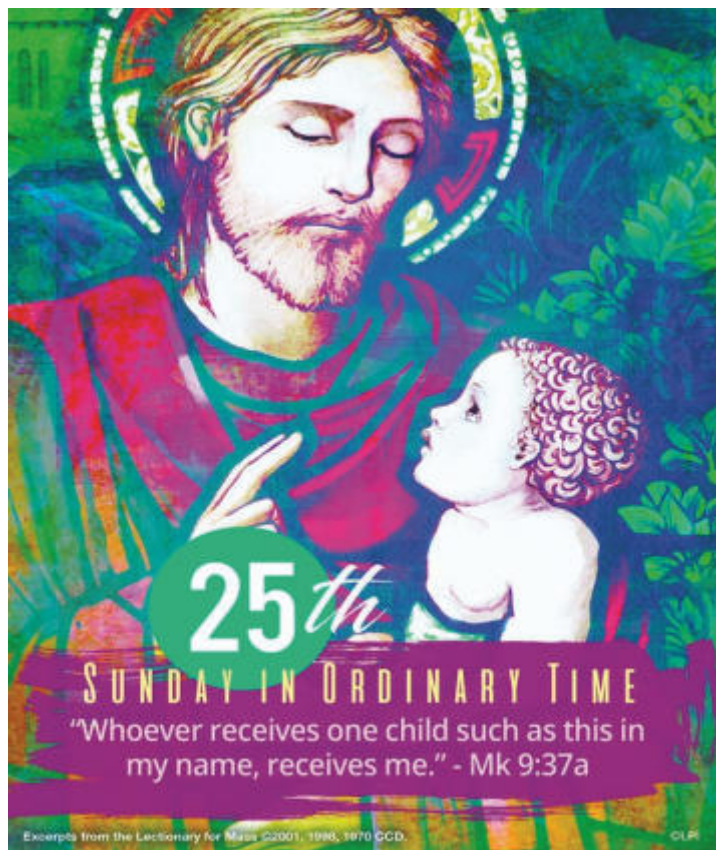


# Our Lady of Peace Church

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## Choir & Music Director

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 20**

*St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 James Scheeler - Our Lady of Peace Staff

**Tuesday, September 21**

*St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*

6:30 Charles Ross - Judy Ross

8:00 Mary Lou Johnson - Husband, Robert

**Wednesday, September 22**

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

8:00 Irene Scheeler - Lew & Trudy Wargo

**Thursday, September 23**

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

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

8:00 Dan DeSimone - Connie

**Friday, September 24**

6:30 Bob Hartmann - The Family

**Saturday, September 25**

4:30 Richard Korpany - wife

**Sunday, September 26**

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

8:00 Anthony J. Sindoni - Wife, Miriam

**Readings for the week of September 26**

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



**LECTORS**

**September 25**

4:30 Bruce Kloc

**September 26**

8:00 Louise Dessert

10:00 Domenic Cortese

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**September 25**

4:30 Gina Freitas, Katie Giansante, Maureen McEwan

**September 26**

8:00 Patricia Comerford-Haley, Elvin Eberle,  
Lew Wargo

10:00 Lisa Cirillo, Gene Florentino, Becky Florentino,  
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 22

***Mercy Chaplet offered after  
Eucharistic Adoration***

*Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them. (St. Peter of Alcantara)*

## A Message From Father Walter

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What happens when we are caught with our hand in the proverbial cookie jar? Our face turns red, our head drops, our eyes are cast down, and we are silent. So we can readily identify with the disciples' silence in the face of Jesus' asking them what they were discussing.

Twice in this Gospel the disciples are reduced to silence. First, they are afraid to tell him that they have been arguing about who among them is the greatest. The first silence indicates a stubborn resistance to accept the demands of what they hear; the second silence indicates that they intuitively understand how far they have strayed from what Jesus is teaching them. The disciples spend the rest of their lives coming to understand what it means to follow Jesus and serve him through the least among us.

We ought not be discouraged or too hard on ourselves when we shy away from the demands of dying to self in order to serve others, especially the least among us. The disciples didn't get it either! But they learned. Eventually they gave their lives and now live in the fullness of life Jesus promised. Like the disciples, Jesus gives us the room we need to grow and come to deeper understanding what it means to be his faithful followers serving others.

In Peace,  
Fr. Walt

## Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Friday, October 1st at 7:00PM in the church as we recall the Passion of our Lord by participating in the Stations of The Cross. We encourage you to consider taking just 30 minutes out of your schedule to not only reflect upon, but also thank, Jesus for the sacrifice He made for us then and the mercy we receive from Him every day.

## 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, Tom Bourkney, Kiera Camron, Theresa Chapman, Ron Carloni, Daniel Cortese, Donald, Kevin D., Joseph Fennell, Kevin G., Ann & John Gatti, Gary Grapentrog, Mike Grisko, Mark Hilbert, Joanne, Jackie, Alan Lesniak, Mary Lidkea, Raymond King, Sister Ann Helene Koenig OSF, Marsha, Tom McGinley, Donna Meister, Debbie Michnik, Nancy, Peter Rizzo, Marjorie Rudolph, Sophia, 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

Rev. Walter L. Matuszak  
Rev. Dennis W. Mende  
Sister Catherine Meiler, OSF

## Collection Total's

Weekend of 9/5/2021 \$7585.00

Weekend of 9/12/2021 \$6720.00

## 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.



"You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly," explains St. James in today's reading. There is a right way and a wrong way to pray. Who will guide us in the spiritual life? We need the voice of a church minister. Could Jesus be calling you to lay ministry, religious life, or the priesthood?

Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716.847.5535 to start the conversation or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

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



"In all circumstances of your lives, you will find that Jesus is with you and He is close to you in prayer." *St. Pope John Paul II*

### 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.

### Introductory Catholic FertilityCare Ctrs of WNY

Getting to the root cause of infertility issues is the goal of The Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System. Couples are taught to understand the naturally-occurring phases of fertility and infertility in a woman's cycle. Whether trying to conceive, avoid or space your pregnancies naturally, we can help! Professional instruction is available through Catholic Health. Please call with questions or to **pre-register** for any of these upcoming Introductory Sessions: Buffalo Mercy Hospital (828-2493) on Tues. 10/5/21 or Tues. 11/9/21 at 7pm OR at Sisters Hospital (862-1944) on Sat. 9/25/21, Sat. 10/23/21 or Sat. 11/20/21 @ 10:30am.

### 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, 7 and 10 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!

### Upcoming Events in our Area

**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.



### Sundays at the Barn

Sundays after the 10:00 Mass until 12:30

**Sunday, Sept. 19**

**Sunday, Sept. 26**

### 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)

### 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).

### 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](mailto:rhammer@nativityofmaryschool.org)

### 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.

**SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTIONS**

My Dear People,

These recent weeks have been a difficult time as many were affected by the devastating earthquake in Haiti and also Hurricane Ida in Louisiana. I sincerely thank you for your generosity in offering prayers for those impacted by these destructive events.

As we have all seen from the media coverage of these events, they have caused substantial loss of life, damage, and significant devastation in Haiti and U.S. gulf and East Coast. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops requests that we take up a collection for the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and Church needs arising from these catastrophes. The funds collected in these special appeals will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U/S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to the immediate emergency needs as well as aid in long-term recovery. I ask that a second collection be taken up in all parishes in September for the needs in Haiti and another collection in October to support the Hurricane Ida recovery. We offer our prayers to families who have lost loved ones or are among those injured. As is often the case, the poor are the hardest hit by these conditions, but many will have immense unmet needs. We ask your parish community to be as generous as possible.

Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher  
Bishop of Buffalo

\*\*\* In response to this request from Bishop Fisher, our parish will have second collections to aid in relief efforts as follows:

- ....September 25, 26 ...Special 2'nd Collection for relief aid to Haiti due to the earthquake
- ....October 9, 10 ..... Special 2'nd Collection for relief aid from Hurricane Ida \*\*\*\*

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is October 4'th. Saint Francis has always been associated with his love of nature and of animals. It is a wonderful Catholic tradition to offer the Blessing of Animals sometime around the Feast of Saint Francis.

A special Blessing of Animals will be offered as follows in Our Lady of Peace Parish:

--SATURDAY ..... OCTOBER 2'ND ..... 1 PM

The Blessing will take place in the church parking lot in the area near the Rectory Building....by the shrine next to the Church. We look forward to seeing you .... and your special pet animals for this Blessing.

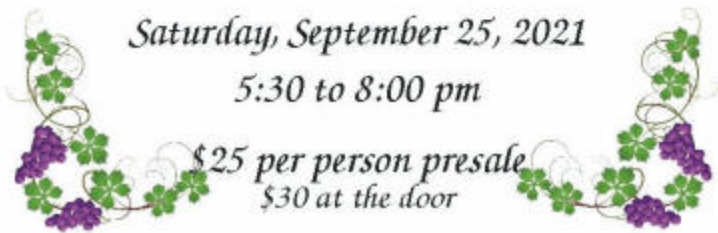
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**You are Invited....Couples celebrating their  
50th 60th and 70th Wedding Anniversaries**

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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