

Our Lady of Peace Church

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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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.



Monday, August 30

8:00 Sister Dolores Marie Schmidt, OSF - OLP Staff

Tuesday, August 31

6:30 Departed Souls

8:00 John & Elaine Hess - Brad Hess & David Snelling

Wednesday, September 1

6:30 Charles Ross - Bill & Linda Dohn

8:00 Rita Wayman - The Family

Thursday, September 2

6:30 Walters & Crowley Family - Norm & Peg

8:00 Gerry Rabin - The Family

Friday, September 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

6:30 John Mann - Gene & Kathy Mann

Saturday, September 4

4:30 Mary Lou Johnson - Husband, Robert

Sunday, September 5 -

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 Michael & Pauline Rizzo - Peter, Lucille and Family

8:00 In Thanksgiving for futher blessings for all members of the Radolinski Family - Adam & Barbara Radolinski

10:00 Living & Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary Society

Readings for the week of August 29

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



LECTORS

September 4

4:30 Mike Coon

September 5

8:00 Patricia Comerford-Haley

10:00 Domenic Cortese

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

September 4

4:30 Bert Sweeney, Susan Sweeney, Maureen McEwan

September 5

8:00 Robert Shanahan, Caroline Donnachie, Lew Wargo

10:00 Lori Sebian, Kathleen Andrews, Gene Florentino, Ron Andrews

Looking to book Mass Intentions?

5 Things You Need To Know About "Offering A Mass" For A Loved One

1.) It doesn't cost anything...but if you're able to give, an offering is appreciated. There is no price tag on the Mass, however, it is customary to give an offering when requesting a Mass for an intention. Customary Donation in this diocese is \$15.

2.) A Mass can be offered for a person who is still living. Masses also can be offered for those who are still alive. The Council of Trent says that Mass may be said "for the living and the dead, for sins, punishments, satisfactions, and other necessities." In other words, if you know someone who could benefit from the spiritual graces that come with having a Mass said on their behalf, there is no need to delay in doing so.

You can have a Mass said in Thanksgiving or for a celebration Mass is offered for a special intention or friend who is suffering, but rarely do we think of having a Mass offered for a celebration! Masses can be said for birthdays, anniversaries, in celebration of the reception of the sacraments, or for prayers that have been answered!

The Mass is the highest form of worship on Earth, there are many fruits and graces that result from having a Mass said. The reason that this tradition has been passed on for centuries is because of the many spiritual fruits that result from this form of prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church because we unite ourselves with Christ's sacrifice on the cross in worship of his Father.

If you or your loved one would like to book at Mass, we have many 6:30AM Masses for this year and the 2022 Mass Intention Book is here. Please contact the rectory at 716.759.8554 or office@olpclarenc.org to book a Mass Intention.

A Message From Father Walter
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As Jesus makes clear in today's Gospel, who we are, what we believe, how we respond to life's challenges begin within our hearts, the place where God dwells inside every one of us. Conversely, the evil we are capable of, the hurt we inflict on others, the degrading of the world that God created also begin within our hearts – when God is displaced by selfishness, anger, greed, hatred. Today's Gospel challenges us to look into the depths of our hearts to realize exactly what we feel passionate about, what we truly believe, what we are called to do with this life God has given us. The meaning of faith is centered in our hearts, in that most personal of spaces where God dwells inside of us.

Sometimes we become so absorbed with the formality of the rituals and texts we pray that we lose sight of the meaning of the words or what the rite is designed to express. Like the Pharisees who are obsessed with the details of ritual hand washing, we may disconnect going to church from being church, the ritual of baptism from the life of baptism, the Communion wafer from eucharistic life. Christ calls us, in today's Gospel, to worship God with the integrity of our hearts, to live the words of the prayers that have become rote in our lives, to embrace the true gospel "traditions" of compassion, mercy, and forgiveness. Words and rituals help us express our faith – but faith begins within ourselves, in our beliefs and perspective of the world and our attitudes towards others.

In Peace,
 Fr. Walt

THANK-YOU!!

The men of the Holy Name Society wish to thank all who joined us for our annual Parish Corn Roast this year. As always we want to thank the ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society, especially Cathy, Bonnie, Kathy and Chris for all of the delicious desserts. A special thank you to the contemporary choir (aka "Lizz and the Peacemakers ") for the wonderful music they provided for us. We hope everyone enjoyed their time with the Parish Family and we will look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

CASH RAFFLE WINNERS!

- \$500.00 Darlene Schaefer
- \$250.00 Gene Florentino
- \$200.00 Lisa Drachenberg
- \$150.00 Derek Andrews
- \$100.00 Shirley Steger
- \$75.00 Mary and Ed Haddad
- \$75.00 Cheryl Hereth
- \$50.00 Tim Creenan
- \$50.00 Peter Talty
- \$50.00 Don Kreher

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS !

Let Us Pray For The Sick

Adrian, Maria A., Barbara Anderson, Robert Andzel, Joan Antonicelli, Eleanore Cammarata, Carol Baron, Christopher Baron, Amy Barton, Jack Blodgett, Daniel Bogden, Kiera Camron, Theresa Chapman, Ron Carloni, Patty Clark, Daniel Cortese, Donald, Kevin D., Joseph Fennell, Kevin G., Ann & John Gatti, Gary Grapentrog, Mike Grisko, Tim Hammer, Mark Hilbert, Joanne, Jackie, Shirley Kreppel, Alan Lesniak, Mary Lidkea, Raymond King, Marsha, Tom McGinley, Donna Meister, Debbie Michnik, Nancy, Peter Rizzo, Marjorie Rudolph, Steve, Dick & Mary Suchan, Karla Schwendler, Vince, Mary Ellen Wagner, Joseph Wawrzyski. If anyone has someone to add to the list, please contact the rectory by phone or email. If you know anyone in need of Anointing of the sick, contact the parish.

Pray for Deceased

Lemuel Snider

Collection Total's

August 22, 2021 \$7120.00

Rite of Christian Initiation - NEWS

If anyone is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith or you know of someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please call the rectory at 759-8554. Becoming....and being Catholic is a strong start to the Faith.



“As Catholics, we believe that God has shown us the best way to live? Who will share Gods’ plan for fulfillment with those who are lost? If you feel called to take up this mission, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716.847.5535 to start the conversation or visit buffalovocations.org.

Adoration

of the
Blessed Sacrament



Eucharistic Adoration 8:30AM - 6PM
in Church on Wednesday, September 1

The love of God and neighbor, the greatest commandment, is expressed in, and the fruit of, Eucharistic Worship (St. John Paul II)



The Knights Of Columbus Council # 13661

Jesus didn't come for the healthy; He came for the sick. Jesus did not come for the cleaned up and the self-righteous; He came for the dirty and sinful. Jesus did not come for the self sufficient; He came for the people who needed a rescue." 31 Days of Peace by Lisa Bennink-

Knights of Columbus Raffle

If you would like to support the Knights of Columbus by purchasing tickets they are \$12 a book with a chance to win \$25,000. Early Bird Drawing is in September. Drawing will take place in December. All of the profit that our Knight of Columbus Council makes will be given to Our Lady of Peace Parish. Thank-you to those who purchased tickets. Please just fill out Council #13661 only. All tickets are checked before submission.

Mass of Recognition for Religious Orders

There will be a special Mass of Recognition for religious orders in our Clarence Area on Saturday, September 18th at the 4:30PM Mass here at Our Lady of Peace Church. We will be recognizing the following orders:

- *Sisters of St. Joseph, SSJ
- *Felician Sisters (Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix), CSSF
- *Brothers of Mercy, FMMA
- *Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, OSF

SAVE THE DATE!

September 13, 2021 (7-8 PM)

(Deacon Michael Ficorelli)

HEART BEAT 2021: "The Vulnerable Heart"



LIFE Reflections followed by musical selections by Mary Palmer, Lee Morgan, & David Chriswell.

WELCOMING BABY/MAMA ITEMS FOR GIANNA MOLLA!

OUR LADY OF POMPEII CHURCH, 158 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086 www.olpparish.com 716-683-6522

Items most needed: Gift cards to Tops, Wegmans, Walmart, Target, Newborn boys and girls clothes and diapers, Larger diapers, Wipes, Laundry soap, Bottles, Bibs, "Binkies", Shampoo, Lotion, Diaper cream, Baby washcloth, Towels, Socks, Clothing up to 24 months (2t helpful). Thank you! Note: 6:30 PM Mass precedes.

Upcoming Events in our Area

St. Gregory the Great Church in Williamsville invites you to a free outdoor showing of "The Staircase" on Wednesday, August 25 @ 7:30PM. If weather becomes inclement the event will be inside. The story centers around the Sisters of Loretto in Santa Fe, 1873, with the construction of a chapel. Unfortunately the architect dies before completion. After Novena prayers to St. Joseph something amazing happens. Come and enjoy movie starring William Petersen, Barbara Hershey and Diane Ladd.

Come & See! THE CHOSEN on Large Screen. Each week starting Tuesday, September 7 in the Church at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 4375 Harris Hill Rd. at Main St. in Williamsville

Healing Mass at St. Francis A Healing Mass will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 150 Broad St. in the City of Tonawanda, on the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Wednesday, September 8 at 7PM in the church. Fr. Richard DiGiulio will be the celebrant. All are welcome to attend this special Healing Mass

13-Session "Griefsharing" Support Group Our Lady of Pompeii Catholic Church! If you've experienced the death of a loved one, or know someone who has, please consider joining us on October 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM in our Ministry Center, 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY. A different DVD will be shown on two Wednesdays of each month on how to cope with Grief and Loss. Coffee, sweets, and an informal discussion will follow! Go to our website at www.olpparish.com or contact Sister Joyce to register!! 683-6522 EXT: 103.

Pro-Life Prayer Group - Join us to pray for an end to abortion, every Saturday after the 9AM Mass, in the parking lot at St. Teresa of Avila Parish 5771 Buell St., Akron

Help Wanted -

Maintenance Position - Full Time

Help wanted at Nativity BVM Church at 4375 Harris Hill Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221 for Maintenance Position Looking for someone who will be available for Afternoon -Evening Shift Duties including cleaning, general building maintenance, and grounds. Also responsible for securing building. Please respond to Rob Hammer at 716.810.0538 or email to rhammer@nativityofmaryschool.org

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 at 759-8554 for details. Shawls can be made in the comfort of your own home.

Religious Education Help Needed

Do you want to share your faith? Do you love your Catholic Faith? Do you want to see our traditions in our church continue with the "next generation" - our children?

Religious Education is **in need of 2 Catechists (Teachers) Grades 5 and 7 for the next school year** - September 2021 - May 2022.

If you are interested, please contact Annemarie Ratzel at 759-8554 on Mondays (9AM-1:30PM) or Fridays (9AM - Noon).

Please note that a Protecting God's Children course must be taken once (3 hours) and monthly bulletins emailed to you to read and answered. Thank-you!

100'TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETING

Our Lady of Peace Parish 100'th Anniversary is approaching. A Planning Meeting for this special event will be held in our Parish Hall today:
SUNDAY.... AUGUST 29'THat 11 AM.

All parishioners are welcome
and encouraged to attend this meeting.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MICHAEL FISHER

Bishop Michael Fisher has provided a special message intended for all of the Catholic Faithful of our Diocese related to the issues of the Chapter 11 process and the large number of claims brought against the Diocese under the Child Victim's Act. The letter is available on the homepage of the diocesan website: www.buffalodiocese.org - as well as on all of the Diocese's social media channels. We ask that you please read the letter when it is convenient for you to do so. We will be happy to provide a copy of the letter in print form upon request.

Great Expectations Wine & Food Tasting.... "Rome" through Italy with us

Get Your Tickets! The Annual Our Lady of Peace Wine Tasting is back on Saturday, September 25 from 5:30-8PM. Tickets will be available after all Masses beginning Saturday, August 28th. Cost of Tickets will be \$25.00. At the door \$30.00. Tickets are also available at the Rectory during business hours. We hope to see many of you there! We are accepting all donations of new items including gift cards, financial donations, gift baskets and items to make baskets with. If you have wicker baskets, ribbons etc. that you would like to get rid of bring them to the rectory.

If you have questions or would like to help contact Bonnie Morgante at 716-868-7825.



Sundays at the Barn

Sundays after the 10:00 Mass until 12:30

All Youth, grades 6-12,
are encouraged to come to the Barn for
Prayer, Service, Food And FUN!!

Sunday, August 29

Help support our Youth Ministry

Donate your cans and bottles with nickel deposits. Put your empty, rinsed containers in the labeled bin in the entrance to the Narthex.

Attention adults!!

Do you enjoy spending time with young people, sharing your faith and having fun? If so, please prayerfully consider volunteering a couple of hours a month helping out with our Youth Ministry!!

Come to the Barn after the 10:00 Mass or
E-Mail Karen Abt at youth@olpclarence.org

You are Invited....Couples celebrating their 50th 60th and 70th Wedding Anniversaries

The Diocese of Buffalo and the Office of Pastoral Ministries wishes to honor couples who will observe their 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries and recognize the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life. On Sunday, October 24 there will be a special Mass at 10:30AM at St. Joseph Cathedral where couples will renew their marriage vows. Following Mass the opportunity to take photographs with the anniversary couples will take place in Our Lady Chapel (located to the left of the main altar) with a brunch after Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church Center, 160 Court St., Buffalo behind Buffalo City Hall.

Please fill out and put in collection basket, mail or drop off at the rectory if you will be attending this event.

Name (Please add person title next to first name Doctor, Deacon, Jr...etc)

Attending Mass
Yes/No? (including guests)

Couples Mailing address

Date of Marriage



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