



# Our Lady of Peace

Amen, amen,  
I say to you, whoever  
**believes in me**  
will do the **works** that I do,  
& will do greater ones  
than these,  
because I am  
going to the **Father.**

John 14:12

**Parish Office Phone**

814-833-7701

**Website**

www.olp.org

**E-mail**

olp@olp.org

**Faith Formation Office**

814-838-9983

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

Business Hours: 8:00AM - 4:00PM

**School Principal**

Mrs. Emily Fluegel

**School Phone**

814-838-3548

**School Website**

www.ericcatholic.org

**Parish Pastoral Team**

**Pastor**

Rev. Rich Toohey

(fr.rich@olp.org)

**Parochial Vicar**

Rev. Luke Daghir

**Priest in Residence**

Rev. Shane Mathew

**Permanent Deacons**

Deacon Ralph DeCecco

Deacon John Mang

**Music/Liturgy Director**

Mr. Brian Kuzmin

**Faith Formation Director**

Mrs. Tammie Mang

**Office Manager**

Mrs. Mary Beth Whitman

**Office Secretary**

Mrs. Cynthia Berarducci

**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.



**May 2026**

- 3rd Pasta / Pasta Sauce
- 10th Single Serve: Jell-O / Applesauce
- 17th Dried Fruit / Raisins / Nuts
- 24th Potato Flakes / Gravy / Soup
- 31st Mac 'n Cheese / Rice

Pantry is OPEN May 12th & 26th (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** - O sing a new song to the Lord, / for he has worked wonders; / in the sight of the nations / he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**First Reading** - To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

**Psalm** - We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** - We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

**Gospel** - "Show us the Father," Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: "Whoever sees me, sees the Father" (John 14:1-12).

**Family Discussion of the Week: The Strength of Faith**

Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." (John 14:16)

**Adults:** The Spirit gives us inner wisdom and strength. When have you experienced this?

**Kids:** The Holy Spirit makes you strong inside. When do you need to be strong?

**"Jesus, I praise you for your constant presence in my life!"**

Jesus' words "Where I am you also may be (John 14:3) can be reassuring for us as well. He promises to be with each of us always. He dwells in us through Baptism. He comes to us under the appearance of bread and wine in the Eucharist. He is with us through his Holy Spirit. And he is preparing a dwelling place for us, too, in his Father's house.

This is good news: Jesus is always present to you - both now and forever in eternity. Whatever trials you may experience, you never have to feel alone or abandoned. You can call on him for his guidance, his wisdom, and his mercy at any moment of the day or night.

So "do not let your hearts be troubled" (John 14:1). The One who died and rose for you will never let you go. Even when you can't sense his presence, know that he is with you. He is interceding for you with the Father. Even now, he is preparing a dwelling place for you, a place so wonderful that its beyond anything you could ever imagine!

Taken from "The Word Among Us May 2026"

# MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026**

7:00AM Joseph Stalmach - Hanke Family  
 12:10PM Francis "Shelly" Czulewicz - Wife

**TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026**

7:00AM Valentine Wieszczyk - Jean Verdecchia  
 12:10PM Josephine Valerio & Mary Loomis -  
 Daughters, Vicki, Mary Ann & Carol

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026**

7:00AM Val & Joan Wieszczyk - RTP  
 12:10PM Jeff Hickin - Nancy Miller

**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026**

7:00AM Cindy Tome - Husband, Ken  
 9:00AM School Mass - Special Intention for the  
 OLP School Community  
 12:10PM Shirley Bosner - Sylvia Bosner

**FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026**

7:00AM John Stanek - Family  
 12:10PM Mary Jane Abel - Family

**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026**

8:00AM Special Intention  
 5:00PM Anna Mae Meyers - Family

**SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day**

7:30AM Eva Dangelo - Sargent Family  
 9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP  
 11:00AM Bernard & Genevieve Krasnesky - Family  
 4:30PM Stan 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  
 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 in memory  
 of Larrie Dudenhoefer - Family.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of  
 George Zavasky - Family.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED** - Please pray for  
 Joseph Cuzzola. May his 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 May 3rd*

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;  
 Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
 Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21  
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;  
 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

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

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



Go to [www.olg.org](http://www.olg.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:**

- May 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.
- May 4: Arlene B., Catherine C., Denny D.
- May 5: Joyce K.
- May 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
- May 7: Margaret K.
- May 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P.,  
 Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.
- May 9: Elaine S., Jane D.
- May 10: Ann T., Pat M., Mary S.

*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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter to you! I want to update you on two things- one affecting our staff and one affecting our Parish Events. First, Chandler Villaneuva, who has worked as our Regional Youth Minister this year, working closely with Sarah Beaver, has accepted the position as Campus Minister for Erie Catholic School System. He will start that position on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. We recognize this is a significant loss for our Youth Ministry, but it has been a struggle to get financial support from other area parishes to support his salary and it is unlikely the position could continue. Chandler has been assisting with ministry at OLP school this year so the students are already familiar with him and our community will continue to benefit from Chandler's passion and faith. I thank Chandler for the great work he has done with our youth this past year and I look forward to working with him in this new capacity moving forward.

Second, after 11 years of "running" and "walking" as a community in our parish 5K, we are retiring the OLP "Faithful to the Finish" 5K this year. We had a good response when it began in 2015, but it has been a challenge to maintain and grow participation in our busy spring schedule. This change means one less opportunity to build community and grow our OLP Parish Endowment which benefited from the proceeds in the last few years. Our staff and parish leadership will look to find other ways to fill those gaps in the future but for now we thank all our past participants, volunteers, and sponsors who have made it a great "run." A special thank you to Cynthia Berarducci, our parish secretary, who has organized the event since its inception with Fr. David Renne!

May God bless our 5<sup>th</sup> 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...

### \*\*Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

1. We look forward to praying with and for our mothers next weekend at all Masses. We will have a special blessing for them at the end of all Masses as well.
2. Mothers eat free at the **Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast next Sunday from 8-11am** in the cafeteria.
3. The Knights of Columbus will also be handing out baby bottles for their annual Women's Care Center Fundraiser. Fill the bottles with cash or checks and return by Father's Day.

\*\*"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 Fr. Rich presents on St. Marianne Cope (1838-1918). St. Marianne was German-born American who grew up and served in central New York state before answering the plea for religious to serve the needs of the lepers in Hawaii. The final week of the series is May 12- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917). This completes our study of the 11 Canonized Saints (or group of saints) from the territory that is now the United States.

**\*\*Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Prayer sponsored by our US government since 1983.** The Prayer Theme is "GLORIFY GOD AMONG THE NATIONS - SEEKING HIM IN ALL GENERATIONS." The Scripture for this year is "Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples." 1 Chronicles 16:24.

This year's prayer... "Almighty God, King of Glory, we confess our sins and repent of our pride that sought our own glory and comfort, allowing evil to take root instead of Your fruit in our hearts, homes, culture, and country. Please forgive us. Now, with this declaration of rededication, we humble ourselves, pray, and seek Your face, turning from our wicked ways, that You would heal our lives and our land. Please purify and renew our hearts with holy attributes, affections, attitudes, and actions-to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We give You glory as we repent and rededicate our lives and our nation to You. For 250 years You have guarded and guided America in wisdom, grace, mercy, and love. We praise and thank You for our Founding Fathers, for all who sought You in fervent prayer throughout history and answered Your call to defend justice and freedom; to protect and serve, preach and teach, innovate, communicate, learn, work, worship, and establish our laws. May Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done in our lives, our Families, the Church, Education, Business, Military, Government, Arts, Entertainment and Media as it is in heaven. We prayerfully commit to "Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations. In Jesus' name, Amen!"

**\*\*Upcoming First Communions and Confirmation** I ask your prayers for members of our parish community who are preparing for those great Sacraments of Initiation. First Holy Communion Mass will be Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 11am Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated with Bishop Persico on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**\*\*Catholic Services Appeal 2026** As of Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, OLP had **407 pledges for \$235,048.** 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 to do so yet.

**\*\*2027 Mass Book** The Mass Book for 2027 will open Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 8:00AM. To ensure everyone has an opportunity to have Masses said for loved ones we must limit you to three (3) intentions per deceased person.

**\*\*49th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church Building** Mark your calendar to attend 12:10PM Mass on Friday, May 15, 2026, as we will celebrate the 49th Anniversary.



Our Lady of Peace...  
Pray for us

From the **MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV FOR THE 63<sup>rd</sup> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS...**

“Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people!

Guided and protected by the Risen Jesus, we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter — also called “Good Shepherd Sunday” — the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is an occasion of grace in which we share some reflections on the interior dimension of vocation, understood as the discovery of God’s free gift that blossoms in the depths of our hearts. Let us explore together the truly beautiful path of life along which the Shepherd guides us...

...Indeed, a vocation is not a fixed point, but a dynamic process of maturation sustained by intimacy with our Lord. To grow in one’s vocation means being with Jesus, allowing the Holy Spirit to act in our hearts and in the circumstances of life, and reinterpreting everything in light of this gift.

Like the vine and the branches (cf. Jn 15:1-8), our whole lives must be rooted in a strong and vital bond with the Lord, so that we may more wholeheartedly respond to his call through our trials and necessary “pruning.” The “places” where God’s will is most manifest, and where we experience his infinite love, are often the authentic, fraternal bonds we establish throughout our lives. How precious it is to have a true spiritual guide to accompany us in the discovery and growth of our vocation! How important it is to discern and test the promptings of the Holy Spirit, so that a vocation can be brought to fruition in all its beauty!

A vocation, therefore, is not an immediate possession — something “given” once and for all. Instead, it is a path that unfolds much like life itself. The gift we have received must not only be protected but also nourished by a daily relationship with God in order to grow and bear fruit. “This is helpful, since it situates our whole life in relation to the God who loves us. It makes us realize that nothing is the result of pure chance but that everything in our lives can become a way of responding to the Lord, who has a wonderful plan for us.” (From Pope Francis, Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit* (25 March 2019).

Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people, I encourage you to cultivate your personal relationship with God through daily prayer and meditation on the Word. Pause, listen and entrust yourselves. In this way, the gift of your vocation will mature, bringing you happiness and yielding abundant fruit for the Church and the world.

May the Virgin Mary, model of the interior acceptance of divine gifts and expert in prayerful listening, always accompany you on this journey!”

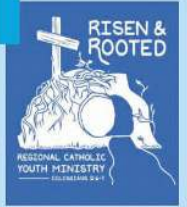
## The 2027 Mass Book will open on May 21st



Call or stop by the office during office hours (Mon-Fri from 8am-Noon or 1-4pm) to schedule a Mass for your loved one.

# RISEN & ROOTED CAR WASH

May 2nd (2pm-6:30pm)  
& May 3<sup>rd</sup> (7am-1:30pm; 3pm-6pm)



At Our Lady of Peace School/Church

-**drive through option**, enter the parking lot by way of Pacific Avenue Street Entrance by playground

-**parking option** during Mass times, enter from 38<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance

\*Fundraiser by donations

Questions: [Sarah.beaver@olp.org](mailto:Sarah.beaver@olp.org)

or

[youth@stfrancisxaviermckean.org](mailto:youth@stfrancisxaviermckean.org)

Supports summer  
trips for our Risen &  
Rooted RCYM Youth



## Holy Spirit Filled

# HEALING MASS

MAY 11TH - 6:15PM

Main Celebrant: Father Steve Schreiber

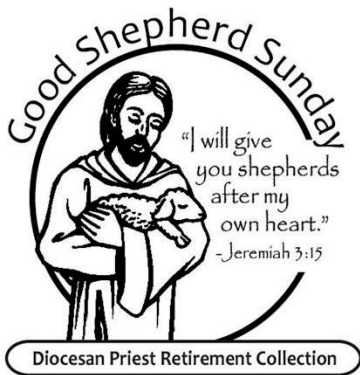
Hosted by Bread Of Life and Faith On Fire!

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY  
147 WEST 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ERIE PA

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

**Special Collection This Weekend:  
Good Shepherd:**

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking a special collection to support the needs of our retired Diocesan priests. This special collection will assist those dedicated priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in need of supplementary assistance for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, nursing home and long-term care assistance. As the number of retired priests increases in the upcoming years the Priest Retirement Plan will need to be adequately funded to meet their future needs. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of priests who have served faithfully and serve now as a "thank-you" for their many years of faithful service. Help provide them the same love and generosity they provided for us for generations.



Thank you for your continued support!



**Our Lady of Peace Campus  
Playground Fence Fundraiser**

The safety of our students is always one of our highest priorities, and we are excited to work together on an important improvement to our school playground.

We are raising funds to replace the fence behind the playground, helping create a safer, more secure space for children during recess and outdoor activities. This new fence will offer better protection from nearby traffic and help keep the playground more fully enclosed for our students.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, \$6,000 has already been raised through Erie Gives. We are now hoping to raise an additional \$6,000 through the support of our church and school families to fully fund the project and move forward with installation.

This improvement will benefit our entire school community by enhancing safety, giving families greater peace of mind, and creating a more welcoming outdoor environment for our students.

If we are blessed to exceed our goal, additional donations will go toward replacing older picnic tables on the playground that are worn and beginning to splinter.

To donate, please make a check payable to 'Our Lady of Peace School' or 'Erie Catholic' and return it to the school office.

**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



We celebrate with those who received for the first time His Most Sacred Body and Blood in Holy Communion

- |                          |                         |                             |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Grady Allen</i>       | <i>Ava Geertson</i>     | <i>Abrielle Medeksza</i>    |
| <i>Darian Ambooskan</i>  | <i>Emary Gomes</i>      | <i>George Miosky</i>        |
| <i>Violet Bargielski</i> | <i>David Green</i>      | <i>Luke Oros</i>            |
| <i>Raiden Baysinger</i>  | <i>Chase Grieshaber</i> | <i>Braden Panighetti</i>    |
| <i>Dexter Burdick</i>    | <i>Noah Haller</i>      | <i>Daniel Prier</i>         |
| <i>Cameron Cline</i>     | <i>Annalise Hoffman</i> | <i>Benjamin Roberts</i>     |
| <i>Gabriella Collins</i> | <i>Emelia Hornaman</i>  | <i>Emilia Rumberger</i>     |
| <i>Isabelle Dauch</i>    | <i>Everett Hornaman</i> | <i>Eloise Severance</i>     |
| <i>Corinne Delavern</i>  | <i>Scarlet Irvin</i>    | <i>Alex Shepelev</i>        |
| <i>Davin Faulkner</i>    | <i>Colton Joint</i>     | <i>Stella Sisinni</i>       |
| <i>June Felton</i>       | <i>Carter Kennedy</i>   | <i>Sinna Spaeeder</i>       |
| <i>Lucas Fetzner III</i> | <i>Elta Maciak</i>      | <i>Jacob Stewart</i>        |
| <i>Francis Foti</i>      | <i>Lena Meckey</i>      | <i>Temperance Vandeveld</i> |

May today be the first day of a life-long love of the Eucharist.



3rd MAY, 2026

Our Lady of Peace Church

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

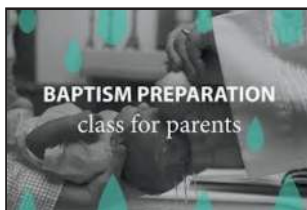
Celebrate the gift of life and support the work of The Women's Care Center. Over the last 5 years we have been able to purchase several state of the art Ultrasound Machines and a Mobile Ultrasound Clinic and 800 babies have been born to women after they viewed their ultrasound.

The Women's Care Center always promotes childbirth as an option. They've had great success by providing pregnancy, parenting, and adoption support services. They continue to depend on donations for financial support.

Pick up your baby bottle in the church on Mother's Day. Fill it with your change, currency or check. Return your full bottle on Father's Day.



Checks should be made payable to the Knights of Columbus



BAPTISM PREPARATION class for parents

## Baptismal Prep Classes For Parents:

Monday, June 15, 2026

Classes are held in the Church Social Room from 6:30 to 7:30PM.

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



**Power!**  
FOR EVERY MISSION FIELD

**Faith On Fire! 'Greater Things' Luncheon**  
Saturday 5/9/26 - 9:30 to 1  
Saint Joseph Bread of Life church (in the church)  
147 West 24th St. Erie  
Early Bird \$12.50 until 5/1/2026 Regular \$14.00 by 5/5/26  
\$10.00 (no lunch) online or at the door

Sr Rita from The Ark and The Dove (Pittsburgh) shares her experiences of the power of God in mission fields, both near and far. Sister Rita served in Mexico for ten years and has been on several mission trips to Africa. She now serves as the Administrator of The Ark and The Dove Worldwide - Home of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We all have a mission field!

<https://bit.ly/GTL26>  
or call TA at 814-636-1800

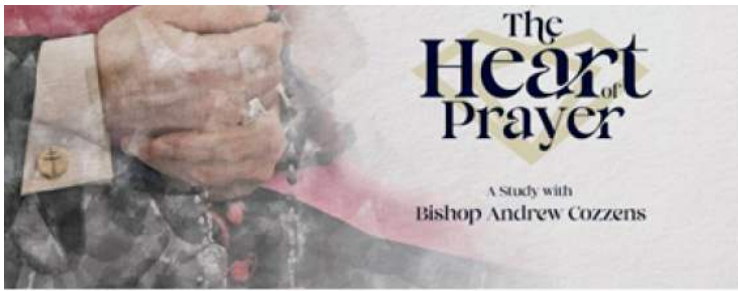
**WORSHIP BY HARMONY'S HOUSE**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# Flower Sale

Saturday, May 16th from 8:00am until noon  
\$6 each with many varieties available for your spring planting.





## Come to the "Upper Room"

After the Ascension of our Lord, the Apostles went back to the Upper Room and spent Nine days in prayer, waiting on the Holy Spirit. Bishop Cozzens leads viewers through eight sessions of teaching and reflection on prayer and its place in our spiritual life.

Set in the beautiful Chateau on the Augustine Institute Campus, Heart of Prayer reveals the beauty and transcendence of a prayer life, as Bishop Cozzens draws from Scripture and the saints to offer guidance that is practical and down-to-earth.

Through their time with Bishop Cozzens, viewers will quiet their hearts and minds to hear the voice of God calling to them in their life of prayer. Viewing this series as a group allows us to imitate the Apostles in supporting one another and building community.

**St. Francis Xavier Parish**  
**8880 Main St.**  
**McKean, PA 16426**

The Schedule is:

Saturday, May 16th at 10:30 a.m. (*Gathering Space off of the Church*)

Sunday, May 17th at 9:00 a.m. (*Classroom below the Church*)\*

Monday, May 18th-Friday, May 22 at either

- 10:00 a.m. (*Parish Center*)

- 6:30 p.m. (*Classroom below the Church*)\*

Saturday, May 23rd at 10:30 a.m. (*Gathering Space*)

\*If you cannot do steps, please let us know and we can find another location.



RSVP by visiting [www.stfrancisxaviermckean.org](http://www.stfrancisxaviermckean.org) or scanning the QR Code.

Contact Irene with any questions at 814-476-7657 x7 or by email at [evangelization@stfrancisxaviermckean.org](mailto:evangelization@stfrancisxaviermckean.org)



The Knights of Columbus Council  
of Our Lady of Peace

## Pancake Breakfast Sunday, May 10th

OLP Cafeteria from 8:00 to 11:00AM

Menu:

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,  
Hash Browns/Sausage/Juice/Coffee/Tea

**Credit Cards Accepted**

Adults \$10 Child \$6 (6-15) 5 & Under Free

Join us for the "Best Breakfast Deal" in town,  
and support your KofC organization.



Like us on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/kofc11454/](http://www.facebook.com/kofc11454/)

## Moms eat for free

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grade 9 Confirmation:

\*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)

## Yard Signs Available:

These yard signs, with the metal stake, are available in the church office.



**DOWNLOAD OUR NEW MOBILE APP NOW!**

**nwpaFaith:**

nwpaFaith connects Catholics in NW PA across the Diocese.

It's the place to get Parish and Diocesan news, sign up for events, read the daily readings, make a donation to the church, even print out your current Giving Statement.



MAKING IT EASY TO ENGAGE IN THE MISSION OF OLP!

[www.olp.org](http://www.olp.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



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



### Need a rosary repaired?



Just drop of your rosary or rosaries at the office in an envelope with your name and phone number. You will receive a call when it has been repaired and is ready for pick up.

*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



Qualifies for service hours!

## Advertiser of the Week:

Our bulletin is supported through the generosity of the advertisers - many of whom are our parishioners. Most are members of our local community. Please support our advertisers with your patronage. Tell the business owner that you appreciate their support of our parish through their ad in the bulletin.

**ANY PROBLEM  
ANYTIME  
ANYWHERE**  
**814.836.0001**  
PA#104809  
**WWW.TJSPLUMBING.COM**

**RISEN & ROOTED**  
REGIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY COLLEGIATE 34-4

# Spring Schedule

## 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

**QUO VADIS DAYS**

# Quo Vadis Days 2026

**Join Us For Our Summer Priesthood Discernment Camp!**  
**June 28 - July 1, 2026 at St. Mark Seminary**

**For Catholic Young Men (Those Finishing 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to 2026 High School Graduates) Seeking to Do God's Will**

**For More Information:** Fr. Scott Jabo  
 Vocation Director  
 814-824-1198  
 SWJabo@eriercd.org

**Cost: \$50**  
**To Register:** WWW.erievocations.org  
**Deadline to Register:** June 22, 2026

**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**

**MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 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!

**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

**Burton Quinn-Scott**  
 CREMATION & FUNERAL SERVICES INC.  
**BurtonQuinnScott.com**

Karen Burton  
 Horstman, Sprv.  
**(814) 454-4551**

**Geiger & Sons**  
 MONUMENTS & GRANITE COUNTERTOPS  
 2976 West Lake Road  
**838-3588**  
 Serving Erie Area Families Since 1923

**1** Get this bulletin  
 emailed to you  
 every week.



Find freedom and flexibility in your career.

 Become a Knights  
 of Columbus  
 insurance agent.

  
**David McIntosh, FIC**  
 General Agent  
 412-729-2709  
 david.mcintosh@kofc.org

© Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510

LIFE INSURANCE • DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE • LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE • RETIREMENT ANNUITIES

**Jim Lyons**  
 Financial  
 Advisor  
 CFP, AAMS,  
 CEPA®

  
 1760 W. 8th St.  
 Erie, PA 16505  
**459-8657**  
 www.edwardjones.com

**Edward Jones**  
 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Simply go to  
**www.DM.CHURCH/3518**

...or scan 

 **DISCOVERMASS**

**EWTN.COM/RADIO**

 **EWTN**  
 Global Catholic  
 Radio

**TUNE IN**

**catholicmatch<sup>®</sup>**  
 Pennsylvania



**CatholicMatch.com/goPA**

 **myParish**  
 The App for  
 Catholic Life Every Day  
 www.myParishApp.com

Available on the  **App Store**  **Google play**



**GEORGE WINSTON COMPANY**  
**454-0752**  
 Plumbing • Heating  
 Air Conditioning  
 www.georgewinstonplumbing.com

**ADVERTISE  
 HERE**

Promote your Business  
 AND Support your Parish.

**Adam Snyder 814-771-8628**  
**asnyder@Diocesan.com**

*The Businesses listed above make this bulletin possible.*

**Please support them when you can.**

**Sign up to get our bulletin in your email each week.**

**Go to [DiscoverMass.com/subscribe](http://DiscoverMass.com/subscribe)**



**ANY PROBLEM  
ANYTIME  
ANYWHERE**

**814.836.0001**  
PA#104809

**WWW.TJSPLUMBING.COM**

**Belle Valley Fire Dept. Bingo**

1514 Norcross Rd., Erie, PA  
Friday & Sunday Nights  
Doors Open at 4:30 p.m.  
Bingo Starts 6:15 p.m.  
Also Wakes Mon.-Thurs.  
Contact Laura at  
**(814) 825-4359**  
for more information




**payroll+**  
a complete HR Stack



**A HAND UP  
ERIE**

Providing household items to those in need. Please consider donating or volunteering. You can find us on Facebook or at Ahanduperie.org



**MODA**  
*Boutique*

modaclothes.com  
**(814) 920-4300**  
3279 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., Erie, PA




**BRUGGER**  
FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATORY, LLP

**Affordable Funeral Services**  
Preplanning • On Site Cremation  
Tribute Center  
Partners: Garrett J., Austin J., Carl R. & Leo J. Brugger, III  
1595 W. 38th St. • 864-4864  
**bruggerfuneralhomes.com**



*In Loving  
Memory of*  
**Donna R. Kuncio**  
-From her loving husband, Ron  
and her loving Family.



*Allburn  
Florists*  
Chris Ehrman, Parishioner  
**www.allburnflorist.com**  
1620 W. 8th St. 456-6211



**IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF**  
Jennifer L. Turner



**KIDS EAT FREE  
ON SUNDAYS!**  
KIDS 12 & UNDER | ONE FREE KIDS MEAL WITH AN ADULT ENTRÉE  
DINE IN ONLY | EXCLUDES HOLIDAYS | ROMASERIE.COM  
814-651-0900 | 2933 WEST 12TH ST ERIE, PA

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR  
BAKING  
PERFECTED.**


PREMIUM TOOLS & INGREDIENTS FOR HOME BAKERS,  
PROFESSIONALS, AND SMALL BUSINESSES



**Greens**  
CHOICE

It's All About Baking. Perfected.

2126 Filmore Ave.  
Warehouse #12, Erie, PA 16506  
info@greenschoice.com  
Office: (814) 983-6212  
**www.greenschoice.com**




**ZIMM**  
CATARACT &  
LASER CENTER

300 State Street • Suite 200 • Erie, PA

**Specializing in Cataract Surgery & Laser  
Vision Correction Surgery**

- LASIK Vision Correction
- Comprehensive Eye Exams
- Contact Lens Exams
- Laser-Assisted Cataract & Lens Implant Surgery
- Multifocal Lens Implants



**(814) 453-4575 • www.drzimm.com**

**E. Matthew Zimm, D.O.**  
Board-Certified  
Eye Physician & Surgeon

**Jessica M. Goller, O.D.**  
Optometrist

**Krystal M. Fordoski, O.D.**  
Optometrist



**LAFARO INSURANCE AGENCY**  
HOME • AUTO • LIFE • BUSINESS  
www.lafaroerie.com | info@lafaroerie.com | Phone: (814) 866-5528  
4627 Peach Street  
Erie, PA 16509

**A Catholic community  
foundation serving you**



**CATHOLIC  
FOUNDATION**  
of Northwest Pennsylvania

814-824-1237  
**MyCatholicFoundation.org**



**Presque Isle Concrete, Inc**  
PA#066994

Office: 814-838-1053  
3011 Colonial Ave • Erie, PA 16506  
Email: presqueisleconcrete@yahoo.com

**GINETTE & MIKE  
ANTHONY**

*The Businesses listed above make this bulletin possible.*

**Please support them when you can.**

**Sign up to get our bulletin in your email each week.**

**Go to [DiscoverMass.com/subscribe](http://DiscoverMass.com/subscribe)**