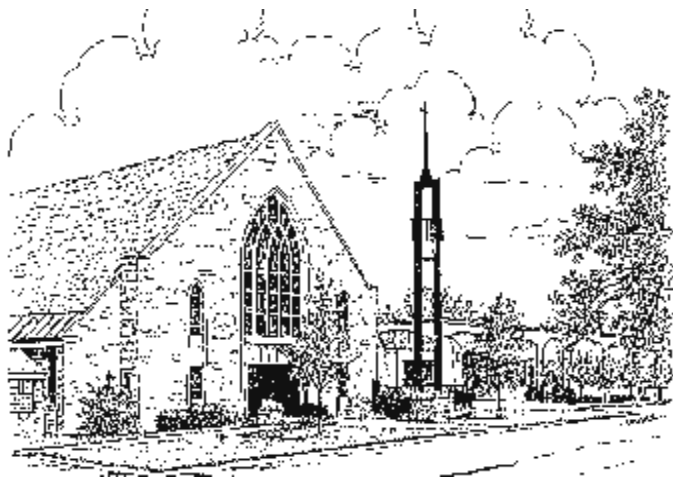


**Our Lady of Peace Church**  
**10950 Main Street**  
**Clarence, New York 14031**



**PARISH MASSES:**

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Monday through Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.  
Holy Day: 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, Holy Day 6:30 a.m.,  
8:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:**

Rectory office hours are 9 am until 3 pm Monday thru Thursday and 9 am until 12 noon on Friday. Closed on holidays. In case of emergency, call at any time.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS:**

Mondays and Fridays, 9 am until 12 noon, except holidays.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday, 4:00 pm until all are heard. Anytime upon request.

**BAPTISMS:**

The last Sunday of the month following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Baptismal instruction is required and is held the second Monday of the month. Call the rectory to register.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Communal Anointing held each first Saturday of the month following the 4:30 p.m. Mass and anytime upon request. Please call the rectory.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:**

You are asked to register at the parish office either in person or by phone. Registration forms can also be found on our parish website: [www.olpclarence.org](http://www.olpclarence.org).

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:**

Letters needed for Baptismal and Confirmation sponsors are issued gladly to those who are registered parishioners, attend Mass regularly, have been confirmed, if married, have done so in conformity with the laws of the Church, and have been a registered member of OLP Church for at least 6 months.

## *The Peacemaker*

### *Spring/Lent 2019*

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER**



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Holy Thursday**

NO Morning Masses  
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday**

NO Morning Masses  
12:00 Noon Good Friday Service  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday**

11:00 am Blessing of Easter Foods in Parish Center  
Holy Name Easter Egg Hunt to Follow  
NO Confessions on Holy Saturday  
NO 4:30 pm Mass  
7:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday**

Regular 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses

## *A Message From Father Tom*

Dear Friends,

All of us are horrified at the situation we find the Church in due to the manner in which many of the Bishops' coldly responded to the clergy sexual abuse issues in the past. Until every case is justly resolved, the scandalous behavior of predator clergy will haunt us. Now is the time to boldly face the crimes that were perpetrated, punish the criminals and extend compassion and understanding to those whose lives were damaged by these criminal actions. The New York State Child's Victim Act will hopefully help open the doors to heal people who were hurt not only by clergy but by teachers, coaches, scout personnel, doctors, lawyers, nurse, aunts, uncles, moms, dads, baby sitters, child care workers or anyone. This law should target everyone.

These scandalous past situations will cost millions of dollars in settlements. In our own diocese insurance funds, investment reserves, and revenues from the sale of diocesan properties will be used to cover award offers.

**It is important to know that money collected for the Catholic Charities Appeal is protected and cannot be used for litigation purposes.** Even "The Buffalo New", is encouraging people to continue to support Catholic Charities. They recognize the incredible good works and services that Catholic Charities provides for the eight counties of Western New York. Due to your loving care for the less fortunate, Catholic Charities remains the largest provider of Social Services in the area. We cannot let the needy suffer because of the anger we all currently harbor.

**It is also important for us to know that the money collected for the Upon This Rock Campaign is protected from litigation** and is distributed directly to various ministries like Education, Tuition Assistance, Campus Ministry, Parish Endowment, Evangelization and Catechesis, health care for retired priests, Catholic Charities, as well as other ministries. So far our parish has received back \$215,624.63 from the Campaign. In the spring we will begin to use the funds to improve the parking lot and stabilize areas of the church and parish center that are in need of maintenance and repair. It will truly be a blessing for us not to have to initiate a Campaign to keep the campus in good condition for now and well into the future.

May God bless you for your dedication, support and encouragement. I do appreciate the sacrifice you make of your time and talents to keep our parish resilient as we carry out the mission of Jesus Christ here in Clarence.

God Bless,  
Fr. Tom

## *A Note From Deacon Art*

Looking back to September when my family and I were assigned to Our Lady of Peace after my Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate, I could have never imagined the depth of so much love and sense of community that the people of this parish have surrounded us with.

As some of you may know I have been attending class at the Pastoral Institute at Buffalo General Hospital every Monday and Wednesday evening for the past 22 weeks. This course started back in September and will end this February. It is my hope to use this knowledge and experience ministering to the ill as well as to their families.

Moving ahead, I ask each of you to pray for the conversion of hearts and minds with regards to New York State's appalling Reproductive Health Care Act. This man-made law is evil to its core and, not only is it contrary to the teachings of our Church, it is a slap in the face to all that is loving and holy. Please pray, pray, pray that human life will be valued, respected and loved and that each and every child in or out of the womb is granted their inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

As I look to the future I remain dedicated to the amazing people of OLP as together we continue to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and seek the intercession of Our Lady of Peace. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Peace,  
Deacon Art

Parish Council works to assist Father Tom with the difficult task of running our Parish. These are your representatives and we additionally work to voice your concerns. Each May, about 3 new members are elected and the same number leave in June. We will begin looking for candidates very soon!



**If you have issues that you would like addressed, talk to a Parish Council member. OR BETTER YET, consider running for an open position this Spring.** Parish Council meets 1 evening each month from September thru June, with no meetings in July or August. Your contribution or taking an elected position would be graciously welcomed.

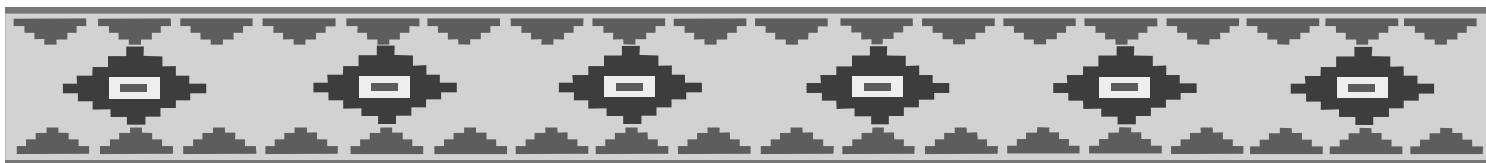
## Religious Education

Happy Spring-Happy Easter! Our second grade students-all 15 of them-will make their First Reconciliation on March 30th. And, on Saturday, May 4th, our third grade children-12 in all-will make their First Holy Communion. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers.

Our last religious education class for the year is on Sunday, May 5th. At the 10:00 am Mass the First Holy Communion Class will attend for the Dedication to Mary, our spiritual mother.

As always, please refer to the Religious Education calendar for other important dates and activities for all students throughout the year. You can also check out the church web page [olpclarence.org](http://olpclarence.org) and click on the Religious Education tab to see what's going on month to month.

Peace, AnneMarie Ratzel, CRE



## Altar & Rosary Society



The Altar & Rosary Society consists of Catholic women who wish to enrich the spiritual dimension of their lives, embracing the faith community of Our Lady of Peace Parish. Monthly meetings consist of programs to expand religious and intellectual knowledge, and we hope to serve as role models for the young women of the parish. We meet on the second Monday of each month (please check our pamphlet or the monthly bulletins for exact times) in the Parish Center. There are no meetings in January, July and August. Please join us.

Fundraising is done primarily through bake sales and basket raffles and monies collected go to support our parish and our community, the Clarence Food Pantry, Harvest House, Ann Marie Zon's Nicaragua Mission Project, an Annual Scholarship, and other worthy causes.

For more information please contact Cathy Karda at (716) 352-1564.

## Holy Name Society



The men of the Holy Name Society invite everyone to join them for their Annual Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, April 5, 2019 in the Msgr. Hammerl Parish Center from 4-7:00 pm. Dinner includes fish, fries, coleslaw, bread and dessert. Kids' meals include macaroni and cheese, vegetable, bread and dessert. Tickets will be available in the narthex after all Masses beginning the weekend of February 22/23. THIS IS A PRE-SALE EVENT. A limited number of tickets may be available on the day of the event. Dine-in or take-out. Homemade desserts will be provided by the ladies of our Altar & Rosary Society. All proceeds benefit the OLP Scholarship Fund.

The Holy Name is also sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for all kids up to 12 years of age on Holy Saturday, April 20th, immediately following the blessing of the Easter Food Baskets. THIS IS A PRE-REGISTRATION EVENT. Sign-up sheets will be available at the main church entrance and in the narthex beginning the weekend of March 22/23. All kids are welcome to join in the fun and win a prize!

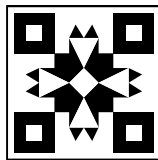
## ***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

The Prayer Shawl Ministry was formed to provide shawls for those in need, as gifts of comfort, hope and peace. The prayer shawls are hand-knitted or crocheted while focusing on prayer and a final blessing is bestowed upon each one by Fr. Tom. Prayer shawls are available (at no charge) by simply contacting the rectory. We are in need of volunteers who knit or crochet to help support our Ministry. We meet once a month (the third Thursday of each month). Shawls can be created at your own convenience and dropped off at the Rectory. Please consider joining this spiritual ministry. Monetary or material (4 ply yarn) donations are gratefully accepted. If you would like more information, please contact Sandy Coon at 628-3205.



## ***Sit & Knit Club***

Last month we were able to deliver more than 30 scarves, hats, and mittens to The People of the Night. They were so grateful for our things. We also delivered some baby blankets to the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach. Our club meets the first Monday of the month at 9:30 am in classroom #7 in the Parish Center. If you think you would be interested in making mittens, scarves, shawls, afghans, hats or anything to help people in need but you are not able to attend meetings, please call Judie (759 6036) or Rosemary (759 8441) and we will pick up whatever you have and deliver them to these outreach centers.



## ***OLP Quilters***

The Our Lady of Peace Quilters are busy sewing in the new year. We meet again on February 12th & 26th in classroom #7 downstairs in the parish center. We are very proud to say that our small group produced over 70 wheelchair lap robes for various nursing homes and needy people in 2018. Without the donations of fabric, batting and monetary gifts we could not exist. Thank you so very much! What we do wish for is that more members would join our group. If you are interested, please, come join us. We meet every two weeks on a Tuesday morning at 9:30 am until about 11:00 am. We hope to see you soon!

## ***Youth Group News***

Youth Group has some new and exciting things that are coming up. Starting in February, Youth Group will be hosting movie days in the parish center. This is open to all youth in Grade 6 to 18 years of age. The movie for the month will be advertised in the bulletin in the beginning of month. Snacks and beverages will be provided for the movie; but, if you come you are more than welcome to bring your own snacks, too!

February 24th will be a Youth Group painting class in the parish center. We will gather in the Youth Barn at 11:30 am and talk about what we will be painting; and, then we will head over to the parish center and paint. All youth Grade 6 through 18 years of age are welcome to attend.

March 17th (Saint Patrick's Day) is when our parish is hosting the St. Joseph's Table. This is an event put on by Italian volunteers of the parish. As a Youth Group we will show up the day of the event and help out with whatever is needed.

Thursday, April 18th, is Holy Thursday. Following the 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Youth Group will be hosting Visitation to the Seven Churches. This event is open to the entire parish. A sign-up will come out about a month in advance and more information will be in upcoming bulletins in regards to this event.

On May 5th, 2019 the Youth Group will be hosting a Cinco de Mayo party for youth in 6th Grade and up. We will be watching a movie and having Mexican themed food.

If anybody would like to help out as a leader in Youth Group you are more than welcome to join. To join you must be trained in Protecting God's Children (Virtus). If you are not, we can set you up with a training day to do it.

Any questions, comments, or concerns you are more than welcome to email me.

Peace,  
David Chriswell

## ***A Note From Sister Barbara About Our Annual Blood Drive***

Our Annual American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place on Thursday, July 25, 2019 in our Msgr. Hammerl Parish Center from 1-7:00 pm. I will be making calls soon to set up appointments. Please consider giving the Gift of Life...this year on July 25th...A *Christmas Gift in July!*

## ***Attention Snowbirds***

Please let the rectory know a week or two in advance of when you will be returning home in the spring.

**Knights of Columbus  
John Cardinal O'Hara Council 13661**



If you join the Knights of Columbus you will have joined nearly 2 million Catholic men and their families throughout the world, united in service to our Catholic Church, our communities, parishes, schools, neighborhoods, and many in need, those on your street or across the world. If you've ever wondered what one man can do, you'll find the answer in the Knights of Columbus. If you would like more information or have any questions, please give me a call at 759-7211.

*Tom Nikiel  
Grand Knight  
Council 13661*

**The Station Of The Cross Radio Network**



The Station of the Cross began with the goal of bringing Catholic radio to Western New York. The network continues to grow and provide quality Catholic programming to countless listeners throughout the world. If you have not yet heard of us, we encourage you to tune in to 101.7 FM and 90.7 FM here in the Buffalo area.

**Catholic Charities**

**Our Mission...** Catholic Charities of Buffalo is a Catholic sponsored human service agency serving anyone in need in the eight counties of Western New York. Believing all persons are created by God, we empower individuals, children and families to achieve and maintain meaningful, healthy and productive lives.

We advocate for those in need-particularly those who are poor and most vulnerable.

**Our Vision...** Catholic Charities will be a community leader providing quality, effective and efficient human services.

We will be the premier agency of choice for clients, donors, employees and volunteers.

We will be the beacon for those in need.

**Our Services...** Basic Needs, Care Coordination Services, Counseling & Mental Health, Domestic Violence, Family & Parent Resources, Immigration, Multisystemic Therapy, Older Adults, Parish Outreach & Advocacy, School Based Services, WIC, Workforce & Education, Vendor Services

**RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION  
Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent**

In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe. s

She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.

By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death.

Today, we again see the dignity of human life disregarded. Unborn children are destroyed through abortion, and ill people are encouraged and assisted to take their own lives. How do we respond?

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is *cherished*.

God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is *chosen*.

We are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is *sent*.

Like St. Juan Diego, let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love.

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## OLP Monthly Food Collection



We are so thankful for the generosity of everyone who donates to our monthly Food Collection for the Clarence Food Pantry. Unfortunately this need continues within our community. Our monthly collection helps people in our neighborhood more than you know.

Paper goods, cleaning products, all hygiene items are always need as they are taxable goods. Of course, all non-perishable food items are always needed. As we enter the Season of Lent, please consider donating several items as a small gesture as a Lenten Sacrifice to help others. Thank you and God Bless You.

## Faith Direct

Faith Direct is an excellent way to support the parish while reducing the administrative costs of envelopes. To enroll in the Faith Direct program you may pick up an enrollment form in the parish office or enroll online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to sign up today: our parish code is NY260. Remember to include your envelope number on your enrollment form.

## Sick and Shut-ins

Please notify the parish office when you are to enter the hospital. Also, call if you desire bi-weekly or monthly Communion brought to you in your home or if you know of someone we should be visiting.

## Eucharistic Adoration: Best New Year's Resolution Ever

The best New Year's resolution is available and can be achieved right here at Our Lady of Peace. Each Wednesday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., you are provided the opportunity to spend some private time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. This provides you the opportunity to take your relationship with our dear Lord to a much higher and blessed level. Making this weekly commitment of one-hour of your time will bestow many graces upon you, your family, and the OLP parish community.

Currently, we have approximately 35 parishioners who've committed themselves each week to signing up for a specific hour so that we have continual coverage throughout the nine hour devotion. We could use some more dedication from our parish to get more people attending during each of the hours, with a specific need at getting more coverage during the 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and the 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. time slots. What a wonderful date it would become for a couple to have lunch together and then spend one hour with our Lord!

**OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH  
INVITATION TO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
EVERY WEDNESDAY-9:00 AM UNTIL 6:00 PM**

**YES, I DO WANT TO SPEND ONE HOUR A WEEK EACH WEDNESDAY WITH JESUS  
WHO IS TRULY PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(IN CASE OF CANCELLATION)

**PLEASE CHECK WHICH HOUR YOU PREFER & DEPOSIT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.**

**THE HOUR OF THE DAY I WILL BE PRESENT IS:**

<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
9-10:00 _____	12-1:00 _____
10-11:00 _____	1-2:00 _____
11-12:00 _____	2-3:00 _____
	3-4:00 _____
	4-5:00 _____
	5-6:00 _____

\_\_\_\_\_ **I CANNOT GIVE AN  
HOUR, BUT I WILL  
VISIT OUR LORD  
DURING THE DAY  
BETWEEN 9 AM-6 PM.**

**IF CLARENCE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION.**