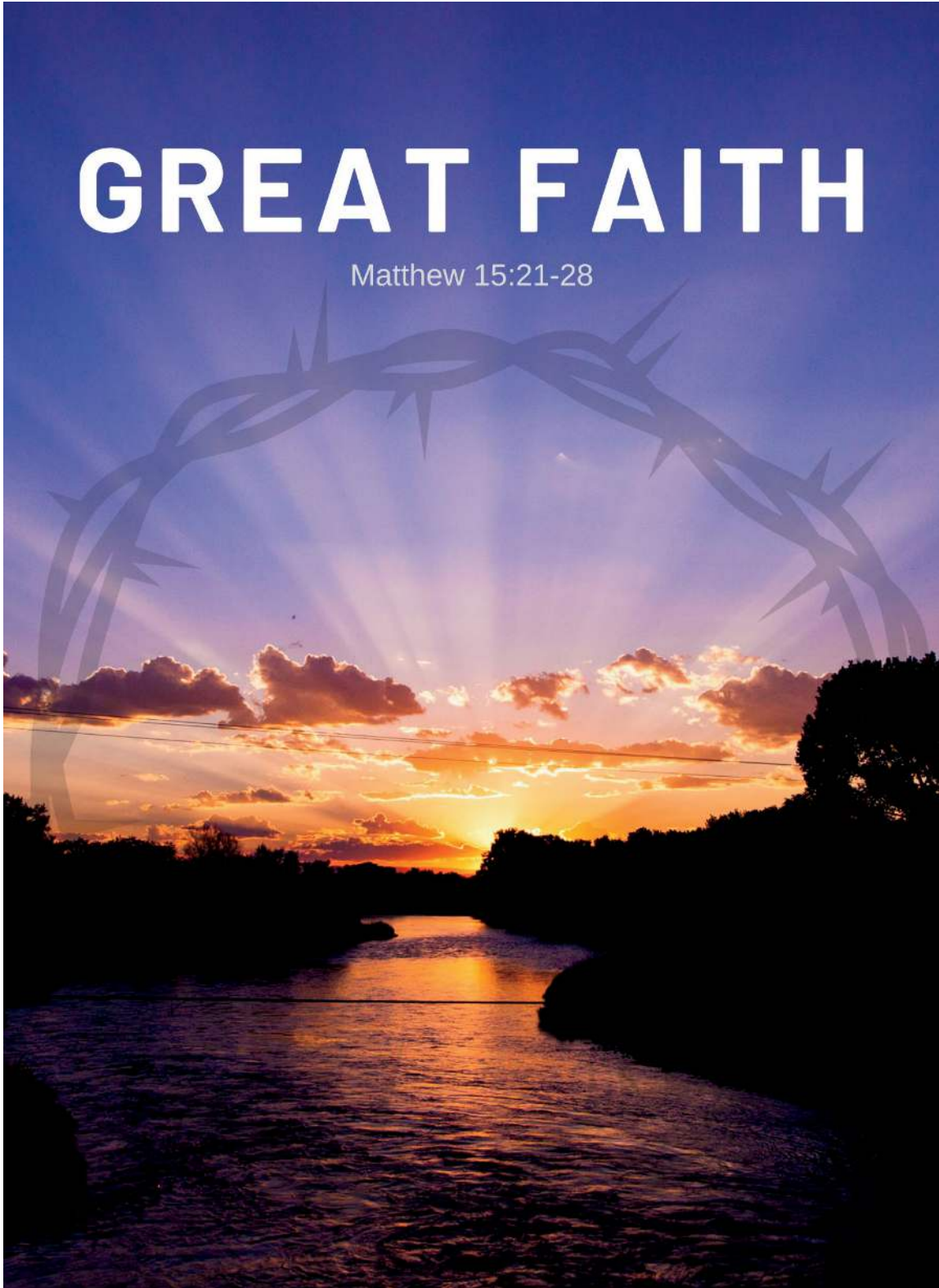




Our Lady of Peace

GREAT FAITH

Matthew 15:21-28



August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Warren Beaver,

Mary Beth Whitman

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

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

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

New Parishioners Welcome!

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or online.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation)

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

Prayer Request Line:

9AM-3PM Edie 814-651-5952

3PM-9PM Barb 814-392-8348

Our Mission Statement

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

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

Passionate
Faith

Living a faith so real it becomes irresistible.

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

16th Canned: Chicken/Beef/Tuna/Salmon

23rd Potato Flakes / Gravy / Soup

30th Coffee / Tea / Juice

Pantry is OPEN August 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 - Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; / and look on the face of your anointed one; / one day within your courts / is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading - Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm - O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading - The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel - Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

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Family Discussion of the Week: All Are Welcome

For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (Isaiah 56:7)

Adults: The women in this story was persistent in prayer. For what do you pray insistently?

Kids: For what do you ask God to give you most often?

WHY PRAY?

The "foreigners" as Isaiah calls them, the "Gentiles" as Paul calls them, or the "Canaanites" as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today's readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely "knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend," but also to "break, blow, burn, and make me new" (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, "Knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today's Gospel, the results will follow.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026

7:00AM Marie Lasky - Family
12:10PM Elizabeth Spirito - Husband, Mike

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

7:00AM Special Intention for All the Saints -
Martha Ramirez
12:10PM Leon Mackowski - Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

7:00AM Wilma & Son, Mike Micholas - Niece & Cousin
12:10PM Sylvester Kengersky - Daughter, Sylvia
7:00PM 24-Hours of Adoration

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

7:00AM Robert Dzikowski - Julie, Steph, & Karen
12:10PM Rudy Passauer - Denise & Michael Gaines

7:00PM Solemn Evening Prayer with Benediction
with Fr. Tom Brooks preaching

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

7:00AM Alan Bigwood -
Loving Children: Paul, Michelle & Melissa
12:10PM Mary Lou Miller - Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Lady of Peace Parish Feast Day

8:00AM Donald E. Newell - Don & Michelle Newell
5:00PM Terri & Rick Ferko - Kelli & Kevin Ferko

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Joe & Sally Rys - Family
9:00AM Terrance A. Krott - Family
11:00AM Lynn McIntire - Cynthia Berarducci
4:30PM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

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 Brian Fried - Mom & Dad.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of
Jack Wilcoxon - Family.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for
Robert Dzikowski; and for Thomas Boehm. May their families
and friends find hope and consolation through their faith in the
resurrected Lord.

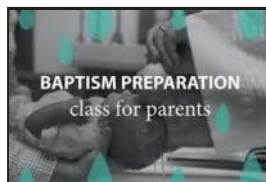
Daily at 11:40AM All are welcome!

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 16th

Monday: Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab;
Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



BAPTISM PREPARATION
class for parents

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. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.
Aug. 17: Len & Cathy K., Nancy D.
Aug. 18: Rachel O.
Aug. 19: Amber D., Chris L.
Aug. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G.
Aug. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.
Aug. 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y.
Aug. 23: Heidi A.

*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 week we celebrate our parish Feast Day, the Queenship of Mary. There are three liturgical aspects of our celebration that I hope you can join me.

One- our parish day of prayer, 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration, starting at 7pm on Wednesday, August 19th. Please consider signing up for an hour of prayer in the vestibule of the church. It is my hope that EVERY parishioner will make an effort to stop by for a moment of prayer sometime during those hours even if it's for 5 minutes. Imagine the grace for our community if even a thousand of the four thousand members of our parish came to pray in some way!

Two- Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction will conclude the day of prayer at 7pm on Thursday, August 20th. Fr. Tom Brooks, pastor of OLP from 1999-2009 will be our guest preacher and over 10 priests from around the area will join us as well.

Three- the Mass for the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary will be celebrated on Saturday, August 22nd at 8am. We will have music and pray to God in thanksgiving for our parish as well as seek Mary's Intercession for us (another opportunity to pray for our parish vision and re-creation plan!).

To better understand and appreciate our patronal feast at Our Lady of Peace, I share the following history and significance of this feast from "My Catholic Life"...The twentieth century saw a great resurgence in devotion to the Mother of God. Several decades prior to that century, on December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX declared the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Four years later, the Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, a fourteen-year-old peasant girl, in Lourdes, France. In this apparition, when Bernadette asked who the Heavenly Lady was, she responded, "I am the Immaculate Conception." This mystical confirmation of the papal dogma sparked great devotion to the Mother of God, and Lourdes became a frequent pilgrim site where many miracles have taken place.

In 1916, three shepherd children in Fátima, Portugal received three apparitions from the Angel of Peace, the Guardian Angel of Portugal. Then, in 1917 they received six apparitions from the Lady of the Rosary, as she called herself. On the day of her final apparition, some 70,000 had gathered and all witnessed the promised miracle. A pouring rain immediately stopped, the sun danced and plunged to the earth, and everything and everyone were immediately dry. This apparition and miracle continue to fuel devotion to the Mother of God. In 1950, Pope Pius XII issued an apostolic constitution by which he declared as a dogma of our faith "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Since Jesus is the King of Kings, and since He sits on His throne at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, and since his mother was assumed into Heaven, body and soul, then the logical conclusion flowing from these truths necessarily leads us to her queenship.

Early Church Fathers used what is referred to as "typology" to clearly establish the continuity between the Old Early Church Fathers used what is referred to as "typology" to clearly

establish the continuity between the Old and New Testaments. The Book of I Kings states, "Then Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah, and the king stood up to meet her and paid her homage. Then he sat down upon his throne, and a throne was provided for the king's mother, who sat at his right. She said, 'There is one small favor I would ask of you. Do not refuse me.' The king said to her, 'Ask it, my mother, for I will not refuse you'" (1 Kings 2:19-20). If King Solomon, an Old Testament type of Christ, honored his Queen Mother's requests and sat her on a throne next to his, then so much more does our Lord, the true King of Kings, do so with His mother. Therefore, the memorial of the Queenship of Mary celebrates the fact that, in Heaven, Jesus' mother is seated on a throne next to His, and like Solomon, Jesus says with certainty to her, "Ask it, my mother, for I will not refuse you."

It is for these reasons, that on October 11, 1954, four years after the proclamation of the Assumption, Pope Pius XII instituted the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary with his encyclical letter, *Ad Caeli Reginam* (The Queen of Heaven). This memorial was first assigned the date May 31, which followed the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. However, in 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the date to August 22, eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In large part, this was done to create an octave of anticipation and to show that the Assumption necessarily results in the Mother of God being also the Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth.

As Queen, Mother Mary not only intercedes on our behalf, she also acts as her Son's mediator. From her heavenly throne, the Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth is entrusted with the grace of God. She is not the source, but she is privileged to be the instrument of distribution. As a loving mother, nothing pleases her more than to lavish every good thing upon her children on earth. She longs to gather all of her children together in Heaven, with and in her divine Son.

Though the liturgical and theological evolution of today's memorial might seem complex, the heart of it is simple. We not only have a mother in Heaven, we also have a Queen Mother. As Mary is the Queen Mother of God, we must turn to her with childlike faith and simplicity. As a young child runs to a loving mother in time of need, never questioning her love, protection, and care, so we must run to her. She is our protectress, our refuge, our hope, and our sweet delight. Her affection is perfect and her motherly love unmatched. As we honor the Queen of Heaven this week, ponder the Church's ever-deepening understanding of her role. As the Church has increased its comprehension of Mary's exalted role through the centuries, we must individually make this discovery throughout our lives. Turn to her, seek her prayers, rely upon her intercession, and honor her as your mother and your queen.

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...

****Congratulations to all OLP married couples** celebrating anniversaries this year! We pray with those celebrating special anniversaries in a special way at the Anniversary Mass this weekend at 11am with light reception to follow in the school cafeteria. Thank you for your amazing witness to God's grace and the sacrificial commitment you are living out! And we pray for all married couples in our parish this weekend as well, that God strengthens their bond of love and renews them in their wedding vows.

****Mary's Meals** It's not too late to support the work of Mary's Meals, our mission appeal. Drop off your check made out to Our Lady of Peace Church in the office (please write "Mary's Meals" in the memo line). As Bill Gavin said, for just \$25.20 you can feed a child for an entire year!

****Thank you to the youth and adults who helped with VBS last week.** It takes a village and you stepped up to bring "Passport to Peace" to nearly 100 children. We are grateful for your time and commitment.

****OLP Raffle** We are nearing the big drawing for our Parish Raffle on Saturday, September 12th at the Parish Picnic! Remember that this is our main fundraiser for the parish for the whole year so please make every effort to sell the tickets you received and consider taking extras if possible. We are currently at 72% of our goal of 3,700 tickets. Thank you!

**Other Upcoming Parish Events....

-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 (dusk)

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

-Saturday, September 12th Parish Picnic

****Masses this Week** *Monday, August 17th and Tuesday, August 18th*- Weekdays in Ordinary Time; *Wednesday, August 19th*- St. John Eudes, Priest (17th Century founder of several orders and promoted the cult to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary); *Thursday, August 20th*- St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church (12th Century Cistercian Abbot known for the reform and growth of the order- form of Benedictines); *Friday, August 21st*- St. Pius X, Pope (pope from 1903-1914 known for liturgical and canonical reform); *Saturday, August 22nd*- the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (see article above for more information).

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration for Faith Formation Grades 1-8 are due September 1, 2026.

Registration for Grade 9 Confirmation are due August 17, 2026.

All registration forms can be found on our website, olp.org under the Faith Formation tab.

Questions: Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director,
814-838-9983 or tammie.mang@olp.org

****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

Special Collection: Church in Latin America

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. To learn more, please visit uscbb.org/latin-america. Thank you for prayerfully considering supporting this appeal.

Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Diocesan Requirements for working with children: The Diocese of Erie takes child safety seriously. Working with the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth ensures that policies and procedures are in place to protect children. All clergy, employees and volunteers who work with children must complete state mandated criminal record checks. They must also follow screening guidelines and complete abuse prevention training. These steps help ensure that everyone who has access to children in our schools and parishes is properly vetted and trained. Parents: stay vigilant! Make sure anyone who interacts with your child has completed the application process and obtained the required clearances and training. For details on what's required for those working with children and youth in our parishes, and agencies, visit. www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

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.

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

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 OLE, specific spot TBD, unless specifically noted.

Questions: sarah.beaver@olp.org

High School

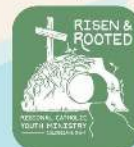
Those going into 9th-12th

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)



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





**OLP JV
Girls Basketball
Car Wash**

**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 23rd |
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**DONATIONS
ONLY!**

Location: Our Lady of Peace School
2401 West 38th St. (Behind the Church)

All donations received will go
towards purchasing new shooter
shirts and warmups.

We appreciate your support!

AUGUST 22ND 9:30 - 1PM
'GREATER THINGS' LUNCHEON DR JACI PHILLIPS-
SABOL

**ANGELS
OF LIGHT**

HOW SATAN COMES DISGUISED AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT

Saturday 8/22/26 - 9:30 to 1
Early Bird \$12.50 until 8/12/2026 Regular \$14.00 by 8/18/26
\$10.00 (no lunch) online or at the door
Saint Joseph Bread of Life church (in the church) - 147 West 24th St, Erie

Dr Sabol is the Director of the diocesan office responsible for assisting people who are demonically afflicted, including with prayers of exorcism. Dr. Sabol has 30 years of experience in this area and provides training and talks in this and other dioceses.

Dr Sabol will be speaking about how the devil attempts to afflict believers by deceiving them with seemingly harmless things like chakras, yoga, meditation, and other practices.

She will also be sharing stories from her experiences in assisting people who have been demonically afflicted through involvement in these practices. This presentation will be from a Catholic/Christian/Biblical perspective.

 <https://bit.ly/AGLT26>
or call TA at 814-636-1800

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BINGO

Bash

Sunday, September 13, 2026
at the JPTF Foundation Event Center
2319 West 38th St., Erie, PA

Doors Open: 1:00pm
Bingo Starts: 2:00pm
Bring your own drinks and food.

\$30 Online Pre-sale
\$35 at the Door
Includes all regular games & jackpot!

**\$1,000
JACKPOT
PRIZE!**

**Basket Raffle
50/50
Instants
& More!**



All proceeds benefit Maria House Project

Purchase Tickets Online at [MariaHouseProject.org](https://www.MariaHouseProject.org)

**SEW
WHAT!**

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.

you are prayerfully invited to

THE ANNUAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PEACE

Queenship of Mary

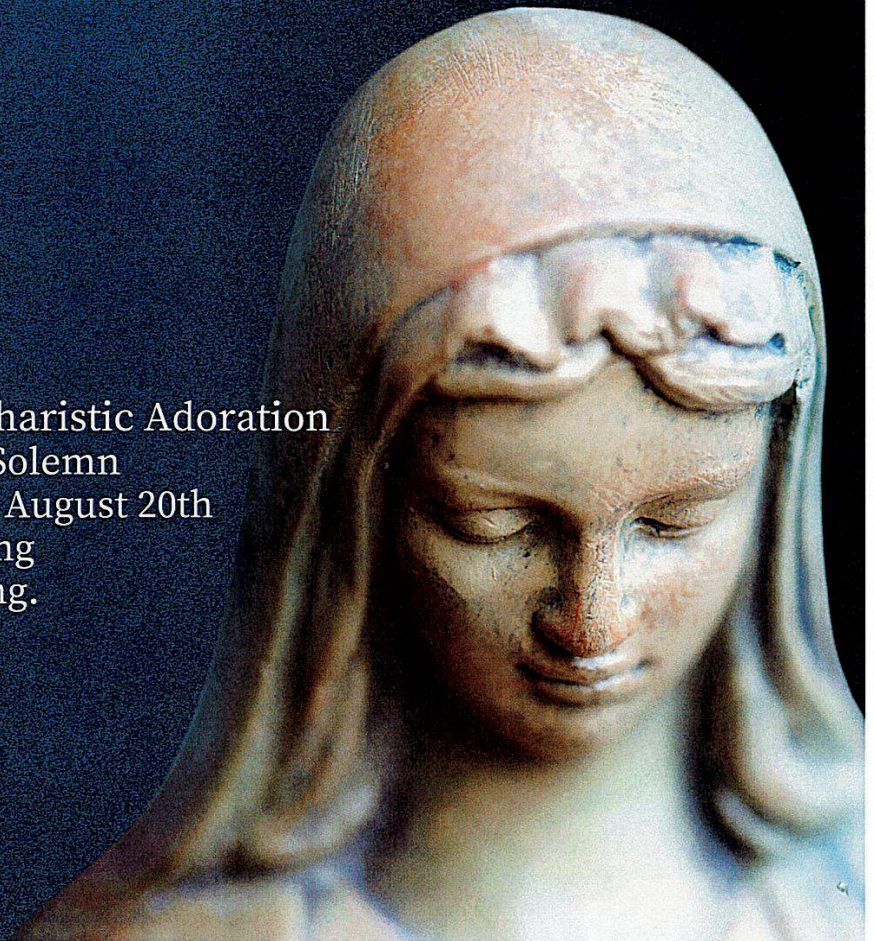
Mary truly is Queen of Heaven and Earth in the same matter as Jesus is King, not with a worldly power but with the fullness of divine love and mercy. In the words of Pope Benedict, the Queenship of Mary "is not (one of) wealth and power" but is "a service of love."

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)

MUSIC MINISTRY HAS A CHAIR FOR YOU!

OLP's music ministry groups will be kicking off their 2026-27 season at our Parish Picnic Mass on Saturday, September 12, at the 5:00pm Mass.

Selah Praise Band and Voice of Peace Choir are joining together as the Festival Ensemble and would love to have you join us for this special Mass. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the directors and members of OLP's music groups while experiencing what it's like to sing with a choir! No experience necessary! All you need to bring is your smile and a willingness to try something new!

WHO CAN JOIN US? Everyone is welcome from youth through adults. Bring a friend or family member!

INTERESTED? Simply show up 20 minutes before Mass so we can meet you and get you settled into your seat.

We hope you will join us for this special Mass and help us kick off the 2026-27 season with your friends in music ministry!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Director of Music and Liturgy: Brian Kuzmin

Email: brian.kuzmin@olp.org; Phone: 814-833-7701, x203

Selah Praise Band: Debby Holmes, Director

Email: debbyholmes75@gmail.com; Phone: 814-746-1539

Voice of Peace Choir: Lesley Lopez, Director

Email: leslopez62@yahoo.com; Phone 814-464-7177

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

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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:

Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

Time: 9:45AM to 1:00PM

Where: 11th & French St.

What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal

Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

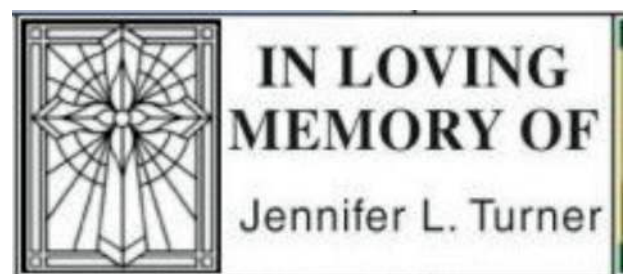
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Our Lady of Peace Faith Formation Bible Study on

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 _____
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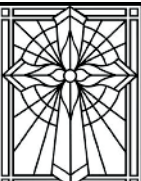
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