



Our Lady of Peace

John 11:1-45

HE CRIED OUT IN A LOUD VOICE,
"LAZARUS, COME OUT"

March 22, 2026

Fifth 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

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

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - Give me justice, O God, / and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. / From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, / for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading - Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm - The Lord is kind and saves us (Psalm 130).

Second Reading - If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel - Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

Family Discussion of the Week: Life Everlasting

Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

Adults: Christ calls us from death to new life. To what new life are you being called during this Lent?

Kids: How does Jesus help you do what is good and avoid what is not.

LIFE FROM GOD

As we approach Holy Week, our readings speak of a God who, in the midst of death, brings new life to the people. In Ezekiel, we hear that God will open the graves of the people of Israel, who faced near extinction. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives new life to Lazarus in a manner that prefigures the resurrection of Jesus. Paul tells the Romans that in Christ, God will not only give life to our bodies after death, but God offers us abundant life here and now. We observe that the external conditions for the people described in these readings did not radically change. Israel was still in exile. Lazarus would eventually face death again. But now God's presence and power are revealed. Even when our situation in life is difficult and perhaps not likely to change soon, we remember that the Spirit dwells within us.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026

7:00AM Zachary Carbo - Family
 12:10PM Jeanne Johannesmeyer -
 Jeannette Sitter & Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026

7:00AM Mary Ann Arnold - Joan (Cooney) Tiberio
 12:10PM Joseph & Sandy Kostolansky - Joan Santangelo

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

7:00AM Special Intention for John Stanek - Family
 12:10PM Special Intention for the Blessed Mother's
 Intentions
 2:00PM School Stations of the Cross
 5:00-7:00PM *The Light Is On For You*
 (opportunity for confession)

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

7:00AM John Wojtkielewicz (Ward) - Family
 12:10PM Frank DeSantis - Barnes Family
 2:00PM School Mass - Blanche & Tony Ciccozzi -
 Ehrman Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

7:00AM Special Intention for Nancy Guthrie - Jean Heid
 12:10PM Urban Barrett - Family
 1:00PM **Jesus Christ Superstar**
 Presented by OLP 8th Grade
 6:00 PM Confessions
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

8:00AM Ann Snyder - Family
 5:00PM David Kensinger - Jacie, Dan & Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30AM Bill Cunningham - Wingenbach Family
 9:00AM Joseph Kuhar - Bill & Diane Stumpf
 11:00AM Don DiPlacido - Dudenhoeffer Family
 4:30PM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
 6:00PM **Jesus Christ Superstar**
 Presented by OLP 8th Grade

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 Gianoni & Luschini Families - Kathy Luschini.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Lynn McIntire - Friends.

Readings for the Week of March 22nd
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
 Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;
 Hb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
 Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
 Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 - 27:66 [27:11-54]

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Jon Fuhrman; for Mary Zukowski, and for Rudy Passauer. May their family and friends find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

**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. 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y.
 Mar. 23: Heidi A.
 Mar. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.
 Mar. 25: Christine O.
 Mar. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.
 Mar. 27: Ann R.
 Mar. 28: Ann F., Michael M.
 Mar. 29: Linda M., Janet A.

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...

Blessed 5th Sunday of Lent! This Sunday was traditionally called Passiontide, and at OLP we continue the practice of covering the statues to enter an even deeper liturgical fast of the eyes in these last few days of Lent (We also turn off the lights that shine on our main mosaic cross in the sanctuary to focus on the Lenten Cross that has been in our front niche that we will venerate on Good Friday). We deepen our musical fast as well in these days by having no music at all at the end of Mass (as opposed to the instrumental music we have done so far) as a reminder and invitation to enter into deeper silence as Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum approach.

Next Sunday (March 28/29) is Palm Sunday and we will have our annual outdoor solemn procession at the 11am Mass this year starting by the scout house to the east of the church (we rotate between 9am and 11am each year). The other Masses will have a simple procession from the back of the church where only the ministers process and everyone else stays in the pews. Also on Palm Sunday, our OLP School 8th Grade will lead their annual Jesus Christ Superstar meditation at 6pm in the church.

This all starts Holy Week that includes the Chrism Mass, 24 Hour Adoration at OLP and leads into the Sacred Triduum (See my notes for details on the Chrism Mass and 24 Hour Adoration). Here's the basic schedule for the Triduum so you can plan now to be there:

****Sacred Triduum Liturgy Schedule:**

Holy Thursday (April 2nd)

- 7am Morning Prayer (Church)
- 8pm Mass of the Last Supper (Church)
- 8:30-11:30pm Private Prayer at Altar of Repose (Cafeteria)
- 11:30pm Night Prayer (Cafeteria)

Good Friday

- 7am Morning Prayer
- 1:30pm Passion of the Lord Service
- 7pm Tenebrae

Holy Saturday

- 8am Morning Prayer
- Noon Blessing of Easter Foods
- 8:30pm The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

- 7:30am Mass, 9am Mass, 11am Mass
- May God bless our 5th 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...

****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 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).**

****Catholic Services Appeal 2026** We have received **342 pledges for \$202,051**. 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.

****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 for more information. Please contact me or go to the website if you have questions or to sign up.

****The Chrism Mass, which is Monday, March 30th at 1pm at St. Peter Cathedral, is one of the greatest celebrations and expressions of the community of our Diocesan Church of the entire church year.** The oils are blessed by Bishop Persico that will be used for the sacraments at parishes for the next year and the priests of the diocese recommit ourselves to our priestly ministry. This is another liturgy that every Catholic should experience at least once. This is a great opportunity to show solidarity with our Bishop and your priests- we would love to pray with you there!

****24 Hour Adoration During Holy Week** at OLP will be held from Tuesday, March 31st at 12:30pm to Noon on Wednesday, April 1st. Please consider signing up for a 30 or 60 minute slot in the vestibule.

****Masses this Week** Monday, March 23rd -St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop (16th Century Missionary to Peru and contemporary of St. Rose of Lima); Tuesday, March 24th - St. Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr (20th Century El Salvador Bishop who was killed for standing up against injustice); Wednesday, March 25th - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (genuflect during the Creed); Thursday, March 26th, Friday March 27th and Saturday, March 28th - Weekdays in Lent.

****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.



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

PRIEST + PROPHET + KING
Soup, Salad & Soul
Lent 2026

MASS AT 5:15PM
DINNER & SPEAKER, 6:00PM
(SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL CAFETERIA)



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

RISEN & ROOTED RCYM FUNDRAISER

For those IN K-5TH GRADE

RISEN & ROOTED KID'S NIGHT OUT SCHEDULE

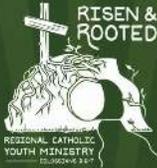
OPEN TO KIDS FROM ANY SCHOOL

\$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 ins. 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!



Gift Card RAFFLE!

Enter to win a \$250 Urbaniak's Meat Market Gift Card

\$2 FOR ONE TICKET
\$5 FOR 3 TICKETS

Buy by March 27th

SUPPORTS OUR SUMMER TRIPS

Urbaniak's Gift Card Raffle
Grand Prize Drawing for a
\$250 Gift Card to Urbaniak's
Drawing: Saturday, March 28th
Proceeds go to the Risen & Rooted Youth Group Summer Trips 2026
Cost: \$2.00 Per Ticket or 3 for \$5.00
Winner will be contacted by phone on March 28th

QUESTIONS:
SARAH.BEAVER@OLP.ORG
YOUTH@STFRANCISXAVIERMCKEAN.ORG



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.




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4321 & SAINT GEORGE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH




WILD GAME, FISH & FELLOWSHIP DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026
AT 5:30PM
SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL CAFETERIA



Join us for a great evening of freshly prepared wild game meats & fish with friends, and a guest speaker!

\$25 ADULTS
\$12 KIDS
*TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW IN THE RECTORY OFFICE.



**A Stewardship of Sharing February 2026
Fiscal Year July 2025 - June 2026**

	Monthly	YTD
Weekly Envelope	\$86,726	\$664,110
Loose	2,782	40,570
Holy Days	235	14,269
Monthly School Support	1,580	12,948
Christmas/Easter/Flowers	490	27,608
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Total Offertory	\$91,813	\$759,505
Budgeted Offertory	\$96,458	\$771,664
(Deficit) Surplus	(\$4,645)	\$12,159)
Diocesan Designated Fund	\$1,222	\$20,684

Ways to Support Our Parish

- Electronic Giving (for more information, contact Mary Beth Whitman at marybeth.whitman@olp.org or 814-833-7701 x 202).
- Online at www.olp.org
- Via Paypal app or www.paypal.com and send to 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.

**2026 CSA
February 2026 to January 2027**

Goal	\$ 210,230
Pledge Payments Received to Date	\$84,565
Total Pledges	\$163,525
263 Families - Goal is 500 Families	

Every dollar raised supports important Diocesan services and every dollar raised over our assessment will be kept in the parish for parish improvements. **Our 2026-2027 Diocesan assessment is \$160,230.**

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.



**All Volunteers Welcome
Sunday Supper Mission
Meal served at First Presbyterian
Church of the Covenant**

Volunteer to help feed our brothers and sisters in need by preparing and serving the meal, or kind monetary contribution to help defray the costs.

Planning Meeting: Wednesday April 8, 7:00PM

Where: OLP School Cafeteria

What: Select Menu and volunteer for tasks

Who: Any parishioner 15+ years

Date to Serve: Sunday, April 19th, 4:00-5:30pm

Contact: Pete Piotrowski, 814-600-5386 or
Debbie Piotrowski, 814-812-0122



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.

Who: open to all ages, if under 18-please have an adult join you
What: a sunrise reflective walk to contemplate Christ in the tomb
Where: Start & end @Browns Farm; 5774 Sterrettania Rd, Fairview
When: April 4th. Meet at 6am, return by 8am

Please wear warm gear, bring a Rosary, a snack to break the fast.
 We'll pray morning prayer on the trail.

Questions: Sarah.beaver@olp.org or
youth@stfrancisxaviermckean.org

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. 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. 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



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



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- Check out the great Catholic content on FORMED. Register through the website 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

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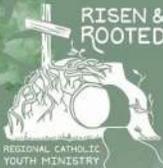
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REGIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

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-Fill-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-Fill-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-Fill-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

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Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

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The widespread use of mobile devices causes more children to be susceptible to cyberbullying. Cyberbullying can take many forms, including cruel messages via text or social media, the distribution of photoshopped pictures designed to mock an individual, forwarding "private" photos or videos, and pretending to be someone else on a social media site. Victims of cyber bullying often suffer from depression, isolation, and can even become suicidal. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being cyberbullied or is a bully by visiting: www.StopBullying.gov/cyberbullying/

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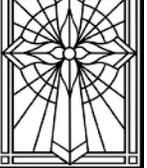

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