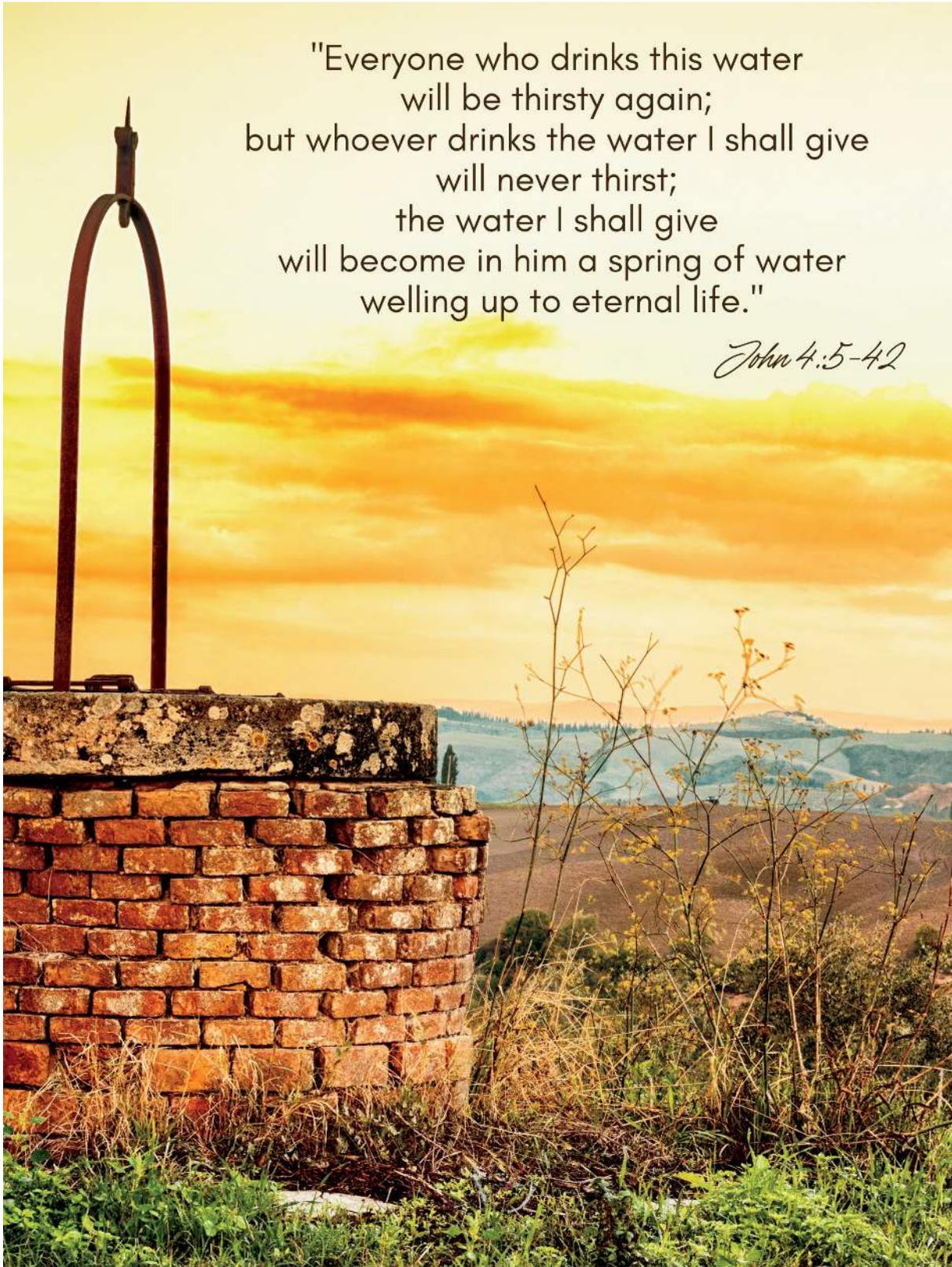




Our Lady of Peace

"Everyone who drinks this water
will be thirsty again;
but whoever drinks the water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give
will become in him a spring of water
welling up to eternal life."

John 4:5-42



March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

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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.



March 2026

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

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - My eyes are always on the Lord, / for he rescues my feet from the snare. / turn to me and have mercy on me, / for I am alone and poor.

First Reading - When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm - Listen to God's voice today; be not hardhearted (Psalm 95).

Second Reading - God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel - Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

Family Discussion of the Week: Source of Strength

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)

Adults: Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?

Kids: Name some times when your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger.

GOD EVER PURSUES US

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 9 2026

7:00AM Valentine Wieszczyk - Chandler Villanueva
 12:10PM Ted Marnen - Patty & Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

7:00AM Val Wieszczyk - Kathy Luschini
 12:10PM John & Josephine Przybycin - Fred & Evelyn Fried
 3:00PM Mass at LECOM Nursing & Rehab - Living & Deceased Members of the LECOM Community

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

7:00AM Jeff Hickin - Gina Adams

NO 12:10 Mass Today

2:00PM School Stations of the Cross

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

7:00AM Rich Young - Wife, Corky
 12:10PM Croce LaFuria - Wife & Family
 2:00PM School Mass - Clarence & Ann Mogel - Ehrman Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

7:00AM Austin Golab - Friend
 12:10PM Special Intention for Ruth & Tom Dombrowski - Denise & Michael
 6:00 PM Confessions
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

8:00AM William R. Miklos - Family
 5:00PM Bob & Dolly Theiss - Malue Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
 9:00AM Pat Double - The 5 Big B's
 11:00AM James Ballas - Ryan & Family
 4:30PM Leon Mackowski - Shirley Kujawski

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

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Larry Dudenhoeffer - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Robert Maracci - Friends.

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 8th

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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.

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. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.
 Mar. 9: Elaine S., Jane D.
 Mar. 10: Ann T., Pat M., Mary S.
 Mar. 11: Dave D.
 Mar. 12: Rose B., Chris P.
 Mar. 13: Sylvia B., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F.
 Mar. 14: Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.
 Mar. 15: Mary Alice W., Loretta B., Mandy K.

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...

A blessed 3rd Sunday of Lent to you! I wanted to update you on the status of our Parish Vision and Re-creation Plan as it has been a while since I have done so and initially, we thought the listening sessions would happen in February.

First let's review where we have been- we prayed for Mary's intercession to help bring a new birth of Jesus and his mission at OLP from May through September of 2025. Then in October we engaged in a Parish Mission led by our "Amazing Parish" coach Nate Schaff centered around our core values. To review those values... Our community strives to live with **Passionate Faith**—a deep, joyful love for God rooted in prayer and the richness of our Catholic tradition. We believe that prayer is an important part of how we live out our faith and want to walk with you and support you in prayer. We are also **Committed to Mission**, seeking to serve Christ and others with dedication, generosity, and a willingness to give our very best. With a **Heart like the Blessed Virgin Mary**, we aim to love as she loved, and serve with humility, compassion, and courage.

In late October and early November we studied the Sacraments-how the church calls us to celebrate them as well as some of the expectations the church has for building design. We also hired LaBella Associates, an architect firm with significant religious architecture experience, to conduct a feasibility study regarding potential renovations to our campus and buildings. They conducted focus groups and spoke to our parish leadership and clergy and began creating some concepts to respond to our needs and hopes. As those concepts became more clearly defined and the significant costs became clearer, it was evident to the Parish Vision Committee that we would need help with our capital campaign. Before we can move forward with our architectural plan, we have to conduct a fundraising feasibility study to determine what we can realistically raise in a capital campaign. Again after a thorough search, our team has selected the firms we would like to hire to lead our study and campaign and have recently communicated with the Bishop for his permission to move forward with the study and campaign (we had already received permission to conduct the architectural feasibility study but each step that exceeds \$25,000 should be approved by the Bishop).

Where does that put us now? We await a response from the bishop with the hope that we can conduct the fundraising feasibility study in the spring and if feasible, a capital campaign in the fall. Once those things are moving, we can return to finalizing the architectural plan. Initially I had expressed hope that we could start a capital campaign this spring but doing our due diligence requires a slight adjustment in that plan. In the meantime... Come Holy Spirit- lead us, guide us, meld us, mold us, inspire us in your will and mission! And Our Lady of Peace... keep praying for us!

May God bless our 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...

****Please note that there will be no Confessions (11:15am-Noon) or 12:10pm Mass THIS Wednesday, March 11th at OLP due to the Clergy Day of Recollection in Titusville.** St. Peter's Cathedral has Mass at 12:10pm so you are encouraged to celebrate Mass there that day.

****National Catholic Sisters Week** Fifty-two weeks a year women religious stand with the poor and immigrants, teach children, fight injustice, heal the sick, share spirituality, empower women, defend the planet, promote peace, create community, offer hope... But for one week, March 8-14, we shine the spotlight on women religious and encourage a wide range of campaigns and events that invite all who follow Jesus to:

- expand and support their gospel witness
- grow the service networks they have seeded
- share their spirituality, charisms, and community
- encourage young women to consider a vocation to religious life
- support their pastoral, teaching, and prophetic works
- and focus on the new world they call into being.

Catholic Sisters Week began in 2015 as a part of National Women's History Month. It is now an official component of Women's History Month. It was authorized by Molly Murphy MacGregor, co-founder of National Women's History Project, who was educated and deeply influenced by Catholic sisters. In 1981, Women's History Month launched as a single week. By 1987, U.S. Congress formally expanded it to the full month of March.

****Catholic Services Appeal 2026** As of Friday, February 27th, OLP had **263 pledges for \$163,525**. That puts us over our Diocesan Assessment of \$160,000 and at 78% of our parish goal of \$210,000. Way to go! Remember that everything raised over what we contribute to the Diocesan Church will be used for 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 at OLP** we will be **ending Masses with no hymn but 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.

****Stations of the Cross will be held Fridays of Lent (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, March 25th from 5-7pm (local churches are open and priests hearing confessions throughout Erie).**

****Masses this Week** *Monday, March 9th*- St. Franse of Rome, Religious (15th Century noblewoman, wife, mother, widow, and foundress of a Benedictine order, cared for the poorest of the poor); *Tuesday, March 10th to Saturday, March 14th*- Weekdays in Lent.

****Thank you to the 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 called the Easter Candle or Christ Candle. It is blessed at the Easter Vigil and lit from the Easter Fire. We light all our candles off the Easter Candle as we enter the dark church; as the light spreads throughout the church it reminds us of that same light of Christ that breaks through this world of sin and darkness. The candle remains in the sanctuary throughout the Easter Season and then is moved next to the baptismal font for 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.

****Presentation of the Gifts at Masses** The ushers/greeters/sacristans are looking for individuals or families to help with the presentation of the gifts at our weekend Masses. Please consider volunteering for this role (especially if you have never done it) by approaching the ushers before Mass and letting them know you are available to do it. On Saturday evening Masses you would 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.

****March Solemnities even during Lent** In the midst of this great season of prayer and fasting that we celebrate, three significant solemnities in March that are required feasting. **ONE- Tuesday, March 17th is St. Patrick’s Day** and the patronal feast of the Diocese of Erie. **TWO- Thursday, March 19th 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 25th 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.

****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.ericursillo.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:

- Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek, PA:**
- Men’s Cursillo, #257 March 20-22**
- Women’s Cursillo, #266 April 17-19**
- Men’s Cursillo, #259 September 18-20**
- Women’s Cursillo, #267 October 9-11**





*Father
Brandon Feikles*
FEBRUARY 24



*Father
Luke Dagher*
MARCH 3



*Father
Michael Seanga*
MARCH 10



*Father
Joe Petrone*
MARCH 17



*Father
Ben Dagher*
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 OF THE CHURCH TODAY, & SHARING THEIR VISIONS OF HOPE FOR THE FUTURE!



On behalf of Fr. Rich, Linda Hennigan and the Night to Shine Planning Team we **Thank You** for all the support for Erie Night to Shine 2026.

Thank you for the prayers, the volunteers, the buddies for our honored guests, and all those who lined up along the Red Carpet to cheer on our guests! You helped create a truly memorable night for all who attended. We hope you will join us again next year for Erie Night to Shine 2027 to celebrate those with special needs in our community.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

O CIA



Class of 2026

As we enter Lent, our parish community is invited to hold in prayer all those journeying through OCIA and OCIC.

These candidates and catechumens have responded to God's call with courage and openness. They are preparing their hearts to be joined more deeply to Christ and to the life of the Church. We ask every member of our parish family to accompany them spiritually in the weeks ahead by **praying** for their continued growth in faith and understanding, **offering sacrifices** on their behalf, **encouraging** them when you see them at Mass and **remembering** them in your personal and family prayers.

May the Holy Spirit guide them with wisdom, peace and joy.



OCIC

Order of Christian Initiation of Children

Have you officially registered as a parishioner?

Becoming a registered member helps us connect with you about church events and programs, allows you to fully participate in parish life, and shows your desire to journey in life and faith together with others also on the same road.

We are holding a **Registration weekend on Mar. 21st/22nd**. Stop by our table in the vestibule after Mass to register or for more information and to enjoy refreshments!

Registration forms are always available in the church office or online at www.olp.org.



Thank you Felton family for sharing your journey to Our Lady of Peace...

In anticipation of Registration Weekend, we were asked to share a little about our experience as new parishioners at OLP. We moved to Erie summer 2024 from Jamestown, NY to send our kids to Catholic school. With a wide-open social calendar, we decided to start showing up to any and all events that were posted in the OLP bulletin. Within a month we attended beach day, VBS & bonfire, OLP Serves, and the Parish Picnic. There were so many warm welcomes and great conversations at those events. We could tell that we had found the kind of parish we had been praying for - one in which there is intentional community and a growth mindset.

Over the course of the year, we found ourselves at a new parishioner luncheon, Advent family event, comedy night (with free babysitting!), youth group, Altar Server Luau, St. Joseph's table, and more. It feels like there is something for everyone here - no matter what your stage of life or faith practice. As busy parents, we are so grateful to have a church where the children can see the beauty of the faith on full display - all you have to do is show up!

Whether you've been attending for years and never officially registered, or you're new like us and considering making OLP your home parish, I encourage you to stop by the table in the back of the church on March 21st and 22nd.

Craig and Kaitly

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 13TH AT OLP
MARCH 20TH AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
APRIL 10TH AT OLP
MAY 8TH 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_beaaver@olp.org by the Wednesday before!



Holy Spirit Filled

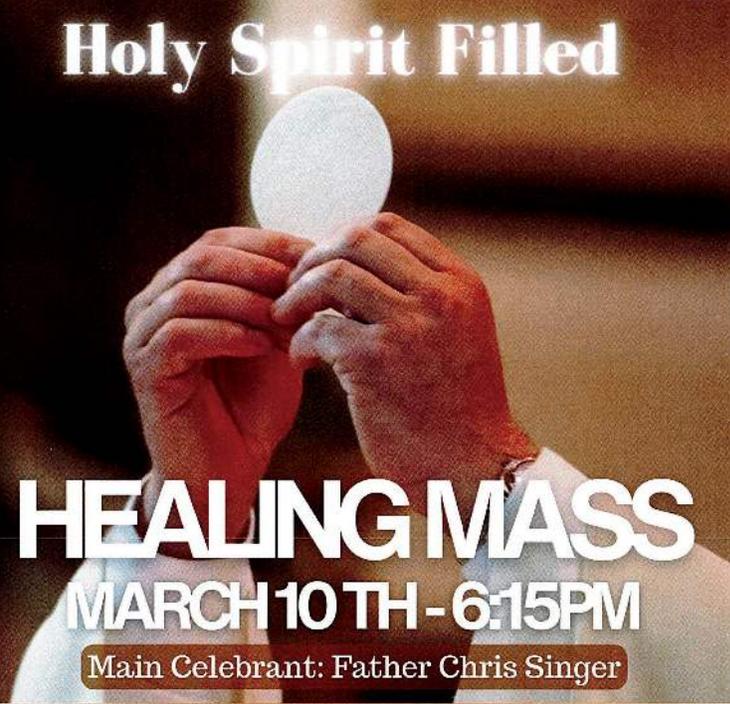
HEALING MASS

MARCH 10TH - 6:15PM

Main Celebrant: Father Chris Singer

Hosted by Bread Of Life and Faith On Fire!

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY
147 WEST 24TH STREET, ERIE PA



Worship by Harmony's House at 6:15 - Mass at 6:30



Spring Schedule

March

March 3rd: Middle School Youth Group (MSYG), OLP
March 4th: High School Youth Group (HSYG), OLP
March 5th: 4th/5th Grade Youth Group, OLP
March 7th: Men's Conference at St. Jude - Reach out to Chandler if interested youth@stfrancisxaviermckean.org
March 10th: MSYG, OLP
March 11th: HSYG, @ St. Francis Xavier
March 17th: MSYG-MOVIE NIGHT, OLP, 6:30-8:30pm
March 18th: HSYG, OLP
March 19th: St. Joseph's Table, OLP, 6pm, All ages welcome!
March 20th: Kid's Night Out at St. Francis Xavier 5:30-9pm-all are welcome, sign up by Wednesday, March 18th to sarah.beaver@olp.org
March 24th: MSYG, OLP
March 25th: HSYG at 12th St. Chick-Fil-A
March 27th-29th: Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat-for HS & up
March 31st: MSYG, OLP

April

April 1st: HSYG, OLP
April 4th: 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 10th: Kid's Night Out, OLP 5:30-9pm- all are welcome, sign up by Wednesday, April 8th to sarah.beaver@olp.org
April 14th: MSYG, OLP
April 15th: HSYG, St. Francis Xavier
April 16th: 4th/5th Gr Youth Group, OLP
April 18th: Women's Conference at St. Jude- Reach out to Sarah if interested
April 21st: MSYG, OLP
April 22nd: HSYG, OLP
April 28th: MSYG, OLP
April 29th: HSYG at 12th St. Chick-Fil-A

May

May 5th: MSYG, OLP
May 6th: HSYG, OLP
May 7th: 4th/5th Gr YG
May 8th: Kid's Night Out, OLP-5:30-9pm sign up by May 6th
May 12th: MSYG, OLP
May 13th: HSYG, at St. Francis Xavier
May 19th: MSYG, OLP
May 20th: HSYG, OLP
May 26th: MSYG and HSYG, at OLP with Chick-Fil-A

Please Note: Middle School Youth Group (MS YG) is 6:30-8:30pm, no optional silent Adoration. 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 or youth@stfrancisxaviermckean.org

Calling all Cursillistas. . .

PALANCA PARTY

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
 School Cafeteria - 6:30pm

Please come and support the candidates for Men's Cursillo #257 and Women's Cursillo #266

LENT AND CRS RICE BOWL

Nourishing Futures in Guatemala

In Guatemala, nutrition classes and savings programs give mothers and families better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition and financial well-being.




Visit crsricebowl.org/week-3 to read how your support of CRS Rice Bowl is helping the Guatemala community thrive.

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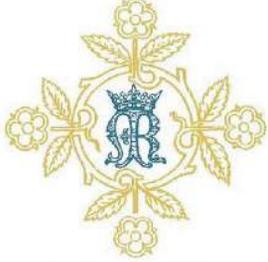
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

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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BINGO BASH

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 1 PM
 BINGO STARTS AT 2 PM

JPTF Events Center
 2319 W. 38th St. Erie, PA 16506

\$30 Online Pre-Sale
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Palm Sunday Discernment Weekend

March 28-29
Explore God's Call for your Life

Are you a Catholic young man, a high school junior or older, discerning your vocation? Join us for a special retreat over Palm Sunday weekend to explore God's call in your life.

Retreat Details:

Location: St. Mark Seminary, 429 E. Grandview Blvd, Erie
This retreat offers a unique opportunity for young men to:

- **Pray** and reflect on God's will.
- **Learn** about the different vocations in the Church.
- **Share** with other young men who are also discerning.
- **Meet** with priests and seminarians.
- **Experience** the beauty of St. Mark Seminary and the surrounding area.

Activities:

This retreat will include:

- Mass and Prayer
- Talks on vocation and discernment
- Small group discussions
- Adoration and Confession
- Recreational activities



Registration

To register for the retreat, please visit vancoevents.com/us/events/landing/49723, use the QR code below, or contact Fr. Scott Jabo, Director of Priestly Vocations at SWJabo@eriercd.org or 814-824-1198.



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Contact Us!

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Sign ups can be accessed at this link/QR code, as well as our website and social media.

St. Joseph Table Dinner

ST. JOSEPH - PROTECTOR OF FAMILIES



Thursday, March 19th
6:00pm in the cafeteria
Meatless dinner and dessert provided.

All are invited to join us for this celebration of St. Joseph. Non-perishable or monetary donations to the Millcreek Food Pantry will be accepted.

*A St. Joseph Table Dinner is a table where **all** are welcome. A celebration of gratitude for the simple things in life, such as fava beans, and bread, and reflecting on almsgiving and care for the poor. . . St. Joseph pray for us.*



Are you cleaning out closets or spare rooms; found any *cotton, flannel or fleece material*? Please consider donating it to the **Sew What?** group. *Yarn, thread and batting is also needed.*

The group sews pillowcases, quilts, blankets, winter hoods, scarves, stuffed animals and other items for veterans, refugees and our Erie neighbors in need. Over the years **Sew What?** has delivered thousands of homemade items to community service agencies, relying solely on donations. **Please contact:** Mary E., 814-866-2854 or Joni B., 814-881-8324. Pickup available.

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. 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. 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

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. 814-796-3023

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 Revrend Lawrence T. Persico, I.C.L., Bishop of Erie



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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:
 Mar. 21, Apr 18, May 16

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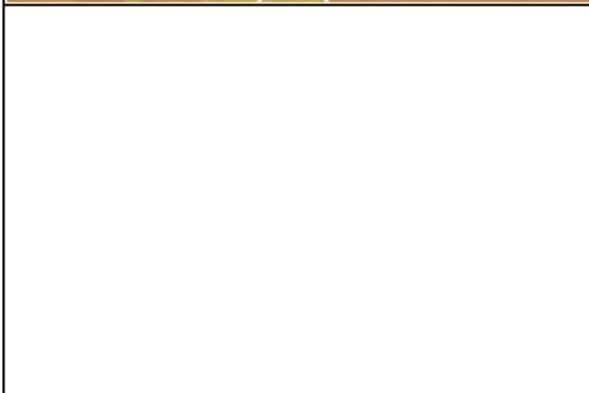
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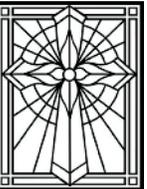
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