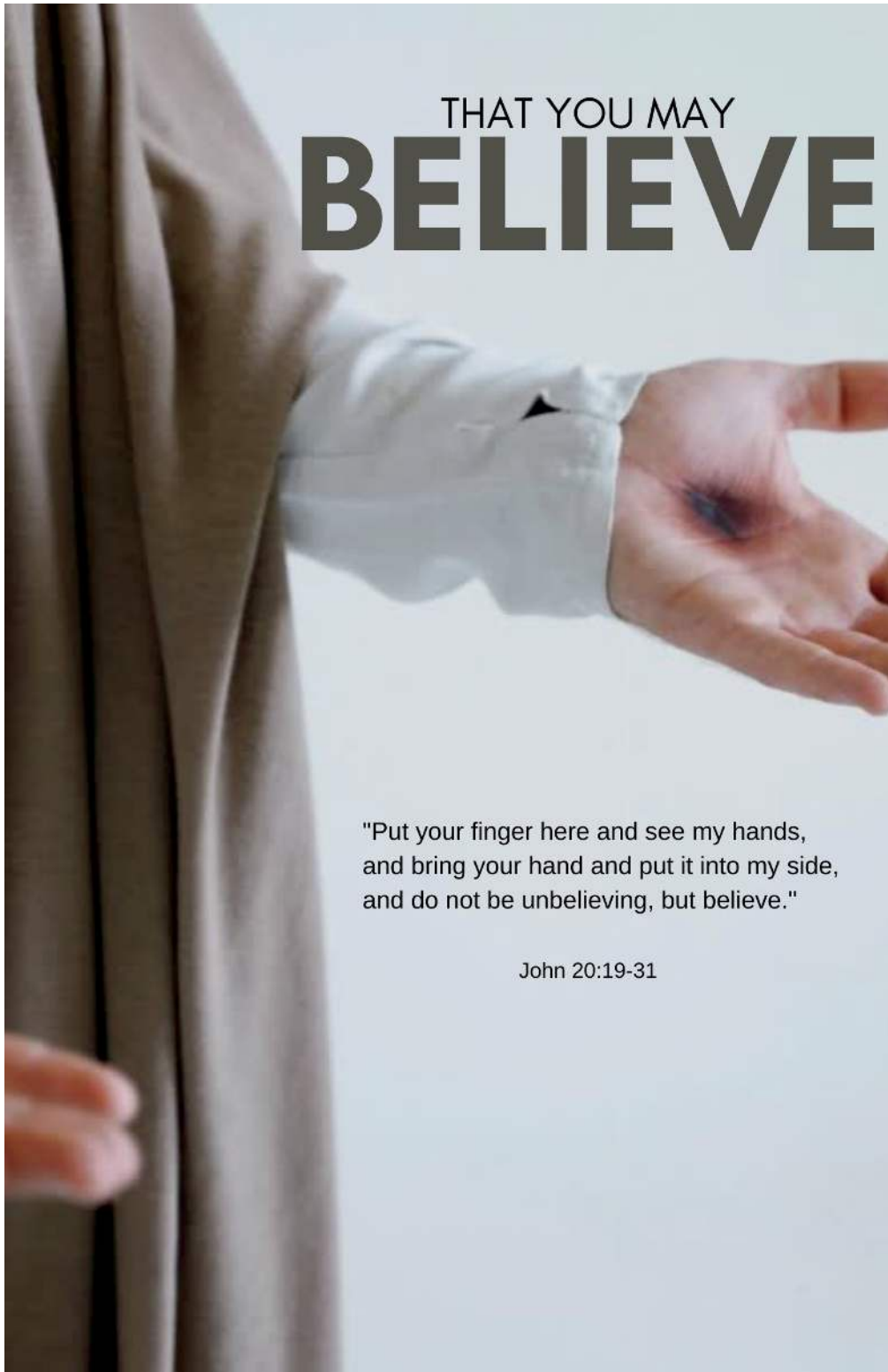




# *Our Lady of Peace*



*April 12, 2026*

*Sunday of Divine Mercy*

2401 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506

**Parish Office Phone**

814-833-7701

**Website**

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**Faith Formation Office**

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Office Hours: 8:00AM - 8:00PM

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**School Phone**

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**Parish Pastoral Team**

**Pastor**

Rev. Rich Toohey

(fr.rich@olp.org)

**Parochial Vicar**

Rev. Luke Daghir

**Priest in Residence**

Rev. Shane Mathew

**Permanent Deacons**

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Deacon John Mang

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Mr. Brian Kuzmin

**Faith Formation Director**

Mrs. Tammie Mang

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**Youth Ministry**

Miss Sarah Beaver

Mr. Chandler Villanueva

**Outreach Coordinator**

Mr. Andrew Heinlein

**Coordinator of Adult Formation**

Sister Kathleen Dietz, FSO

**Maintenance**

Mr. Michael Przepierski

**Pastoral Council President**

Dr. Herb Morrow

**Finance Council Chairman**

Ms. Rami Sorge

**Parish Leadership Team**

Fr. Rich Toohey, Gina Adams,

Warren Beaver,

Mary Beth Whitman

**The Sacrament of Baptism** is

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

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

**New Parishioners** Welcome!

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or online.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation)**

Anyone seeking information on becoming Catholic or completing one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office.

**Prayer Request Line:**

9AM-3PM Edie 814-651-5952

3PM-9PM Barb 814-392-8348



**Our Mission Statement:**

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

**West Millcreek Food Pantry**

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



**April 2026**

12th Cereal / Pancake Mix / Syrup

19th Canned: Chicken/Beef/Tuna/Salmon

29th Coffee / Tea / Juice

**Pantry is OPEN April 14 & 28**

(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** - Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, / that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**First Reading** - All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

**Psalm** - Be thankful to God who loves us forever (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** - God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

**Gospel** - The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

**Family Discussion of the Week: Encouraging Others**

Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." (John 20:27)

**Adults:** We show our faith when we demonstrate courage in the face of difficulty. What could you do this week to help strengthen someone?

**Kids:** What could you do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?

**EXEMPLAR OF THE FAITH**

Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone "out"—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the "doubting Thomas" moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

# MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026**

7:00AM Ron Visnoski - Family  
 12:10PM Paul Madonia - Mom & Family

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026**

7:00AM Patricia DeVore -  
 Deborah & John Maciak Family  
 12:10PM Rose Eisweirth - Fred & Evelyn Fried  
 3:00PM Mass at LECOM Nursing & Rehab -  
 Living & Deceased Members of the LECOM Community

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026**

7:00AM Rhonda Frisina - OLP Parish Leadership Team  
 12:10PM Ann Snyder - Family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026**

7:00AM Josephine & Fred Bandecca - Godson  
 12:10PM Robert Byrnes - Wife & Family  
 2:00PM School Mass - Jay Ferraro -  
 Corey Ferraro Family

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026**

7:00AM Major Tom Carr - Tom & June Carr  
 12:10PM Deceased Members of the Chludzinski Family -  
 Peggy & David

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026**

8:00AM Special Intention for the Souls in Purgatory  
 5:00PM John Fleek - Family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP  
 9:00AM Donald Prischak - Carol Ohmer  
 11:00AM Stan & Virginia Nowak - Nowak Family  
 4:30PM Leon Mackowski - 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 Wagner & Young Families - Corky.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Dorothy Zavasky - 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 April 12th*

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8  
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**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.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED** - Please pray for

Patricia Ohmer, sister-in-law of Carol Ohmer; and for Mark Riazzi, brother of Suzanne Bello. May their family and friends find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

**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:**

- Apr. 12: Rose B., Chris P.
- Apr. 13: Sylvia B., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F.
- Apr. 14: Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.
- Apr. 15: Mary Alice W., Loretta B., Mandy K.
- Apr. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.
- Apr. 17: Len & Cathy K., Nancy D.
- Apr. 18: Rachel O.
- Apr. 19: Amber D., Chris L.

*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 last day of the Easter Octave and **Divine Mercy Sunday** to you! The fact that it is the last day of the Easter Octave is reason enough to be joyful, BUT it is also the celebration of a relatively new feast in our Catholic calendar called Divine Mercy Sunday. In April 2000, Pope John Paul II declared the 2nd Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday in the Universal Church, one of the five pillars of the Divine Mercy Devotion. In 1931, Our Lord appeared to Saint Faustina (Helen Kowalska) near Krakow, Poland. She writes about this vision in "The Diary of St. Faustina, Divine Mercy in My Soul." In the vision she saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You ... I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory" (47, 48) ... "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You' " (327). The **Divine Mercy Image** painted to St. Faustina's description will be displayed in Church throughout this week and veneration of the image is another of the five pillars of the Divine Mercy Devotion. Jesus also asked St. Faustina to promote a new prayer for devotion to Divine Mercy. This led to the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** which we will sing during our Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday at 3pm (the chaplet is a 3<sup>rd</sup> pillar of this devotion).

**Our celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12) will include the Sunday Masses (the source and summit of our Catholic faith) and continue with the Sacrament of Reconciliation being available from 2-3pm and then a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration from 3-4pm.** We celebrate the holy hour at that time because a 4<sup>th</sup> pillar of the Divine Mercy Devotion is the **hour of mercy which is 3pm every day** since that is the hour Jesus died on the cross on the first Good Friday. The Divine Mercy Devotion encourages us to acknowledge that every day at 3pm in some capacity. The **5<sup>th</sup> Pillar of Divine Mercy Devotion is the Novena** which can be said at any time but is most strongly encouraged from Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday every year.

There are pamphlets at the doors of the church detailing the Divine Mercy Devotion and specifically explaining the Chaplet and Novena. Hopefully, this feast can motivate all of us to learn more about this great devotion to God's love and mercy, but even more importantly to ask for it!

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...

**\*\*Walking with the American Saints** Join us for our **Easter Season Adult Faith Formation Series on the American Saints on Tuesdays from 7-8pm in the Church.** Here's the schedule: April 7- St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680); April 14- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821); April 21- St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769-1852); April 28- St. John Neumann (1811-1860); May 5- St. Marianne Cope (1838-1918); May 12- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917). These will complete our study of the 11 Canonized Saints, begun last year, from the territory that is now the United States.

**\*\*Women's Conference** The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Conference will take place on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Jude Church, 2801 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. from 8:00am-1:00pm. This years speakers are Jeff Joaquin speaking on mercy and Paula Umana sharing her message of hope. Register at [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com)

**\*\*Women's Cursillo 2026** It's not too late to sign up for the next Women's Cursillo next weekend- April 17-19, 2026, at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek! 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. 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 visit the website if you have questions or would like to sign up.

**\*\*Happy Easter!** "Christ Is Risen Alleluia... He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!" On behalf of myself, Fr. Luke, Deacons John and Ralph, our Pastoral Leadership Team and Parish Staff, I want to wish you and your loved ones a truly blessed Easter Season! I hope and pray that the joy and hope of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is renewed and strengthened in you on this incredible Solemnity of our Church.

**\*\*Paschal Greeting** Each Easter I like to remind you of the traditional Paschal greeting which is still used in many Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches, and some Roman Catholic Churches. This greeting goes back to the early church and reinforced the ultimate significance of what we celebrate on Easter Sunday... that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the defining truth for all Christians. It was said in a dialogue form in which one Christian would greet another with "Christus resurrexit!" (Latin for Christ is Risen!) and the other would respond "Vere resurrexit!" (He is Risen Indeed!). This form of greeting reminds us that our identity as Christians should be the first and most significant dimension of who we are.

**\*\*Easter Season** The Easter Season is the longest liturgical season other than Ordinary Time with its 50 days. The joy and experience of the Resurrection is greater and longer than the suffering and sacrifice of the Cross and that truth is reinforced by the fact that the 50 days of the Easter Season is longer than the 40 days of the Lent Season. So, let's keep rejoicing in that truth and hope this Easter Season!

**\*\*Masses this Week** Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>- St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr (7<sup>th</sup> Century, last pope to be martyred); Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>- Easter Weekdays; Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>- Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice; Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>- Easter Weekday.

**\*\*Catholic Services Appeal 2026** As of Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, OLP had **365 pledges for \$218,876**. We have reached our diocesan assessment and our parish goal!! Well done and thank you to everyone who pledged! Remember that all we raise now goes towards our Parish Vision Plan and potential renovations so please still make a pledge if you have not had a chance yet.

**\*\*Sacred Triduum and Easter Thank You** I extend much gratitude to everyone who helped plan and execute the Liturgies of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum- Brian Kuzmin (Director of Music and Liturgy), the Environment Committee and Allburn Florists, our Festival Ensemble Choir as well as our cantors, all liturgical ministers who volunteered to serve; including our Masters of Ceremony and our sacristan, Karen Martin, who worked all the liturgies, our staff who put in overtime including our parochial vicar, Fr. Luke Dagher and our two deacons- John Mang and Ralph DeCecco. Every year I receive many compliments on our beautiful celebration of the Triduum and we could not do it without the effort of many people so thank you very much to them!

**\*\*Congratulations to our newly initiated members of the Church-** Jodi Brennan, Carl Briggs, Carmine Bordon, Cat Buckley, Angela Durkin, Brevin Flowers, Lucy Galla-Jones, Dave Gehrlein, Brianna Grieshaber, Camryn Kaul, Jaisen Kohmuench, Jenifer Piccirillo, Dawn Ross, Lizzie Torres, Kishon Williams, Roy Welsler, Steven Yudt, and Rachel Yoder. **And I thank the OCIA Team-** Tammie and Deacon John Mang, and Denise and Michael Gaines, **who worked with them since August to prepare for this special step in their journey of faith.** This year's "class" of 18 was the largest that I have worked with in my 25 years of priestly ministry and it gives me great hope for the future of our church. I cannot wait to see the great things that God will continue to accomplish in and through them!



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.

OUR LADY OF PEACE

# YOUNG AT HEART

Calling all seniors. . .

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

**gather at 10:00am in the school cafeteria**

We will share ideas on how we can support each other as well as coffee and danish.



If you are interested in a seniors group, but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Sr. Kathleen at 814-833-7701 x206 or sr.kathleen@olp.org



## PARISH BOWLING NIGHT

Bring the whole family for a fun night of strikes and spares with your fellow parishioners!

**FRIDAY**

**APRIL 24TH**

6:00-8:30pm. Bowling starts at 6:30pm

Rolling Meadows Lanes  
3304 Zuck Rd

\$5/person, includes shoe rental

Hotdogs, chips and drinks provided.

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT, EMAIL SCOTT AT**  
scottbarneserie@gmail.com

Thank you FAMILIES TOGETHER MINISTRY for sponsoring this event.

# OLP Student Council Fundraiser

Help Us Build an Outdoor Gaga Pit!

Support OLP Student Council as we raise funds for a brand-new outdoor Gaga Pit—a fun, active space our students will enjoy for years to come!

**Where:** PopLuck  
1535 West 8th Street  
Erie, PA 16505

**When:** Saturday, April 18th, during store hours.

### How It Works

- Say "OLP Student Council" when ordering your popcorn
- 20% of your purchase will be donated to our fundraiser!

### Please Note

Gift card purchases or custom orders are not eligible for the fundraiser. If unsure, please ask a store associate for assistance to confirm your purchase qualifies.

Please tell all your family and friends to get some delicious popcorn on **April 18th**.  
Thank you for helping us build our Gaga Pit!



Fuel the Fun — One Bag at a Time!

# Our Lady of Peace

VBS AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>-14<sup>TH</sup>

# PASSPORT



# to PEACE

**Time:** 8:45am-12:45pm

**Grade:** Going into K-5 in the Fall

**Cost:** \$20/child or \$25/family

**Contact:** [tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:tammie.mang@olp.org)

**Registration:** <https://www.olp.org/faith-formation/vacation-bible-school>

# OLP SERVES

## MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

OLP is a community where caring for each other is a priority.  
Can you spare a day for your neighbor?  
Do you have special skills to share?

**May 16, 2026**

Volunteer and work with a team helping fellow parishioners with small household projects.

Are you ready to serve your neighbor?  
Contact Chris Turner at 401-580-1655  
or Andy Heinlein at 814-413-6365.

Signups for volunteers and projects will take place on April 24th/25th after all Masses

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

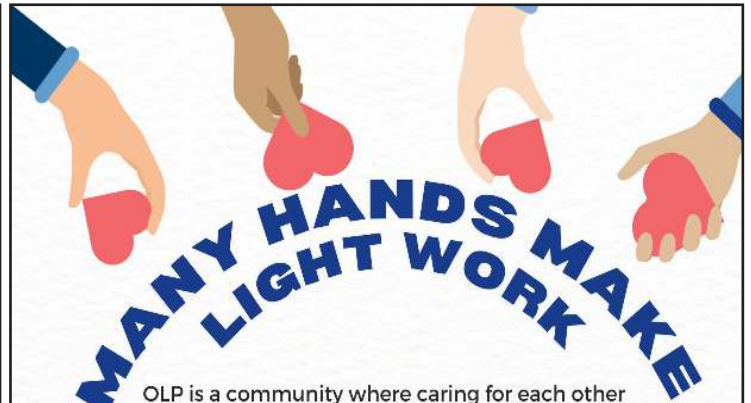
### Special Skills:

Leadership \_\_\_\_\_ Organizing \_\_\_\_\_ Carpentry \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical \_\_\_\_\_ Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_

Yard Work \_\_\_\_\_ Painting \_\_\_\_\_ House Cleaning \_\_\_\_\_

Masonry \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_



## MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

OLP is a community where caring for each other is a priority. Could you use help with a household project such as landscaping, gardening, painting or small house repair? We want to serve you.

# OLP SERVES

**Saturday, May 16, 2026**

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



Signups for projects and volunteers will take place on April 25th/26<sup>th</sup> after all Masses.

Tell us about your needs. Completed forms can be dropped off at the church office, please return by May 3rd.

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Questions, contact Chris Turner at 401-580-1655 or Andy Heinlein at 814-833-7701 x206

# 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

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.



## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

**Apr. 12** Regular classes, last day  
*\*Church Activity Forms due\**

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

**Apr. 12** Regular Classes

**Apr. 19** Confirmation Youth Group Night 6:30-8PM

**Apr. 26** Last Class

**\*Practice for Confirmation: Sunday, May 17th, 5:30PM for students and sponsors.**

**\*Confirmation Date: Wednesday, May 27th, 7:00PM**

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

# RISEN & ROOTED

REGIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY  
Summer Events 2026 COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

**HS RETREAT & SERVICE TRIP**

June 23rd-  
June 27th

**DIVINE MERCY ENCOUNTER RETREAT**

July 10th-  
July 12th

**STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE**

July 17th-  
July 19th

**MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT**

August 19th

**4TH/5TH GRADE RETREAT**

July 8th

**OLP VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

August 10th-  
August 14th



**Contact Us!**

Sarah.beaver@olp.org  
youth@stfrancisxaviermckean.org



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

### 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, J.C.L., Bishop of Erie



## Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

### CHECK ONE:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want envelopes

# Get Connected

NEW TO THE PARISH? WANT TO GET INVOLVED BUT NOT SURE HOW?

- 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
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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:**  
Apr 18, May 16, June 20, July 18

**Time:** 9:45AM to 1:00PM

**Where:** 11th & French St.

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**Time:** Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

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# April

**April 1<sup>st</sup>:** HSYG, OLP  
**April 4<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Saturday Sunrise Hike meet at Brown's Farm 6am, youth under 18 must have an adult with them, open to all ages and families  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Kid's Night Out, at OLP 5:30-9pm-all are welcome, sign up by Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> to sarah.beaver@olp.org  
**April 14<sup>th</sup>:** MSYG, OLP  
**April 15<sup>th</sup>:** HSYG, St. Francis Xavier  
**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** 4th/5<sup>th</sup> Gr Youth Group, OLP  
**April 18<sup>th</sup>:** Women's Conference at St. Jude-Reach out to Sarah if interested  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** MSYG, OLP  
**April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** HSYG, OLP  
**April 24-26:** Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat-for HS & up  
**April 28<sup>th</sup>:** MSYG, OLP  
**April 29<sup>th</sup>:** HSYG at 12<sup>th</sup> St. Chick-Fil-A

# May


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

*Please Note: Middle School Youth Group (MS YG) is 6:30-8:30pm, no optional silent Adoration due to a scheduling conflict. High School Youth Group (HS YG) is 6:30-8:30pm, with optional silent Adoration/prayer at 6pm, alternates between OLP and St. Francis Xavier. Dinner is provided at MS and HS. 4th/5th Grade YG is 4-5:30pm, if an OLP student, they can come over at 3pm until 4pm.*


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

## LENT AND CRS RICE BOWL

*Happy Easter! Season*



As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world.



*Please return your Rice Bowls to the large rice bowl in the church vestibule. Thank you for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated.*

## OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project



Thanks to everyone who has participated at any time in the **Casserole Club** during the past 17 years. It's been a huge success benefiting Maria House Project, Our Lady of Peace and you. The most common thing we hear every month is, "thank you for making this available." Not much has changed since it began until now.

Dottie and I have been receiving the **casseroles** most of the time and have decided to step down in May. Wally & Mary Lou Wilhelm and Lisa Scully will continue getting the **casseroles** to Maria House Project. So please keep up your good work for another 17 years.

Maria House Project is an incredible program founded by Father James Peterson over 50 years ago. Your **casseroles** have greatly helped make it work so well. Thanks again for your participation!

The April **casseroles**, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church office on *Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>*, 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.

*A big 'Thank You' to Skip and Dottie Glover for all that you have done for the Maria House Project and getting the Casserole Club started!*

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