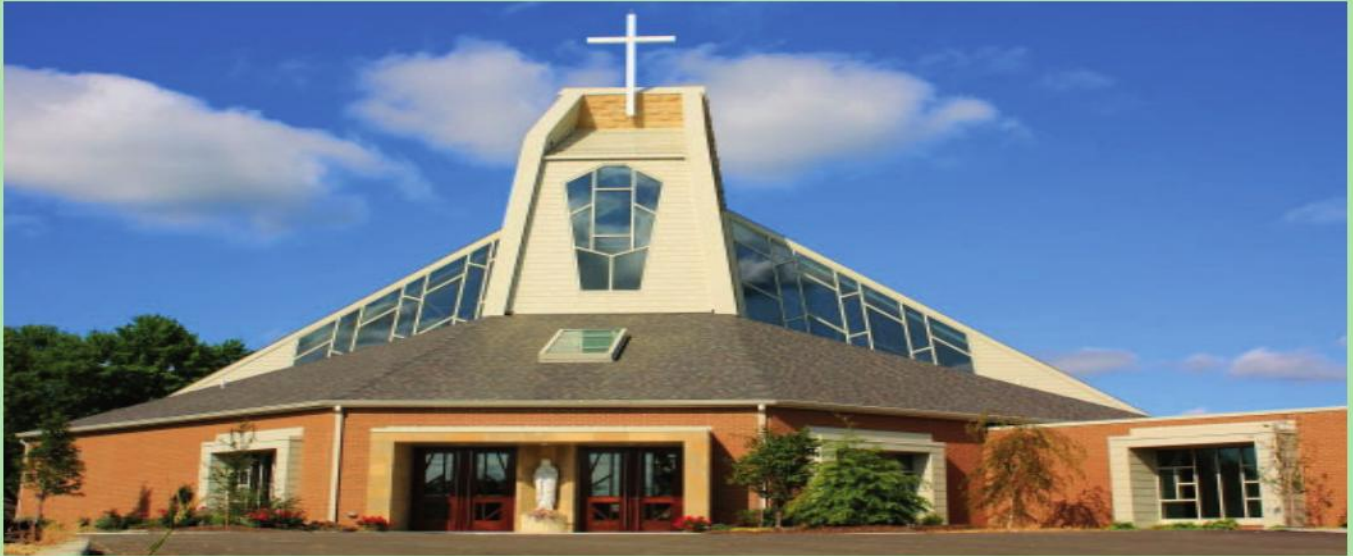


September 24, 2023 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways says the Lord.” - Isaiah 55:8



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Established ~ October 29, 2006

Rev. John P. Seabold—Pastor

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Elizabeth Miketo - Director of Parish Catechesis

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MASS SCHEDULE

Church

Saturday Vigil.....4:30pm

Sunday.....8:30am & 11:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday....9:00am
(Chapel)

Wednesday 6:30pm (Church)

Confessions

Saturday..... 3:30-4:00pm

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Roman Catholic family centered in the Eucharist, rooted in our immigrant traditions since the 1800s and devoted to our Blessed Mother. Humbly guided by the Holy Spirit, and with the warmth and hospitality that springs from a small community, we seek to share our faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, devotion, education, stewardship, and service to others.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm



*Masses
For The Week*

Monday, September 25 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Tuesday, September 26 (Chapel)

9:00am - Timothy Grealis

Wednesday, September 27 (Church)

6:30pm - George Banjoff - Family

Thursday, September 28 (Chapel)

9:00am - For those struggling with infertility - Ernie Walker

Friday, September 29 (Chapel)

9:00am - Kathryn Seabold - Family

Saturday, September 30

4:30pm - Kathleen O'Hearn - Ron O'Hearn

Sunday, October 1

8:30am - Paul Wakefield - Wanda DiVencenzo

11:00am - Helen Chappo - Linda & Keith Cardwell

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Chris Martin
Rosemarie Pierson
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Please call the Parish Office on (440) 926-2364 or email us at info@olqpgraffton.org to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

just to let you know

WELCOME! If you are interested in joining OLQP, please call the parish office at 440.926.2364 or go to our website at www.olqpgraffton.org. Registration forms are on our website and by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Monday

Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

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

Saturday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

For inclusion in a weekly bulletin, please submit all announcements to Joanna at jblaz@olqpgraffton.org by the following dates:

Sunday October 1 by 5:00pm Monday, September 25

Sunday October 8 by 5:00pm Monday, October 2

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

Last weekend we shared the exciting news that we have paid off the mortgage on the church which was dedicated in 2010. We were able to pay off the \$1.4 million mortgage almost 7 years early due to your generosity. Thank you! At the time of our loan, we were required by Westfield Bank to have money with them in a Money Market Account to secure the loan. We were able to pay down the loan until we were able to use the Money Market account to pay off the mortgage. There was no penalty for paying it off early nor did we use any of the funds collected from the current building campaign. This is such an amazing achievement! Your sacrifice to the parish shows a deep faith and commitment.

And equally impressive is the current Capital Campaign. We have gone above any other pledge drive we have had in the parish, whether it be the campaign for the church building or the campaign for the diocese. Although we did not reach our \$2.5 million dollar goal, the amount pledged thus far is impressive. We are still aiming for that goal, while at the same time working with the architect and Building Committee to make revisions to our plans so that we stay within our budget. We are also working closely with the Diocesan Facilities and Finance offices to make this next phase of the planned expansion a reality. Throughout this process, we will keep you updated on our plans and any key decisions made. With all of us doing our part, we hope to break ground sooner than previously expected. Thank you to everyone who made a pledge or donated toward the campaign. None of this would be possible without your support. If you have not yet joined your fellow parishioners in our campaign, it is not too late! Pledge cards are in the Gathering Area and any contributions, large or small, are equally appreciated.



And now that we have the church building paid off, we turn this week to how can we better worship in this building. Starting this Wednesday and for the next two weeks we are offering a video program from our diocese on the Mass. "*Forming our Liturgical Lives: The Meaning of Living out the Eucharist*" is the name of this program and focuses on how we can grow in our appreciation and participation of the Mass as well as live the Eucharist in our daily lives. We will be showing this video in the Gathering Area on **Wednesday, September 27 at 7pm, following the 6:30pm Mass.**

Also, this week the first gathering of those interested in becoming Catholic will be on **Monday, the 25th at 7pm in the hall.** Initially, these first sessions help you to see if this is where God is calling you. This year we are structuring the sessions to also assist those who are Catholic to draw closer to God. If you are seeking to become Catholic or wish to deepen your faith, please join us on Monday evening.

Classes begin this weekend for PSR and the sacramental programs of First Communion and Confirmation. Thank you to the teachers/catechists as well as the parents for your commitment to working to form our children in the ways of God. Please keep students and teachers in your prayers that this may be a fruitful, mind expanding year where the students are able to draw closer to God.

---Fr. John



SCRIPTURE STUDY

Thursday, September 28th is the second powerful lesson of "Philippians-Life in Christ" from the **FORMED LECTIO series.** Please meet with us at **7:00pm in the Parish Hall.** Session 2 will cover "Partnership in the Gospel" on page 19 of the study guide. Study guides are free, and available at the Church Office or at the Study. You do not need a computer to attend the sessions and you can join us at any time. Please contact Rick Gallaher at (440) 458-6335 for comments or assistance.

MASS COORDINATORS

We are in need of mass coordinators for all masses. It is a very rewarding ministry. A training session will be held in November. Date will be posted in our bulletin.

If you are interested and have questions please call Bonnie Scallon at (440) 309- 0094.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY PIG RAFFLE

Winning ticket to be drawn at the Holy Name Society Kielbasa Dinner on **Saturday November 11th**. Winner to be notified if not present.

1 ticket for \$10
3 tickets for \$25

Half a Pig to include:

Ham, Pork Chops,
Loin Roast, Boston Butt,
Picnic Roast, Spareribs,
Bacon, Sausage
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OUR LADY'S GUILD & HOLY NAME SOCIETY BINGO NIGHT!!

Wednesday - October 11

Hall opens at 6:00pm
Bingo begins at 6:30pm

50/50 / Pull -Tabs
Food & Drink Available



DO YOU KNOW?

How about deepening your understanding of the Eucharist as a part of the Eucharistic Revival? We are offering a 3-part series "*Forming our Liturgical Lives: The Meaning of Living out the Eucharist*." Beginning **Wednesday September 27** and for the following two Wednesdays (Oct 4 and 11) we will be showing a short video (less than 30 minutes) followed by a discussion on the meaning of the Mass. Bishop Michael Woost, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland in conjunction with the Worship office of the Diocese, brings this video series to parishes to renew us in our worship and in living out the divine life of Christ. We will be meeting in the **Gathering Area at 7:00pm, following 6:30pm Mass for one hour**. This one hour will enrich your life and your participation at Mass.

Twenty -Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Management Unfair

Notice any difference between the attitude of Paul in the second reading and that of the workers in the Matthew's Gospel? The workers grumble because the latecomers got the same pay as those who worked all day. Paul has worked for the Lord for years, yet he thinks it is better to keep working than to claim his reward of eternal life.

The workers grumbled because the landowner gave the same wages to the ones who only worked for an hour. (You can imagine the picket signs: Vinedressers Local on Strike: Management Unfair!) Sometimes we see this parable as an explanation for why sinners who repent on their deathbed can get to heaven. But Matthew was more likely referring to the Jews who had served God for centuries and now see newcomer Gentiles claiming equality in the church. They were complaining about God's generosity in reaching out to all peoples, not just the chosen few. God's generosity is the real point. Those who realize how blessed they are in being called to do God's work have no problem sharing that blessing with others. When we see how much God loves us, we naturally want to respond with love and service of our own. That is what the grumblers, both in the parable and in Matthew's church, were missing.

Contrast that with Paul, who loves the Philippianans so much that he is willing to put off his heavenly reward if he can help any more people come to Christ. Paul is more interested in their welfare than in his own reward. That is the attitude that Jesus hopes for in all his disciples. We can love him so much that we can't help but share that love with those around us. We can be so grateful for what he has done for us that we will suffer anything with joy. We can care more about bringing Jesus to others than we do about our own comfort or even our lives. We can do this because we know the Lord's ways are not fair—they are more generous than we can imagine!

--Tom Schmidt

PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY

Share your thoughts with Parish Council! There is a quick two question survey available in the Gathering Area for you to complete and **return by October 1**. You can also find the link on our website. Thank you for helping us make this community shine!



Register to Vote by October 10th

Our Catholic faith tells us that God places no condition on the value of human life from conception until natural death. Therefore, the Catholic Church cannot be silent when vulnerable women and preborn children are threatened by an amendment that...

- Puts women at risk by endangering medical and safety standards
 - Allows painful, late-term abortions by not setting any clear limits on abortion
- Threatens parental rights by challenging notification requirements when minors seek abortions or other reproductive interventions

Register to vote or update your information by October 10th at www.voteohio.gov

Jesus calls us to stand up for "the least of these" in our society, including preborn children and vulnerable women. Catholics must protect both women and children by **Voting No on Issue 1.**

HOLY NAME SOCIETY SOCK & UNDERWEAR DRIVE Sept 16/17 & 23/24

Bring your donations of new men's socks, underwear in any size for the homeless and needy or if you prefer cash donations to be used to purchase socks and underwear to Our Lady Queen of Peace. Proceeds of the Drive Recipient: Elyria Hospitality Center Sponsored by the Cleveland Diocesan Holy Name Society.

Order of Christian Initiation

RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic? If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr John or Elizabeth Miketo for information on the RCIA process. The Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults is a process of growing in awareness of God's call in one's life and the teachings of the Catholic Church which form one in responding to God's call.

FLU SHOTS



Pharmacist Jason Buga from Discount Drug Mart will be available to administer flu shots on **Sunday, October 1, 2023**. Two vaccines will be available: the standard, quadrivalent vaccine for individuals aged 7-64 years and the high-dose, quadrivalent vaccine for individuals aged 65 and older. Discount Drug Mart will attempt to bill the vaccine to insurance so please bring any current insurance information. The cost of the vaccines will be \$30 for the standard dose (ages 7-64) and \$70 for the high-dose (ages 65 and older). In an effort to maintain social distancing, vaccines will be administered in the Parish Hall on an appointment basis. Appointments will be available on Sunday, October 1st from 8:00am-12:30pm. Please reserve an appointment time on OLQP's website for your family and fill out an administration form and vaccination pre-screening form for each individual receiving a vaccine prior to your appointment. Administration forms and the pre-screening forms are available on the website to print or will be available in the hall at the time of your appointment. Call the office at 440-926-2364 if you need help scheduling your appointment. Walk-ins are welcome during this timeframe but please note that appointments are taken first so there may be a slight wait time. We will be located in the Parish hall next to the kitchen. Any questions or concerns, call Linda Wolfe at 440-387-3751 or email Jason Buga at jbuga@discountdrugmart.com.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday	Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
Wednesday	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
Thursday	Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr & Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
Friday	Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
Saturday	Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor

PET BLESSING



On **Monday, October 2nd** there will be a blessing of the animals at **6:30pm**. Please gather around the water feature near the front doors of the church. The pet blessing is for all animals, great and small! If your pet is not good in crowds, you may still come and pick up a prayer card and medal to take home for your pet.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN TRANSITION

O faithful God, as your people, we cherish our memories and our history as a sacred gift. We also ask you to guide us in our time of transition. We need your wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth. We need your grace to redirect our hearts that we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.

Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your spirit, nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit. Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel. Give us courage and renewed hope that we may meet the challenge of being the Church in our time. Amen

TOGETHER - 
LET US PRAY ...

PROTECT THEM BOTH PRAYER TO DEFEAT OHIO'S ABORTION AMENDMENT

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

OLQP CAR STICKERS

Are you looking for a way to let folks know you are a member of our church? How 'bout an "OLQP" vinyl car sticker? We have two sizes available - a 3-inch and a 5-inch. They are perfect for a window of your car, lunch boxes, laptops, tablets, lockers or wherever you want the world to know you are a parishioner at Our Lady Queen of Peace. The stickers are available this weekend in the Gathering Area after all masses. Take as many as you'd like, they are FREE!! Who knows...we may even get new members because of your sticker!



54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers at: www.pray54ohio.org



MORE PRAYING

The more praying there is in the world, the better the world will be; the mightier the forces against evil everywhere.
--E. M. Bounds



FAITH FORMATION / UPDATES

PSR begins today! We are excited and blessed to all of our Catechists, Volunteers, and Parents who make this a priority!

Thank you....

Sally Bansek
Lisa Belza
Lesley Bubb
Breanna Carden
Liz Carmel
Colleen Dawson
Chad DiFranco
Greg Dore

Joe Filipiak
Jacob Groboske
Jeanie Johnson
Nancy Johnson
Greg Rowe
Ken Shifferly
Elizabeth Street
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Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 24

Holy Name Society - Sock & Underwear Drive

9:35am-10:55am - PSR

Monday, September 25

7:00pm - RCIA

Tuesday, September 26

Wednesday, September 27

7:00pm - Living Out the Eucharist Series

Thursday, September 28

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00pm - Scripture Study

Friday, September 29

Saturday, September 30

Sunday, October 1

8:00am-12:30pm - Flu Shots

9:35am-10:55am - PSR



MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you love to sing and have fun? The Music Ministry is kicking off the 2023-2024 season!

The Music Ministry is a great way to:

- ◆ Worship God through song
- ◆ Serve the Parish Community
- ◆ Meet great people
- ◆ Have fun!

Practices are on **Monday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

For more information, call Deb at 440-865-9387

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY

October 1, 2023

Fr. Lucas Laniauskas

The First Friday Forum meets at the Spitzer Conference Center at Lorain County Community College on the 1st Friday of the month for lunch at 11:30am followed by a speaker at 12:00noon. We are finished and out the door at 1:00pm. Join Fr. John at OLQP's table of 8. Cost is \$23 per person and it would show our support to the Forum. Please call the office if you would like to reserve a place at the parish table. **Reservations are due Monday, October 2nd at 12:00noon.**



THANK-YOU for your generous support of OLQP and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, Sept 16/17:	\$8,884.61		
E-Giving:	\$4,290.20		
Total:	\$13,174.81	\$12,551.00	\$623.81
YTD:	\$145,996.76	\$150,612.00	(\$4,615.24)

SYMPATHY to the families of **Roberta Rahrig and Donald L. Wolf** who passed away recently.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.



Wedding Banns

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