

# Our Lady of Peace Church

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## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

### Pastor

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Trudy Wargo

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### Knights of Columbus

Christopher Martin

### 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](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.

### 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, September 6 - Labor Day**

8:00 Charles Ross - Judy Ross

**Tuesday, September 7**

6:30 Living & Deceased Lippert & Frank Families -  
Bernadine Frank

8:00 Susan Currey, Birthday Blessings (Living) -  
The Molitor Family

**Wednesday, September 8**

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6:30 Gary Greapentrop - Fran

8:00 James Hines - Stephen & Jeanne Malovich

**Thursday, September 9**

*St. Peter Claver, Priest*

6:30 Special Intention - Jean Wojcik

8:00 Nicholas Francis Backes - Fr. Walter Szczesny

**Friday, September 10**

6:30 Thomas Lembke Jr. - Mark & Karen Molitor

**Saturday, September 11**

4:30 Barnard Jarzynski & Helen Wagner - Tony & Gemma

**Sunday, September 12-**

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6:30 Departed Souls

8:00 Albert Rabin Sr. - The Family

10:00 John & Rita Macna - Dylan & Anna Wachowski

**Readings for the week of September 5**

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

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-3



**LECTORS**

**September 11**

4:30 Bruce Kloc

**September 12**

8:00 Richard Hahn

10:00 Kathleen Andrews

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**September 11**

4:30 Blasé Caruana, Carmella Caruana,  
Maureen McEwan

**September 12**

8:00 Frank Rivett, Julie Rivett and Lew Wargo

10:00 Diane Cortese, Karen Abt, Mark Morgante and  
Ron Andrews

**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.

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



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

*Mercy Chaplet offered after  
Eucharistic Adoration*

By being faithful to a Holy Hour of Adoration you can teach by example. "The young should be taught the value of Eucharistic Adoration."

*(St. John Paul II)*

## **A Message From Father Walter**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus restores the deaf man's hearing with actions and the word *Ephphatha* – “Be opened!” *In the midst of all the noise in our lives, we can be “deaf” to the presence of God. Fear and ignorance often distort our ability not only to hear but to see the good in the midst of bad, to recognize the reasons to hope in the midst of despair, to realize the possibilities for building community despite alienation. Jesus’ word of Ephphatha is spoken to us, as well: that our hearts and spirits “be opened” to accepting God’s love from those who are different and “uncool,” to realizing God’s presence in times and places that make us squirm, to seeking God’s grace despite our difficulty to trust, to accept, to understand.*

The Aramaic phrase *Ephphatha* literally means “be opened”. Jesus “opens” not only the man’s ears but also his entire person to life in the community. *Ephphatha* is the prayer of every disciple that we may be “opened” from our fears, our arrogance, our self-centeredness that makes us “deaf” to God speaking in our midst and “mute” in responding to the cries of our brothers and sisters in our midst.

In Peace,  
Fr. Walt

## **Altar & Rosary Society**

The Altar & Rosary Society will be meeting on Monday, September 13th at 6:30 pm in the parish center. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us for an evening of food, friendship and fun.

The speaker will be our own Shirley Giglia whose topic will be “Cover up - Aprons of course”. Attendees are asked to bring a favorite apron and \$3.00 to offset the cost of food.

## **Thank-you to those Parishioners who advertise!**

Our parish bulletin is published weekly by Liturgical Publications Inc. At this time there is no direct cost to the parish for this service, as well as their publication of our twice-yearly newsletter. All costs are covered via the businesses that advertise on the back of our bulletins. If you own your own business or know someone who does and would like to learn more about how you can advertise here, please call Liturgical Publications directly at 1-800-477-4574 or go to [www.lpcommunities.com](http://www.lpcommunities.com)

*Thank you again to all of our parishioners who currently advertise on our bulletin.*

## **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, 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**

Sister Bernice Zieminski

## **Collection Total's**

August 29, 2021 \$5,870.00

## **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.



“Isaiah’s message today is powerful: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God.. He comes to save you.” By Jesus, we are saved from hopelessness in this life and from death in the next life.

What an incredible deal - - worth devoting your life to it! If you have the courage to do this, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716.847.5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

## **Looking for a convenient way to support Our Lady of Peace?**

If you would like to give directly to Our Lady of Peace through Faith Direct (secure giving) you can enroll by picking up at form at the rectory or go online at [faith.direct/NY260](http://faith.direct/NY260).

If you feel overwhelmed, anxious or depressed *Catholic Charities* offers several types of counseling including comprehensive assessment and treatment for children, adults, and families, marriage counseling, substance abuse treatment. For information contact Helpline at 716.218.1419 or visit [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org). Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



## The Knights Of Columbus Council # 13661

“When we reach out to others, by putting the works of mercy into practice, we literally touch, feed, shelter, console and serve Christ Himself.

These important works of mercy and charity make the Gospel come alive, both for us and for the people we serve.”  
Love never fails by Bishop Donald Hying

## 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 on September 25.** Final Drawing will take place on December 4. 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!**

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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

**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.

**St. Gregory the Great invites you to join us for “FIAT” on Sat. Sept. 11 @ 7PM in the church.** Open your heart to the Lord and allow Him to make you a channel of His peace. Our guest speaker will be St. Gregory the Great parishioner, Beth Courtney who will talk about the Holy Spirit Fruit of “Peace”. Come, for a solid faith filled talk, great music, prayer ministry and most importantly time with Our Lord before the Eucharist. All are welcome!

**JOY!! Magnificat Ministry to Women prayer breakfasts are returning!** Enjoy a morning of prayer, testimony, and praise on Saturday, September 11, 2021. Guest speaker, Arlene Meyerhofer, a local Catholic woman and covenant member of the People of Praise Community on Sept. 11. Registration opens 9AM; Seating 9:15AM; program begins 9:45AM–approx. 12:10. At the Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga. PRE-REGISTRATION is required! Advance registration \$25 call Maureen at 683-2290

**The St. Thomas More Guild of WNY, a Catholic association of legal professionals, cordially invites all to attend the Annual Red Mass** in honor of St. Thomas More, the patron saint of the legal profession, to ask for divine guidance in the proper administration of justice. The Red Mass will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 12:10 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, and also live streamed at [www.youtube.com/saintjosephcathedral](http://www.youtube.com/saintjosephcathedral). The Most Rev. Michael William Fisher, Bishop of Buffalo, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The Hon. Emilio Colaiacovo, J.S.C. will offer judicial remarks. Red Mass attendees are also invited to bring donations of school supplies for NativityMiguel Middle School of Buffalo. Details can be found at [www.stthomasmorewny.org/](http://www.stthomasmorewny.org/).

**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](http://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

### 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. Our next Planning Meeting for this special event will be held in our Parish Hall:

**SUNDAY.... October 3 ....at 11 AM.**

All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

### Great Expectations Wine & Food Tasting

#### "ROME" THROUGH ITALY WITH US

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 this weekend. 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

**Sunday, Sept. 5**

**Sunday, Sept. 19**

### 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](mailto: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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