Our Lady of Peace Church

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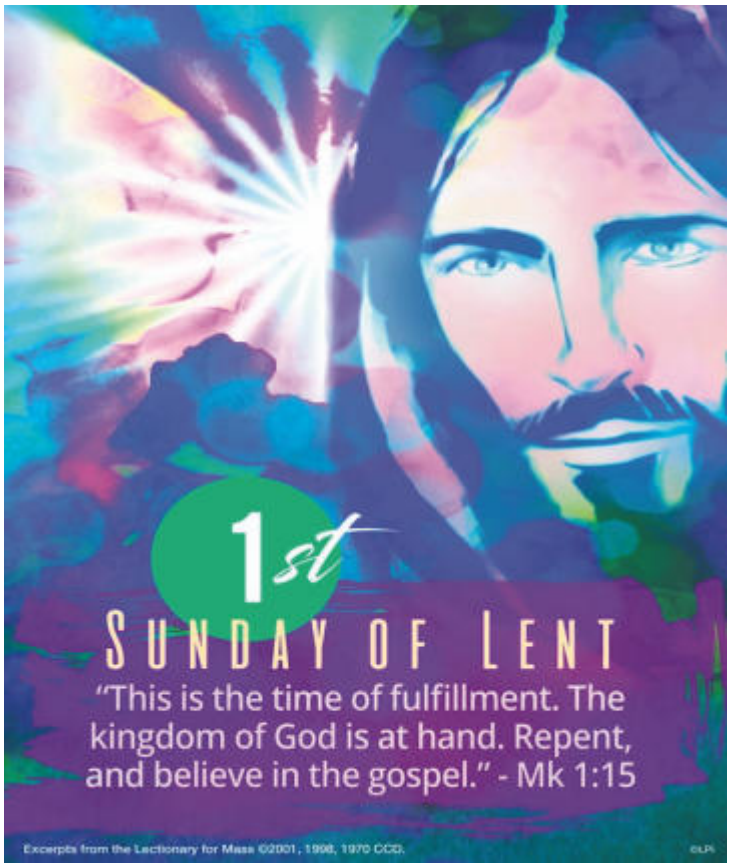

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PARISH MASSES:
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Monday: 8:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 6:30 am, 8:00 am
Friday: 6:30 am
Holy Day: 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, Holy Day 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:
Rectory office hours are 8:30 am until 2:30 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 from 3:30-4:00 pm. Anytime upon request.

BAPTISMS:
Baptismal instruction is required. Please call the rectory to register for a class.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
In case of an emergency, 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.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 22
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
8:00 Audrey Majewski - Bonnie & Mark Morgante

Tuesday, February 23
St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
6:30 Joseph Freitas Sr. - The Hoeglmeier Family
8:00 Rachel Mastrangelo - The Family

Wednesday, February 24
6:30 Departed Souls
8:00 Rita Wayman - The Family

Thursday, February 25
6:30 Departed Souls
8:00 Eleanor Schlabach - Gilbert

Friday, February 26
6:30 Father's Day Intentions - Living and Deceased

Saturday, February 27
4:30 Alphonse Staskiewicz - The Kreppel Family

Sunday, February 28
Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 Charles Ross - John & Faith Ball
10:00 John and Rita Macna - The Overbeck Family

Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11;Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25;Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34, Mk 9:2-10

An Important Message...

Due to Covid-19, we are still not taking any reservations for the rental of our parish center or pavilion in 2021. We will put a notice in the bulletin when the time comes that we are cleared to congregate again post-pandemic.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

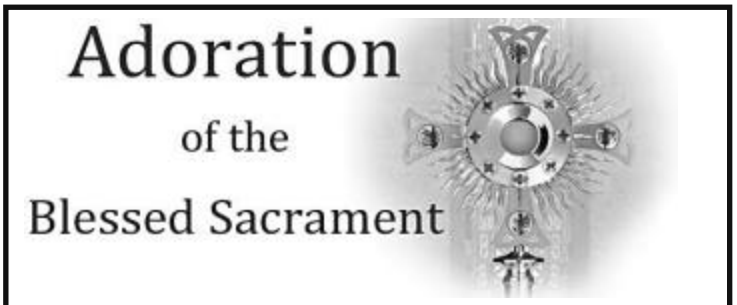
LECTORS
February 27
4:30 Mike Coon

February 28
8:00 Catherine Karda
10:00 Lynn Kubiak

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
February 27
4:30 Bruce Kloc, Bernard Diegelman, Maureen McEwan

February 28
8:00 Julie Rivett, Kathy Willy, Lew Wargo

10:00 Becky Florentino, Diane Cortese, Laura Wind, Ron Andrews



Eucharistic Adoration 8:30AM - 6PM in parish center on Wednesday, Feb. 24

Support Our Lady of Peace by eGiving

Faith Direct is a way to give directly to our parish. Enroll online at faith.direct/NY260 or contact the rectory for the enrollment form.

A Message From Father Walter

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lent calls us to face our mortality, to realize that our lives are all too brief and fragile. As Jesus was led to the desert to confront the mission before him, we are called to the desert of our hearts and spirits to confront what we are making of this time we have been given, what we want our lives to stand for, what we want to leave to those we love. Lent calls us into the deserts of our hearts to turn away from the attitudes and behaviors that mire our lives in selfishness, unhappiness, and disappointment and turn toward the values of God we seek to embrace.

While the "Spirit" of God calls us to the work of reconciliation, justice and generosity, "Satan" dissuades us from taking on God's work by focusing, instead, on our own temptations. Our Lenten desert experience with Jesus is a time to confront the "temptations of Satan: those things (however common in the scheme of life) that can too easily displace the things of God in our lives. This First Sunday of Lent is a call to "repent": to change our lives' focus and direction and recreate those wants and attitudes that doom our resolve to realize the kingdom of God in our lives.

In Peace,
Fr. Walt

Let Us Pray For The Sick

Adrian, Barbara Anderson, Carol Baron, Christopher Baron, Amy Barton, Kiera Camron, Theresa Chapman, Ray & Betsy Daigler, Kevin D., Joseph Fennell, Bernadine Frank, Jill Garrett, Ann & John Gatti, Eric Gleason, Mark Hilbert, Jackie, Mary Lidkea, Jacqueline & Isabella Marino, Karl M., Raymond King, Marsha, Tom McGinley, Kathy McHugh, Donna Meister, Nancy, Verna Peter, Peter Rizzo, Bob Shanahan, Keith Smith, Dick & Mary Suchan, Rev. Michael Uebler, Karen W., Mary Ellen Wagner

Please pray for all deceased parishioners

Collection Total

"Due to the Monday Holiday, the collection total for Sunday, Feb. 14 will be in the next weekend bulletin.

"Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. In places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen this Lent. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org."

UPON THIS ROCK

Our Lady of Peace Parish was recently the recipient of $17.239.89 from the Foundation of the Diocese of Buffalo as the bi-annual disbursement of the Upon This Rock pledge funds. This brings the total amount received to date as $350,377.30. THANK-YOU...ever so much for your generosity to this most worthy cause.

I would like to remind you that these funds are secure and can only be used for the purposes that they are designated to be used for. No monies from this account can be used to settle lawsuits. Upon This Rock Funds have been used recently in our Parish as follows:

--Continuing to upgrade video equipment, cameras, and computer accessories to improve church Live-streaming capabilities.
--Promotion of Spiritual Enhancement programs in the Parish.
--Cash and investments held in reserve for facility maintenance as well as future projects to the slate roof and potential insulation of the church, as well as repairs to sidewalks and other stone work.

These updates and repairs would not have been possible without your faithfulness and generosity. Thank you for keeping our Parish campus beautiful, energy efficient and in good repair.

You are a blessing...May God bless you!!

Fr. Walt

PARISH LENTEN CHARITY PROJECT

Our 40-day Lenten Season is upon us.
A Season of Prayer ….. Fasting….. Almsgiving.
A wonderful tradition of the Our Lady of Peace Parish has been to partner with a local charity and to assist them with a particular project via charitable funds collected by our parishioners during Lent. In the past we have assisted the Response to Love Center in Buffalo. We have recently contacted Sister Johnice of the Center and she expressed a great need in funding for their "**MATTHEW 25 RENOVATION PROJECT."** Sister states: "The Project is costly and many have joined with us to make the new lower hall open and welcoming to those we serve. We have, in process, the new kitchen, dining hall, food pantry with social distancing as we were given with directives. Equipment, painting and new flooring has been part of the renovation. We thought that your Parish would be a great blessing to us to assist in the purchase of new tables and chairs for the seating of our people as they enjoy a meal."
Please prayerfully consider a donation during the Lenten Season toward this Matthew 25 Renovation Project at the Response to Love Center. There is an envelope for this in your collection envelope packet and additional envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Envelopes can be deposited in the white collection box in the church aisle, depositing them in the collection or by sending them to the rectory office.
God bless you for your generosity towards this most worthy project.

Fr. Walt

Youth Ministry News

Sundays at the Barn

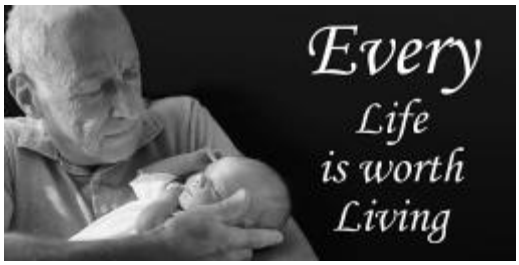
All Youth, grades 6-12 are welcome!

Come to the Barn for prayer,
service to others, FOOD and FUN!!!

Following the 10:00 Mass, until 12/12:30

Sunday February 21st
Sunday February 28th

Respect Life Prayer Service



Beginning Sunday February 14th, please join us for a Respect Life Prayer Service.
Every 2nd Sunday, after 10AM Mass, in Church.

Sunday March 14th

Our prayer service will include the **Stations of the Cross** for teens!

Questions?? E-Mail Karen Abt at olpyouthclarence@gmail.com

Respect Life

"In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, poverty, malnutrition, to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end, precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' womb and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among "least of these" in the world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern."

Excerpts from Evangelium Vitae© 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. USCCB.org/prolife

The Knights Of Columbus

"I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me." ***Exodus 20:2a,3***

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you or someone you know is undergoing surgery, battling illness, elderly, etc., comforting prayer shawls are available in the rectory during weekday business hours. Shawls are available at no cost. If you knit or crochet and would like to join this rewarding ministry, please contact the rectory for details. Shawls can be made in the comfort of your own home.

"Homemade Pierogi Sale

Girl Scout Troop 31495 is once again selling their famous homemade pierogis for Easter! The proceeds from this will go to help the girls attend a conference in England with girl scouts and girl guides from all over the world. You have your choice of Farmer's Cheese, Potato, and Cheesy Potato, by the half dozen ($7) or dozen ($13). This year they are also offering curbside pickup! Prices, info and order forms can be found at drop box in the main church entrance."

When you are troubled, we are hope. Are you struggling with hybrid learning, trying to work remotely, having a hard time with the seemingly endless grey that is WNY in winter? If you are experiencing mental health, familial or marital problems we can help. Catholic Charities offers several different types of support including: marriage counseling, individual psychotherapy, family and group therapy, substance abuse treatment, diocesan counseling for church ministers, children's clinics, and individual, children and family counseling. To find out more, visit www.ccwny.org and click the "Counseling & Mental Health" tab under Services on the right-hand side. To begin the referral process, call 716-895-1033. If you are located outside of Erie County, call your local Catholic Charities office for counseling or go to www.ccwny.org/counseling for information and contact number. **HOPE for all seasons**.

Appeal 2021 Prayer

St. Ignatius, help us to be grateful and generous. To give and not count the cost. To labor and not seek reward. To share God's love with our neighbors in need. To meet them where they are in life and let them know they are not alone. Help us to be poor in spirit - to realize our dependence upon God. And to do all things for the greater glory of God.
We ask this in the name of Jesus through your intercession.
St. Ignatius of Loyola, pray for us!

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Lent

"Lent is a time of grace, a time to convert and live out our baptism fully."
Pope Francis

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday during Lent in our Church at 7PM. A different version of the Stations will be prayed every week. This coming Friday...Feb. 26...we will pray the version entitled **"WITH JESUS TODAY**"...composed by Sister Christ Koellhoffer, I.H.M.
Jesus suffered terribly on the way to his death on the cross, a suffering that has been echoed throughout history in the afflictions of the least of his brothers and sisters. These compassionate reflections on the fourteen Stations of the Cross by Sister Koellhofer draw our attention to the connections between Christ's passion and the suffering poorest among us today. ***A Communion Service will follow the praying of the Stations of the Cross.***

2/26...With Jesus Today
by Sister Chris Koellhoffer, .H.M
3/05...Mary's Way of the Cross
by Richard G. Furey, C.SS.R.
3/12...Stations of the Cross for Our Time
from the Diocese of Orsory, Ireland
3/19...Everyone's Way of the Cross
by Clarence Enzler
3/26...Were You There? *by Deacon Paul Crafts*

Weekday Morning Masses

Masses are each weekday
6:30AM and 8AM.

There is No scheduled Mass on
Monday's at 6:30AM & Friday's at 8AM

St. Joseph Table

As we all know the pandemic has cancelled many activities and events we use to celebrate our families and traditions. Because the St. Joseph's Table cannot be held in its usual form this year, we still want to remember him and offer our prayers and thanks.
The altar dedicated to St. Joseph has many of the traditional foods and symbols that celebrate his day. From the white lilies to the oranges to the pasta con sarde sauce, everything has a meaning. One of the most anticipated traditions is the baggy of goodies that each person takes away with them after the meal.
On ***Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21, 2021***, there will be a ***St. Joseph's Altar in the narthex***. Everyone is welcome to visit and learn of the traditions, leave a donation, and go home with a bag of goodies.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3PM-4PM
(*except Holy Saturday*)
Wednesdays during Lent 4-6PM

How to go to Confession

Many people have avoided celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, sometimes for years, because they do no know what to do. This is a brief explanation. The person going to confession is called a "penitent" because they wish to do penance and turn away from sin.

Preparation - Before going to confession, the penitent compares their life with the example and commandments of Christ and then prays to God for forgiveness.

Going to Confession - The priest welcomes the penitent and then both make the sign of the cross, saying: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Next, the priest briefly urges the penitent to have confidence in God.

Reading the Word of God - Then the priest or penitent may read a passage from the Bible.

Confession of Sins and the Act of Penance - The penitent then confesses his sins. If necessary, the priest should help the penitent to make a complete confession and to have sincere sorrow for his sins against God. The priest then offers suitable advice to help the penitent and when appropriate leads him to resolve that he will make appropriate restitution for the harm he has caused others.
Then the priest imposes an act of penance or satisfaction on the penitent. Such a "penance" serves not only to make up for the past but also helps him begin a new life and provides the penitent with an antidote to weakness.

The Prayer of the Penitent - After this the penitent prays a prayer showing he is sorry for his sins and his resolve not to sin again. A card with several examples of the prayer may be provided in the confessional. The penitent may recite the prayer by heart or read it.

Absolution by the Priest - Following this prayer, the priest extends his hands, or at least his right hand, over the head of the penitent and pronounces the formula of absolution. As he says the final words he makes the sign of the cross over the head of the penitent.

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