

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MARCH 12, 2017—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

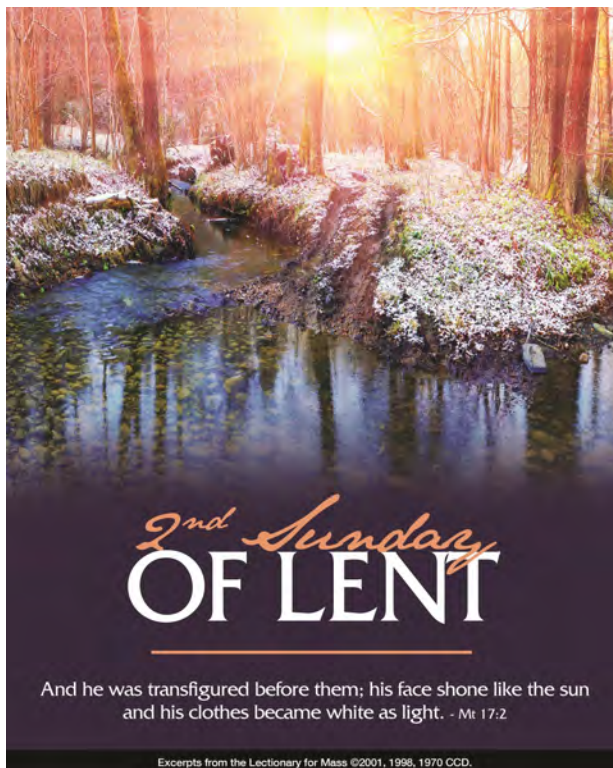
Mass Schedule

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 FormationIrene Lucas
Director of Liturgy and Music.....Brandon Vogt
Administrative Assistant.....Marsha MacKinnon McKinley
Youth Minister.....Geri Hadlock



The Week Ahead

Monday.....03/13	11:00 am	Meditation
	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
	6:30 pm	Fruit of the Vine
	7:00 pm	OLM Book Group
Tuesday.....03/14	2:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 pm	Rel Ed Gr 3-6
	5:30 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Ballroom Dance Class
	7:30 pm	AA
Wednesday...03/15	Food Pantry Distribution	
	5:30 pm	Mass
	6:15 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Presentation
Thursday.....03/16	9:00 am	Painting Class
	1:30 pm	Meditation
	6:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
	6:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday.....03/17	1:30 pm	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday.....03/18	10:00 am	AA
	4:30 pm	Sacrament of Penance
Sunday.....03/19	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
	9:30 am	Sunday CAFE
	9:30 am	Healing Ministry
	9:30 am	Rel Ed K-2
	11:00 am	CLW
	12:00 pm	Rel Ed Gr 7 & 8
	12:00 pm	Baptismal Prep Session

Pray For...

Kenneth Miller, husband of Phyllis Miller.

Please keep him and his 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 Geri Gallagher.

Mass Intentions

Mon. 03/13	8:30 am	Marie Ritchie
Tues. 03/14	8:30 am	
Wed. 03/15	8:30 am	Richard Henry—Candy Henry
	5:30 pm	Kay Ray
Thu. 03/16	8:30 am	
Fri. 03/17	8:30 am	David Ross—Linda Ross
Sat. 03/18	8:30 am	Anthony & Catherine Ann Sonbera
	6:00 pm	Bill Bebko—Dave & Helen Behringer
Sun. 03/19	8:30 am	George Ritchie
	11:00 am	For the People of Our Lady of Mercy

Religious Education

Question-of-the-Week Winner for the week of Feb. 28 was, Haley D'Angelo, grade 3, who knew that Catholics do not eat meat on Ash Wednesday or any Friday in Lent.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting: There will be a very important parent meeting for families with children preparing to celebrate First Eucharist at OLM in May. **The meeting will be held TODAY, Sunday, March 12 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.



Lenten Pastus Series: Our Lenten Pastus will continue on **Wednesday, March 15 with 5:30 p.m. Eucharist, 6:15 p.m. homemade soup supper (bring bread to share) and 7:00 p.m. presentation.** Our second speaker will be Sr. Michele Schroeck, RSM who will reflect on the Beatitude "Blessed Are the Merciful." During Lent, we are invited to accept the merciful love of God which heals and transforms us into blessings of mercy for others. Sr. Michele will break open our vocation to be bearers of Divine Mercy to a hurting world.

Sunday Morning *C*A*F*E*: Our final Sunday morning **CAFÉ of the season will be next Sunday, March 19 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Sperry Hall.** Jayne Suess will share the story of her cousin, Fr. Stanley Rother, who is being beatified by Pope Francis, the final step before being canonized a saint. Join us for an interesting presentation as we share fresh baked treats and great fellowship.

Parish Mission: Our annual parish mission is in two short weeks. Fr. Tom Hartle, OFM, a native of the Erie Diocese, will present this year's Parish Mission. Fr. Hartle will inspire us to grow in our love for God as we surrender all we are and have in trust to a Love beyond understanding. **Join us Sunday, March 26-Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. for an inspiring presentation in the context of prayer.** Whether you can attend all three evenings or only 1 night, make this Parish Mission a part of your Lenten journey.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: Are you an unbaptized adult who would like to learn more about the Christian faith? Have you been thinking about the possibility of joining the Catholic Church but need more information? Inquiry Sessions have begun for those who want to explore the Catholic Christian faith. To learn more, contact Irene Lucas at 899-6132 or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org. **Our next Inquiry Session will be Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

Reflections:
Matthew 17:1-9



Obedient and faithful to the Lord's call, Abram put his trust in God. Leaving his homeland and family, Abram "went as the Lord directed him." Abram thus showed himself to be a true son of God, and his name was changed to "Abraham" to signify this new relationship.

Paul told his beloved "son" Timothy to bear his "share of the hardship which the gospel entails." Paul reminds us that baptism calls us to a new life of fidelity, which demands sacrifice and conformity to the gospel message.

In the transfiguration, Jesus revealed what "sonship" was all about. On a mountaintop Jesus was seen as the "new Moses" who faithfully fulfilled God's commands. Out of the cloud, God again confirmed Jesus as the "beloved Son" to whom all must listen. When we listen to Jesus we learn that we can't stay on the mountaintop. If we want to reach the Promised Land, we must return to the world to be faithful to the gospel of Christ. When Jesus came down from the mountain, he began his final journey to the cross.

Reflection: *Do I truly believe that I am a son or daughter of God? In what ways do I need to listen to Jesus this Lent?*

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Pastoral Council Seeking New Members: Please continue your prayers for Pastoral Council Nominations. Consider nominating yourself or someone else who can help to create spiritual goals for our parish community. Council Nominees attend an informational meeting about pastoral council responsibilities and are invited into a process of discernment to decide if this is a ministry to which they are called to serve. Contact Donna Clark with questions.

OLM Book Group: Join us on **March 13 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Marilyn Garwig 1320 Boyer Rd. to discuss A Gentleman In Moscow by Amor Towles. Please note that this is a Monday in order not to overlap with our Lenten Pastus. On April 19, we will meet at the home of Irene Lucas to discuss The Silver Linings Playbook by Matthew Quick.

Baptismal Preparation Session: The next Baptismal Preparation Session to be held at OLM will be next Sunday, **March 19 at 12:15 p.m.** This session is required for all parents desiring to celebrate Baptism with their child. There will not be another scheduled session at OLM until the autumn. If you are expecting to celebrate this Sacrament with your child between April and September, you may want to register for this session. **To register, contact the Parish Office at 899-5342.**

Reminder to Families with Youth: Next Sunday, **March 19 is the day permission slips are due for the 24 Hour Food Fast.** Permission slips can be found on the parish website along with the information flyer. If you have any questions please contact Geri Hadlock.

OLM Craft Day on March 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Bring your own crafts to work on or sign up for a class. We are offering a painting class in the AM and a Garden Stepping Stone class in the PM. Class sign-up is in the Gathering Space or call Teresa Shamburg at 897-8622. Lunch, coffee, tea and water will be provided. Please bring a snack to share.

Divorce & Separated Ministry: A monthly support group will start soon. If you are interested, please contact Donna Clark so we can gather information to set a day and time.

Meditation Opportunities (New Day Added): Mondays at 11 a.m. March 13, 20 and 27. Tuesdays (**new day**) at 12:30 p.m. (ongoing). Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. (ongoing) and Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. (Normally the second Thursday of the month but moved because of Holy Thursday.)

Grief Support Available: The Grief Support group will meet on Monday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. You are not alone in experiencing the challenges of grief. Prayer is part of each session.

Ladies of the Parish: Please come and join us for a faith filled weekend through the Women's Cursillo on April 20-23 at Our Lady of Mercy. Come and enrich your faith. It's also a great way to enhance your Lenten season. **For more information and applications, contact Tim and Norma Lynch at 899-2681.**

Holy Hours for Vocations at St. Peter Cathedral

During Lent: Holy hours will be held on Mondays following the 5:15 p.m. daily Mass from 6 to 7 p.m. On **March 13, 20, 27 and April 3.** Participants will ask Jesus to give courage to young men and women called to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women.

Weekly Readings

- Mon...03/13...Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
- Tue...03/14...Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
- Wed...03/15...Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
- Thu...03/16...Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
- Fri.....03/17...Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Sat....03/18...Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sun...03/19...Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

Weekly Collection

For the weekend of March 5, 2017

Envelopes Sent:	470
Envelopes Returned:	122 \$4,596.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	100 \$2,787.50
Loose Change:	\$130.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:	\$7,513.50

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

Join us

Sunday, March. 19

from 9:45-10:45

@ the OLM



CAFÉ

Continuing Adult Faith Enrichment

Jayne Suess

Fr. Stanley Rother, Martyr of Oklahoma:

Fr. Stanley Rother, cousin of Jayne Suess, is being beatified by Pope Francis. This is the final step before canonization as a saint in the Catholic Church. Jayne Suess will share his inspiring story and the process leading to canonization.

OUR LADY OF MERCY CRAFT DAY



*Bring your unfinished craft or learn a new one.
Spend the day with other crafters as you work on your project.
Please bring your friends!*

When: Saturday, March 25, 2017

Where: Our Lady of Mercy's Sperry Hall

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

What to bring: Your craft supplies and a snack to share. A soup and salad lunch will be provided. We will also have coffee, tea and water. We will conduct a class in the morning and a class in the afternoon. If you are interested in one or both classes, please sign up for the class by sending an email to Teresa Shamburg at shamtacc@roadrunner.com or by signing up in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please call Teresa at 897-8622.



9:30 a.m. Class: Acrylic on Canvas \$15.00 (Class size limited to 10)

12:30 p.m. Class: Garden Stepping Stone \$15.00

(The fee is for the craft supplies.)

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED

We will also have people who would be willing to help you with knitting, crocheting and scrapbooking. If you plan to take advantage of the classes, please pre-register by completing the registration form below and email or call the above contact by **Sunday, March 19**. It is important to pre-register for the classes so we have enough materials and tables set-up. If you would just like to see what it is all about, just stop by during the day. We hope to see you there! Bring your friends!

Registration Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Class or Classes interested in attending: _____
