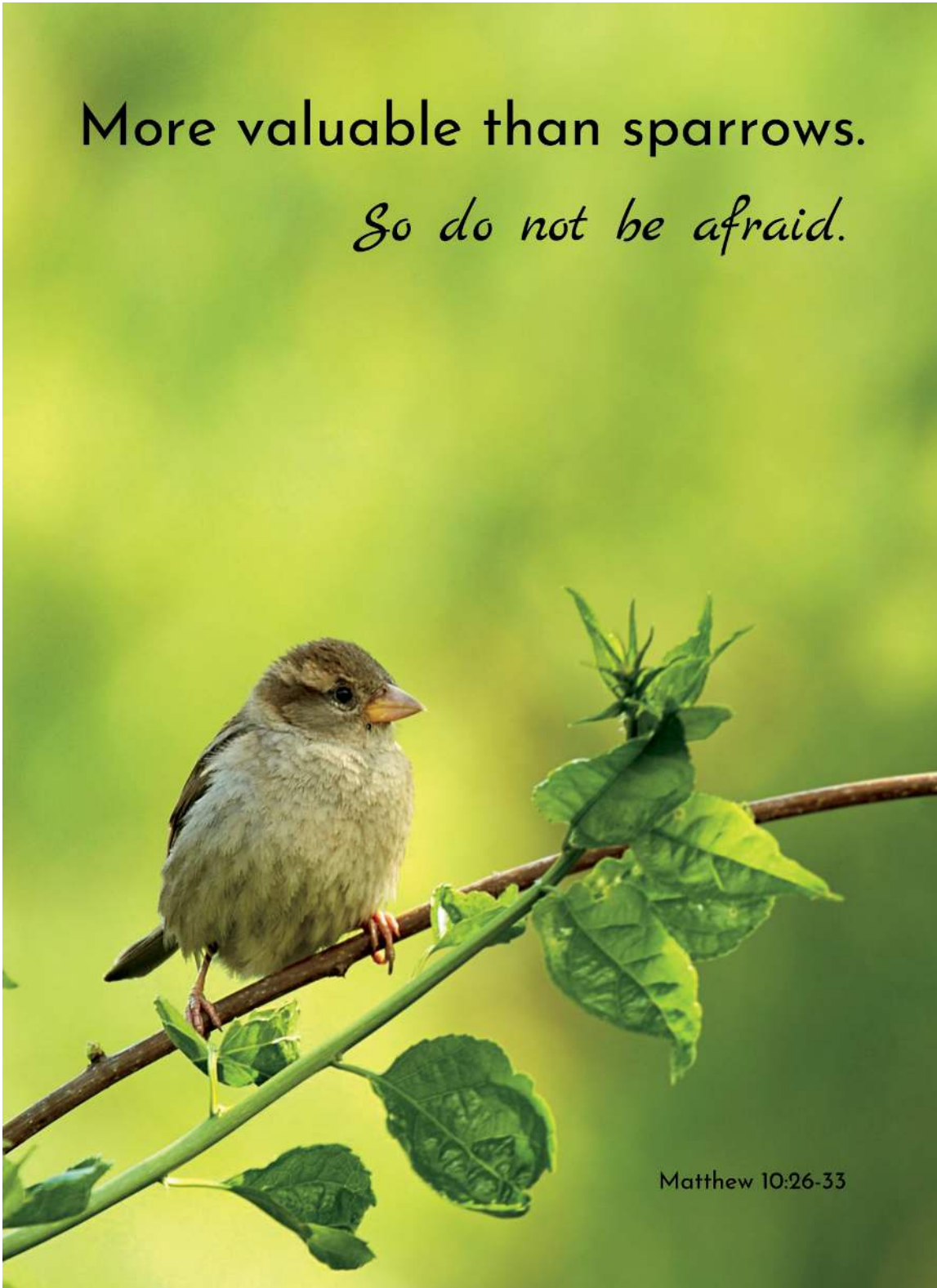




Our Lady of Peace

More valuable than sparrows.

So do not be afraid.



Matthew 10:26-33

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Priest in Residence

Rev. Shane Mathew

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Mrs. Mary Beth Whitman

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Mrs. Cynthia Berarducci

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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.



June 2026

21st Condiments: Mayo/Mustard/Ketchup

28th Canned: Chicken/Beef/Tuna/Salmon

Pantry is OPEN June 23rd

(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 - The Lord is the strength of his people, / a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. / Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, / and govern them for ever.

First Reading - The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

Psalms - Answer me, O Lord, in your bountiful kindness (Psalm 69).

Second Reading - The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

Gospel - All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

Family Discussion of the Week: The Reassurance of Faith

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. (Matthew 10-28a)

Adults: When has your faith in Jesus been most seriously tested?

Kids: What could you do to encourage someone who is feeling hurt?

ENTHUSIASM AND GRAMMAR

There is a good reason that the writings of St. Paul don't show up as examples in grammar textbooks. Today's reading is a case in point. It begins with one of those long Pauline run on sentences that leave lecturers gasping for breath. So what? Take a closer look at how Paul's fervor for his subject matter derails the grammar. There is something admirable about being so caught up in his convictions that the words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion. Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage's early importance in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that their language never got refined.

What leaves us in this condition? Re-telling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event? When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words, stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

7:00AM Catherine Ragan - Paul Vojtek Family
 12:10PM Deceased Members of the Leo Harper Family - Bill Miller

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026

12:10PM Communion Service (Deacon Ralph DeCecco)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

12:10PM Communion Service (Deacon Ralph DeCecco)

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026

12:10PM Communion Service (Deacon Ralph DeCecco)

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

7:00AM Special Intention for Our Lady of Medjugorje - RTP
 12:10PM Richard Roberts - Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

8:00AM Mary Ann Arnold - McDowell Class of '74
 5:00PM Nick Chiocco - Wife & Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
 9:00AM Sandy Martin - Michael Martin Family
 11:00AM Jeanne Johannismeyer - Art & Audrey Cavicchio
 4:30PM Ann Novak - 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 Donald Prischak - Sue Hickin.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of DiPlacido Family - Lois.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Joseph "Joe" Leone. 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 June 21st

Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

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. Subscribe by clicking the red Subscribe button.

As Fr. Rich, Fr. Luke, and Fr. Shane gather this week, along with all the priests/deacons, for their annual EMMAUS Convocation, at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, please keep them in your prayers using the prayer below:

THE EMMAUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus. Hear our prayer for the spiritual renewal of priests and deacons. We praise you for giving their ministry to the Church. In these days, renew them with the gifts of your Spirit.

You once opened the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. We ask you to renew your ordained ministers with the truth and power of your Word.

In the Eucharist, you gave the Emmaus Disciples renewed life and hope. Nourish priests and deacons with your own Body and Blood. Help them to imitate in their lives the death and resurrection they celebrate at your altar.

Give priests and deacons enthusiasm for the Gospel, zeal for the salvation of souls, courage in leadership, humility in service, fellowship with one another and with all the faithful.

For you love them, Lord Jesus, and we love and pray for them in Your Name. Amen.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Happy Father's Day to all and a special greeting to all fathers! Our Church and society need holy fathers who take responsibility for showing their children the face of our Father in heaven and for forming their children in virtue and the practice of our Catholic faith so let's be constant in our prayers for them, especially the fathers in our parish family.

I take this occasion of Father's Day to mention what a gift it is to me to have all of you at Our Lady of Peace as my spiritual children! I have mentioned in the past what a privilege it is to be invited into your most sacred and special moments in life, as well as the most intense. Whether it be births, baptisms or anointings and funerals as well as everything in between, I am so grateful to you for you inviting me (and Fr. Luke) into those moments in life. Because I/we have been ordained your spiritual father, you welcome me/us into intimate parts of your lives and hearts that most people do not get access to. Thank you for trusting us and letting us be a part of them- we do not take that for granted and again truly see it as a blessing and gift.

I also want to acknowledge the revival in the Catholic Church that we are seeing not only nationally but also locally. Slowly, as we move beyond the Child Abuse Scandal and COVID- I am seeing more people return to their Catholic faith as the foundation of their lives. This is very exciting and hopeful to me. In addition to that, I am seeing more young families coming to Mass; which is such a gift. I hope our families and parents know how much I and the parish, love to pray with you at Mass. You bring such life and energy to our community and worship. The sounds of the children at Mass are a joyful noise to all of us. So please do not be self-conscious about your children and their behavior; and know how much we desire your presence.

For those of us who no longer have or never had younger children at Mass, lets make sure we let our younger families/parents know how much we appreciate their presence and effort to be with us and let them know it does make a positive impact on our weekly worship as a community of faith!

May God bless our fathers, our young parish families and our week 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...

****Congratulations to our first Early Bird Prize Winner Sylvia Bosner.** Thank you to all who have already purchased or sold tickets as this is our only parish fundraiser. Your support helps fund ministry, mission and maintenance of our parish facilities. Our goal is 3,700 tickets. Currently we are at 1456. If we work together (nearly 1,900 registered families) we can achieve it!

****Please keep Fr. Luke and all the team and candidates** who are participating in a Men's Cursillo Retreat this weekend (June 19-21) in St. Marys, PA. Also pray for our youth and adults participating in a Youth Retreat/Service Trip to DuBois, PA this week.

****Emmaus Convocation and Mass opportunities in Erie this Week**

This week Fr. Luke, Fr. Shane and I will all be attending the annual Emmaus Convocation for the Clergy of the Diocese of Erie from June 22-25 in Latrobe, PA at St. Vincent College. Deacon Ralph will lead Communion Services at 12:10pm June 23, 24 and 25 (with no Mass or prayer at 7am those days). There will be daily Mass those days at St. Geroge Church at 7:15am and St. Peter Cathedral at 12:10pm. Please keep the clergy of our Diocese in your prayers in a special way this week (see the Emmaus Prayer on page 3) and know that we will be praying for you!

****Masses this Week** *Monday, June 22nd*- Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs (executed in in England in 1535 for opposing King Henry VIII's establishment of the Church of England and for not approving his annulment with his first wife, Catherine of Aragon); *Tuesday, June 23rd to Thursday, June 25th*- Communion Services at 12:10pm at OLP (see pastor's note above for churches with daily Mass); *Friday, June 26th*- Weekday in Ordinary Time; *Saturday, June 27th*- St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (5th Century defender of orthodoxy and Marian title of Theotokos (God-bearer) at the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD).

****Congratulations to OLP parishioners Kathy and Dave Wayman who were named the Lay People of the Year by the Serra Club of Erie at their annual dinner recently!** Kathy and Dave have been active members our parish for decades as well as being a part of the Serra Club, the Men's and Women's Conferences leadership, and missionaries to Africa (to name a few of the many ways they serve in the mission of Catholic Church). Well done Wayman's, your parish family is proud of you!

****A huge thank you to Skip and Dottie Glover from OLP who are retiring as the leaders of the OLP Casserole Club for the last 17 years!** The club collects meals for Maria House Project which serves men in a Christian community who are transitioning out of incarceration. In addition to leading our casserole club Skip and Dottie have been involved with Maria House Project for over 40 years. Thank you Skip and Dottie for your amazing witness to putting our faith into action! I also thank Wally Whilhelm who is taking over leadership of the Casserole Club.

****Another huge thank you to Darrell Meyers from OLP who is retiring as a Facilitator in our Parish Confirmation Program!** Darrell has incredibly been serving in this role for 29 years and this has been such a gift to our parish in this important ministry. Darrell will continue in his other areas of volunteer leadership through OLP Serves, Emmaus Soup Kitchen and ServErie but I want to just take a moment to express my/our gratitude for his commitment in Faith Formation for almost 3 decades here at OLP!

****I offer a third thank you on a sadder note to Kandace Lyons who had been a part of our Parish Prayer Line for many years at OLP.** Kandace passed away several months ago. She brought much passion and effort to coordinating our prayer ministry so let's show our gratitude to her by reciprocating all her prayers for us by praying for her... May the soul of Kandace through the mercy of God rest in peace.



Our Lady of Peace...
Pray for us

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND DEACONS



Emmaus Clergy Convocation June 22-25, 2026

Inspired by Christ's journey with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, this gathering strengthens the clergy who faithfully serve our parishes, schools and communities throughout northwest Pennsylvania.

Please keep our clergy in prayer:

- for renewed strength in ministry,
- for unity and fraternity,
- and for continued faithfulness to Christ and His Church.

This year's presentations include:



Archbishop Bernard Hebda
*"The Priest in the Age of Pope
Leo as a Man of Communion"*



Mr. Terry Poplava
*"Welcoming Parish in a Lonely
World"*

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“I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

EPHESIANS 4:1-5

Thank you for your prayer and support of Bishop Persico, the priests and deacons of the Diocese of Erie.

May Christ continue to walk with them and strengthen them in their vocation.



May 20, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On June 28th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who gave their lives for Christ in Rome. Each year, the Peter's Pence Collection is taken up throughout the Church on or near this Solemnity. This year, the collection will be taken up in our parishes on the weekend of June 27 and 28.

The Peter's Pence Collection supports the charitable works of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St. Peter, as he responds to some of the most urgent needs of people throughout the world, including relief to victims of natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods. Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, and medical facilities in developing nations, as well as many other charitable works.

From the beginning the Church has made it a priority to help the most in need among our brothers and sisters in the human family. Your prayers and contributions will allow this important work to continue.

Through our support of the Peter's Pence Collection, we are also helping to strengthen the ties that bind us together as the Family of God. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



THANK YOU

On behalf of Fr. Rich and the OLP Serves Team, we thank all those who helped make our **May 16th OLP Serves Day** a success. We had 35 volunteers (adults and children) work on 19 projects in service to our fellow parishioners.

If you couldn't help this time, consider making the commitment to serve at our next OLP Serves Day. Acts 20:35 "...it is more blessed to give than receive."



FORE! Our Crusaders

6th Annual Our Lady of Peace Athletic Board Golf Tournament
Friday, September 18, 2026

Beachwood Golf Club
6401 Gorski Road, Fairview PA

Registration: 11:45am-1:00pm
1:00pm: Shotgun Start Scramble

Dinner, Awards and Raffle immediately following

Golfers:
\$400 - Foursome
\$100 - Single Golfer
\$25 - Dinner Only

Sponsors:
\$1,500 - Crusader
\$1,000 - Blue
\$500 - White
\$100 - Hole

Registration Form

Foursome - \$400
Single - \$100
Dinner Only - \$25

Golfer Name (#1) _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Golfer Name (#2) _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Golfer Name (#3) _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Golfer Name (#4) _____
Phone _____
Email _____

If there is another team you would like to play with please list a member of that team.

Sponsor Form

Company _____
Contact Name _____
Email Address _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____

Crusader - \$1500

2 Foursomes*, Hole sign, recognition on Social Media & at Registration Table and Score Card. Opportunity to provide giveaways & speak at dinner.

Blue Sponsor - \$1000

Foursome, Hole sign, Recognition on Social Media & at Registration Table

White Sponsor - \$500

Foursome, hole sign

Hole Sponsor - \$100

Hole sign

Total for Sponsorship _____
Total Additional Donation _____
Total for Golf/Dinner _____
Grand Total _____

*Please list foursome names on registration form

Pay by Check: Make check payable to Our Lady of Peace Athletic Board
Pay via Venmo: @Tony-Demichele

Mail forms and payment to: Mr. and Mrs. Tony DeMichele, OLP Golf Tournament, 5698 Bear Run Cir, Fairview PA 16415. Sponsors must submit a logo (in pdf format) to Tony at tony.demichele.k2o6@statefarm.com

Golf package includes greens fees, cart, course lunch & dinner. Register by September 4th

Proceeds benefit OLP athletics and the Hank Starr Memorial (OLP Endowment Scholarship)

Family BEACH DAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST 5-8PM



YOUNG OR YOUNG AT HEART, ALL ARE WELCOME ! JOIN US AT BEACH 6 NEAR THE VOLLEYBALL COURTS.

BRING A DISH TO SHARE, SUBS PROVIDED.
RSVP TO SARAH.BEAVER@OLP.ORG



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Adoration
Confession
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Wilderness Retreat
That Will Test Your Body
and Renew Your Soul

OCTOBER
1-3, 2026
in the
Quehanna
Wilderness

Register Now – Limited Spots!



*This retreat is for men who are 18 years or older and have graduated from High School or equivalent.



Ryan Sayers Fr. Ben Dagher Fr. Luke Dagher



\$100 Registration (Deadline: September 21, 2026)

Questions: totheheightserie@gmail.com



May 8, 2026

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

As our nation prepares for the 250th anniversary of its founding, the bishops of the United States will consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus – a reminder that true unity, healing and peace are found in Him.

Here in the Diocese of Erie, we are invited with dioceses nationwide to take part in this moment in two significant ways. First, through prayer.

From **June 11 to July 4**, I want to invite you to participate in Eucharistic Adoration. Parishes are encouraged to offer the faithful time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Each hour of prayer contributes to a diocesan goal of **250 Hours of Adoration** – a sign of unity in Christ across our 13 counties. In the Eucharist, we encounter the Heart of Jesus, receiving grace to love, serve and bring peace.

I also invite all the faithful to join the 250 Works of Mercy this June by offering at least one act of charity – simple expressions of love for those in need. Whether reaching out to the lonely, helping a neighbor, supporting a ministry, or praying for the suffering, no act is too small when offered in love.

Our works of mercy are not separate from our prayer – they flow from it. As we spend time with Christ in the Eucharist, we are sent forth to carry His love into the world. Let us begin before the Lord. Let us remain with Him. And from that encounter, let us go forth in love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Lawrence T. Persico
The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

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250th Anniversary

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS

As our nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Catholics across the country are invited to join in prayer as the United States is consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from June 11 to July 4. Learn more about how to participate through prayer, parish resources, Eucharistic adoration and works of mercy at www.ErieRCD.org/250.html.

250 Works of Mercy...St. Martin Center, Erie

St. Martin Center provides services to help families and individuals through crisis situations and on a path to self-sufficiency. St. Martin Center provides programs that feed the hungry, educate children, and help to keep people in their homes.

St. Martin Center Wish List:

- Large and small cotton sheets
- Blankets (child-size)
- Play-doh!
- Board games (school age)
- Large floor puzzles
- Baby doll clothes
- Washable markers
- Paint brushes
- Watercolor paints
- Dental hygiene
- Men's and women's razors

Call or email Michele Bagnoni for all donations:
mbagnoni@stmartincenter.org
814-452-6113

DO NOT drop off donations at church

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS

Praying for Our Nation During America's 250th Anniversary
As the United States prepares to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the Catholic bishops of the United States will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the national *We Hold These Truths* campaign.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is encouraging dioceses, parishes, schools and Catholic communities across the country to participate in this historic moment of prayer, unity and renewal.

The Diocese of Erie invites the faithful to join in this national initiative throughout the anniversary year through prayer, Eucharistic adoration and acts of mercy rooted in our Catholic faith.

Here are a few ways to participate:

250 Hours of Adoration
Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for healing, unity, peace and our nation. The faithful are encouraged to participate in holy hours throughout the year as part of the nationwide effort.

Participants are invited to report their hours of adoration through the diocesan website so the Diocese of Erie can join dioceses across the country in witnessing to the power of prayer and Eucharistic devotion.

Works of Mercy
Live out the Gospel through acts of charity and service inspired by the Corporal Works of Mercy. Opportunities may include volunteering, supporting local outreach ministries, helping families in need, visiting the sick or assisting community organizations.

Pray the Novena to the Sacred Heart
Join Catholics throughout the nation in praying for our country and preparing spiritually for the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Learn More and Participate: Visit www.ErieRCD.org/250.html for diocesan resources, parish opportunities, prayers, adoration materials and ways to participate locally.

As we celebrate this important anniversary in our nation's history, may we continue to cherish the gift of religious freedom, deepen our love for Christ in the Eucharist and boldly live as missionary disciples during this special year and beyond.





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:

June 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.

June 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y.

June 23: Heidi A.

June 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.

June 25: Christine O.

June 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.

June 27: Ann R.

June 28: Ann F., Michael M.

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

Are You Looking for a Running Club? Join Runners with Faith!

All runners, casual and professionals, are welcome to join Runners with Faith every first and third Saturday in June, July and August at St. Jude Parish. We meet in the parking lot of St. Jude at 8:00AM for a brief reflection and prayer for an easy run to Frontier Park and back. If you'd like to go further, go ahead. Runners with Faith is for anyone who wants to reflect on their faith and enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

We hope to see you there!



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.

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

Our Lady of Peace

VBS AUGUST 10TH-14TH

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

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

Pray with Pope Leo XIV

Transform the world through prayer and action with the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Visit www.popesprayerusa.net.

Pope Leo's June Intention is for the values of sports. Praying that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



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UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Pope Leo issues first encyclical, *On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*

- Pope Leo XIV issued his first encyclical on May 25th. The letter, entitled *Magnifica Humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity), on Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence, addresses human dignity and the ethical challenges posed by artificial intelligence.
- This encyclical invites us to consider the profound impacts that rapid technological advancement has on human work, social relations, and the common good of all people. The encyclical in its entirety can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/magnifica-humanitas>.
- Other resources and statements about the encyclical can also be found on the USCCB website.



Baptismal Prep Class For Parents:

Monday, Aug. 17, 2026

Class is held in the Church Social Room from 6:30 to 7:30PM.

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

Risen & Rooted Summer Schedule 2026

Middle School

Those going into 6th-8th

2026-27 School Year

- Mon, July 6th-MSYG 6-9pm
- Wed, July 15th-MSYS 6-9pm
- Tues, July 28th-MSYG 6-9pm
- Wed, Aug 19th-MS Retreat 11am-4pm
 - (RSVP to sarah.beaver@olp.org by Aug 15th)
- Tues, Sept 1st-MSYG (School Year Kick Off)
 - 6:30-8:30pm, 6pm optional silent Adoration
 - Same day and time throughout the school year

Note: Dinner at each YG unless said otherwise. Location will be at OLP, specific spot TBD, unless specifically noted.
Questions: sarah.beaver@olp.org

High School

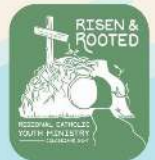
Those going into 9th-12th

2026-27 School Year

- Sun, June 14th-Parent/Student Summer Trip Meetings
 - 4-4:30pm for Mission/Retreat Trip to DuBois
 - 4:45-5:15pm for Steubenville Youth Conference
- Fri, June 19th-HSYG Movie Night 7-10pm
- June 23rd-June 27th-HS Mission/Retreat Trip to DuBois
 - Spots still available, email Sarah asap with questions
- Tues, July 14th-HSYG Vocation Panel 6-9pm
- July 10-12th-Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat
- July 17-19th-Steubenville Youth Conference
 - Spots still available, email Sarah asap with questions
- Wed, July 29th-HSYG 6-9pm
- Tues, Aug 25th-HSYG 6-9pm
- Wed, Sept 2nd-HSYG (School Year Kick Off)
 - 6:30-9:00pm, 6pm optional silent Adoration
 - Same day and time throughout the school year

For the Whole Family!

- Sun, June 7th-Corpus Christi Pilgrimage 2-3:30pm at the Cathedral
- Sat, June 13th-Parish Bonfire 6pm (food provided!) At Pavilion
- Wed, July 1st-Family Beach Day 5-8pm
 - Beach 6, entrance nearest to volleyball courts
 - Bring a dish to share, subs provided. Bring your own drinks/towels/toys etc.
 - RSVP by June 30th with how many coming
- Wed, July 22nd-Family Beach Day 5-8pm (same details above, RSVP by July 21st)
- Tues and Wed Aug 4th/Aug 5th-VBS Prep 6-9pm
- Sun, Aug 9th-VBS Set up in gym 12pm-3pm (pizza provided at noon)
- Aug 10th-14th-Vacation Bible School! Volunteers are from 8am-1pm
 - Friday stay until 3pm for clean up, pizza provided for clean up
- Aug 14th-Parish Bonfire with VBS Presentation, 6pm-Bring a side dish to share
- Fri, Aug 21st-Parish Movie Night, behind gym, starts at dusk
- Sun, Aug 23rd-Family Beach Day 1-5pm (same details above, RSVP by Aug 21st)



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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.

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



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