



Our Lady of Peace



*"For where two or three are gathered together
in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*

Matthew 18:15-20

September 6, 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



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**.



6th Nut Butters / Jam, Jelly

13th Sugar Free / Low Gluten Items

20th Dried Fruit / Raisins / Nuts

27th Mac 'n Cheese / Rice

Pantry is OPEN September 8th & 22nd
(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 - You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; / treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading - Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm - If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading - Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel - If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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Family Discussion of the Week: *Helping Others Grow*

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone." (Matthew 18:15)

Adults: How have you been able to follow Christ more closely because others patiently loved you?

Kids: How can you help another person do the right thing?

A MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

Labor Day

9:00AM Patricia DeVore -
Deborah Maciak & Family



*Church Offices Closed Today
Will reopen 8:00AM Tuesday*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

7:00AM Joan Wieszczyk - Leo & Mary DeFabio
12:10PM Russ Madonia - Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

7:00AM Larry Milkowski - Daughter, Nancy
12:10PM Stan Scepora - Matt & Roberta Filippi

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

7:00AM Ronnie Whitman - Family
12:10PM Patricia Smith - Family
1:30PM School Mass - Natalina & Frank Faraglia -
Ehrman Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

Patriot Day

7:00AM Samuel Robert & Mary Hooks - Ginny Bello
12:10PM Marilyn Regnier - Family



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

8:00AM Major Tom Carr - Tom & June Carr
5:00PM Eva Fatica - Amy Fatica
6:00PM Parish Picnic
(parish grounds: pavilion, cafeteria, etc)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
9:00AM Donald Prischak - Elaine & Roy Braughler
11:00AM Timothy & Betty Mahoney - Family
4:30PM Judy Barr - Zavasky 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

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 September 6th

Monday: Gen 1:26-2:3-8; Ps 90:2, 3-5a, 12-13, 14, 16
(Lord, give success to the work of our hands.);
Mt 6:31-34
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17;
Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: Col 3:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
(The Lord speaks of peace to His people.);
Mt 5:38-48
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Registration for Grade 9 Confirmation were due August
17th.

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 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:

Sept. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
Sept. 7: Margaret K.
Sept. 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P.,
Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.
Sept. 9: Elaine S., Jane D.
Sept. 10: Ann T., Pat M., Mary S.
Sept. 11: Dave D.
Sept. 12: Rose B., Chris P.
Sept. 13: Sylvia B., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F.

*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-

Happy Labor Day Weekend! I was humbled and so grateful for the efforts of our staff and parish family to celebrate my 25th Anniversary of Priesthood last weekend! My anniversary is September 7th but we celebrated last weekend since we wanted to keep some distance between the anniversary and the parish picnic. A special thank you to members of the Rosary Society and Families Together Ministry who did an amazing job of planning and executing the reception... it was awesome! I share below the first part of my homily from last Sunday which was more geared toward our parish and my family. The excerpt from my Jubilarian Banquet that I had in my note last weekend was geared more towards the clergy I was addressing (and is shared further below).

"In today's Gospel, Matthew 16, we hear Jesus say, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" That verse reminds me of the Gospel verse that I chose for my prayer card for ordination 25 years ago. It was also from Matthew but chapter 20. "But Jesus summoned them and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

That has been a goal throughout my priesthood and I pray for the grace to be renewed in that every day as St. Paul says in the 2nd reading from Romans. "I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship." I have fallen short of this goal often but am grateful to God for times he has allowed me to accomplish that goal only by his grace.

I want to emphasize that celebrating my 25 years of priesthood and what God has done through me is to celebrate all those who have walked with me and served with me and prayed with me throughout these years. I am especially grateful to the parishes that I have served as parochial vicar- St. Jude in Erie and Notre Dame in Hermitage, and those I have served as pastor- St. Mary of Grace in Meadville, St. Joseph in Warren and of course Our Lady of Peace. I say repeatedly wherever I am assigned that if the parish is only going to go as far as I can take it, we aren't going very far. It has to be all of us doing our part to accomplish the mission God gives us and all those communities have jumped in for the mission with me and we have done some great things together. I acknowledge the staffs that I have worked with as essential in what I have done- no way I could have done anything without them- especially the incredible staff we have here at OLP!

I also know that I could not have made it 25 years without the great family and friends that God has blessed me with. Their support, friendship and ability to keep me grounded and surrounded has been a great source of strength and grace

and stability for me. The combination of personal and spiritual families and friends that God has given me is such a gift to me.

I am truly extremely grateful to God for the gift of my vocation to the priesthood. It is such a privilege that you, my spiritual children, completely your hearts and lives to me- your greatest joys and most challenging sorrows- just because I have been ordained a priest of Jesus Christ and sent to be your spiritual father. I pray that I never take that gift and privilege for granted and that I have the grace to allow Christ to work powerfully through me. I am also grateful and proud to be a part of the presbyterate of the Diocese of Erie where we do allow the Holy Spirit to keep us united even in our diversity.

I thank God for creating and calling me to be a priest and I pray that God can help me reflect outwardly the great joy I find in my heart and soul in the mission with which he has blessed me. I really cannot imagine a better vocation than the one I am so blessed to have- I get to help souls find their eternal destination in and through Christ. And for that I say... Praised be Jesus Christ... Now and forever!"

May God bless 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...

****Labor Day** Join us for **Holy Mass this Labor Day, Monday, September 7th, at 9 AM.** Let us come together as a parish community to pray for all workers, the unemployed, and those seeking meaningful employment. We will offer our daily labors to the Lord and ask for His blessings upon the work of our hands. Please note that the parish office will be closed for the holiday and will reopen Tuesday morning. Happy Labor Day!

****Parish Raffle** We are getting close to our goal of 3,700 tickets. Have you purchased or sold tickets yet? Do you need more tickets? When everyone does a little, we can accomplish amazing things! Tickets are available in the church office.

****Church Picnic Schedule** The picnic is one of our parish highlights and it's almost here! On **Saturday, September 12th** we will gather for **5pm Mass in the Church** where our Pastoral Council, PLT and Staff will recommit to serving our parish in their capacities. Then around 6pm we will have dinner cooked and served by our Pastoral Council and our Picnic Committee. The Picnic Committee is mostly made up of our Families Together Ministry with some others who help plan and execute one incredible night. Then music by Rooftop Project outside from 6:30-9pm, Face Painting and Magic Steve Balloons from 6:30-8pm, Bingo from 7-8pm, Bonfire at 8:30pm, Basket Raffle Drawings and the Parish Raffle Drawings at 9pm and fireworks at 9:30pm to conclude the night.

****Parish Picnic Needs** Raffle basket donations can be dropped off at the church office. We are also in need of volunteers to help out; sign-ups are in the vestibule. Families Together Ministries and the parish cover the costs of the picnic but donations to defray the cost are welcome.

****25th Anniversary of 9-11** Please pray for continued healing for all those effected by the events on September 11, 2021, as we recognize the 25th anniversary this week on Friday. I encourage you to pray the prayer below as part of your remembrance. **We will offer the Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice at 7am and 12:10pm that day and say this prayer after the intercessions at both Masses.**

The following prayer was prayed by both Pope Benedict XVI (on April 20, 2008) and by Pope Francis (on September 25, 2015) when each visited Ground Zero in New York City. "O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain. We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here-- the heroic first-responders: our fire fighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001. We ask you, in your compassion, to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope. We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering. God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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****Masses this Week** *Monday, Sept. 7th*- Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor; *Tuesday, Sept. 8th*- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; *Wednesday, Sept. 9th*- St. Peter Claver, Priest (17th Century Missionary to Columbia who ministered to African slaves for 38 years); *Thursday, Sept. 10th*- Weekday in Ordinary Time; *Friday, Sept. 11th*- Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice; *Saturday, Sept. 12th*- the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

****Excerpt from Fr. Rich's Jubilarian Banquet Speech** "I have been pastor at Our Lady of Peace parish in Erie from 2017-2026. I was blessed to overlap with Fr. David Renne for about 4 months who was truly well-beloved for his 4 years at OLP. Then over the next nine years I have had five more Parochial Vicars- Fr. Kyle Seyler (20 months), Fr. Mark Hoffman (3 years), Fr. Dave Whiteford (1 Year), Fr. Dan Hoffman (1 year), Fr. Nick Fratus (1 year) and now Fr. Luke Daghir (starting his 2nd year). I am blessed to serve with each of these brothers in Christ and appreciate how they have all had an impact in my growth in the priesthood and as a pastor.

There have been many special graces during my Priesthood that have allowed me get this far but I would like to point out two of them here...

One- I have been involved in the Jesus Caritas fraternity of priest for 23 years (since 2003). We started with a group of 8 men who have stayed together since. The core group is me, Fr. Chris Singer, Fr. Mark Nowak, Fr. Bill O'Brien and Fr. David Foradori have been together since 2003. Fr. Dick Sullivan, Fr. Chuck Schmidt and Fr. Monty Sayers were part of that original group and have since passed away and we have added two members over the years in Fr. Jamie Power and Fr. Kevin Holland. This group has been a great source of fraternity and spiritual support to me as we have meet 9-10 times a year for 5 hours including prayer, a meal and life and faith sharing.

Two- My (our) participation in the Amazing Parish movement. Four years ago I started working with Amazing Parish. They are essentially a coaching ministry to Catholic Pastors whom they expect to identify a Parish Leadership Team who will help the pastor lead the parish in creating a culture of unceasing prayer, discipleship and healthy teamwork. This has been a huge gift to me that has not only renewed my priesthood but has pushed me to be a better pastor and kept me accountable and has rekindled my spiritual life. They have an annual retreat for priests which I can honestly say have been the best retreats I have experienced since being ordained (I have participated in two).

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of John Pulice - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Tonya Hodas - Friends.

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



Hallow

You have heard Fr. Rich talk about Hallow for years and recently he announced our parish partnership but are you still wondering **“What is Hallow?”**

Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people find peace and grow in faith, every day. As the #1 prayer app in the world, Hallow provides a wide variety of audio-guided meditation, prayer challenges, mental health content, sleep stories, and sacred music. Users are able to pray with Fr. Mike, Sr. Miriam, Jonathan Roumie, Mark Wahlberg, Immaculee Illibagiza, Bishop Barron, + many others.

How do I join our parish on Hallow?

Everyone is invited to be a part of our parish community page. There, you can create a profile, add friends, share/respond to prayer intentions, and take part in prayer challenges with the parish. The steps are simple:

Part A: Join the Parish Page (Free for Everyone)

Already Have Hallow?

- Open the Hallow app
- Tap Church (bottom menu) + Explore (top left menu)
- Search [Parish Name or Zip]
- Tap Join



New to Hallow?

- Download the Hallow app
- On the account set up page, tap the “Church Icon” in the upper right corner of the screen
- Follow the prompts to create your account & join your parish
- Visit your parish page on the Church tab in the bottom right

Part B: Optional - Redeem the Parish Subscription Offer

If you'd like access to all of Hallow's premium content, you can redeem the parish's discounted subscription directly from the parish page.

New Subscribers

- Go to the parish page
- Tap Claim Subscription
- The parish discount will automatically apply

Already-Existing Subscribers

- Cancel your current subscription (This does NOT delete your account or prayer history.)
- When your subscription ends and your account downgrades:
- Return to the parish page
- Tap Claim Subscription

If you have any issues, please contact Mary Beth Whitman in the office at 814-833-7701 x202 or marybeth.whitman@olp.org. We look forward to praying with you!

Introducing OLP PRAYS

The OLP Prayer Ministry has undergone a few changes recently to better help us serve the prayer needs of the parish. Most notably our new name, OLP PRAYS!

OLP PRAYS is made up of three parts.

Parish Ministries Prayer Team

This prayer team has been active for many years. They pray for specific OLP groups, ministries, events or functions as they are happening. Team members receive a monthly calendar with their assigned dates and times to pray for the many events in the parish.

OLP Prayer Line

The prayer line is made up of several prayer teams that pray for parishioner intentions that have been submitted by phone or email. The prayer team members pray during their private prayer time for those intentions.

Parish Book of Intentions

Beginning September 26th, parishioners may write their prayer intentions in the Book of Intentions located near the Blessed Mother statue. These intentions will be included during our Sunday "Prayers of the Faithful."

- Let's -
pray

OLP PRAYS Ministry has a place for everyone who has a desire to pray for the needs of our fellow parishioners and our parish.

Get involved in OLP Prays:

- Join a prayer team
- Submit a prayer request for you or a loved one
- Write your intentions in the Book of Intentions at church.

Contact Dee Yeager at 814-241-8767



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

From Then to Now: The Stories We Carry

As the OLP Anniversary Committee prepares to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our church dedication in May 2027 and the 75th anniversary of our parish founding in September 2030, we invite you to enjoy a series of parish spotlights highlighting the people, stories, and memories that have shaped our beloved parish community. Each spotlight will share the experiences and reflections of a fellow parishioner whose faith and involvement have helped build the foundation of OLP.

Today's Spotlight:

Bill and Diane Stumpf, Member since 1972

Bill and Diane Stumpf have been members of Our Lady of Peace Parish since 1972, joining when their oldest child entered school. Encouraged by a friend to choose OLP, they raised their four children—three sons and one daughter—through their education and sacraments at the parish. Their youngest son was among the first children baptized in our current church building.

Throughout the years, Bill and Diane have been dedicated volunteers, supporting both the parish and school in countless ways. Bill has served as a parish usher since approximately 1980 and has volunteered at the Cadillac Ball, parish festivals, and numerous school activities. His service has included coaching soccer, leading Cub Scouts, serving on the school board, participating in the athletic association, and becoming a Knight of Columbus in 1998. Diane's contributions include serving in the PTC, leading Cub Scout dens, and participating in the Rosary Altar Society.

Together, they have remained active in their faith through parish Bible studies and other faith formation opportunities.

Bill and Diane exemplify a life of faith, family, and service. Their longstanding dedication to Our Lady of Peace Parish and School has left a lasting impact on our community.

Bill and Diane, thank you for your many years of faithful service, commitment, and support. We are grateful for all you have given to our parish family and continue to keep you in our prayers.

Related dates in OLP history:

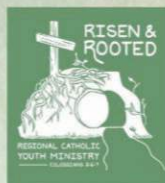
1965 – The auditorium (gym) is added and becomes the “church”

January 12, 1976, Bishop Alfred M. Watson breaks ground for the church complex

February 5, 1977, the first mass is held in the new church

Do you want to share your story?

We plan to share stories of OLP monthly over the next few years and are looking for you to share your OLP story with us. If you are a founding member or a new parishioner, we would love to hear from you. Please reach out to Cheryl DiPietro at 814-323-0806 or cdipietro1095@gmail.com or Nancy Sherwood at 814-392-2557 or njane.sherwood@gmail.com



Our Lady of Peace Risen & Rooted RCYM Fall Schedule 2026



September

- 9-1: MSYG
- 9-2: HSYG
- 9-8: MSYG
- 9-9: HSYG
- 9-10: 4th/5thGr YG
- 9-12: Parish Picnic-bring the WHOLE family! 5pm Mass, food and fun to follow!
- 9-15: MSYG
- 9-16: HSYG
- 9-21: PA March for Life (see additional flyer)
- 9-29: MSYG
- 9-30: HSYG @12th St Chick-Fil-A (permission form required)

November

- 11-1: All Saint's Day Party 6-8pm (WHOLE family invited!)
- 11-3: MSYG
- 11-4: HSYG
- 11-10: MSYG
- 11-11: HSYG
- 11-12: 4th/5thGrYG
- 11-13 to 11-15: Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat for HS
- 11-17: MSYG
- 11-18: HSYG @12th St Chick-Fil-A (permission form required)

October

- 10-1: 4th/5thGr YG
- 10-6: MSYG
- 10-7: HSYG
- 10-9: Kid's Night Out
- 10-11: MS Retreat 9:15am-3pm (RSVP)
- 10-13: MSYG
- 10-14: HSYG
- 10-27: MSYG
- 10-28: HSYG @12th St Chick-Fil-A (permission form required)

December

- 12-1: MSYG
- 12-2: HSYG
- 12-3: 4th/5thGrYG
- 12-8: MSYG
- 12-9: HSYG
- 12-11: Kid's Night Out
- 12-15: Advent Packing Party (MS/HS Event School Caf)
- 12-16: HSYG @12th St Chick-Fil-A (permission form required)
- 12-20: Caroling at some nursing homes (Families welcome) RSVP
- 12-31: 11pm Holy Hour for Peace 11pm

****PLEASE NOTE-We take one week off of YG a month!!!****

MSYG: 6:30-8:30pm, dinner provided, drop off/pick up by the front Church doors. For those in 6th-8th Gr.

HSYG: 6:30-8:30pm, 6pm optional silent Adoration. Dinner provided, drop off/pick up by Church entrance. For those in 9th-12th Gr.

4th/5thGrYG: 5-6:30pm, no dinner, just snacks. Drop off/pick up by Church entrance. For those in 4th and 5th Gr.

Kid's Night Out: 5:30-9pm for K-5th Gr. Volunteers only YG members as it's a fundraiser for YG. RSVP to participate (K-5) by the Wed before event. Sign in/out at School Cafeteria.

RSVP, Permission Forms or Questions to:
sarah.beaver@olp.org

My apologies:
Please note below the corrected dates:

All Volunteers Welcome
Sunday Supper Mission

Meal served at

First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant

Volunteer to help feed our brothers and sisters in need by preparing and serving the meal, or kind monetary contribution to help defray the costs.

Planning Meeting: Wednesday September 16, 7:00PM

Where: Church Meeting Room (downstairs)

What: Select Menu and volunteer for tasks

Who: Any parishioner 15+ years

Date to Serve: Sunday, September 27th, 4:00-5:30pm

Contact: Pete Piotrowski, 814-600-5386 or
Debbie Piotrowski, 814-812-0122

WOMEN OF FAITH

Every day women of faith courageously pursue lives to glorify God.

All are welcome to join us **Wednesday, September 9th**. We will meet the second Wednesday of the month **from 6:30-8:30pm** in B5 (Meeting room off the cafeteria). In September we will chose a book to discuss for the school year.

Contact Maria Good at 570-594-8339 with any questions.

Come for the fellowship and the faith!



Building the future, one girl at a time.



Garage Sale Proceeds

Parishioners, Jeanne Marie Ryan and Arlene Chaney, invite you to support their annual garage sale! For the 12th year, proceeds from the sale will benefit Hekima Place in Kenya, Africa. Founded as a girls' orphanage, Hekima Place has grown to include co-educational classrooms and community outreach programs that serve children and families in the surrounding community.

Sale items include new, gently used items, vintage finds, collectibles, household goods, workshop items, seasonal décor, crafts, books, clothing and much more. If you're looking for it, there's a good chance you'll find it here!

3309 Asbury Road, 9:00-5:00PM:
September 6, 7, 11, 12, 13

YOU are invited to volunteer with OLP at



WHEN: Saturday, September 26th and
Tuesday, September 29th

TIME: 8:00am until Noon

WHERE: 1734 & 1740 East 26th Street (new build)

WHAT: There is a variety of tasks.
Tools and equipment provided!
Dress for indoor and outdoor weather

WHO: Anyone 16 years of age or older
(All must complete a waiver, parent signature needed for youth waiver)



Register at

<https://www.jotform.com/build/242903971179061>

CONTACT: Nancy Milkowski at nemilkowski14@gmail.com
or signup in the vestibule September 19th-20th



Our Lady of Peace...
Pray for us

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.

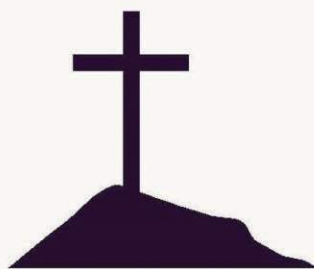
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Purchase Tickets Online at MariaHouseProject.org



*Calling all Catholic Erie Young Adults!
You are invited to the:*

The Holy Roast

Presented by the
Alpha & Omega Catholic Young
Adult Group

Saturday, Sep 19th, 8am

Our Lady of Peace Parish
Erie, PA

Ages 21-30

Join us for MASS, immediately followed by
COFFEE and FELLOWSHIP in the Social Room.

Questions?

Please email: AlphaOmegaCYA@gmail.com



Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ New Registration
- ☐ Change of Address
- ☐ Moving out of Parish
- ☐ Want envelopes

Get Connected

NEW TO THE PARISH? WANT TO GET INVOLVED BUT NOT SURE HOW?

- Register your family with the parish
- Check out the "events" page on our website, www.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

Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889



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*An Adoration for
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*Please Bring
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*Led By Father
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Saturday, October 10th

JPT Event Center - 2319 W. 38th St, Erie
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Young AT HEART

SENIORS GROUP

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



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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

OLP PRAYER LINE

The OLP Prayer Line is ready to pray for you!
Prayer intentions for yourself, someone else or a
special intention can be sent in by phone or email.

9:00am - 3:00pm Edie Testa
at 814-651-5952 or ejt1125@gmail.com

3:00pm - 9:00pm Barb Turner
at 814-392-8348 or dylewski49@hotmail.com

If you would like to become a member of the prayer
team for this important ministry and pray for your
fellow parishioners, contact:
Andrew Heinlein - Outreach Coordinator
814-833-7701 x 206 or andrew.heinlein@olp.org



FREE Puzzle Swap

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL
CAFETERIA
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12:00 pm - Drop off puzzles
12:45 pm - Swap Begins
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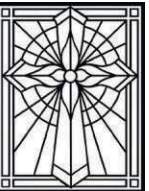

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