**\*\*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 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm (local churches are open and priests hearing confessions throughout Erie).

**\*\*A big thank you to an anonymous donor who generously covered the cost of the Paschal Candle that will be used at OLP starting at the Easter Vigil.** It is also sometimes called the Easter Candle or Christ Candle. It is blessed at the Easter Vigil and then lit from the Easter Fire. We then light all of our candles off that candle as we enter the dark church and as the light spreads throughout the church on that Holy Night, it reminds us of that same light of Christ that breaks through this world of sin and darkness. The candle remains in the sanctuary next to the Ambo throughout the Easter Season and then is moved next to the baptismal font for the rest of the year. It is lit at baptisms and funerals throughout the rest of the year.

**\*\*New Flagon at Mass** I thank Sr. Kathleen who procured a beautiful flagon from the Diocesan archives that we will be using at Masses at OLP moving forward. I also thank the Rosary Society who graciously paid for its replating. The flagon is the gold "pitcher" that is now part of the presentation of the gifts and is used for the wine for the presider's chalice.

**\*\*Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday of Lent. A special thank you to the students from Our Lady of Peace School who are presenting "Living Stations" this week at 7pm. Confessions will be heard from 6-7pm before Stations.**

**\*\*Masses this Week** Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>- Weekdays in Lent; Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>- St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin (Philadelphian heiress and foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, also established some 49 foundations); Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>- St. Casimir (15<sup>th</sup> Century Polish prince who was called the "brother and defender of the poor"); Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>- Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, captured and killed in 203AD- part of the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I).

**\*\*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 be 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 help to those responsible for finding gift bearers at the Masses.

**\*\*Cursillo Retreats** "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's an effort to change the spiritual environment, to bring Jesus Christ into the world." See [www.eriecursillo.org](http://www.eriecursillo.org) for more info or ask a friend, you'd be surprised how many people are part of the Cursillo community. Register online or stop by the office and we can assist you. The upcoming retreats are:

**Men's Cursillo, March 20-22, at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek, PA**

**Women's Cursillo, April 17-19, at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek, PA**

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**New Subscriptions begin in April.**



## Ramps of Hope

Are you looking to join a winning team and help those that are disabled to gain mobility?

The *OLP Ramp Team* is seeking volunteers to join the team. No experience necessary, "If you can lift a board, we have a place for you." We volunteer for **Ramps for Hope**, a non-profit organization that has built over 850 ramps since 2010 with over 70 built in 2024.

All ramps are built at no cost to the recipient and all materials are purchased through grants and private donations. If you need a ramp or would like to help build with the OLP Ramp team, contact Tony Wujcik at 814-790-8663 for more information.



### A Stewardship of Sharing January 2026 Fiscal Year July 2025 - June 2026

	Monthly	YTD
Weekly Envelope	\$93,873	\$577,384
Loose	3,921	37,788
Holy Days	3,775	14,034
Monthly School Support	1,554	11,368
Christmas/Easter/Flowers	2,114	27,118
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$105,237</b>	<b>\$667,692</b>
Budgeted Offertory	\$96,458	\$675,206
<b>(Deficit) Surplus</b>	<b>\$8,776</b>	<b>(\$7,514)</b>
Diocesan Designated Fund	\$2,181	\$19,462

#### Ways to Support Our Parish

- Electronic Giving (for more information, contact Mary Beth Whitman at [marybeth.whitman@olp.org](mailto:marybeth.whitman@olp.org) or 814-833-7701 x 202).
- Online at [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org)
- Via Paypal app or [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) and send to [olp@olp.org](mailto: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 .....	\$227,266
<b>Total Pledges .....</b>	<b>\$234,543</b>
<b>432 Families - Goal is 500 Families</b>	

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.**

#### 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)

## 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

## 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

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

- Mar. 1** No Religious Ed Classes
- Mar. 8** Class 9:15-10:45AM
- Mar. 8** First Communion Parent Meeting 12:15PM in the church
- Mar. 15** No Religious Ed Classes
- Mar. 21** First Reconciliation 9:30 and 11:30AM
- Mar. 22** Class 9:15-10:45AM, no class for 2nd Grade, Church Activity form due, Mass at 11:00AM
- Mar. 28** First Communion Retreat 9:30-11:30AM in the church
- Mar. 29** No Religious Ed Classes

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

- Mar. 1** No Religious Ed Classes
- Mar. 8** Class 5:30-7:00PM, **\*Sponsor Night\***
- Mar. 15** Confirmation Youth Group Night 6:30-8:00PM
- Mar. 22** Class 5:30-7:00PM, **\*Service Hours Due\***
- Mar. 29** No Religious Ed Classes

**\*Church Activity Forms for Gr. 1-8 are due March 22nd**

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

# FISHING

For Dinner this Lent



**All Saints Parish-Waterford** - Fridays, February 7-March 27 from 4:30-7:00pm. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$5 children ages 2-11. Menu includes baked or fried fish, baked potato or fries, coleslaw, applesauce, homemade dessert and beverages. Take out available beginning at 4:30pm. 814-756-3023

**Blessed Sacrament Parish, Erie** - February 20, March 6 and 20 from 4:30-7pm in the school cafeteria. Menu is baked fish with your choice of fries, macaroni & cheese or ravioli, green beans, coleslaw, sherbet and beverage. Cheese ravioli and macaroni & cheese dinners also available. \$16 fish dinner, \$12 cheese ravioli dinner, \$10 macaroni & cheese dinner. Half portions available. Take outs through the take out window in cafeteria or curbside pickup through online ordering.

**Holy Cross Parish, Fairview** - Fridays, February 20-March 27 from 4-6pm. Menu includes fish and shrimp dinners with choice of fish, shrimp, fish/shrimp combo or macaroni & cheese. Fish/shrimp dinners include homemade coleslaw, potato salad, roll & butter, beverage and dessert. Mac & Cheese dinners include roll & butter, beverage and dessert. Dine in or Take out.

**Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro** - Fridays, February 20-March 27 from 4:30pm until sold out. DRIVE THRU ONLY. After picking up your order seating is available in the social hall. Menu includes baked or fried fish, baked potato, mac & cheese, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll and cookie. Cost is \$15 cash or credit. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 6191.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Erie** - Fridays, February 27 and March 13, 27 from 4-7pm in Scheffner Hall. Menu includes Fish and Pierogi dinners at \$15 for adults, \$7 for children ages 6-12, and children under 6 are free. Takeout is available and there will be a homemade baked goods sale as well.

**St. Stanislaus Parish, Erie** - February 20, March 8 and 20, from 4-7pm or until sold out. Menu includes fish dinner with (2) sides, pierogi dinner with (2) sides or combo with (2) sides. Side choices are: potato salad, coleslaw, fries, mac & cheese or green beans. Adults: \$16 and children under 12 are \$7. Held in the social hall, 516 E. 13th St. Call 814-452-6606 for more info.

## 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.

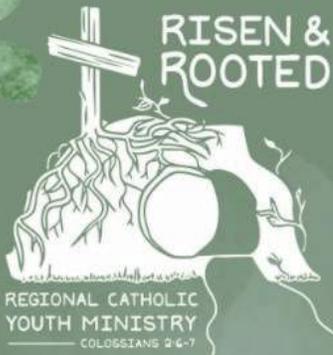
We also pray for the Diocese of Erie  
that he is called to serve.  
may we welcome him with open hearts  
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,  
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

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 Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L., Bishop of Erie





# Spring Schedule

## April

**April 1<sup>st</sup>:** HSYG, OLP

**April 4<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Saturday Sunrise Hike-meet at Brown's Farm 6am, youth under 18 must have an adult with them, open to all ages and families

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Kid's Night Out, at OLP 5:30-9pm-all are welcome, sign up by Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> to [sarah.beaver@olp.org](mailto:sarah.beaver@olp.org)

**April 14<sup>th</sup>:** MSYG, OLP

**April 15<sup>th</sup>:** HSYG, St. Francis Xavier

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** 4th/5<sup>th</sup> Gr Youth Group, OLP

**April 18<sup>th</sup>:** Women's Conference at St. Jude-Reach out to Sarah if interested

**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** MSYG, OLP

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** HSYG, OLP

**April 28<sup>th</sup>:** MSYG, OLP

**April 29<sup>th</sup>:** HSYG 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, alternates between OLP and St. Francis Xavier. 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](mailto:Sarah.beaver@olp.org) or [youth@stfrancisxaviermckean.org](mailto:youth@stfrancisxaviermckean.org)

## March

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Middle School Youth Group (MSYG), OLP

**March 4<sup>th</sup>:** High School Youth Group (HSYG), OLP

**March 5<sup>th</sup>:** 4th/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group, OLP

**March 7<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Conference at St. Jude-Reach out to Chandler if interested  
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**March 10<sup>th</sup>:** MSYG, OLP

**March 11<sup>th</sup>:** HSYG, @ St. Francis Xavier

**March 17<sup>th</sup>:** MSYG-MOVIE NIGHT, OLP, 6:30-8:30pm

**March 18<sup>th</sup>:** HSYG, OLP

**March 19<sup>th</sup>:** St. Joseph's Table, OLP, 6pm, All ages welcome!

**March 20<sup>th</sup>:** Kid's Night Out at St. Francis Xavier 5:30-9pm-all are welcome, sign up by Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> to [sarah.beaver@olp.org](mailto:sarah.beaver@olp.org)

**March 24<sup>th</sup>:** MSYG, OLP

**March 25<sup>th</sup>:** HSYG at 12<sup>th</sup> St Chick-Fil-A

**March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>:** Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat-for HS & up

**March 31<sup>st</sup>:** MSYG, OLP

## May

**May 5<sup>th</sup>:** MSYG, OLP

**May 6<sup>th</sup>:** HSYG, OLP

**May 7<sup>th</sup>:** 4th/5<sup>th</sup> Gr YG

**May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Kid's Night Out, OLP-5:30-9pm, sign up by May 6<sup>th</sup>

**May 12<sup>th</sup>:** MSYG, OLP

**May 13<sup>th</sup>:** HSYG, at St. Francis Xavier

**May 19<sup>th</sup>:** MSYG, OLP

**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** HSYG, OLP

**May 26<sup>th</sup>:** MSYG and HSYG, at OLP with Chick-Fil-A



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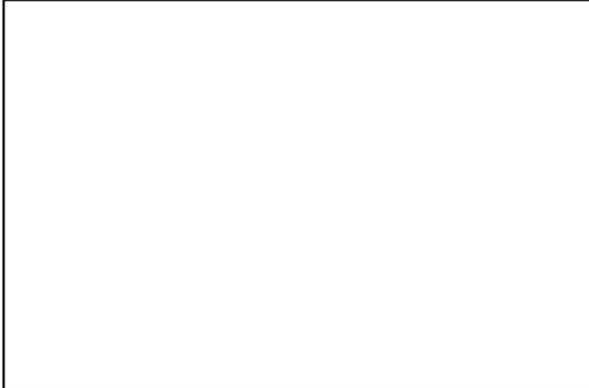
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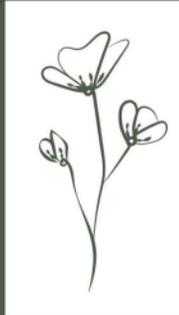


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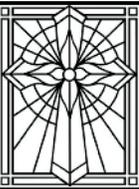
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