



# *Our Lady of Peace*

ONE THING I DO KNOW  
IS THAT I WAS BLIND  
AND NOW I *See.*

JOHN 9:1-41

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**The Sacrament of Baptism** is

celebrated each month on the 1st Sunday at 11AM Mass & 3rd Sunday at 12:30PM. A mandatory prep class for parents is available.

**Sacrament of Matrimony** An appointment with a parish priest six months prior to the wedding date.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Wednesdays 11:15AM-12:00PM Saturdays 8:30-9AM; 3:45-4:45PM or by appointment.

**New Parishioners** Welcome! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or online.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation)** Anyone seeking information on becoming Catholic or completing one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office.

**Prayer Request Line:** 9AM-3PM Edie 814-651-5952 3PM-9PM Barb 814-392-8348



**Our Mission Statement:**

**Our Lady of Peace is a Catholic Community of Faith called to proclaim the greatness of the Lord through Worship, Service, Education and Ministry.**

**West Millcreek Food Pantry**

The following are suggested items to purchase for each week; you may buy what is on sale; all non-perishables are acceptable. CEREAL is always needed.



- March 2026**
- 15th Nut Butters / Jam, Jelly
  - 22nd Rice / Potato Flakes / Gravy
  - 29th Canned: Vegetables / Soup

**Pantry is OPEN March 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** - Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. / Be joyful, all who were in mourning; / exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First Reading** - As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a)

**Psalm** - The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Psalm 23)

**Second Reading** - You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light. (Ephesians 5:8-14)

**Gospel** - The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41)

**Family Discussion of the Week: Source of Light**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are the light. Live as Children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. (Ephesians 5:8-9)

**Adults:** What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

**Kids:** How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see.

**SEEING THE LIGHT**

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

**MASS INTENTIONS****MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026**

7:00AM Stanley, Chris & Viola - Jerry & Mary Ann  
12:10PM Paul Schuler - Wally Borawski

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026****St. Patrick**

7:00AM Lucy Bujnowski - Son  
12:10PM Ginny Barnes - Family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026**

7:00AM Gary Gianoni - Sisters, Carol, Kathy & Diane  
12:10PM Delores Nowak - Dan Kensinger Family  
2:00PM School Stations of the Cross

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026****St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00AM Trenton Zdarko -  
Mary Margaret, Michelle, & Mary Beth  
12:10PM Deceased Members of the Daugherty Family -  
Family  
2:00PM School Mass - Michael Panighetti -  
OLP Knights of Columbus  
6:00PM St. Joseph Table Dinner (OLP Cafeteria)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026**

7:00AM Edward Johns - Son, EJ & Judy Johns  
12:10PM Bob & Betty Nowak - Nowak Family  
6:00 PM Confessions  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026**

8:00AM Jerry Nadolny - Sister, Judy Taylor  
5:00PM Linda Bizzarro - Nancy & Darrell Meyers

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026****Fifth Sunday of Lent**

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP  
9:00AM Twila Markham - Family  
11:00AM Marie Lasky - Mark & Prudence Shaw  
4:30PM Louis Fornelli & Deceased Members of the  
Family/Friends - Wife, Dee Fornelli & Family

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

**Confessions available:**

Wednesdays 11:15-Noon

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 Deceased Members of the Daugherty Family - Family.

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

**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 15th**

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b,  
Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;  
Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29;  
Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21  
(alt. Lk 2:41-51a)  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53  
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;  
Rm 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

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

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



Go to [www.olp.org](http://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. 15: Mary Alice W., Loretta B., Mandy K.  
Mar. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.  
Mar. 17: Len & Cathy K., Nancy D.  
Mar. 18: Rachel O.  
Mar. 19: Amber D., Chris L.  
Mar. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G.  
Mar. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.  
Mar. 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...

A blessed Laetare Sunday to you! The fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday. This name is taken from the opening antiphon at Mass, Laetare Jerusalem which means "Rejoice, O Jerusalem." Laetare Sunday marks the halfway point through the Lenten season of fasting, penance and almsgiving, and because of this it is a day of joy in anticipation of the close arrival of Easter. This day corresponds with Gaudete Sunday, the halfway point through the season of Advent. On both days, the priest wears rose-colored vestments which is meant to be a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Our Lord's birth and resurrection. Laetare Sunday signifies a temporary suspension of our voluntary penitential observances.

This year Laetare Sunday coincides well with the three significant solemnities we celebrate annually in March that require our 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 on the 19th at 6pm in the cafeteria 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.

May God bless our 4<sup>th</sup> 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...

**\*\*Registration Weekend (March 21-22)** On registration weekends we invite families or individuals to consider officially registering as parishioners at Our Lady of Peace Parish and we have a table in the back of church with volunteers who can help you register or get more information about how to do so.

So why register as a member of OLP? Here are a few reasons to consider: **ONE-** registration is a way of committing to living out your Catholic faith in an intentional way through the mission of our parish through stewardship of your time, talent and treasure. It formally engages you in the support of our parish mission; **TWO-** registration is a concrete way to show you are actively practicing your faith and is typically required for those seeking to be Godparents or Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation; **THREE-** registration allows our welcome committee to share information about our parish community and life; **FOUR-** registration allows you to receive all parish mailings and communication through email as well as placing you on the mailing list for the Diocesan FAITH Magazine which is published six times a year.

So, we would love you to consider registering at OLP if you are not registered at a parish already and please consider inviting your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers who are Catholic and do not have a parish to formally register at OLP.

**\*\*Catholic Services Appeal 2026** We have received **325 pledges for \$196,446**. That puts us over our Diocesan Assessment of \$160,000 and nearly to our parish goal of \$210,000. Way to go! Remember 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 are **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.

**\*\*Stations of the Cross** are held every Friday of Lent at 7pm. **Confessions are 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 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm (local churches are open and priests hearing confessions throughout Erie).**

**\*\*Women's Cursillo 2026** I will be one of the spiritual directors, along with Deacon Ralph and his wife Janet, and several other OLP members are also on the team for the Women's Cursillo on April 17-19, 2026, at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek. I would love to have a good crew of women from OLP join us for this great opportunity for renewal.

"Cursillo (kur-SEE-yo) literally means "little course" and is an intense three-day spiritual retreat, the purpose of which is a deep personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Those who experience the Cursillo Movement know it is more than just three days of religious instruction. It is an effort to change the spiritual environment, to bring Jesus Christ into the world." See [www.ericursillo.org](http://www.ericursillo.org) for more information. Please contact me or go to the website if you have questions or to sign up.

**\*\*Masses this Week** *Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.* Weekdays in Lent; *Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.* St. Patrick, Bishop (4<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland- Solemnity-PATRON OF THE DIOCESE OF ERIE); *Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.* St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (4<sup>th</sup> Century); *Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.* St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity UNIVERSAL PATRON OF THE CHURCH).

**\*\*Parish Vision and Re-creation Plan Update** 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. Next in early October we engaged in a Parish Mission led by our "Amazing Parish" Coach to review and renew us in 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.

Then in late October and November we studied the Sacraments and how the church calls us to celebrate them as well as some the expectations the church has for building design. A little time before that, we hired La Bella, an architectural firm out of Rochester 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 had to engage a Fundraising Firm to help us with our capital campaign. Before we could move forward with our architectural plan, we have to conduct a fundraising feasibility study to determine how much money we can realistically raise. 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 be starting 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, melt us, mold us, inspire us in your will and mission! And Our Lady of Peace... keep praying for us!



*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!

The Light is ON for You.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 25 - 5-7pm

Confessions will be heard at these churches:

- Blessed Sacrament
- Holy Cross, Fairview
- Our Lady of Peace
- Our Lady of The Lake, Edinboro
- St. Francis Xavier, McKean
- St. George
- St. John the Baptist
- St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community
- St. Jude the Apostle
- St. Julia
- St. Peter Cathedral

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.

# 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](http://www.olp.org).



## Thank you Thomas for sharing your journey to Our Lady of Peace...

Hi everyone! My name is Thomas Anand. Today I want to tell you about why I joined Our Lady of Peace and why you should too!

I am a 1st year Medical Student at LECOM originally from Pittsburgh PA. I attended Saint Vincent College in Latrobe PA for my undergrad. Born and raised Catholic, I was surrounded by a warm, welcoming, and strong Catholic community both in Pittsburgh and then at Saint Vincent College. Moving to Erie for Medical School, I was apprehensive about finding a Catholic community in an unknown city. So, during my first couple of months in Erie I attended Sunday Masses at different Catholic churches to find a parish to call home. What made OLP stand out was the reverence with which Fr. Luke consecrated the Eucharist during Mass. After witnessing his awe and devotion to the Eucharist, I was convinced that OLP was a strong Catholic community and knew that I could call OLP home.

After becoming a parishioner, there are three things that I am exceptionally grateful for at OLP. First, the sacraments are readily available. As a medical student, my schedule is very tight. OLP has numerous times for Mass during the week and weekends meaning that I always have options for what Sunday Mass to attend. Second, the Church is open for much of the day, meaning that I can always stop in and spend quiet time with Jesus in the Tabernacle. Third, OLP has been a friendly and warm community to me. Whether saying hi to Mary Beth and Cynthia in the parish office, to stopping by and chatting with Fr. Rich and Brian, to helping paint a house through Habitat for Humanity with Andy, to becoming a Eucharistic Minister with Karen, OLP has provided a wonderful community and outlet for me outside of medical school. I have also been blessed to partake in the Young Adult Group with Sarah and Chandler.

In closing, OLP has truly become my Catholic community here in Erie through one, the parish's veneration of the Eucharist and the availability of the sacraments. Two, the ability to visit Jesus in the tabernacle. And three, the warm and welcoming people of OLP. I am very blessed and grateful that the Holy Spirit guided me to OLP and invite you to consider joining us here!

-Thomas



# 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](http://vancoevents.com/us/events/landing/49723), use the QR code below, or contact Fr. Scott Jabo, Director of Priestly Vocations at [SWJabo@eriercd.org](mailto:SWJabo@eriercd.org) or 814-824-1198.



# 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.*

# WALKING WITH THE AMERICAN SAINTS

We invite YOU to join us on a journey of discovery this Easter Season. Saints started out as ordinary people just like you; come and learn how they turned their ordinary lives into extraordinary ones.

WHEN: Tuesdays (April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 12)  
WHERE: OLP Church  
TIME: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA - ST. EIZABETH ANN SETON - ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE - ST. JOHN NEUMANN - ST. MARIANNE COPE - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

- 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. 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)



Our Lady of Peace...  
Pray for us

# 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



## Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

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

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- New Registration
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# Get Connected

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- Register your family with the parish
- Check out the "events" page on our website, [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org)
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website or call the office at 814-833-7701 for help.
- Download NWPFAfaith our new parish App at the App Store
- Check out the great Catholic content on FORMED. Register through the website [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org) by clicking on the FORMED image. Enter your name & email and create a password.



**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  
**Time:** 9:45AM to 1:00PM  
**Where:** 11th & French St.  
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# 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 18<sup>th</sup> to sarah.beaver@olp.org  
**March 24th:** MSYG, OLP  
**March 25th:** HSYG at 12<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

## LENT AND CRS RICE BOWL

### Feeding Dreams in Timor-Leste

By participating in CRS Rice Bowl, we're helping young people in Timor-Leste find opportunities and support to fulfill their dreams of becoming leaders in their communities. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-4](http://crsricebowl.org/week-4) to read about Adriana's dream of becoming a doctor in this week's Story of Hope.

## OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project

Henry Ford said, "To do more for the world than the world does for you - that is success."

Maria House Project appreciates all the Our Lady of Peace does. Your **casseroles** mean a lot for the residents, staff, guests, and board. Thank You!

The February **casseroles**, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church office on **Saturday, March 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 [scottiedippy@gmail.com](mailto:scottiedippy@gmail.com). **Casseroles** should be pre-cooked, frozen in a disposable container, with reheating directions attached. Names or addresses are NOT to be included.

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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  
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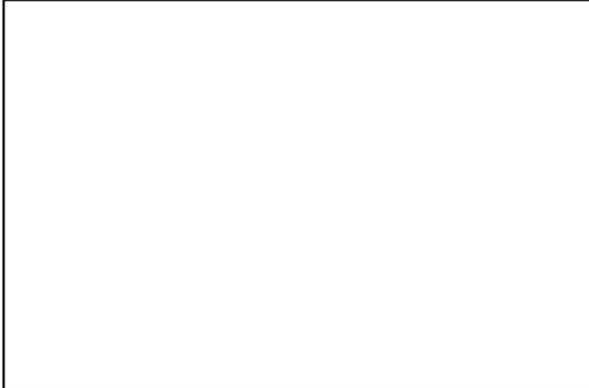
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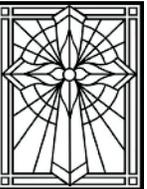

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