



OUR LADY OF PEACE

Bulletin

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 29, 2009

The Gift and Sacrament of God's Mercy

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A couple of weeks ago, I was with some long time friends from the other side of the river and they were talking about how some of their kids went through first reconciliation this year and one asked who among them had the courage to go to confession. The verdict from those who went was that it was a very positive experience – not as scary as they remember. Others mentioned that they did not go because they were nervous that since it had been so long since they have gone that they would not remember how to do it. When they finally asked me what I thought, I said “No worries.” The first thing I say when someone has not been in a while is “welcome back,” and mentioned that any priest is happy to help anyone through the rite itself.

It was also helpful to talk about how the sacrament is less about judgment for one's sins and more about God's mercy. The Sacrament of Penance, (a.k.a. confession; a.k.a. reconciliation) is a treasure of the Church as it offers real freedom and peace that comes from unburdening oneself from sin which becomes a barrier in our relationship with God and others. Like the other sacraments, God uses very simple, tangible ways for encountering God's grace and helping us in our continual journey of conversion. The opportunity to name one's sins out loud and then hear actual words of mercy, pardon, and compassion are just some of the benefits of the reconciliation which one experiences.

It also helped them to hear some very practical realities of the sacrament, such as the fact that the priest has no interest in remembering another's sins - something I like to call “blessed forgetfulness.” And lest anyone worry, the priest can never share one's sins since the ritual really celebrates a conversation between that person and God. Finally, there is no sin which God is not ready to forgive.

Lent is typically a time when the church emphasizes the gift of reconciliation – how it lifts the weight of sin so as to prepare oneself more fully for the celebration of the Jesus' resurrection. Each week during the year individual reconciliation is available on Saturday afternoons and anytime by appointment. In addition to those, this Wednesday there are two communal Reconciliation Services (1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.) where the whole community can gather for prayer and music, for a hearing of Scripture and then an opportunity for individual confessions for which we will have a number of visiting priests.

No matter whether it has been weeks or months or years, I encourage everyone to consider the wonderful gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am confident that with the abundance of God's grace which is offered, no one will be disappointed.



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THE MISSION OF OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

- arising from our communion
in the Sunday Eucharist -
is to proclaim the word of God,
to celebrate the presence
of the Risen Lord in our midst,
and to recognize the gifts
of the Holy Spirit among us
and use them to transform
our lives and the world
according to the pattern
of life Jesus has shown us.

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FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL

- RCIA Sessions & Retreat
- First Eucharist Reflection Evening
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Infant Baptisms
- Confirmation • April 18
- Rite of Welcome for Newly Confirmed • April 19
- Virtus training April 21 • Annunciation
- Library Book of the Month
- DOF Sessions
- Mothers and Others meet weekly during Lent
- Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles
- Lenten Faith Sharing Groups
- Summer Stretch Registrations Continue
- Mission Trip Planning and Fundraising begins
- VBC Planning Registration Begins

PARISH LIBRARY GOES MOBILE

Sunday, March 29

The OLP Parish Library will feature a new Book of the Month and Children's Book of the Month during hospitality in Pates Hall the last Sunday of every month. There will also be a drawing after the 11:00 Mass of those who checked library books out during that month; prize will either be a book or a gift card to Mike's Corner Store.

Book of the Month

Jesus of Nazareth by Pope Benedict XVI: The first book of his published during his Papacy. Here the Pope argues that more important than anything else Jesus brought God to our world, and that Jesus cannot be understood outside of His relationship with God.

Saints and Angels by Claire Llewellyn. This book presents the life stories and miraculous works of saints and angels as well as the works of various apostles and martyrs.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles

Tuesday Mornings in March • 9:00 am • Whalen Room
Thursday evenings • 7:00 pm • Whalen Room

Acts provides us with models of people on fire with the love of Jesus and the Spirit. Participants will read and study this great story of adventure, suffering, and fulfillment and learn how that fire is still alive today.

Mothers and Others Lenten Series

Thursday mornings in March through April 2. Meet at 10:00 am in Whalen Room & Nursery. An opportunity to reflect and share insights on the Lenten Gospels. Child Care Provided. If you haven't been able to make the Thursday sessions, but now you can – feel free to join in.

FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND YOUTH

Mission Trip

Senior High Youth • Let US Know – So we can support you!!!!

To all Senior High Youth involved in Mission and/or Immersion Trips - either nationally or internationally through their school community. Please let us know about this so we can include you by name in the bulletin-in parish prayers-in any other pertinent work we do to support the missions and you. If you will be participating in a mission trip anytime soon, give your name and your destination to Deacon Paul Tatone or Joy Biedrzycki. We would like our parish community to know about you and have a chance to support you in this wonderful work you are doing.

Worship Schedule

Weekend

Saturday	Eucharist	5:00 pm
Sunday	Eucharist	9:00 am* 11:00 am*

* Nursery and Children's Liturgy of the Word

Weekday

Tuesday - Friday	Eucharist	8:15 am
Sacrament of Penance		
Saturday		4:00 pm

Baptism Schedule

April 25 /26 • 5:00 pm, 9:00 am & 11:00 am • During Mass

May 16 /17 • 5:00 pm, 9:00 am & 11:00 am • During Mass

June 14 • 11:30 am or 12:30 pm
• After Mass

July 19 • 11:30 am or 12:30 pm
• After Mass

Mission Trip

Parish Involvement and Support: Mission Trip Stake Holders Needed!!

Would you like to become a stakeholder for our Youth Mission Trip? We need you.

Who is a stakeholder?

Someone who makes a \$ 50.00 or more financial contribution toward the mission trip. During the trip, our group will give you daily updates via email. They will remember you daily in their prayer time.

Once they return, these young people will invite you to a dinner that they prepare and will share stories and pictures and experiences of this mission trip.

Contact Joy Biedrzycki if you want to become a Stakeholder for our Youth!!!!

FAITH FORMATION

SUMMER PROGRAMS

CHECK YOUR SCHEDULE AND START SAVING DATES

Vacation Bible Camp • For all ages

June 22 -26 • Grand Canyon Adventure

- Ages 3 years to completing Grade 5
- Afternoon Field Trips for all completing 2nd grade and above
- Brochures and Registration available at the beginning of April
- Because of the expense of ordering materials at the last minute and space considerations it is necessary to set a date and number deadline.
- DEADLINE for ALL registrations Sunday, June 14
- Limit on number we can accept: 125

Summer Stretch • Especially for Junior High Youth

July 14 & 16, 21 & 23, 28 & 30 • Full Day

- Middle School Youth in Grades 6 – 8
- Mornings; Prayer and Service Afternoons: Field Trips
- This is limited to the first 50 young people.
- Registrations are already coming in-so do not wait too long.

Summer Mission Trip Planned

July 18-25 • High School Youth

Mission Trip • Come on Down!!!! • Where: Pine Ridge Reservation • South Dakota

We still have a few more spaces open for the Parish Mission Trip -- but we need to let Youth Works know our final numbers as soon as possible. If you were thinking about doing this but haven't got around to following up—Now is the time to move!!! For more Information see Ashley Whitman or Joy Biedrzycki

WANTED: A FEW GREAT YOUTH LEADERS:

SUMMER LEADERSHIP TEAMS: HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE AGE YOUTH

Summer Stretch

OLP is in need of High School Youth Leaders for Summer Stretch during July. Summer Stretch is a Gospel centered approach to community service connecting churches of various denominations and youth organizations. Its purpose is to give incoming 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade youth a safe, healthy place where they can contribute to the community along with socializing with their peers.

OLP Youth Leaders will accompany Middle School Youth to service and social experiences.

Summer Stretch youth leaders need to be available for all Summer Stretch dates – July 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30 as well as for training Thursday, July 9th.

If you are interested in being a Youth Leader for Summer Stretch and are currently a junior or senior in high school, please contact Erica Riehm at eriehm@olpmn.org or 612-823-8253 ext. 202 for an application.

Prayers

To receive and pass on prayer requests, please call Dorothy at 729-9588.

Hospitality

Mar. 29 South Mpls. Meals on Wheels
Apr. 5 Palm Sunday • No Hospitality
Apr. 11 RCIA Reception

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to help decorate Our Lady of Peace church with Easter flowers, either as a gift or in memory of a loved one,



please return the forms with \$15 to the Parish office by Wednesday morning, April 8. Names of those remembered will be published in the bulletin.

Forms are available at the Church entrances or on-line at www.olpmn.org

Thank You

What a wonderful monetary donation and two large carts of paper goods and toiletries. All are needed and appreciated.

Thank you again and God Bless!

Our Lady of Good Counsel
Cancer Home

FAITH FORMATION

Vacation Bible Camp Youth Coordinating Team.

Dates Needed: Tuesday, June 16 –Friday June 26

This group of older teens is the life and spirit of our OLP Vacation Bible Camp. They make our Vacation Bible Camp experience unique and exciting for our young campers. They meet the week before for training, planning and decorating. During Vacation Bible Camp they assist the leaders; cheer on the kids and take major responsibility for this week and the field trips.

To become a part of this Team, approach Joy Biedrzycki and ask to apply. This year it is open to anyone who has had VBC experience; is involved in the life of the OLP community and is at least a Junior in High School in 2009-2010. Applications are being taken until the end of April – Check your calendar. 612-824-3455, ext 511 or email: jbiedrzycki@olpmn.org

JUSTICE & CHARITY

HELP FIGHT HUNGER DURING LENT

Last year, there were 2 million visits and 47 million pounds of food distributed at Minnesota's 300 food shelves. Each March, Minnesota FoodShare runs the largest food drive in the state and restocks food shelves across Minnesota. Each Weekend during Lent OLP has been collecting food for the Minnehaha food shelf. Next weekend, (March 28-29) we will be collecting Macaroni & Cheese and Spaghetti "O"s type foods. Please place your donations in the boxes at the entrances to the Church. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please bring your monetary donations to the parish office by March 30th or deposit them in the collection clearly indicating that they are for the Food Shelf.

Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and March 29, Bring Macaroni & Cheese and Spaghetti "O"s type foods.

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH 2009

Classics and Cocktails!

The Starry Starry Night Committee is very pleased to present the following communication from our very own Fr. Paul Treacy!

"Last year at Starry Starry Night, I had the privilege of being able to present several revolutionary ideas which I had for helping to bring our parish and school into the next century. With the hope of helping me to build relationships, wearing the Helmet Cam after mass and throughout the day, never quite took off. The mind-reading scanner glasses caused some slight brain damage for me, and the high speed bionic productivity enhancements and transporter technology allowing me and other staff to "beam" to important meetings and events both hit some stumbling blocks. This year, however, I have some even better ideas that will change, I think, our lives forever. Please join me at Starry Starry Night so that you can be a part of helping us secure Our Lady of Peace School's place in history. You will definitely want to be a part of this great evening!"

As you can see, Fr. Paul left us with many interesting memories – definitely in the category of things that made us go "Hmmm...". We are so pleased to have him back this year, so don't miss this opportunity to hear more from Fr. Paul and his enthusiastic 'outside the box' approach to moving our school into the future!

Visit our website: www.olpstarrynight.org. Please join us on April 25th!

Stewardship

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what ways is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

Week ending 3/23/2009

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Stewardship	\$5,410.04	\$7,962.10	(\$2,552.06)
Plate	379.86	519.23	(139.37)

TOTAL

	\$5,789.90	\$8,481.33	(\$2,691.43)
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Year to Date

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Stewardship/Holy Days	\$451,782.35	\$466,997.02	(\$15,214.67)
Plate	26,036.15	21,230.77	4,805.38

TOTAL

	\$477,818.50	\$488,227.79	(\$10,409.29)
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Year to Date

Memorials	6,435.00
Support A Student	6,903.03

Catholic Services Appeal

Collected to Date	% of Goal
\$20,274.00	46.87%
This time last year	
\$20,954.00	48.45%

Special Collections to

Food Shelf	830.00
Religious Retirement	2,032.00
Missionary Cooperation	8,081.95

2009 Pledge Updates

Thank you to all who have returned the commitment form.

"Power of the Hour" Stewardship

Returned	329
Pledged	\$414,519

"Securing Foundations"

Pledged	\$322,240
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If you need a new form, please contact the parish office at 612-824-3455 or for information on Power of an Hour, please visit our website at www.olpmn.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jer 31:31-34 / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

- 10:00 am Confirmation Retreat (P)
- 3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (C)
- 5:00 pm Mass - **Greg Smisek**
- 6:30 pm Confirmation Dinner (P)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- 9:00 am Mass - **OLP Parishioners**
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Sunday Nursery
- 11:00 am Mass - **Chimene Halfmann (ill)**
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Sunday Nursery
- 12:30 pm VBC Core Team Meeting with Hope Lutheran (OC)

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Jn 8:1-11

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Word & Communion Service - **OLP Parishioners**
- 7:00 pm Lenten Faith Sharing Group (OC)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Nm 21: 4-9 / Jn 8:21-30

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass - **Fr. Leo Huber †**
- 9:00 am Bible Study Acts of the Apostles (W)
- 3:00 pm Drama Club (P)
- 6:30 pm JustFAITH (W)
- 7:00 pm RICA (SPT)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Jn 8:31-42

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass - **OLP Parishioners**
- 8:45 am Women's Faith Sharing Group (W)
- 1:00 pm Communal Penance with School (C)
- 6:15 pm Deepening Our Faith Lenten Event (W)
- 6:30 pm Lent Communal Penance Service (C)
Starry Starry Night (ED)
- 7:00 pm Workers Interfaith Network follow-up
- 8:00 pm Adult Basketball (G)
- 8:30 pm Sunday Ensemble Rehearsal (C)

RUMMAGE SALE

The OLP Rummage Sale is BACK!! Mark your calendars for May 15th & 16th. As you complete your spring cleaning, save all those treasures and donate them to the OLP Rummage Sale. More details to come.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59

- 6:00 am Men's Faith Sharing (P)
- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass - **Brown Family**
- 9:30 am All School Mass (C)
Mothers & Others (W)
- 3:00 pm Drama Club (CBC)
- 7:00 pm Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles (W)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass - **Kenneth Kleve †**
- 8:45 am Fatima Rosary Prayer Group (C)
- 9:00 am Stations of the Cross (C)
- 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper (P)
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (C)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Mk 11:1-10 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1-15:47

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- 10:00 pm RCIA Retreat
- 3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (C)
- 5:00 pm Mass - **OLP Parishioners**
- 6:00 pm Sport Banquet (CBC)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

- Welcoming Sunday and New Parishioner Registration
- 9:00 am Mass - **Ed Komoroski †**
Sunday Nursery
- 11:00 am Mass - **OLP Parishioners**
Sunday Nursery

C =	Church
CB =	Classroom Building
CBC =	Classroom Building Cafeteria
D =	Discovery Room - Classroom Building
ED =	Extended Day Room
G =	Gymnasium
L =	Leo Room
M =	Media Center
N =	Nursery
OC =	Off Campus
P =	Pates Hall
SPT =	St. Peter/St. Paul Room
T =	Trinity Meeting Room
W =	Whalen Room

EASTER BULLETIN

The deadline for submitting articles for April 12, Easter Bulletin will be Thursday, April 2.