

Bulletin

Sept. 17, 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 1st weekend in Nov.) OR 4:00pm (1st 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 1st weekend in Nov.) OR 3:00PM (1st 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 17, 2017

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" The parable Jesus tells today is the story of a king, but in truth it is about Jesus himself. He is the "king" who has forgiven our debts. We are the "servants" whose sins have earned us chastisement. But when we repent and ask for Christ's mercy, he grants it to us without hesitation.

The point of the parable, then, is that we too should extend this mercy to others. We should not be like that "wicked servant" who begged for mercy but would not show it to others. Elsewhere, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt. 6:12). We use different words, but a similar meaning when we pray the Our Father asking God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." But are we sure that we mean what we say?

It's important to pause and evaluate how we are doing in this regard. Are we harboring any grudges? Are there people we refuse to forgive? Is there a situation where we are seeking revenge instead of extending mercy? Jesus asks us to do otherwise. He reminds us that we have already been forgiven. We are right now enjoying the benefits of his forgiveness. So we are called to bear in mind our own sins, failings, weaknesses, and "debts" when we deal with others instead of thinking that we are perfectly innocent and acting as if we've never been the beneficiary of mercy. So let us do our best to forgive as we have been forgiven. This doesn't mean approving of wrong behavior; God doesn't ask us to do that. But he does ask us to let go of bitterness and foster mercy instead.

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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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.

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS
THAT GRACE OUR ALTAR THIS WEEKEND
WERE DONATED
IN LOVING MEMORY
OF

RAY BUGZYNSKI
BY WIFE, DONNA

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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. 7th. 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.



♥ - Your
donation
is greatly
appreciated

The Apostolate Committee is seeking donations for the Murder Mystery Dinner. Donated items in baskets are needed for the Chinese Auction, a bottle of alcohol for the tub of alcohol to be raffled off, or monetary donations to be used for prizes. Any money made from the dinner show will benefit Our Lady of Peace Church. Tickets are still available but seats are limited, please call Jackie at 724-869-9908 or Ellen at 724-869-3320 for reservations. If you have already ordered your tickets please pick them up at the office Monday thru Friday, between 9AM and 3:30PM.

JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF

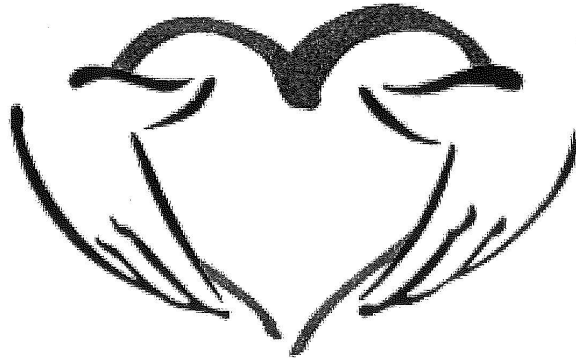
What is Journeying Through Grief?

A new Bereavement Group

Sponsored by:

Good Samaritan

St John the Baptist in Baden,
and Our Lady of Peace Parishes.



**Six sessions will be held on Thursday evenings
from September 21 through October 26, 2017
at Good Samaritan in Ambridge, from 6:30 to 7:45 pm**

Our Lady of Peace, St John the Baptist in Baden, and Good Samaritan are joining together for these 6 sessions to support those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Participants will explore, within a trusting and nurturing environment, their reactions to loss, learn about the grieving process, develop strategies for coping, and begin to integrate this change in order to start healing. Because of the nature of the sessions, we are limiting enrollment to 25 participants.

To register, or if you have questions, contact:

Sister Mary Lou at outreach@goodsam1.org or 724-266-6565 ext 19

Or Cindy Deschaine at olopdre@verizon.net or 724-869-3024

Coming this Fall...

DEALING WITH THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

A Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, November 9 at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Peace to honor all of our deceased loved ones. Following Mass, Father Scott Seethaler, OFM Cap. will speak on surviving the holidays while grieving. The Memorial Mass and the talk by Father Scott is open to all. There will be a reception to conclude the evening. Anyone is welcome to attend.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPT 16 - SEPT 24, 2017

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF SEPT 23 AND SEPT 24		
Sat. 5:30PM Mass		
Extraordinary Ministers:	Altar Servers:	Lectors
Liz Williams	Emily Castelli	Maria Angeloni
Jim Angeloni	Marissa Castelli	
Victor Franc	Katie Angeloni	
Sun. 8:30AM		
Extraordinary Ministers:	Altar Servers:	Lector:
Jean Macaluso	Andrew Crofoot	Dave Folmar
Patty McKee	Ashley DeRiggi	
Jeanne Lesko		
Sun. 10:30AM		
Extraordinary Ministers:	Altar Servers:	Lector:
Kathy Blarrik	Marla Uhernik	Jay Evanko
Jean Pittman	Natalie Garrison	
Len Fritsch		

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16
VIGIL: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 5:30PM † Joe Misik - by Nigro Family

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 8:30AM For All Living & Deceased Parishioners
 10:30AM † Ray Buczynski (Anniv of Death) -
 by Donna Buczynski

- Mon. Sept. 18** 9:00AM † Eileen N. Millacci - by John Millacci
by Madelyn Antonick
- Tues. Sept. 19** 9:00AM † Joseph & Lena Bednar (Wedding Anniv.
Remembrance) - by Joseph & Nancy Bednar
- Wed. Sept. 20** 9:00AM † Paul Harmon - by Dave Folmar
- Thur. Sept. 21** 9:00AM † William Rastetter - by Bob & Diane Marr
- Fri. Sept. 22** 9:00AM Suzette Gallagher (Healing/Blessings) -
by Stanley Wyatt

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23
VIGIL: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 5:30PM † John F. Lorenzo Jr. - by wife and children

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 8:30AM † Judy Hribar - by Cindy & Ray Matakovich & Son
 10:30AM For All Living & Deceased Parishioners

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING MASS INTENTIONS:
 If you have the Mass intention scheduled and would like to take up the gifts at that Mass, please arrive 15 minutes early for Mass and inform the ushers that you would like to take the gifts up. Thank you.

OFFICE PHONES - Dial 724 and the number below
 Parish Office/Parish House 869-3024
 Fax 869-3025
 Email: olop@verizon.net OLOP website: www.olopconway.com
 Facebook: OurLady ofPeace Conway

Diocese of Pittsburgh Sexual Abuse Hotline: 888-808-1235

OLOP App : You can download the app for free to your smart phone by texting the codes below to 555888. If you have an Android phone - text olpc1 to 555888. If you have an iPhone - text olpc2 to 555888. A link will be texted back to you immediately. Click on the link and then download the app.

FINANCIAL REPORT SEPT 10, 2017		
Offertory Collection	134	\$5,773.00
Offertory Collection not in envelopes		\$122.00
Online Giving Offertory		\$1,680.50
Total		\$7,575.50
REMINDER: Weekly operating expense for running the parish is \$7,500		
Parish share goal		\$61,392.00
Collected		\$44,269.00
Balance needed		\$17,123.00

Donations were made to the Memorial Fund in honor/memory of:

Christina Musi by OLOP Christian Mothers

THE CHURCH ALIVE! Do Unto Others - Even when we strive to be close with God we can wonder if He's really listening to us or if He really cares for us with an unquenchable love. This is especially true in moments of trial or challenge. Yet, we know that when we focus our eyes and ears and hearts on the things of God we can see his love at work for us in all things. In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul reminds us that "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable," that nothing can separate us from His love. Are you challenged by the changes that will soon take place in your parish and throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh? Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR
 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
 THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS
 OF

CHRISTINA MUSI

MAY HER SOUL AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE
 FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
 THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE
 AND MAY HER FAMILY BE COMFORTED AT THIS
 DIFFICULT TIME.