

**Bulletin**

**September 10, 2017**

# **Our Lady of Peace**

**1000 3rd Avenue Conway, PA 15027 724-869-3024**

**Fr. Jim Kurtz, OFM Cap, Pastor**

**Mass Schedule**

*Saturday: Vigil-5:30pm (weekend after Easter until 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in Nov.) OR 4:00pm (1<sup>st</sup> weekend of Nov. thru Palm Sunday)*

*Sunday: 8:30am and 10:30am*

*Weekdays: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. 9:00am (unless noted otherwise in the bulletin)*

*Holy Days: See Schedule in Bulletin*

**Office Hours** Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Sacraments**

**Baptism** Parents are required to attend a Preparation Class, normally held on the second Sunday of every other month. Date and time of baptism are arranged at this session. In order for a child to be baptized parents must be a registered member of the parish for at least three months prior to the baptism. One parent must be a practicing Catholic who actively participates in the life of the Church including regular attendance at Mass. Please call the parish office in advance to register for the class.

**Rite of Reconciliation**

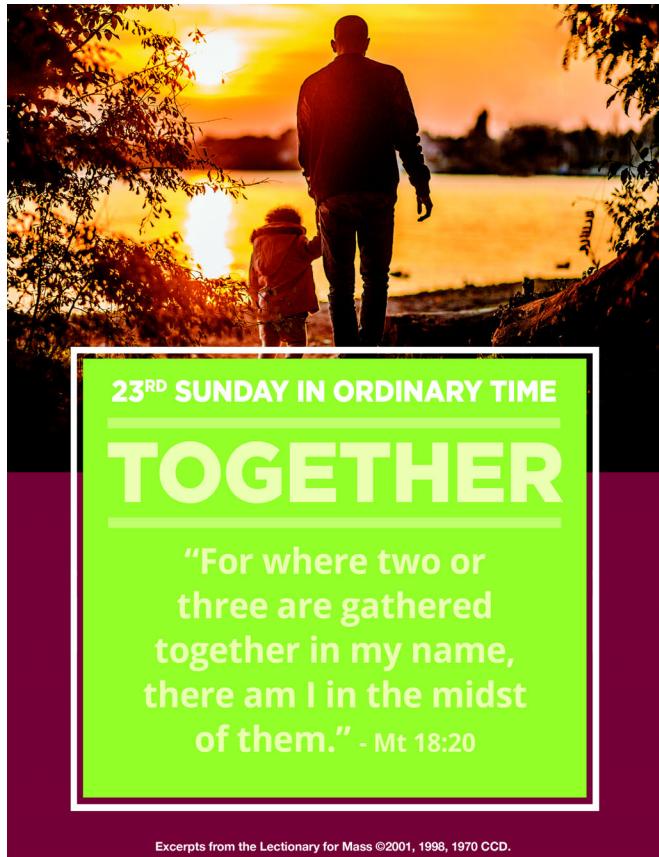
*Saturday: 4:30PM (weekend after Easter until 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in Nov.) OR 3:00PM (1<sup>st</sup> weekend of Nov. thru Palm Sunday)*  
*Anytime by appointment*

**Marriage** Marriage requires a period of spiritual preparation. Couples should make an appointment with the priest at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. Pre-marriage classes, as well as meetings with the priest, are necessary. One party to be married must be a registered parishioner and practicing Catholic who actively participates in the life of the Church including regular attendance at Mass.

**RCIA** We welcome those who are interested in becoming Roman Catholic Christians. To enter a program of formation and prayer contact the Religious Education Office.

**Ministry to the Sick/Elderly** Please call the Parish Office if a relative has been admitted to the hospital. Those unable to attend Mass because of age, sickness or disability, may receive Holy Communion at home. If you know someone who would benefit from a visit, please call the Parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be administered prior to going into the hospital or at home by calling the Parish Office.

**Sponsors** To act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation requires a person to be a registered member of the parish for at least three months and actively participate in the life of the Church including regular attendance at Mass.



**With Our Lady of Peace as our model of faith, hope, and love, we are a committed Catholic Christian people working together for God through worship, education, and service to achieve spiritual growth. As a parish family devoted to Christ, we welcome others to our faith community.**

## **SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

### **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also PRAY together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with "fully conscious, and active participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting "Amen" or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill. We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to "gather together" with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.

**First Reading:** Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. (Ez 33:7-9)

**Psalm:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

**Second Reading:** Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:10)

**Gospel:** "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'" (Mt 18:15-16)

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### Christian Mothers Meetings

The Christian Mothers is looking forward to another year of prayerful activities and friendships. Interested women are encouraged to join us as we start meeting in September.

**General Meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30PM** in Stephens Hall. Band 9, Jane Hartle, Prefect, is hosting the meeting. JoAnn McDermitt from the Area Agency on Aging will speak on the programs that it offers. For more info please call Linda Uhernik, President at 724-728-2896.

### Bishop's Education Fund Collection THIS WEEKEND

We ask you to use the envelope provided in your monthly packet and to make your contribution at the time of the regular Sunday collection. We thank you for your generosity to this worthwhile collection.

### DISASTER RELIEF



*Help those in need*

### Special Collection for Hurricane Harvey Relief

Parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh will take up a special collection on the **weekend of Sept. 16-17** to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey. The effort is part of a nationwide collection sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The funds will support relief and reconstruction efforts that benefit everyone harmed by the hurricane as well as Catholic Charities USA to provide shelter, clean water, food and medical care, and to underwrite long term recovery and rebuilding. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will also distribute some funds to affected parishes for pastoral ministry and reconstruction. If donating by check, please make payable to Diocese of Pittsburgh, with "Hurricane Harvey" in the memo line. Please be as generous as possible.

## CCD



Our CCD program will begin on Sunday, Sept. 10 for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at 9AM in Stephens Hall. Parents are asked to attend to receive the schedule and other information for the year. The Kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin on Monday, Sept. 11 at 5PM in the Church and the parents are asked to attend that as well. If you have not registered your child yet for CCD, please contact Cindy Deschaine at olopdre@verizon.net.

## Safe Environment Classes

St. Frances Cabrini in Center Twp will hold a Mandated Reported Training on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9AM to noon. They will also be holding a Protecting God's Children class on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9AM to noon. If you would like to attend, please contact Cindy Deschaine at olopdre@verizon.net.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Or maybe you know someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (**RCIA**) is the process through which non-baptized adults are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. The **RCIA** process also welcomes adults who are already baptized but not Catholic and prepares those adults to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church. The **RCIA** also helps those adults baptized Catholic, but who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation, to complete their sacramental initiation. For more info on the **RCIA** call the parish office at 724-869-3024.

## UPCOMING OLOP TRIPS/DINNERS

### Mobsters, Molls and Marinara



Come join the party at Our Lady of Peace dinner/show on **Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017** when we will be having a murder mystery show performed by the professional theater company Mystery's Most Wanted. Stephens Hall will be transformed into a party with a gin joint set in the roaring twenties, where every night was New Year's Eve. But "speak easy" because the bathtub gin won't be the only thing that will kill ya! **Games of chance Al Capone style, a catered dinner (meal TBA), all the beer you want, setups, and prizes** (if you can be lucky enough) to solve the mystery of a local Chicago crime boss's demise. (Who knows, you may even be the mug who saves the day!) Tickets, which are \$30 per person, are limited to 150 seats. **Anyone that has already ordered tickets for the dinner/show can pick them up at the office Monday thru Friday, 9AM to 4PM.** For more info and reservations call Jackie at 724-869-9908 or Ellen at 724-869-3320.

### New York City

Our Lady of Peace is sponsoring a trip to New York City on **Dec. 2 - 3, 2017** [Sat. and Sun.]. The bus will pick us up at Northern Lights Shopping Center where we will travel to exciting New York City just in time for holiday shopping and sightseeing. Upon arrival in New York, we will check in at the Hilton Meadowlands Hotel, then it's off to explore the city of lights. Highlights of the tour include a visit to the 911 Memorial, a drive to Battery Park to view the Statue of Liberty, the Broadway production of Miss Saigon [which is optional] and the lights of Broadway, dinner in Manhattan, breakfast, shopping time, and a visit to Trinity Cemetery where many notable people from the Revolutionary War are buried including Alexander Hamilton, Liza and Angelica Schuyler, James Monroe, plus more from the Revolution, as well as Clement Moore [author of The Night Before Christmas], Robert Fulton, and John Jacob Astor, to name only a few of the famous buried here. We will also attend Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Prices, which include everything mentioned, are \$345.00 per person double occupancy, \$320.00 p/p triple, \$300 p/p quad, and \$420 single occupancy. If you don't want to attend the Broadway show of Miss Saigon and would rather shop, you can subtract \$77.00 from the total cost. A \$150.00 deposit is required to hold your reservation, with the remaining balance due by Oct. 23. You must tell us with your deposit if you would like to see Miss Saigon so we can hold the tickets.

For information or reservations please call Jackie @ 724-869-9908 or Ellen @ 724-869-3320. We are limited to one bus.

### Southern Italy and Sicily...

Join Our Lady of Peace on a spectacular journey as our travels take us to the hidden treasures of Southern Italy and Sicily leaving on **April 26-May 8, 2018**. Seat of the Roman Empire, leading light of the Renaissance, and a fervent advocate of beauty, Italy is renowned for its art, architecture, style, and passion. (Even the smallest church can hide works by the likes of Michelangelo!) Experience the dramatic beauty of the Amalfi Coast as this tour takes in the highlights of Southern Italy. From the bustling street markets of Palermo to the vineyard-clad slopes of Mt. Enta, the stunning Valley of the Temples (one of the most important archaeological sites in the world), Giardini Naxos (the filming location of the movie "The Godfather" where Al Pacino's character fell in love with a young Sicilian girl), charming Taormina, the vibrant Calabria region, through Matera, Alberobello, Salerno, and up the Amalfi Coast to Sorrento, Pompeii, and finally the Eternal City of Rome, this is a must see tour! **A trip meeting will be held on Sept. 5 in Stephens Hall** at For information please call Jackie at 724-869-9908, Jim at 724-775-8127 or Alice at 724-266-5715.

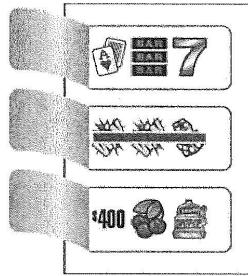
### Ohio Bus Trip

The remaining balance of \$35 is now due for anyone that has not yet paid in full for the Ohio Amish bus trip on Sat. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made out to Our Lady of Peace and either sent to Jackie or Ellen. For further info please call Jackie at 724-869-9908 or Ellen at 724-869-3320.



### Are you ready for some football?

Our Lady of Peace Church is planning a trip to see the Pittsburgh Steelers game against the Indianapolis Colts on **Sat. and Sun., Nov. 11-12, 2017**. Indianapolis has an enclosed stadium so we don't have to brave the cold to cheer on our Steelers playing at 1PM on Sunday. Trip includes bus, along with snacks and beer on the bus, one night lodging at Hampton Inn in Shelbyville, Indiana, game ticket, breakfast, mass and a 4 hour visit to the Indiana Grand Casino. (Since our hotel is near the casino you can stay longer if you want to.) A \$15 free play voucher and \$5 food voucher will be given to us at the casino. Cost of the trip, which includes all the above is \$305/p double occy., \$285/p triple occy, and \$270/p quad. For information or reservations call John at 724-869-9908. We are limited to 50 seats.



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MYSTERY'S MOST WANTED



SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

5:30-10:00 PM

OUR LADY OF PEACE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1000 3RD AVE.  
CONWAY, PA. 15027

**TICKET PRICE    \$30**

**THE PLOT THICKENS**

*DON'T WORRY, NO ONE IS EXEMPT. GUESTS WILL INTERACT WITH THE ACTORS,  
YOU MAY EVEN GET TO DRESS IN COSTUME. No Lines to learn. Heck the event  
isn't even scripted but rather "ad lib" with guidance. Ages 15+ recommended.*

**DINNER IS SERVED**

**MENU:** stuffed chicken breast, stuffed cabbage, roast beef/gravy,  
scalloped potatoes, green beans, pasta in marinara sauce, tossed salad,  
and rolls. Unlimited beer, set-ups, coffee and assorted soda.

**For more info contact: Jackie @ 724-869-9908 or Ellen @ 724-869-3320  
Tickets may be purchased at the church office Mon - Fri - 9am - 4pm**

