



Our Lady of Peace

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus invites us to

STEP OUT IN FAITH

August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mr. Michael Przepierski

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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.

We lead people into communion with God through Jesus Christ. We are passionately faithful, committed to mission, and have hearts like Mary.

Heart
Like Mary

**Rooted in trust,
like the Heart of Mary.**

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 as well as **reusable grocery bags**.



August 2026

9th Applesauce / Jell-O (single serve also)

16th Canned: Chicken/Beef/Tuna/Salmon

23rd Potato Flakes / Gravy / Soup

30th Coffee / Tea / Juice

**Pantry is OPEN August 11th & 25th
(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

A ministry for those who are unable to attend the usual parish functions. This ministry can be done from home, a nursing home, the hospital, etc. Those participating are asked to pray for a specific group, ministry or function as it 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 - Look to your covenant, O Lord, / and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. / arise, O God, and defend your cause, / and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading — The LORD said to Elijah: "Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by" (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalms — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

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Family Discussion of the Week: *Faith in the Lord*

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31)

Adults: When have you doubted the loving care of God for you as the apostles did in the boat?

Kids: How do you know that Jesus is with you at all times?

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026

7:00AM Thomas Piotrowski - Belinda Mozdy

12:10PM Jay Ferraro - Corey Ferraro

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

7:00AM John Moczulski - Brian & Michelle Decker

12:10PM Steve & Ann Babick - Nowak Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

7:00AM Shirley Robie - Sean Wiley

12:10PM Irene & Dick Izbicki - Fred & Evelyn Fried

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026**Transfiguration of the Lord,**

7:00AM Francis Cunningham - Family

12:10PM Jack & Linda Dann - Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

7:00AM Living & Deceased Members of the Chipley Family - Family

12:10PM Greg Bosner - Wife, Sylvia

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00AM Rev. John Vojtek - Paul Vojtek Family

5:00PM Special Intention - Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM John Ehrman - Fr. David Renne

9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

11:00AM Francis Hart - Fritz Vickey

OLP's Anniversary Celebration Mass**Reception following Mass in the School Cafeteria**

4:30PM Fima Galla - 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.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Helen & Louis Bruno Haythorn & Swonger Families.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for William "Bill" McGinnis; for Judith "Judy" Tymchyn; for Cheryl Tobin; and for Gary Wassink. May their families 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 August 9th**

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 - 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

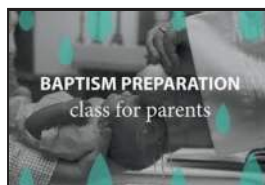
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 - 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**Baptismal Prep Class For Parents:**

Monday, Aug. 17, 2026

Class is held in the School Room B-5
from 6:30 to 7:30PM.

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

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:

Aug. 9: Elaine S., Jane D.

Aug. 10: Ann T., Pat M., Mary S.

Aug. 11: Dave D.

Aug. 12: Rose B., Chris P.

Aug. 13: Sylvia B., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F.

Aug. 14: Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.

Aug. 15: Mary Alice W., Loretta B., Mandy K.

Aug. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.

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...

To my spiritual family of Our Lady of Peace-

This weekend we host a missionary from Mary's Meals. They feed more than 3 million children every school day in 16 countries. It costs just \$25.20 to provide a child with meals in a place of education for an entire school year. With them, we can reach the next hungry child. Please be praying for this ministry and if you were not able to offer any financial support at Mass, consider making one in the next few weeks.

I wanted to take a moment to remind you of the full schedule of 2nd collections we do at OLP throughout the year just to remind you of the impact that we have in the charities we support as a parish and a diocese (this plan is determined by the diocese) and offer a brief explanation of who they support.

DIOCESE OF ERIE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2026

Flexible Date..... Priestly Education and Care Collection (optional)

January 25..... Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection (supporting Faith Magazine that comes to every registered Catholic in the Diocese 6 times a year and Catholic Communications)

February 15 Catholic Services Appeal (Commitment Sunday- annual fund for Diocese)

Lent (February 18)... Operation Rice Bowl (optional and OLP participates- proceeds go to Catholic Relief Services who provide emergency aid throughout the world)

March 29 – April 12 .. Collection for the Holy Land- Collection of funds for support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities. (OLP participates on Good Friday)

May 3 Good Shepherd Collection (for retired priests of the Diocese of Erie)

May 24 International Needs Collection (combined collection for Catholic Relief Services, Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.)

June 28 Collection for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)- The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

July 19 National Needs Collection (combined collection for Catholic Home Mission Appeal and Black and Indian Home Missions)- "Home Missions" is the name for dioceses and parishes in the United States, including its territories and former territories, which cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people. For many decades, the Church in the United States has sent missionaries overseas to serve the people of Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Oceania. The home missions are dioceses and

parishes here in the United States that need the same kind of support. The Black and Indian Mission Collection is a national Catholic special appeal that funds evangelization, religious education, and pastoral ministries for African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities across the United States. Mandated by the U.S. bishops in 1884, the annual appeal distributes funds as grants to local dioceses to support schools, parish programs, and missionary workers.

August 16 Church in Latin America Collection- In 1965, at the end of the Second Vatican Council, the bishops of the United States decided to establish a Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA). This development followed the recognition of the U.S. bishops that the church in Latin America needed help and it was important to establish a relationship with the sister churches to the South. Since the Collection began, over \$185 million has been donated by U.S. Catholics. Due to the generosity of U.S. Catholics, the Collection has been able to award over \$92.7 million since year 2000. The collection has been increasing through the years, with about \$68.5 million contributed over the past 10 years.

September 20 Catholic Education Collection- Gifts to the Catholic Education Collection benefit lifelong learning in Faith Formation and Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Erie. Faith Formation goes beyond the classroom to nurture and encompass all people of all ages. It's truly a lifelong endeavor. Half of every dollar raised stays at the parish level to support its educational and Faith Formation programs. The other half supports diocesan Faith Formation initiatives, tuition assistance for Catholic school students and educator leadership development.

October 18 Mission Sunday Collection- supports over 1,100 mission territories, established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, and held on the second-to-last Sunday of October. It funds the Pontifical Mission Societies to build churches, form local priests, and run schools and clinics.

November 15 Local Needs Collection- this used to be the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, or CCHD collection, but was renamed by Bishop Persico several years ago. This updated name accurately defines the purpose and use of funds. The Local Needs Collection supports diocesan organizations working to address the root causes of poverty and offer vital assistance to those most in need.

December 13 Retirement Fund for Religious (in the Diocese of Erie)

Flexible Date Missionary Cooperative Plan- that's what we are doing this weekend at OLP. The groups we host are assigned by the Diocesan Mission Office.

OLP averages around \$3,500 per collection (excluding the CSA of course) which comes out to about \$45,000 each year towards these important efforts. Put together- OLP parish provides \$1,000,000 per year for the parish mission through offertory and other ways, \$150,000 per year for the Diocesan Church through CSA and \$45,000 towards the universal church (2nd Collections) and that does not include the undocumented donations that we make to Youth Ministry, Outreach. The Scouts, etc, etc, etc, and many other fundraisers we support throughout the year. Well done OLP- way to support the mission of the local and universal church!

May God bless our Mary's Mission and all Catholic Missionary efforts 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...

****Please pray for Vacation Bible School at OLP this week**

(August 10-14)! No walk in registrations so please email Sarah at sarah.beaver@olp.org by Sunday evening to register.

****The next Parish Bonfire is THIS Friday, August 14th at 6pm at the parish pavilion.** Everyone is invited as we conclude VBS and get to hear the children perform some of their songs for us. Bring a chair; hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided.

****The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Saturday, August 15th** but is not a holy day of obligation this year since it falls on a Saturday. The Mass will be celebrated at 8am and THERE WILL BE NO VIGIL MASS the night before.

****The Marriage Anniversary Mass at OLP will be celebrated at the 11am Mass next Sunday, August 16th with light reception to follow in the school cafeteria.** There we will honor, pray for and congratulate couples from our parish celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and more years of marriage. This is an amazing witness to God's grace and the sacrificial commitment these couples are living out so I hope you will join me in celebrating them.

****Other Upcoming Parish Events....**

-Friday, August 14th Parish Bonfire at 6pm at pavilion with entertainment provided by the VBS children

-Sunday, August 16th Milestone Wedding Anniversary Mass at 11am, reception following in the school cafeteria

-Thursday, August 20th OLP Parish Feast Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction with Fr. Tom Brooks, pastor of OLP from 1999-2009, preaching.

-Friday, August 21st Parish/School Outdoor Movie Night

-Saturday, August 22nd Mass for the Queenship of Mary at 8am (Parish Feast)

-Sunday, August 30th Fr. Rich 25th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration- 11am with Reception to follow in the cafeteria

****OLP Raffle** Get your tickets in for your chance at our August Early Bird gift card package. Thank you to all who have purchased or sold tickets. We are at 66% of our goal.

****Masses this Week** *Monday, August 10th*- St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr (3rd century Roman treasurer of the church); *Tuesday, August 11th*- St. Clare, Virgin (13th century disciple of St. Francis and founder of the Poor Clares); *Wednesday, August 12th*- St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious (17th Century French mother and as a widow wounded the Visitation Nuns); *Thursday, August 13th*- Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs (3rd Century Roman Clergy who died in exile); *Friday, August 14th*- St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr (20th Century Franciscan who was executed in Auschwitz); *Saturday, August 15th*- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Not a holy day of obligation this year).

****OLP Partnership with Hallow Prayer App** Our Lady of Peace has entered into a parish partnership with the popular prayer app, Hallow, as of July 1st. We will be offering more information on what that means over the next few months and then have an official Launch Weekend September 12/13 (Parish Picnic is September 12th!).

Everyone has access to the free version of Hallow. Please join our parish page (Our Lady of Peace Erie) where you can share prayer requests and participate in prayer challenges with the parish. If you are interested in the full paid version of Hallow our partnership offers a 25% discount; contact Mary Beth in the parish office. More information will be coming.

****OLP Pilgrimage to Northern France in October 2027**

Recently I announced our next parish pilgrimage which is to Northern France on October 10-20, 2027. It is part of the three-year parish anniversary celebration that we are planning for Our Lady of Peace. The celebration will begin on May 15, 2027, the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of our church in 1977 and will continue through September 30, 2030, the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of Our Lady of Peace Parish in 1955.

A highlight of the pilgrimage will be a visit the oldest statue of Our Lady of Peace found in the Chappelle de Picpus in Paris, France. The statue dates back to the 16th century and is only 11 inches tall, and the chapel that houses it is also dedicated to the martyrs of the 18th Century French Revolution. It is also the burial place of Marquis de Lafayette, the French General who played a significant role in helping the United States gain their independence.

The pilgrimage will include 3 days in Paris (visits to the Cathedral of Notre Dame; San Chappelle-the home of the crown of thorns; Sacre Cuore (the tomb of St. Louis); the church of St. Catherine Laboure and the origins of the Miraculous Medal; the shrine and tomb of St. Vincent de Paul; and the church and tomb of St. Denis and his companion martyrs who founded Christianity in Paris), as well as stops in Rouen (St. Joan of Arc), Lisieux (St. Terese and her parents, St. Louis and St. Zellie), Normandy (location of D-Day), Mont Saint-Michel (the iconic tidal island and medieval abbey in Normandy, famous for its dramatic tides and breathtaking architecture), Le Mans (shrine of Blessed Basil Moreau- founder of the Holy Cross Order who founded the University of Notre in Indiana, USA), Solesmes (Benedictine Abbey known to be the place of the renewal of Gregorian Chant in the Catholic Church) and Chartres known for its famous Cathedral.

For more information on the pilgrimage (cost is presently \$3,995 but does not yet include airfare) please see the flyers at the doors of the church or in the office or go online to www.selectinternationaltours.com/product/saints-of-france-with-fr-rich-toohey/. Please note that registration is being handled by Select International Tours so all questions and attempts to register should be done through them and not at the parish office.

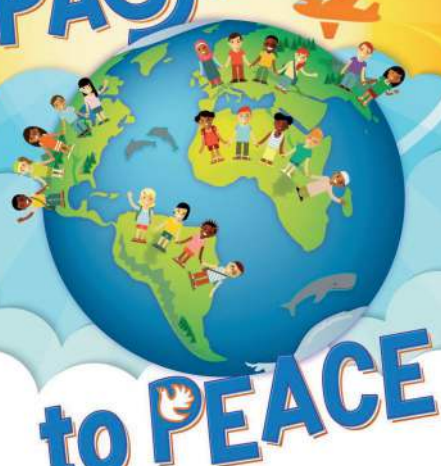


Our Lady of Peace...
Pray for us

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>

Holy Spirit Filled



HEALING MASS

AUGUST 10TH- 6:15PM

Main Celebrant: Father Joe Petrone

Hosted by Bread Of Life and Faith On Fire!

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY
147 WEST 24TH STREET, ERIE PA

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

OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project



Thank you to all those who have donated **casseroles** over the years, know that you are very much appreciated.

The August **casseroles**, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church office on **Saturday, August 15th**, between 3:30 and 4:30pm. If you would like us to pick it up call Mary Lou or Wally Wilhelm at 814-833-0306 or also, Lisa Scully at 814-504-9638.

Casseroles should be pre-cooked, frozen in a disposable container, with reheating directions attached. Names or addresses are NOT to be included.

Young AT HEART

SENIORS GROUP

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, September 10th** at **1:00pm** at Presque Isle East Pier.



The East Pier is on the bay side after you cross the first bridge & before you get to Perry Monument (the exit is before the entrance). Bring your own lunch and drink.

Questions? Sr. Kathleen at 814-218-9400 or sr.kathleen@olp.org

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





August 6, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 60 years, this collection has been a practical expression of unity and love for our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. This collection supports pastoral, catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America also helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they otherwise would be unable to afford. Catholics like you who generously contribute to this collection help priests stay on the road with funds given to the diocese to offset fuel and vehicle repair costs. In places such as Mexico, you help bring the Good News to the poor when you participate in the collection.

Please consider generously supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America on the weekend of August 15th and 16th. Your contribution, and especially your prayers, will help make our Catholic faith a living reality for people throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family,

Scan to give



Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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



you are prayerfully invited to

THE ANNUAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PEACE

Queenship of Mary

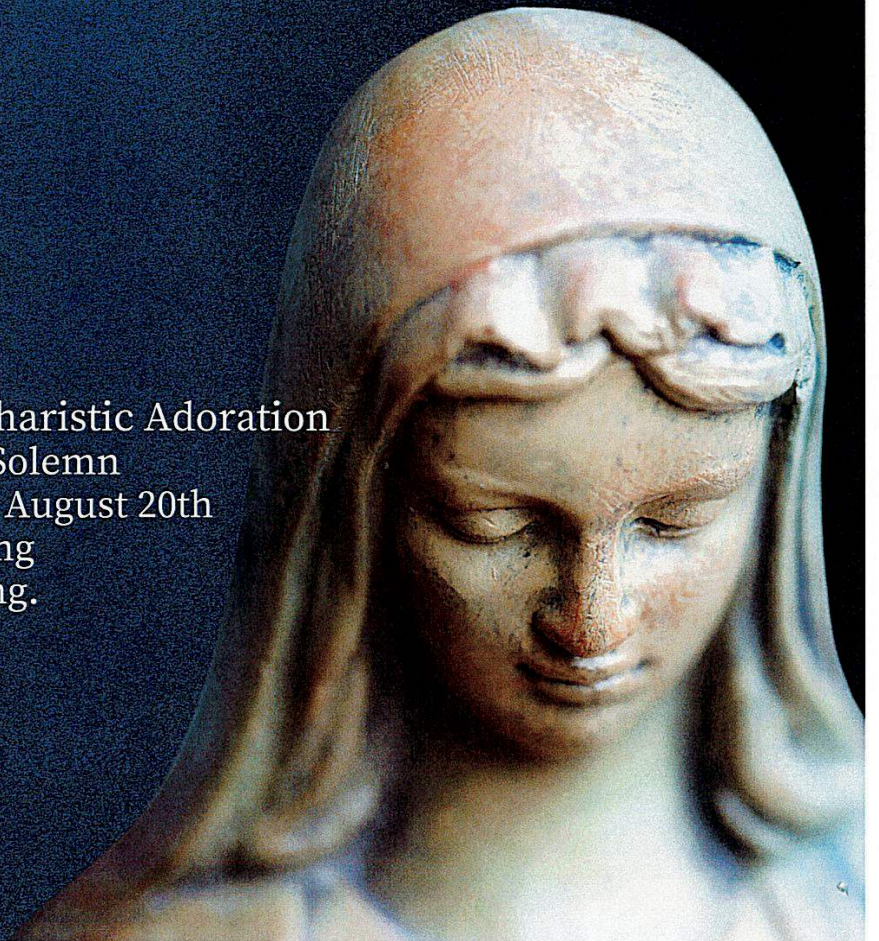
Mary truly is Queen of Heaven and Earth in the same matter as Jesus is King, not with a worldly power but with the fullness of divine love and mercy. In the words of Pope Benedict, the Queenship of Mary "is not (one of) wealth and power" but is "a service of love."

Let us gather as a family to give thanks to Mary, Patroness of Our Lady of Peace

Thursday, August 20
Liturgical Celebration

24 Hours of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration
7:00pm on August 19th until Solemn
Evening Prayer at 7:00pm on August 20th
with Fr. Rich Toohey presiding
and Fr. Tom Brooks preaching.

Mary, Our Lady of Peace
Pray for us!



CONGRATULATIONS ON

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR

PRIESTLY
Ordination

**PLEASE JOIN THE PARISH IN CELEBRATING
FR. RICH'S PRIESTLY MINISTRY**

**SUNDAY
30 AUGUST**

**11:00 AM MASS
NOON-3:00PM RECEPTION
IN THE CAFETERIA**



**We thank you, Fr. Rich, for all the ways
you let Christ shine through your life.**

OLP PARISH AND SCHOOL
PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

**Friday,
August 21**
Movie will start
just after DUSK



**ARRIVE: 7:30 to mix and
mingle before the movie starts!**

Featured Film: TOY STORY

Behind the OLP School Gymnasium

****Concessions available. Please bring chairs and blankets****



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)



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.

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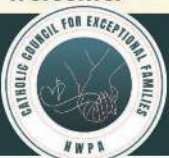
networking meet-ups

This gathering is a welcoming opportunity to connect, share experiences and build community in faith. Individuals with disabilities, family members, caregivers and supporters are invited to join us as we celebrate the gifts and dignity of every person. All are welcome.

Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

AUGUST 09 | 3-5 PM

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Contact Stacey Badowski for more details:
stacey.badowski@gmail.com.

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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-MSYG 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

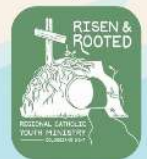
High School

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)



Each year we host a missionary as part of the Diocesan Missionary Cooperative to share with us about the Mission work they are doing as part of the Church today.



mary's meals

a simple solution
to world hunger

August 8th & 9th we welcome Mary's Meals to OLP.

Mary's Meals is a global movement dedicated to ensuring that no child is too hungry to learn. We provide one nutritious meal every school day to children living in some of the world's poorest communities.

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Address _____
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- ☐ New Registration
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- ☐ Want envelopes

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- Register your family with the parish
- Check out the "events" page on our website, www.olp.org
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website or call the office at 814-833-7701 for help.
- Download NWPAfaith our new parish App at the App Store
- Check out the great Catholic content on FORMED. Register through the website www.olp.org by clicking on the FORMED image. Enter your name & email and create a password.



Need a rosary repaired?



Just drop off 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:

Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17

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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MINOR PROPHETS:
Micah and Zephaniah

September 14 - November 25
Monday Evenings or Wednesday Mornings



WHEN: Monday nights: 7:00 to 8:30pm
September 14, 2026 through November 23, 2026

OR

Wednesday mornings: 10:00 to 11:30am
September 16, 2026 through November 25, 2026

WHERE: Our Lady of Peace Church Social Room

Pre-Registration is required by August 28, 2026.

COST: \$10.00, which includes workbook and materials.

Please drop off or mail check and registration form to:
Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 W. 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506
Attn: OLP Bible Study

NOTE: You will receive an email with instructions to pick up materials before the start of class.
No previous experience necessary. All are welcome.
Any questions, please call Sr. Kathleen at 814-218-9400 or sr.kathleen@olp.org.

Our Lady of Peace Bible Study: Minor Prophets

You will be registered upon receipt of payment-due by August 28, 2026
Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Peace Church

Name _____
Address _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Parish _____
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Please specify: Monday night session _____
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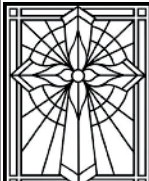
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