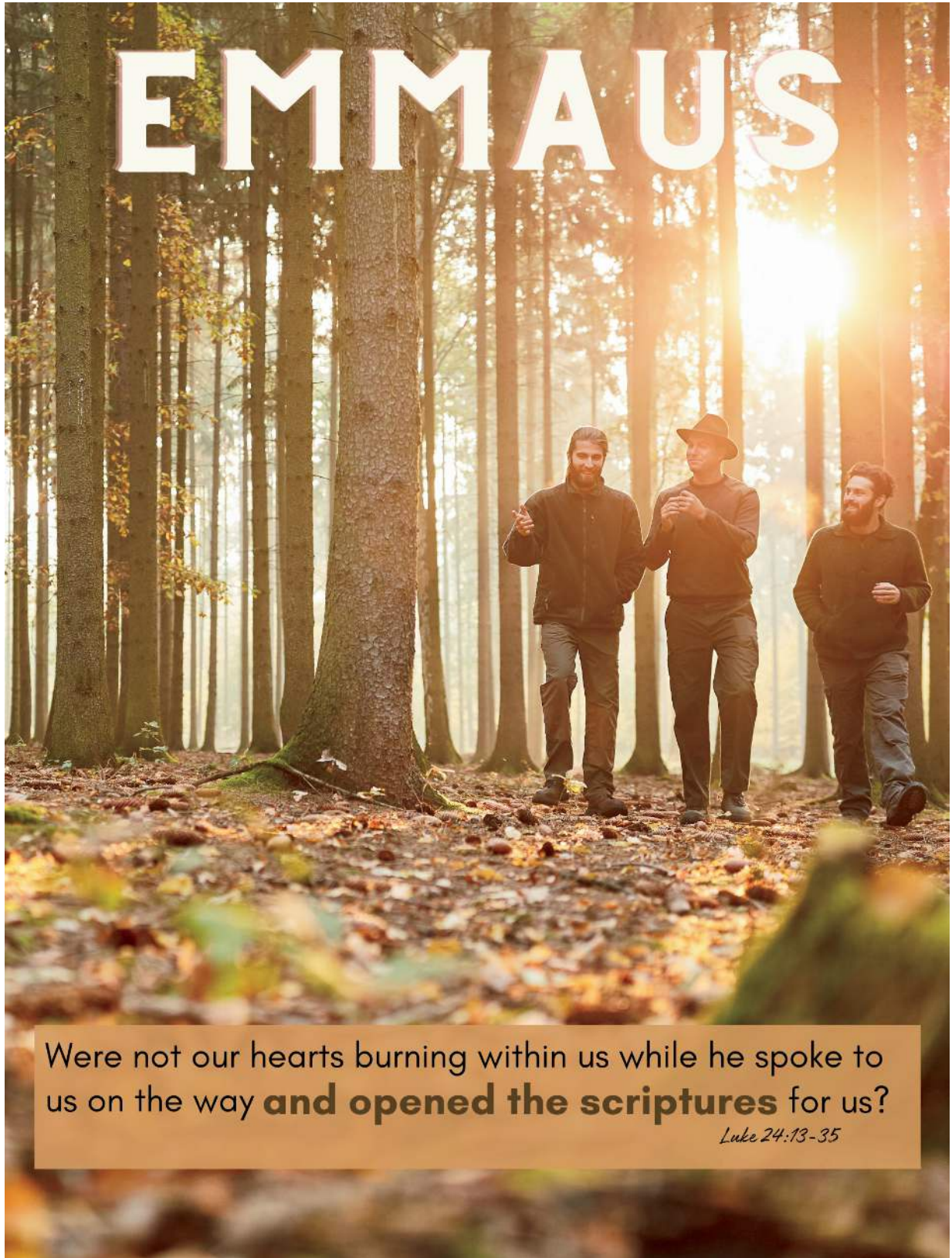




Our Lady of Peace

EMMAUS



Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way **and opened the scriptures** for us?

Luke 24:13-35

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

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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.



April 2026

19th Canned: Chicken/Beef/Tuna/Salmon

26th Coffee / Tea / Juice

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

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; / O sing to the glory of his name. / O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading - God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm - Our God shows us the way to live (Psalm 16).

Second Reading - Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel - Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

Family Discussion of the Week: Recognizing the Lord

When he was at the table with the disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. (Luke 24:30-31)

Adults: In what way have you come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist?

Kids: When you join Jesus at the table of the Eucharist next Sunday, what would you like to thank him for?

EMMAUS AND THE MASS

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it's only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably "mythical" in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus' disciples encounter a stranger on the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognize the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

7:00AM Shawn Gray - Cousin Corky
 12:10PM Jerry Namey - Serafini Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

7:00AM Marian D'Aurora - Family
 12:10PM Betty Spirito - Husband, Mike

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

7:00AM Ed Wagner - Daughter, Corky
 12:10PM Herb Stumpf - Bill & Diane

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

7:00AM Paul Forquer - Jean Verdecchia
 12:10PM Mary Louise Maracci - Family
 2:00PM School Mass - Cheryl Kulich - Sally Meister

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

7:00AM Norman Stark - Gary & Cheryl Carver
 12:10PM Jerry Hickin - Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

8:00AM Don Mackowski - Dave & Pat
 5:00PM Margaret Hardner - Pat Hardner

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
 9:00AM Delores Nowak - Dan Kensinger Family
First Communion
 11:00AM Mary Jane MacKrell - Loretta & Balch
 4:30PM Gregg Theiss - Malue 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
 Saturday 8:30-9:00AM and 3:45-4:45PM
 or by appointment - call the Church Office*

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week for a Special Intention for Mary Lou.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Fr. Nick fratus - Friends.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Matthew Riazzi, brother of Suzanne Bello (my apologies for getting Matthew's name incorrect last week); for Charles P. Fischer; for Chelsea Braendel; and for Joseph Calabrese. May their family and friends find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

Daily at 11:40AM All are welcome!

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary is prayed daily prior to the 12:10 Mass. Mary invites all her children to pray her Rosary. Also, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed following the 12:10 Mass in the Chapel.



Readings for the Week of April 19th

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
 Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

**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:

- Apr. 19: Amber D., Chris L.
- Apr. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G.
- Apr. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.
- Apr. 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y.
- Apr. 23: Heidi A.
- Apr. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.
- Apr. 25: Christine O.
- Apr. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky 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...

Jesus is Risen, Alleluia! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! Please keep all those participating in the Women's Cursillo Retreat this weekend in Harborcreek in your prayers including myself, Deacon Ralph and Janet DeCecco and the other OLP Parishioners who are candidates or on the team. I thank Fr. Ray Hahn, a retired priest of the Diocese of Erie, for helping with Mass and Confessions in my absence.

During the Easter Octave Pope Leo called all Catholics to pray for peace as he led a Prayer Vigil for Peace on Saturday, April 11th. I share with you here the reflection that he gave at that vigil....

"Dear brothers and sisters,

Your prayer is an expression of that faith which, according to the words of Jesus, moves mountains (cf. Mt 17:20). Thank you for accepting this invitation to gather here at the tomb of Saint Peter and in so many other places around the world to pray for peace. War divides; hope unites. Arrogance tramples upon others; love lifts up. Idolatry blinds us; the living God enlightens. My dearest friends, all it takes is a little faith, a mere "crumb" of faith, in order to face this dramatic hour in history together — as humanity and alongside humanity. Prayer is not a refuge in which to hide from our responsibilities, nor an anesthetic to numb the pain provoked by so much injustice. Rather, it is the most selfless, universal and transformative response to death: we are a people who are already risen! Within each of us, within every human being, the interior Teacher teaches peace, urges us toward encounter and inspires us to make supplication. Let us rise from the rubble! Nothing can confine us to a predetermined fate, not even in this world where there never seem to be enough graves, for people continue to crucify one another and eliminate life, with no regard to justice and mercy.

In the context of the 2003 Iraq war crisis, Saint John Paul II, a tireless advocate for peace, said with deep emotion: "I belong to that generation that lived through World War II and, thanks be to God, survived it. I have the duty to say to all young people, to those who are younger than I, who have not had this experience: "No more war" as Paul VI said during his first visit to the United Nations. We must do everything possible. We know well that peace is not possible at any price. But we all know how great is this responsibility" (Angelus, 16 March 2003). I make his appeal my own this evening, relevant as it is today.

Prayer teaches us how to act. In prayer, our limited human possibilities are joined to the infinite possibilities of God. Thoughts, words and deeds then break the demonic cycle of evil and are placed at the service of the Kingdom of God. A Kingdom in which there is no sword, no drone, no vengeance, no trivialization of evil, no unjust profit, but only dignity, understanding and forgiveness. It is here that we find a bulwark against that delusion of omnipotence that surrounds us and is becoming increasingly unpredictable and aggressive. The balance within the human family has been severely destabilized. Even the holy Name of God, the God of life, is being dragged into discourses of death. A world of brothers and sisters with one heavenly Father vanishes, as in a nightmare, giving way to a

reality populated by enemies. We are met by threats, rather than the invitation to listen and to come together. Brothers and sisters, those who pray are aware of their own limitations; they do not kill or threaten with death. Instead, death enslaves those who have turned their backs on the living God, turning themselves and their own power into a mute, blind and deaf idol (cf. Ps 115:4–8), to which they sacrifice every value, demanding that the whole world bend its knee.

Enough of the idolatry of self and money! Enough of the display of power! Enough of war! True strength is shown in serving life. With evangelical simplicity, Saint John XXIII once wrote: "The benefits of peace will be felt everywhere, by individuals, by families, by nations, by the whole human race." And echoing the incisive words of Pius XII, he added: "Nothing is lost by peace; everything may be lost by war" (Encyclical Letter *Pacem in Terris*, 116).

Let us, therefore, unite the moral and spiritual strength of the millions and billions of men and women, young and old, who today choose to believe in peace, caring for the wounds and repairing the damage left behind by the madness of war. I receive countless letters from children in areas of conflict. In reading them, one perceives, through the lens of innocence, all the horror and inhumanity of actions that some adults boast of with pride. Let us listen to the voices of children!

Dear brothers and sisters, there are certainly binding responsibilities that fall to the leaders of nations. To them we cry out: Stop! It is time for peace! Sit at the table of dialogue and mediation, not at the table where rearmament is planned and deadly actions are decided! Yet there is a no less significant responsibility that falls to all of us — men and women from all over the world. We are an immense multitude that rejects war not only in word, but also in deed. Prayer calls us to leave behind whatever violence remains in our hearts and minds. Let us turn to a Kingdom of peace that is built up day by day — in our homes, schools, neighborhoods, and civil and religious communities. A Kingdom that counters polemics and resignation through friendship and a culture of encounter. Let us believe once again in love, moderation and good politics. We must form ourselves and get personally involved, each following our own calling. Everyone has a place in the mosaic of peace!

The Rosary, like other ancient forms of prayer, has united us this evening in its steady rhythm built on repetition. Peace gains ground in the same way: word by word, deed by deed, just as a rock is hollowed out drop by drop, or fabric woven stitch by stitch. These are the slow rhythms of life, a sign of God's patience. We must not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by the pace of a world that does not know what it is chasing. Rather, we must return to serving the rhythm of life, the harmony of creation and healing its wounds. As Pope Francis taught us, "There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter" (Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*, 225). There is, indeed, "an 'architecture' of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, each according to its own area of expertise, but there is also an 'art' of peace that involves us" (*ibid.*, 231).

Dear brothers and sisters, let us return home having made a commitment to pray without ceasing and without growing weary, a commitment to a profound conversion of heart. The Church is a great people at the service of reconciliation and peace. She advances without hesitation, even when rejecting the logic of war may lead to misunderstanding and scorn. She proclaims the Gospel of peace and instills obedience to God rather than any human authority, especially when the inherent dignity of other human beings is threatened by continuous violations of international law. "Throughout the world, it is to be hoped that every community become a 'house of peace,' where one learns how to defuse hostility through dialogue, where justice is practiced and forgiveness is cherished. Now more than ever, we must show that peace is not a utopia" (Message for the LIX World Day of Peace, 1 January 2026).

Brothers and sisters of every language, people and nation: we are one family that weeps, hopes and rises again. "No more war, a journey with no return; no more war, a vicious cycle of grief and violence;" (Saint John Paul II, Prayer for Peace, 2 February 1991).

Dear friends, peace be with you all! It is the peace of the Risen Christ, the fruit of his sacrifice of love on the cross. For this reason, we raise our prayer to him:

Lord Jesus,
you conquered death without weapons or violence:
you shattered its power with the strength of peace.
Grant us your peace,
as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning,
as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear.
Send forth your Spirit,
the breath that gives life and reconciles,
that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters.
Inspire in us to trust in Mary, your mother,
who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart,
firm in the faith that you would rise again.
May the madness of war cease
and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still
know how to bring forth, protect and love life.
Hear us, Lord of life!"

May God bless our 3rd week of Easter 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...

****Parish Bowling Night** Families Together Ministry is sponsoring a **Parish Bowling Night on Friday, April 24th from 6-8:30pm at Rolling Meadows, 3304 Zuck Rd.** Bowling starts at 6:30pm and the cost is \$5/person which includes shoe rental.

Hot dogs, chips and drinks provided. Reserve your spot by emailing Scott at scottbarneserie@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing you there!

****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.** This week I will present on St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769-1852). The schedule for the rest of the series is: 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 series on the 11 Canonized Saints (or group of saints) from the territory that is now the United States which we began in 2025.

****Vocation Holy Hour** On **Monday, April 27th we will have a Vocation Holy Hour from 6:30-7:30pm** in conjunction with Good Shepherd Sunday the day before (which is always the 4th Sunday in Easter). We know one significant crisis in our church in the Diocese of Erie is a lack of vocations to the priesthood and religious life so please come and "ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

****Upcoming First Communions and Confirmation** I ask for your prayers for members of our parish community who are preparing for those great Sacraments of Initiation in the next month or so. First Holy Communion Masses will be Sunday, April 26th at the 9am Mass and Sunday, May 3rd at the 11am Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated with Bishop Persico on Wednesday, May 27th at 7pm.

****Catholic Services Appeal 2026** We have **383 pledges for \$228,396** and 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 to do so yet.

****Masses this Week** *Monday, April 20th and Wednesday, April 22nd - Easter Weekdays; Tuesday, April 21st - St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Archbishop of Canterbury and called "Father of Scholasticism"); Thursday, April 23rd - St. Geroge, Martyr (4th Century Palestine); Friday, April 24th - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr (17th Century protomartyr of the Propaganda de Fidei, the Congregation de Propaganda Fide (now the Dicastery for Evangelization) was established by Pope Gregory XV in 1622 to oversee the Roman Catholic Church's missionary activities and spread the faith worldwide. It was designed to centralize and manage mission territories, particularly in Africa, Asia, and parts of the Americas); Saturday, April 25th - St. Mark, Evangelist.*

****Easter Season** Recall that 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 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!



Our Lady of Peace...
Pray for us

49th Annual ERIE MARCH FOR LIFE

MAY 2, 2026 ★ 11 A.M.

Big or Small, Respect for All

Assemble in Perry Square, downtown Erie at 10:45 a.m.

Hear U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly, Gannon SFL President Clare Caulfield, State Rep. Brad Roae, Slippery Rock Mayor JD Longo, Dr. Jeffrey McGovern, and other engaging speakers!

We will march in gratitude for the priceless gift of life, thankful for our own lives and the lives of those around us. We will march in gratitude for our nation, founded on the conviction that life is a human right that belongs to all individuals just because they are human, regardless of social status, age, state of dependency, physical or intellectual abilities, or any other artificial criteria. We will march in particular for those human beings yet to born and for their moms, who truly deserve the full measure of our love and the highest respect.

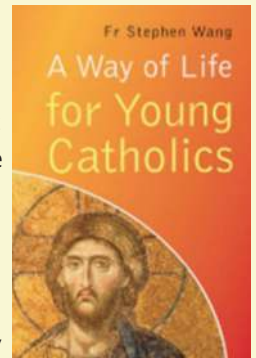


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New Booklet available

Cost: - \$3

Written for young Catholics who want to live their faith more deeply but are not sure what steps to take, this booklet contains practical, down-to-earth advice on many aspects of daily life, whether spiritual (prayer and confession), moral (alcohol and drugs, dating and chastity), emotional (coping with worrying or suffering), or vocational (discovering my vocation, finding a good husband or wife). It will be especially helpful for older confirmation candidates, students and young adults hoping to learn more about their faith.



St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Raffle Tickets Sold this Weekend at all Masses

Drawing: Thursday, April 30, 2026

First Prize: \$1,000
Second Prize: \$300
Third Prize: \$200

Tickets are \$2 each
or 3 for \$5

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/26th after all Masses.

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

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

Interfaith Prayer for Healing, Renewal, and Hope

Sunday, 26th April, 5pm - 7pm

Waldron Campus Center, Yehl Ballroom
124 W. Seventh St., Erie, PA

Gather with us in a spirit of unity,
peace, and compassion as we
come together across faiths for
healing, renewal, and hope.



For more information, please
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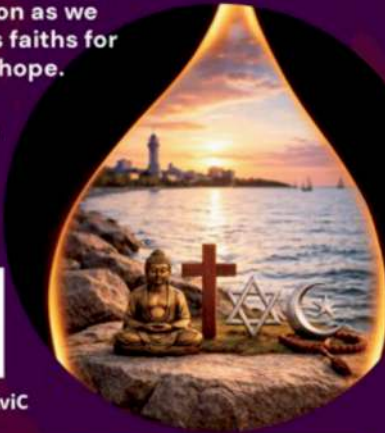


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Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Child Abuse Prevention Month - Report Child Abuse: It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Physical and sexual abuse of minors are pervasive societal problems, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. According to the latest Pennsylvania statewide report in 2024 there were 5,214 substantiated reports of child abuse. 1,693 or 32.5% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse and 1,410 substantiated reports were physical abuse. 61.4% of child abuse victims were female. Mother and Father remain the person most responsible for abuse of their children.

To report child abuse, call Childline at 800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7).
For questions on reporting abuse in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

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

Yard Signs Available:

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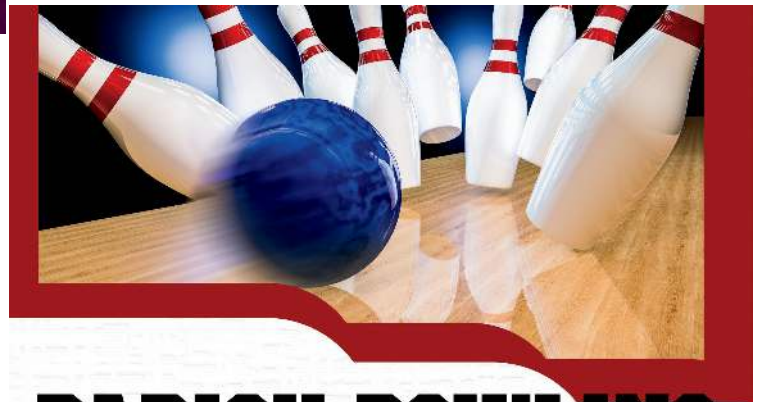
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PARISH BOWLING NIGHT

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
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Hotdogs, chips and drinks provided.

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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:

May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15

Time: 9:45AM to 1:00PM

Where: 11th & French St.

What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal

Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889



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REGIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY COLLABORATION 2017

Spring Schedule

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, at 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 24-26: Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat-for HS & up
April 28th: MSYG, OLP
April 29th: HSYG at 12th St. Chick-Fil-A

May

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

Please Note: Middle School Youth Group (MS YG) is 6:30-8:30pm, no optional silent Adoration 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

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For those IN K-5TH GRADE

RISEN & ROOTED KID'S NIGHT OUT SCHEDULE


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MAY 8TH AT OLP 5:30-9:00PM

Dinner, snacks, crafts, games, & prayer included. Must RSVP, no walk in's. Limited spots. Sign in/out Cafeteria at OLP! Regarding volunteers, we will have youth group participants due to this being a fundraiser

RSVP to sarah.beaver@olp.org by the Wednesday before!

BAPTISM PREPARATION
class for parents

Baptismal Prep Classes:

Monday, April 27, 2026
Monday, June 15, 2026


Classes are held in the Church Social Room from 6:00 to 7:00PM.

To pre-register please call or email: Tammie Mang, 814-838-9983, tammie.mang@olp.org

EASTER 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.

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.

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



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