



# Our Lady of Peace

## OLP Family Christmas Tree

The OLP Environment Committee invites you to participate in the creation of the OLP Family Christmas Tree. We will be decorating the large tree in the church vestibule for the Christmas season with *home-made doves, stars, and Christmas balls*. To help make our tree beautiful and meaningful, we need you to **make your own special ornament!**

A simple instruction sheet and ornament patterns are available on the church website, [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org). Just click on the Christmas tree icon on the home page for all the details. If you do not have access to the internet, there are a limited number of instruction sheets and patterns available in the church vestibule. There are also sample ornaments on the display in the vestibule for inspiration.

**Drop off your finished ornament in the basket provided in the church vestibule by Friday, December 21st.**

The OLP Family Christmas tree is not just for kids. Everyone is invited to contribute an ornament to help create a beautiful and meaningful Family Christmas tree!

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Brian Kuzmin, Director of Liturgy and Music, through the church office.



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OLP would like to express special thanks and appreciation to Deacon Tony & Mary Alleruzzo, who graciously donated our Advent and Christmas tree, located in the vestibule, in loving memory of their son, John Alleruzzo.

**Confession schedule located inside on Page 2**



**SH Youth Group Box Village**

**December 15/16**

**All Proceeds benefit:**

**Emmaus Soup Kitchen & Hurricane Sandy Relief**

*December 16, 2012*

*Third Sunday of Advent*

2401 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506

**Parish Office Phone**

814-833-7701

**Fax**

814-833-7702

**Website**

www.olp.org

**E-mail**

olp@olp.org

**School**

814-838-3548

**Pre School**

814-838-3886

**Faith Formation Office**

814-838-9983

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

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

**Parish Pastoral Team**

*Pastor*

Rev. Theodore B. Marconi

*Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Jason Feigh

*In-Residence*

Rev. William Barron

*Permanent Deacons*

Rev. Dr. Anthony Alleruzzo

Rev. Mr. John Mang

*School Principal*

Ms. Mary Beth Ek

*Music/Liturgy Director*

Mr. Brian Kuzmin

*Director of Advancement*

Miss Lisa Ann Wenner

*Faith Formation Director*

Mrs. Tammie Mang

*Office Manager*

Mr. Ron Erb

*Office Secretary*

Mrs. Cynthia Berarducci

*Pastoral Council President*

Mr. Garrett Brugger

*Finance Council Chairman*

Mr. Paul Vojtek

**The Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated on the First & Third Sunday of each month, 11:00AM Mass & 12:30PM respectively. A mandatory preparation class for parents takes place the fourth Monday of every other month. Call the Parish Office for dates and to register.

**Sacrament of Matrimony** An appointment with a parish priest needs to be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. PreCana or Engagement Encounter is required.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday 3:45 - 4:45PM or by appt.

**New Parishioners** Welcome! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)** Anyone seeking information on becoming a Catholic or completing one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office.

**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.**

**The Sign of Peace As Flu Season is Upon Us**

The exchange of the Sign of Peace can be offered without any physical contact. When the priest celebrant extends the invitation for the sign of peace, the faithful, instead of a handshake, have various options for offering the sign of the peace: a nod, a bow, and/or wave to the persons nearby.



**Knights of Columbus**

**The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting in the Social Room on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:45PM for rosary and 7:00PM for the meeting. Please plan on attending, as there are plans and decisions that need to be made on the future direction of the Our Lady of Peace Council.**

**Advent Confessions**

**Our Lady of Peace**, 2401 West 38th Street, Erie  
Sundays After all morning Masses  
Penance Service Tuesday, December 18th 7:00PM

**Millcreek Mall Chapel Hours**, Erie  
Open: Mon. - Sat. 10:00AM - 8:00PM  
Closed Sunday

**Confession Hours:**  
Priest are available for confession or conversation  
Wednesdays 2:00 - 4:00PM  
Saturdays 11:00AM - 1:00P  
**Holy Day Hours:**  
Hours may change during Holy Days - Please check back for web updates

**Communal Penance Services**

**Sunday, December 16**  
7PM St. Jude

**Tuesday, December 18**  
7PM Our Lady of Peace

**Wednesday, December 19**  
7PM Blessed Sacrament

**Sunday, December 23**  
7PM St. George  
includes confession/Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

**Thank you for donating to the Retirement Fund for Religious.** A sister from Pennsylvania writes, "In our prayers, all the sisters remember in a special way the faithful of the dioceses who support the (Retirement Fund for Religious) collection. We realize that their sacrifices and generosity have made this (financial) assistance possible. May God reward them."

**MASS INTENTIONS****MONDAY, December 17, 2012**

7:00AM Patty Ann Miklos - Family  
12:10PM Chester Wawrzyniak - Walter & Rose Cmiel

**TUESDAY, December 18, 2012**

7:00AM Joseph Estock - Ann Estock  
12:10PM Marlene Pacinelli - Patty & Ed Onorato  
7:00PM OLP Penance Service

**WEDNESDAY, December 19, 2012**

7:00AM Hillard Rykowski - Konstanty Family  
12:10PM Alex Skraba - Shirley Saeger

**THURSDAY, December 20, 2012**

7:00AM Sophie Jobczynski - Dennis & Betty  
12:10PM Robert Orr - Family

**FRIDAY, December 21, 2012**

7:00AM Jeannine Estock - Richard Estock  
9:15AM OLP School Advent Prayer Service  
12:10PM Frank & Sophie Zebrowski - Daughter, Irene

**SATURDAY, December 22, 2012**

8:00AM Rose Buto - Family  
5:00PM Eleanor Juliano - Sitter Family

**SUNDAY, December 23, 2012****Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30AM Marisa DelBeato - Ehrman Family  
9:00AM Parishioners  
11:00AM Roman & Helena Bieniek - Family  
4:30PM Andrew Novak - Family

**MONDAY, December 24, 2012**

NO 7:00AM or 12:10PM Masses Today

**Christmas Eve**

5:00PM Patrick Hayes - Family  
7:30PM Michael & Maryann Fetzer - Tom & June Carr  
Midnight Parishioners

**TUESDAY, December 25, 2012****The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)**

10:00AM M/M Harry O. Meyner -  
The Meyner Grandchildren

**Food Pantry Donations**

Non-perishable food, cereals, and paper products can still be donated. Please leave your donations in the baskets by the exits.



OLP Rosary Society is working in conjunction with the Millcreek Food Pantry to help feed our neighbors that live in Millcreek. Thank you for your generosity.

*Readings for the Week of December 16th*

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;  
Mt 1:1-17  
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
Mt 1:18-25  
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;  
Lk 1:5-25  
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Julia Wesmiller - Family.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Betty Raab - Children.

**OLP 31 Club**

**Praying for vocations every day of the year!**

Members of the 31 Club 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 in the Church today. 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:**

Dec. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Ed S.  
Dec. 17: Ken & Cathy K., Helen W., Barbara W.  
Dec. 18: Frank G., Kathy T., Carlee Y.  
Dec. 19: Amber D., Chris L.  
Dec. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T.  
Dec. 21: George O., Connie R., Maureen T.  
Dec. 22: John G., Ruth H., Sally R., Dianne Y.

*If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 454-8974. 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.*

**Catholicism DVD Series by Fr. Robert Barron**

This DVD series along with explanations of three Vatican II Documents will be offered by *Deacon John Mang* to all who are interested.

We will be meeting in the school cafeteria at 10:30AM on the following dates: Dec. 16; Jan. 6 & 13

Vatican II Documents explored:

Dec. 16 **Gaudium et Spes**-Pastoral Constitution On the Church In the Modern World  
Jan. 6 and 13 **Lumen Gentium**-Dogmatic Constitution On the Church

Any questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 838-9983.



School Report—December 16, 2012  
**OLP Students Place in Top 10!**

The Catholic High schools recently held their entrance exams. For the past few years, OLP students have placed in the top 10 and this year is no exception for OLP at both Villa and Prep.

Congratulations to John Burt (top left) and Jordan Cooper (top right) who placed 9th and 10th



on the Prep entrance exam and Maddie Anthony (center) who placed 4th on the Villa exam. John and Jordan have been offered a \$500 scholarship to Cathedral Prep and Maddie has been offered a \$1,000 scholarship to Villa.

Each of the students is one of three children in their families. Jordan the oldest, Maddie the middle child and John the youngest. All of them were a little nervous about taking the exam. Maddie said, "I was not sure I would finish the exam and it was early in the morning." When asked what was on the test, Jordan indicated, "Mostly math, so it seemed pretty easy. It was things we had learned so it was mostly review." John went on to explain, "There was also reading comprehension, listening and vocabulary."

Not only are these three good students, they are involved in several activities outside of school. Maddie is part of the OLP Quiz Bowl team, Junior High Youth Group and an OLP Cheerleader. She also participates in gymnastics. Jordan is a Boy Scout, is on the OLP Yearbook staff, is part of the Junior High Youth Group and participates in Tae Kwon Do and baseball outside of OLP. John plays golf and tennis for OLP, is on the Quiz Bowl team and is part of the Junior High Youth Group. Outside of OLP John plays hockey.

Maddie, who likes literature and English, is unsure of what she wants to do when she is older. Jordan and John, who both enjoy science, have aspirations of being a pilot and doctor respectively.

None of the students have made a decision as to where they will be attending high school. No matter where they choose, we know they will make us proud!!!

For more information about OLP School, contact:  
 Miss Lisa Wenner  
 Director of Advancement  
 814-838-3548  
 lwenner@olpcrusaders.org



**A Stewardship of Sharing  
 Week of December 2, 2012  
 Fiscal Year July 2012 - June 2013**

Weekly Envelope .....	\$ 19,824
Weekly EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer) .....	\$ 1,057
Loose .....	\$ 1,417
Other Income .....	\$ 7,982
<b>Total Weekly Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 30,280</b>

**Projected Expenses for the Year .....\$ 1,058,037**

**Expenses Paid So Far This Year .....\$ 373,510**  
**Expenses Yet To Be Paid.....\$ 684,527**

**Weekly Need Remainder of the Year \$ 22,818\***  
**Weekly Income .....\$ 30,280**  
**Weekly Over .....\$ 7,462**

\*This number is derived by dividing expenses yet to be paid by the number of weeks left in the year.

*FAITH FORMATION NEWS*

**No Religious Education classes for December 23 & 30**

See our website for the full schedule. Any questions, contact Mrs. Tammie Mang in the Faith Formation Office at 838-9983 or by e-mail: [tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:tammie.mang@olp.org).

**Coach Needed  
 Boys JV Soccer**



Any interested person may call  
 Craig Moffatt at 833-3148.

**Openings on the  
 Athletic Board are Available**

Any interested person may call  
 Chris Kurpiewski at 836-0959 to  
 schedule an interview.

# "Star of Wonder"

An Epiphany Celebration

Friday, January 4, 2013 7:30PM

Our Lady of Peace Church

Presented by Our Lady of Peace Music Ministry

Plan to enjoy an evening of fun, food, and song featuring Our Lady of Peace Music Ministry. **Voice of Peace, Selah Praise Band, and SpiritSong Youth Ensemble** will be performing some favorite Christmas selections, and all in attendance will be invited to sing along to some classic carols.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the concert. Admission is free and open to the public. A **free-will offering** will be taken during the concert to benefit OLP Youth Ministry.

Top off your Christmas Season by joining us on this wonderful, spirit filled evening.

## CD SALE

*Need a nice gift for someone special? Give the gift of music!*

*Selah Praise Band presents:*

***We Are One Body – Love Has Come – Sing for Joy***

*CD's will be on sale in the church vestibule before and after all the Masses on:*

***Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16.***

*They are also available in the church office.*

*Ask us about OLP Music Ministry's  
New Recording that is Coming Soon!*

***Hallelujah! Joy to the World!***

*Featuring:*

*Selah, Voice of Peace, and SpiritSong*

***\$15.00 donation***

*-proceeds benefit OLP music ministry program-*



**"March for Life" Bake Sale Raises \$1,095.00**



**Thank you to all of you** who supported our 8th Grade Bake Sale that was held to help raise money for our March for Life trip to Washington, DC.

## ***What's happenin' with OLP Senior High Youth Ministry!***

### Service Opportunities:

December 15/16-BOX VILLAGE (12noon-12noon)  
December 19-24 Opportunity to Decorate Church

### Upcoming Events:

***We are here EVERY WEDNESDAY-EVERY MONTH 7-9PM AT OLP!!!***

*Wednesdays of December*

19- Decorating and Fun Night

26- No Youth Group (in observance of Christmas)

***Also, Mark your calendars:***

January 24-26, 2013 OLP STANDS FOR LIFE (March For Life in Washington, DC)



**All Proceeds benefit:**

**Emmaus Soup  
Kitchen &  
Hurricane Sandy  
Relief**

Remember, all high school youth in grades 9-12 are welcome for any of the events....no commitment! Give it a try!....Even if you can come once and a while....c'mon over!!!

For more info: talk to Father Jason either by phone: 833-7701x205 or fr.jason@olp.org

## Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

CHECK ONE:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### Question of the Week

**Reading I:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a.

(promise of a Savior)

**Reading II:** Philippians 4:4-7-7.

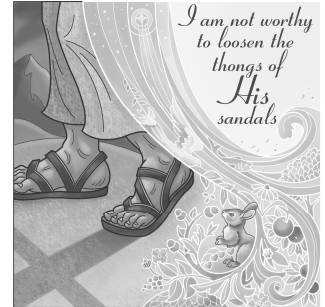
(joy and peace)

**Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18.

(John calls the people to justice)

#### Question of the Week:

**ADULT:** To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What act of kindness could you do this week? **CHILD:** What kind of thing have you done for someone lately? Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?



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## YEAR OF FAITH

Oct. 11, 2012 - Nov. 24, 2013



With your SmartPhone, scan this QR Code and go directly to the Diocese of Erie website for more information on the Year of Faith.

[http://www.eriercd.org/year\\_of\\_faith.asp](http://www.eriercd.org/year_of_faith.asp)

DOGMATIC CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH **LUMEN GENTIUM**  
SOLEMNLY PROMULGATED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI  
ON NOVEMBER 21, 1964

### CHAPTER II ON THE PEOPLE OF GOD

10. Christ the Lord, High Priest taken from among men, made the new people "a kingdom and priests to God the Father". The baptized, by regeneration and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are consecrated as a spiritual house and a holy priesthood, in order that through all those works which are those of the Christian man they may offer spiritual sacrifices and proclaim the power of Him who has called them out of darkness into His marvelous light. Therefore all the disciples of Christ, persevering in prayer and praising God, should present themselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. Everywhere on earth they must bear witness to Christ and give an answer to those who seek an account of that hope of eternal life which is in them.

Though they differ from one another in essence and not only in degree, the common priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial or hierarchical priesthood are nonetheless interrelated: each of them in its own special way is a participation in the one priesthood of Christ. The ministerial priest, by the sacred power he enjoys, teaches and rules the priestly people; acting in the person of Christ, he makes present the Eucharistic sacrifice, and offers it to God in the name of all the people. But the faithful, in virtue of their royal priesthood, join in the offering of the Eucharist. They likewise exercise that priesthood in receiving the sacraments, in prayer and thanksgiving, in the witness of a holy life, and by self-denial and active charity.

## Advertiser of the Week...

**Geiger & Sons**  
CEMETERY MEMORIALS  
GRANITE KITCHEN COUNTERTOPS  
**814-838-3588**  
*Across from Trinity Cemetery*

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

# 25th Anniversary of Giving at OLP

Special Parish Invitation to be a part of the  
OLP School Advent Project.



Our Lady of Peace  
SCHOOL

## ADVENT PROJECT: CELEBRATING 25th ANNIVERSARY OF GIVING



Our Lady of Peace  
CHURCH

It began in 1987, when a representative from the Erie City Mission spoke to the fourth grade, telling them about less fortunate children in other parts of our city. It was difficult for students to imagine children who wished not for toys, but for new mittens or warm socks. Teachers Elaine Cleary and Joni Blackman suggested they could show real Christmas spirit by foregoing their own Kris-Kringle gifts and giving to others. Parent, Roberta Geib enlisted the support of other parents who helped their children have a direct role in choosing and wrapping gifts, making cards and supplying homemade cookies. That year, while students in all other grades were exchanging gifts, those fourth graders stood alone, proud and satisfied they had done something good for others. Their gift sent the message of what Christmas is really about and by 1989 this became a school-wide tradition at OLP.



Many charities, and thousands of adults and children, have benefited from the generosity of OLP School throughout the years. It is with a great sense of pride that we share with you our plans for this Christmas season.

KINDERGARTEN	Catholic Charities	<a href="http://www.eriecd.org/charities.asp">www.eriecd.org/charities.asp</a>
FIRST GRADE	Make- A-Wish Foundation	<a href="http://www.wishgreaterpa.org">www.wishgreaterpa.org</a>
SECOND GRADE	Highmark Caring Place	<a href="http://www.highmarkcaringplace.com">www.highmarkcaringplace.com</a>
THIRD GRADE	Erie Dawn	<a href="http://www.riedawn.org">www.riedawn.org</a>
FOURTH GRADE	SSJ Neighborhood Network	<a href="http://www.ssjnn.org">www.ssjnn.org</a>
FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE	Mercy Center for Women	<a href="http://www.mcwerie.org">www.mcwerie.org</a>
SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE	St. Patrick's Haven	814-454-7219
FACULTY & STAFF	Rob's Toys	<a href="http://www.eriecitymission.org">www.eriecitymission.org</a>

Please visit [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org) for instructions and the complete list of items needed.

Please join the whole school/parish family on Friday, December 21st,  
at 9:15AM in the Church.

A special prayer service will take place and the representatives of the various organizations will be present to receive the gifts from each class.

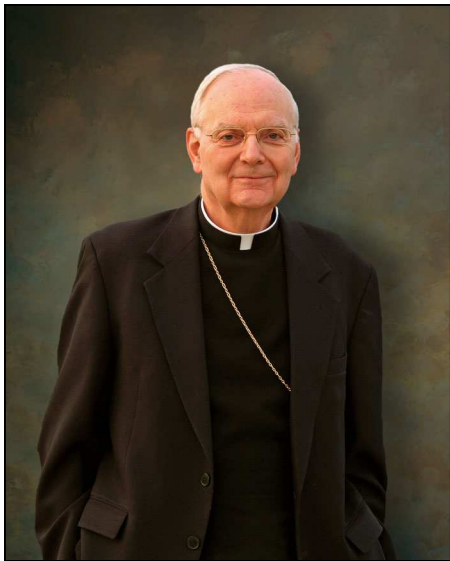


*All are invited to:*

# **Our Lady of Peace Bible Study Retreat**

**Study St. Paul's Letters  
to the Galatians & Ephesians**

*Presented by*  
**The Most Rev. Donald Trautman, SSL, STD**  
**Bishop Emeritus of Erie**



**Part 1:**  
**Fri. night, Jan. 11, 2013**  
7:00 to 9:00 pm  
OLP School Cafeteria

**Part 2:**  
**Sat. am, Jan. 12, 2013**  
9:00 to 11 am  
(right after 8 am Mass)  
OLP School Cafeteria

The event is free and open to all interested in a deeper appreciation for the Word of God.

Just bring a Bible, no previous experience necessary!

Refreshments will be provided.

**Please drop off or mail registration form to:**  
Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie PA 16506  
*Attn: OLP Bible Study Retreat 2013*

Questions? Please call Sylvia Bosner, 814.838.9224

## **BIBLE STUDY RETREAT 2013 REGISTRATION**

*You will be registered upon receipt*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Attending: Friday evening \_\_\_\_ Saturday morning \_\_\_\_ Both sessions \_\_\_\_