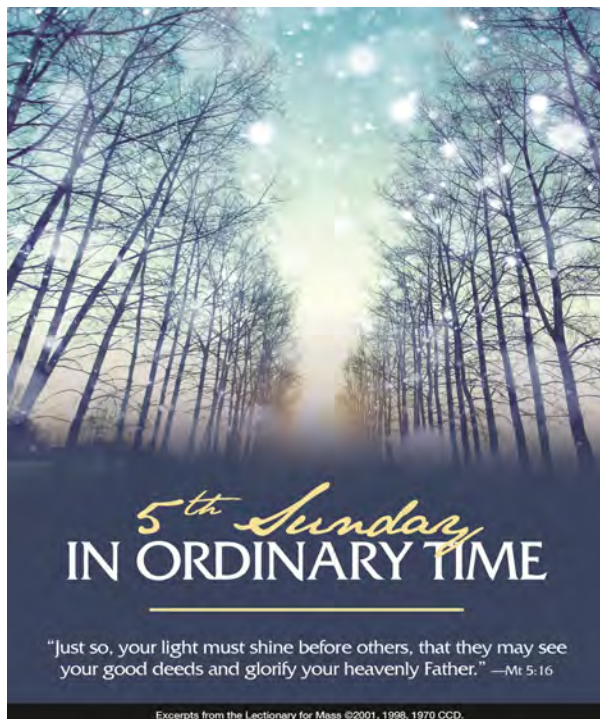


OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FEBRUARY 5, 2017—FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays & Saturdays: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Parish Office:..... 899-5342
Office of Lifelong Faith Formation: 899-6132
Sperry Hall: 898-3306
Pastor Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie
Pastoral Minister..... Donna Clark
Director of Lifelong Faith Formation Irene Lucas
Director of Liturgy and Music Brandon Vogt
Administrative Assistant Marsha MacKinnon McKinley
Youth Minister Geri Hadlock

The Week Ahead

Monday.....02/06	11:00 am	Meditation
	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	Pastoral Facilitator Meeting
Tuesday.....02/07	2:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 pm	Rel Ed Gr 3-6
	5:30 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Sister Parish Meeting
	7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
	8:00 pm	AA
Wednesday...02/08	6:30 pm	AGIFT Meeting
Thursday.....02/09	9:00 am	Painting Class
	2:30 pm	Meditation
	6:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
	6:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Centering Prayer
Friday.....02/10	1:30 pm	Legion of Mary
Saturday.....02/11	9:00 am	Prayer Shawl Meeting
	10:00 am	AA
	4:30 pm	Sacrament of Penance
	7:00 pm	Wine Social
Sunday.....02/12	9:30 am	Rel Ed K-2
	11:00 am	CLW
	12:00 pm	Rel Ed Gr 7 & 8

Pray For

Elizabeth Przybyszewski, mother of Fred Przybyszewski.
Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Prayer Line:



Call Donna Smicker at 899-9108 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

OR Gerri Extein at 899-6875 (4 p.m. -9 p.m.)

The **Hospital Visitor** this week is Donna Smicker.

Mass Intentions

Mon. 02/06	8:30 am	Chris Plonski—Barb Jones
Tues. 02/07	8:30 am	Lois Liebel—Liebel Family
Wed. 02/08	8:30 am	Fred Kerner
Thu. 02/09	8:30 am	
Fri. 02/10	8:30 am	
Sat. 02/11	8:30 am	Lewis Peters & Tom Ostrowski— Prayer Shawl
	6:00 pm	Jacqueline Holland—Bruce & Audrey Kazmaier
Sun. 02/12	8:30 am	For the People of Our Lady of Mercy
	11:00 am	Mary Ann Spiegel—Jim Spiegel

Religious Education

Question-of-the-Week Winner for the week of Jan. 24 was Leah Corey, grade 5, who knew that the first half of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Word.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting: There is a very important meeting for parents with children in the First Reconciliation class **TODAY, Sunday, February 5 at 9:45 a.m. in Sperry Hall.**

Ink Jet Fundraiser: Please donate used black or color ink jet cartridges to the Religious Education ministry. Your donation of used printer cartridges helps to support our ministry to the children of the parish. *Previously refilled and remanufactured cartridges can not be redeemed.*

OLM Parishioners:

We are happy to report that the Diocese recently awarded Raymond Galeza funds to attend the SEEK 2017 Conference held January 3-7, 2017 in San Antonio, TX. These funds are made available through the Catholic Foundation as the result of the generosity of the faithful people of the Diocese of Erie who contributed to the diocesan capital campaign and who regularly support the annual Catholic Education Collection.

Parish Alive: Feeling stressed, tired, like something is missing in your life? Want to come to know God and your parish family better? Need a mid-winter pick-me-up? Want to enter Lent with renewed energy? **Make a Parish Alive weekend 6:00 p.m. Friday, February 17 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, February 18.** Enjoy inspiring talks, rich prayer, great food and lots of laughter. Registration forms and more details can be found on the bulletin table and on the parish website. God is never out done in generosity. Give God 24 hours and just watch what you will receive in return. **Deadline to register is TODAY, Sunday, February 5.**

Want More for your Marriage? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend offers couples a chance to get away from distractions and reconnect with each other and their relationship. It's a chance to make a good marriage – GREAT! You will work on ways to communicate better with each other and grow in ways you never knew possible. The next weekend is March 24-26 in the Pittsburgh Area. Please visit www.yourmarriageisworthit.org to register or for more information.

Pastoral Council: Feeling called to do more for the community of Our Lady of Mercy? Consider nominating yourself for Pastoral council. Ballots will be available in the Gathering Space in March.

Food Pantry Board Rep Needed: The Ella Cochran Food Pantry has an ecumenical board that meets quarterly. The board members communicate with the member churches and help to organize food and supply drives and be liaisons to the community. After three years of service Teresa Shamburg is stepping down. Interested? Contact Donna Clark in the parish office.

Annual Contribution Statements: Annual contribution statements are available. Please call the parish office at 899-5342 to request your statement. Faith Direct users please go to www.FaithDirect.net for a contribution statement.

Reflections: Matthew 5:13-16



*“ You are the salt of the earth...
You are the light of the world.”*

As a flavoring for food, salt is not an end in itself. Use too much salt and the meal is ruined! Rather, salt brings out the flavor or ordinary dishes without bringing too much notice to itself.

Light is somewhat like salt in that it doesn't exist for its own sake. Light gives warmth, and it illuminates a room so we can work or read. Like salt, light is at the service of a good greater than itself. Salt and light are forgotten when they are used in the right way, calling no more attention to themselves once they season and brighten.

So when Jesus calls us “salt” and “light,” he expects us to make a difference in the world around us—not for the sake of our own notoriety but for the kingdom of heaven and the glory of God.

When we say that followers of Jesus are “salty” and “bright,” we don't necessarily mean that Christians must all have extroverted, sparkling personalities in order to make a difference. If we are poor in spirit, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers, and hungry for righteousness, then we will have what it takes to season society and brighten the world.

Reflection: This week how does the Gospel invite me to quietly make a difference in someone's life?

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Wine Social: All are invited to a parish social next Saturday, February 11 immediately after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Bring a bottle of wine to share, a snack and join us in Sperry Hall for a pre-Valentine's Day celebration. Spend time with the parish community you love and meet new members of our parish family. Stay as long as you like.



Natural Healing Workshop: Understand how our beliefs and behaviors affect our bodies and our health. This healing workshop on Saturday, February 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will give us a basic understanding of chakras, energy healing and the parallels to our call to discipleship and imitation of Christ. Pre-registration requested along with a \$15 donation for materials. Contact Donna Clark. Class size limited.

Mardi Gras: Our parish Mardi Gras/Chili Cook Off will be held on Sunday, February 26. We need donations of **NEW** items for our Chinese Auction. If you received any unwanted gifts this Christmas, please consider donating them to our Mardi Gras. Donations for the Chinese Auction can be brought to the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation. Sign up sheets will appear in the Gathering Space next weekend. Get your Chili/Soup Cook-Off team together and add your name to the list. If you are not a cook, please sign up for one of the various areas that make our Mardi Gras such a success.



OLM Book Group: Join us on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 at the home of Barb Schlosser 3933 Leprechaun Lane to discuss The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant. Winter is the perfect season to cuddle up with a great book before the fire or in PJs under the covers. And a book group with great ladies is a perfect excuse to get out of the house on these cold, dark winter nights. Want to read ahead? Our March title will be A Gentleman In Moscow by Amor Towles.

Freezer Update: We have now raised \$25,025 for the freezer project; only a few thousand to go! Take a look out behind the garage from Sperry Hall and see the freezer with the beams in place for the roof and walls to protect it. John Madigan and his team have done some impressive work to make this dream a reality.

Grief Support Group: On Monday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. the monthly grief support group meets at Our Lady of Mercy Church on Bartlett Rd. This group meets every third Monday of the month. You can also receive an encouraging email message every day for a year. Sign up at Griefshare.org. For more information contact Donna Clark at 899-5342 or dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

Craft Day Committee Looking for Members: If you would be interested in helping to plan our Craft Days at OLM, please contact Teresa Shamburg at 897-8622 or shamtacc@roadrunner.com.

Men's Night Out: Please join us for Men's Night Out on Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m. in Sperry Hall. We will start with pizza, wings and refreshments followed by the presentation at 7:00 p.m. The talk will be given by our very own Joe Tarquinio and men who are involved with The Maria House Project. It promises to be a very insightful look into the transformation that takes place when we “let go and let God.” Please call the parish office at 899-5342 with your reservation; you can also e-mail me at knoyle@yahoo.com. I hope to join you in celebrating success through faith! Tim Fuhrman

Ministry signup sheets are being distributed to coordinators this week. **If you are not contacted in the next two weeks, especially if you are new to a ministry, please call Donna Clark in the parish office at 899-5342.**

Weekly Readings

Mon...02/06... Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
 Tue....02/07...Gn 1:20- 2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
 Wed...02/08...Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
 Thu....02/09...Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
 Fri..... 02/10...Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
 Sat.....02/11...Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
 Sun....02/12...Sir 15:15-20/Mt 5:17-37

Weekly Collection

For the weekend of January 29, 2017

Envelopes Sent: 470
 Envelopes Returned: 109 \$3,838.00
 Faith Direct Deposits: 100 \$2,787.50
 Loose Change: \$275.00
 TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$6,900.50

\$7,136 is needed weekly to meet Regular Operating Expenses.
 This does not include CSA or Mortgage Payment.