

Our
Lady
Queen
Of the
Americas
Church

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First Sunday
of **LENT**



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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome all members to our Parish Community; your registration in the parish, however, is important. In order to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Matrimony; to be granted a Certificate of Eligibility for Sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation; or to receive a Personal Recommendation, it is necessary to be registered at OLQA if you wish to be considered a member. To register, to make any change in your registration, or if you are moving, please call the parish office.

COMMUNION CALLS

The Eucharist is brought to the homes of the sick and aged once a month and upon request. The rectory should be notified of the sick and aged confined to their homes or hospital.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

By appointment. A six month notice must be given prior to marriage.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment. If you have not taken the baptism program, please call the parish office for an appointment to take the necessary instructions.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

By 3:00 p.m. Monday

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning:

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & 1st Sat - 8 a.m.

Wed during Lent - 7 p.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m.

Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Preschool to Grade 6:

Sundays after 10:30 a.m. Mass until 1 p.m.

Grades 7 to 12:

Sundays 9:10 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PARISH WEBSITE & FAX

www.olqachurch.org

382-9575

SISTER PARISH

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, *Tekit, Yucatan, Mexico*

ST. ISIDORE, *Ochil*

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION, *Mama*

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, *Sabacche*

HE CAME DOWN TO EARTH TO
SHED HIS BLOOD ON CALVARY
... ALL TO BRING US LIFE





Last Sunday's offertory, \$3,202.00 (383 envelopes mailed and 149 envelopes received - 39%) and loose, \$343.00. Children's offerings \$13.88. Average gift of envelope users: \$21.49. **And also from our children . . .** "I made valentines for my family...I prayed for my neighbor's Mom who is sick...I played with my sister...I helped out with the new dog..."

 **Mass Intentions**

- SAT., 2/25 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
5:00 P.M. - Jean Bazylak (George & Joann Phillips)
- SUN., 2/26 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00 A.M. - The Parishioners
10:30 A.M. - Christine Frey Lane (Bernie & Irene Frey)
- MON., 2/27 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
8:00 A.M. - Christopher Parker (Joan Boyle Family)
- TUE., 2/28 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
8:00 A.M. - Stephaney Casbohm (Birthday) (Children)
- WED., 2/29 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 P.M. - Emilie Kroko (Jim & Ruth Zejak)
- THU., 3/1 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
8:00 A.M. - Tillie Brutt (DeWayne Groger)
- FRI., 3/2 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
8:00 A.M. - Ruth Rhoades (Birthday) (Daughters)
- SAT., 3/3 - ST. KATHARINE DREXEL**
8:00 A.M. - Tess Provasnik (Dan & Dolly Werner)
- **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
5:00 P.M. - The Parishioners
- SUN., 3/4 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00 A.M. - Molly Stanton (George Conley)
10:30 A.M. - Barbara Bauer (Adele Smith)

Helen Biemer was the lucky winner of week #27 of our "300 Club" for \$100, #300. Congratulations!

Last week's second annual **Mardi Gras** was really a lot of fun once again. It's just a nice time to get together and have a great home-made meal before the Lenten season begins! And it's so nice to see all ages come to the party - from the very young to the not so very young! Decorations were beautiful...music was fine...food was out of this world...so, much thanks to: **Denise and Meghan Thomas, Andrea McConnell, Gary and Julie Stanton, Sue Keas, Tim, Mary, and Tess Bracken...and anyone else I may have forgotten.**

Lent is the time to "give up" things you hunger for...or activities you desire. It's a time to "do" things to help others, such as offering an extra donation to the poor or helping those in need by providing food or clothing. And it's a time to "add" to our normal routine: daily Mass, the Stations of the Cross, Confession.



Please remember, if you have joined the 31 Club, to pray especially for vocations that day. Try to attend Mass - it's the greatest prayer we have!

The Week Ahead

- TUESDAY** Adult Scripture Study in PEC - 6:30 PM
- WEDNESDAY** Lenten Luncheon in hall: noon - 1 PM;
Mass - 7 PM
- FRIDAY** First Friday Communion Calls; Soup & Bread - 6 PM; Stations of the Cross - 7 PM
- SATURDAY** First Saturday Mass - 8 AM
- SUNDAY** Parish Council in PEC - 1:30 PM; Dinner & Movie in hall - 5:00 PM

31 Club

Please pray for vocations...

27th: D. Harmon

28th: **Open**

29th: **Open**

1st: **Open**

2nd: F. Marsh

3rd: P. Humes

4th: Fr. Steve, J & L. Harrison

If you would like to join the 31 Club, call Terry Conlin @ 814-720-6041.

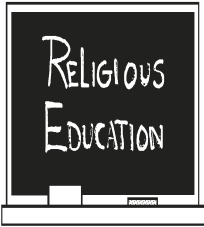
HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:
Feb. 26, Pat Chechak, Autumn Humes, Frankie Janocha, Katherine Ledford, Kim Niedbala, Beth Ann Staton; **Feb. 28,** Bill Jackson, Kelli Leech, R. J. Slater; **Mar. 1,** Pat Kaider, Pat Miller, Jacob Novosel; **Mar. 2,** Ana Shelatz; **Mar. 3,** Art Hoover, Bonnie Morini, Vince Pisani, Tony Ragozine, Ned Reilly, Kendra Saulsbery. **ENJOY YOUR DAY!**



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK TO:
Feb. 26, Ken & Ruth Ann Cooper. **ENJOY YOUR DAY!**

Bless our church, Good Shepherd, with men and women who hear and respond to your call to come and serve the church as deacon, priest, brother, or consecrated religious sister. Open their hearts to listen to your invitation to come and see what ordained ministry and consecrated life is all about. Send us good and holy men and women to serve your people, supported by their family and friends. Bless our parish with blessed vocations within the church. You are our Good Shepherd, forever and ever. Amen.

Faith Formation



Bible Quote: **“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is near; repent, and believe in the good news.”** *Mark 1:15*

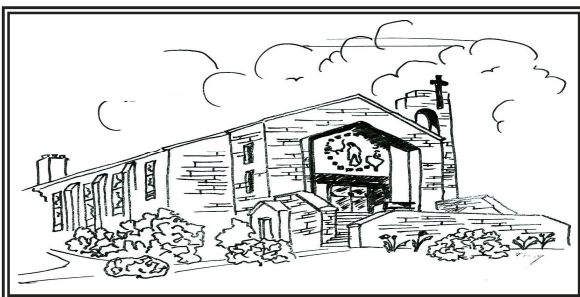
* Come and join us for a delicious breakfast after the 8 and 10:30 Masses!! The menu for breakfast is waffles, hash browns, sausage, orange juice, donuts, fruit and coffee. Monies raised will be divided between St.

James Haven and Green House Women’s Shelter, both located in Meadville. * **Echoes of Faith Plus: Catholic Morality Class** will be taught by Claire Waldron at St. Brigid Church, Meadville, Mondays: 6:30-8:30 PM on March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th. Christian Morality is a way of deciding and acting based on one’s identity in Christ. Catholic social teaching and Roman Catholic perspective is emphasized. Please call Cindy, secretary at St. Brigid’s Church, 336-4459 to register. * Sunday, March 11th, is **Candle Day** for the students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their parents. This meeting will be held from 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM in the church hall. * Information packets were sent home with all students in Grades 6, 7, & 8 about the **Middle School Youth Rally which will be at St. Mark Center in Erie on Sunday, April 29th. The theme is “I have seen the Lord.”** Anyone interested must complete the necessary forms and return them to Pam Davis by Sunday, April 1st. If you have any questions, please call Pam at 382-7256.

“Test Your Catholic Knowledge” - In the preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Catholics are encouraged to undertake (a) a physical; (b) an examination of conscience; (c) a 5K marathon. Write your answer along with your name and phone number on a piece of paper and place it in the collection basket for a chance to win our monthly drawing! Good Luck to ALL!

Liturgy of the Word for Children is held during the 10:30 Mass. Children in **kindergarten through second grade** are invited to go off to the Religious Ed. Center to hear about the Word of God “at their level.” They return for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. It’s a fine ministry, so please consider inviting your child to participate. We can always use more adult volunteers for this ministry. You can contact Mary Bracken (382-4608) if interested. Thank you!

Cursillo Connection...Please consider taking a couple of days out of your busy schedule to build a closer relationship with the Lord. Any question on making a cursillo, call Jan or John @ 282-2185. To be added to the cursillista’s e-mail list, please contact Jan @ janicem52@yahoo.com, or give the Skendalls a call.



I asked someone the other day, “What are you doing for Lent?” and they replied, “I’m not sure yet - still thinking.”



I guess it’s good to “still be thinking,” but let’s not allow Lent to slip by and come Easter, we’ll “still be thinking.” We’re a few days into this holy season now and begin the first full week this week.

Just do anything...even small things...just to observe the season; to make it something different than other seasons, something holy. Someone even suggested that we just do SOMETHING for a day, and something else for another day...Not a bad idea really. It makes the weeks pass by even more quickly and we’re not “overwhelmed” perhaps by our practice. Try it.

Calling ALL 4th graders!!...We will begin training NEW ALTAR SERVERS on Sunday, March 4th at 12:00. PARENTS: Consider encouraging your son/daughter to become a server at the holy altar of the Lord. He/she learns so much by standing so close to the altar of God during the Sacred Liturgy. So it’s not only a holy and teaching thing for them, but it helps the parish so much by their participation. Of course, parents must be on board to assure that their son/daughter is faithful and loyal to their serving schedule. Thanks so much for your cooperation!

Have a blessed week!

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THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK FOR LENT:

Tuesday - Lenten “Bible Study” in PEC at 6:30 PM: “The Crucifixion” from St. John’s Illustrated Bible

Wednesday - Lenten Soup and Sandwich lunch sponsored by the Conneaut Lake Ministerium - HERE AT OLQA from 12:00 noon until 1:00 . Speaker: Rev. Jay Sterling (Trinity United Methodist Church).

Friday - Soup and Bread Meal at 6:00 hosted by the Parish Cursillo group

- Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7:00.

This is a day of abstinence (no meat).

Saturday - First Saturday morning Mass: 8:00 AM

Sunday - Dinner and a Movie at 5:00: Matthew Kelly: Our Lives Change when our Habits Change

...Read the Little Black Book...Attend daily Mass...Receive the Sacrament of Confession...Pray the rosary...Read Sacred Scripture...

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all those who generously contribute to the Holy Ground Thrift Store: clothing, money, household items, food. And to those who volunteer their time to work at the thrift store and food distribution. God will reward you a hundredfold!

THANK YOU to **John Meyerhoff** who put up the new bulletin board in the back of the church (Did you notice?) It’s nice to have some extra room for more and more flyers and announcements. Thanks, John.

Budget tight? The HOLY GROUND THRIFT STORE has prices that are just right! We have everyday bargains for all. Come shop with us on Mondays from 5:30 - 7:30 PM or Thursdays from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM and find your bargain. We welcome your clean, donated items on Mondays from 9:00 until NOON and 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM and on Thursdays from NOON until 5:00 PM. For more information, call 382-4487.



PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN THE PRAYER CHAIN OF OUR PARISH: JoAnn Elwell will now coordinate and “field” all prayer requests. Her phone number is 382-8765. You may begin NOW calling JoAnn to make your prayer requests. She will then begin the chain of calls as they have already been conducted. **Chuck Dolnosich** will be e-mailing those who wish to be contacted that way so that they too can join in prayer. **But all phone calls should be made to JoAnn.** If anyone would like to join in this prayer support, just give JoAnn a call and you will then be placed on the chain. If you prefer to be notified by e-mail, let her know. Remember, our prayer together is a powerful tool of supplication before the Lord. (Thanks to JoAnn and Chuck who will now coordinate this valuable ministry.)

A **Mother/Daughter Tea** for 10-12 year old girls and their mothers will be held on **Sunday, March 24, from 10:30-1:00 at St. Michael’s School in Greenville.** Plan to attend this special event to learn about God’s plan for love and His gifts of sexuality, chastity, and fertility. Registration is required. Call Emily (724-588-8586). Cost is \$15/family. (Early bird \$12). Sponsored by the Erie Diocesan Natural Family Planning/Chastity Education Office.

Anyone interested in learning more about taking control of your money through the use of budgets, paying off debt, and saving is invited to attend the **Dave Ramsey Total Money Makeover Live Simulcast** event to be held Saturday, March 17th at *The Movies at Meadville* from 12:45 until 6 PM. The event is sponsored by **Hagan Business Machines** and costs \$39 per person. **If you are a parishioner and you would like to attend, see Fr. Steve.** Anyone interested in signing up can register online by going to www.Hagan1.com and clicking on the Dave Ramsey banner at the top of the homepage.

We continue our RCIA (**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**) classes. **Anyone is welcome to attend any class when you can, just as an update and some further adult education in the Faith.** Just call the rectory to find out when and where we will be meeting. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 8th, and we will be discussing **RECONCILIATION AND FORGIVENESS.** Please keep our group in your prayers as they continue this journey into conversion. **Last week, it was our pleasure and pride to introduce our RCIA group to our bishop. We went for the Rite of Election at St. Peter’s Cathedral and the bishop personally welcomed and shook the hand of each candidate. 32 of us went to the cathedral!**



Prayer for a new bishop, composed by Bishop Donald Trautman: Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd and Pastor of the Church, you have guided our Erie Diocese in 13 counties for 158 years. In your love and care for this flock, guide your Vicar on earth, Pope Benedict XVI, in the selection of our new Bishop. We pray that our Diocese will be blessed with a holy shepherd and servant. May he be a courageous teacher of the faith and a humble, wise, prudent, collaborative leader. May he be caring and compassionate and endowed with the gifts your Church needs at this time. Lord Jesus, we trust in your providence and love. Help us to welcome with prayer and open hearts our new Shepherd. This we ask in your name. Amen.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



		ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS	GREETERS
SAT	5:00 PM	Cody Slevin Brenna Prenatt Jacob Panciera	Mary Beth Jacobs Pat Billingsley	Bill Greco Paula Greco Veronica Valentine	Tom Donegan (C) Mary Donegan Terry Conlin Tuny Lauffer	Grace Bossard
SUN	8:00 AM	Amanda Novosel Nicholas Novosel Hope Gregg	Paula Hilton Joanne Cunningham	Jim Harrison Lori Harrison Barb Irwin	Ken Novosel (C) Bob Hilton John Chuey	Sue Keas
SUN	10:30 AM	Dominic Ellis Maggie Davis Tess Bracken	April Terrill Pete Simonetta	Kevin Jacobs Peg Jacobs Ed Pieszak	Joe Arnett (C) Earl Gross Pat Taylor Mark Sobieski	Dolores Puglin

Last weekend was Commitment Sunday for the 2012 Catholic Services Appeal. Once again, your generosity and sense of stewardship is humbling and so appreciated. If you have not yet returned your envelope, please do so as soon as you can so we can tabulate the results. Again, the diocese asks us to pay \$36,098 this year as our contribution towards the Catholic services to be provided in our parish and in our diocese. That amount must be paid no matter what. Anything over and beyond that will stay here at OLQA. We would like to refurbish the Religious Education Center with bookcases and new, more appropriate desks. The parking lot needs to be re-sealed and painted this summer as well as some “cosmetic” work to upkeep the front cement work of the church. We would also like to provide “scholarships” for two of our younger parishioners to experience work at our Sister Parish this December. **We need all parishioners to participate.** You may continue to submit your pledges in the next few weeks if you have not already done so. Envelopes are available in the rectory office should you need one.

The “Cloth of Sorrows” is the shroud we will drape our cross with during the Lenten season. This will be made up of 6 X 6 squares of fabric that you place in the basket near the statue of St. Juan Diego during the Lenten season. This cloth should in some way represent the crosses and hardships you carry. **Simply write or draw in some way those crosses that you carry.** We will pray for these intentions throughout the Lenten season at our Masses. And then we will use this “Cloth of Sorrows” during the Holy Week services to remind us of how we all share in the cross of Christ and can help one another carry the cross. Thanks for your participation! **You may bring this cloth in anytime between now and the weekend of March 17th - 18th.**

I am very grateful to so many who responded to a call in last week’s bulletin about purchasing a statue of St. Joseph. At least 6 or 7 people offered throughout the weekend, as well as the Altar Rosary...however, **Carolyn Melby** offered first, and purchased the statue in memory of **Doug Melby**. Thank you, Carolyn. As other items may be identified in the future, I know many parishioners who are more than willing to help out. Thank you!

SISTER PARISH NOTES



The Sister Parish Program is a cooperative program between the Diocese of Erie and the Archdiocese of Yucatan, Mexico. **Mission:** to respect other people and their cultures, make their concerns our own and to share with them the gospel riches we have received.

In 2010, OLQA renewed a sister parish relationship with St. Anthony of Padua, Tekit, Mexico. The idea is to develop a **friendship** between people in the context of the Catholic parish community. Our **purpose** is to develop a relationship between two parishes that enables each parish community to share **spiritually, culturally, and materially.**

The **core committee** is composed of representatives from all the parish communities. All interested persons are invited to participate. The coordinators of the Sister Parish Project are: **Mary and Jim Brown @ 382-3254.**

Readings for the Week of February 26

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

Question of the Week: Adult: When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus? **Child:** What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?