

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: **6:00 p.m.**

Sunday: **8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

Weekday: **8:30 a.m.**

Holy Day of Obligation: **8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie, *Pastor*

Donna Clark, *Pastoral Minister*

Irene Lucas, *Director of Lifelong Faith Formation*

Brandon Vogt, *Director of Liturgy & Music*

Marsha MacKinnon McKinley, *Admin. Assistant*

Geri Hadlock, *Youth Minister*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

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April 30, 2017



MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Eucharistic, Catholic Christian Community of Communities
formed by the Word of God and the teachings of the Church.*

*We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the values of Jesus Christ
in a prayerful, welcoming and nurturing environment.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit

ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar

Monday 5/01

- 11:00 a.m. Meditation (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Q & A with the Pastor (Conference Room)

Tuesday 5/02

- 12:30 p.m. Meditation (Chapel)
2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl (Conference Room)
4:00 p.m. Religious Education (Grades 3-6)
5:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday 5/03

- 6:00 p.m. Small Christian Communities Prayer & Potluck (Sperry Hall)

Thursday 5/04

- 9:00 a.m. Painting Class (Sperry Hall)
1:30 p.m. Meditation (Chapel)
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl (Conference Room)
6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
7:00 p.m. Divorced & Separated Support Group (Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus (Sperry Hall)

Friday 5/05

- 1:30 p.m. Legion of Mary (Library)

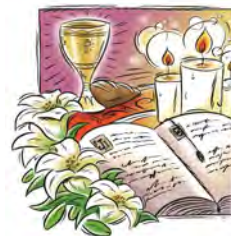
Saturday 5/06

- First Eucharist Practice
4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation Room)

Sunday 5/07 Food Pantry Collection Casserole Club Drop Off

- First Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Healing Ministry

MASS INTENTIONS & SCRIPTURE READINGS



Monday 5/01.....Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m.

Acts 6:8-15

Psalm 90

Matthew 13:54-58

Tuesday 5/02.....Saint Athanasius

8:30 a.m. Msgr. G. Carlton Ritchie

Acts 7:51—8:1a

Psalm 89

John 6:30-35

Wednesday 5/03.....Saints Philip & James

8:30 a.m. Mary Louise Lombardo—Barb Jones

1 Car 15:1-8

Psalm 66

John 14:6-14

Thursday 5/04.....National Day of Prayer

8:30 a.m.

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 66

John 6:44-51

Friday 5/05.....Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Rod Haynes—Sue Haynes

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 117

John 6:52-59

Saturday 5/06.....Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. Patricia Roth—Mike & Denise Roth

Acts 9:31-42

Psalm 116

John 6:60-69

Sunday 5/07.....Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Theresa Zurawski—Sadie Konkel

11:00 a.m. For the People of Our Lady of Mercy

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 23

John 10:1-10



PRAYER LINE

9 a.m.—4 p.m. /Call **Donna Smicker** at 899-91089

4 p.m.—9 p.m. /Call **Gerri Extein** at 899-6875

Hospital Visitor for the week: Donna Smicker

A Parishioner in Lawrence Park would like a ride to either Sunday Mass once a month, can you help? Contact Donna Clark.

Hearing assisted devices are available for those who have difficulty hearing at Mass. Contact Donna Clark.

REFLECTIONS

Luke 24:13-35



On the Sunday of the resurrection, two disciples make a sad journey. They had hoped that Jesus would be the one to set them free. Suddenly the risen Christ appears in their midst, but they fail to recognize him. As they share their broken dreams with the "stranger," he opens their minds to the Scriptures. It was necessary that the Messiah suffer and die so as to enter glory. "Stay with us!" they plead. At table, their hearts and minds are opened, and they recognize the risen Christ. He continues to be present in the breaking of the word and Eucharist and in our broken brothers and sisters.

On Pentecost, the disciples no longer hide in fear. God's Spirit is poured forth on all flesh. Sons and daughters joyfully proclaim God's mighty words and deeds. Young and old dare to dream. God is faithful and has delivered us from a futile way of life. As sojourners on a journey, God shows us the path to life. Our faith and hope is centered on Jesus' dying and rising to glory. If God has done this for Jesus, we can have confidence that we will live in God's presence forever!

For Reflection: Am I able to hear Jesus speak in the proclamation of the word? Do I recognize him in the breaking of the bread?

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Counseling Help Available

Individual and family counseling will be available from an experienced professional counselor. This parishioner will offer her gifts to Our Lady of Mercy faith community in a professional, respectful, and compassionate environment. The counselor will offer three meetings with each person. If four or more sessions are needed then we ask that a person make a small love donation to the church. Counseling meetings are at the church, in a confidential setting. **To schedule an appointment, contact Donna Clark at 899-5342.**

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of April 24, 2017

A report for this weekend will not be available until the next published bulletin.

FAITH FORMATION

Question-of-the-Week Winner

The winner for the week of April 17 was Monty Vero, grade 4, who knew that at Mass, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus.

First Eucharist Practice

First Eucharist Practice is Saturday, May 6.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you an un-baptized 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.

Rice Bowls

Reminder to all families to return your Rice Bowl to the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation or your child's religious education class by the final day of religious education classes.

Question & Answer With The Pastor

Join us for a casual conversation with Fr. Ritchie around your questions about the Catholic faith on **Monday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.** Enjoy light snacks, a friendly environment and the opportunity to have your questions answered. Bring a friend along.

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.

A Cursillo Invitation for Men

Do you want a deeper more intimate relationship with Christ? Then Cursillo could be for you. Please visit the Cursillo website at www.eriecursillo.org or contact Tim and Norma Lynch, parish coordinators, at 899-2681. **The next Men's Cursillo is May 18-21 at Our Lady of Mercy Church.**

Cursillo Coordinator Needed

Are you on fire with your faith and seeking a great ministry to share your talents? We are currently looking for someone to fill the open Cursillo Coordinator position within our parish. This ministry is extremely rewarding. If interested, please contact the parish office to learn more.

MINISTRY

Mission Statement of the Stewardship Committee

To create an environment of welcome and gratitude in which parishioners discover their God given strengths and through gratefulness give back to God by sharing their strengths.

Divorced & Separated Support Group

This group meets on Thursday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. There will be a discussion around issues faced during a separation or divorce followed by a closing prayer. Interested but can't make this time? Contact Donna Clark in the parish office. One-on-one supportive conversation also available.

Healing Workshop

Learn how our thoughts and behaviors affect our bodies and our health. This healing workshop on **Saturday, May 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** will give us; a basic understanding of the body's energy centers, how the use of affirmations can improve our health and insight into our call to discipleship and imitation of Christ. Pre-registration requested along with a \$15 donation for materials. Contact Donna Clark. Class size limited.

Nursery Ministry

A nursery room is available during all Masses. Currently the 11:00 Mass has a rotating schedule of parents who take turns watching each other's children. For more information please contact Donna Clark.

Women's Luncheon

Monday, May 8 at 1:00 p.m. at Bootleggers. For women who live alone and would like to share in some laughter.

EVENTS

OLM Book Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17 at the home of Sue Haynes on Bartlett Rd. to discuss Silver Linings Playbook by Matthew Quick. Our June title will be A Girl Named Zippy by Haven Kimmel.

K of C Golf & Sports Raffle

The Knights of Columbus hope parishioners and friends can attend our **24th Annual Golf & Sports Raffle on Friday, May 12 from 6-11 p.m.** Your involvement in the past has produced very successful results. **Tickets are available in the Gathering Space after weekend Masses through May 7.** If you can help out at the event, please sign-up. There are two shifts: 6-8:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m. If you wish to buy or sell tickets, they are available in the parish office. **Please return sold and unsold tickets to any Knight or to the parish office by May 10.** We thank you for your support.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



There is no better time than the Easter season to celebrate the protection of one of our most valuable gifts from God - our children. According to Scripture and Catholic teachings we are called to protect the life and dignity of all human persons, no matter how young or old. Child abuse remains a national problem and working to prevent this abuse is an important response to what we are called to do as Church. **To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>.**

Diocesan Policies Regarding Child Protection

The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to on-going screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. It is committed to the yearly inservicing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environment. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>. For more information, contact Mrs. Karen Streett, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.

Diocesan Code of Conduct

The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The privilege is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The responsibility is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct, which can be accessed at http://www.eriercd.org/pdf/code_of_conduct.pdf. The code is included in the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to <http://www.eriercd.org/pdf/protectionpolicy.pdf>. For more information; contact Mrs. Karen Streett, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.



You Are Living Stones....

The Core Team happily invites you to the Annual
**SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES'
PRAYER & POTLUCK DINNER**

For All Small Christian Communities, and those interested in communities

Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

At Our Lady of Mercy Church

6:00 p.m. Prayer in the Worship Space

6:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner in Sperry Hall

Have a chance to greet or even meet members of other communities!



Come view each Community's decorated stone!



Bring a dish to share! (Meat and drink provided by the parish.)



Bring a non-perishable food item for the Ella Cochran Food Pantry.



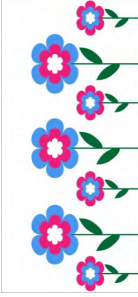





**Please Remember to Bring Any
Community Member Who Doesn't Drive!**



May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Stephany Licata-17 Josie Hicks-11 	2 Jack Murphy-16	3 Bailey Festa-14	4 Colton Wuerstle-8	5 Gavin Matrogran-17 Michael Royer-18	6 Charley Hamilton-4 Liam Marshall-8
7 Lucas Wright-10	8 Isabella McKeel-7	9 	10 Jordyn Nowak-13 Maddox Vaughn-7	11 Frank Mazzarese-8	12 Bobby Shotts-16	13
14 Emily Reilly-17 Caroline Weber-13 Isla Van Ord-2	15 Nicholas Thompson-15	16 Hunter Oler-12	17	18 	19	20 Robert Goodman-16
21 Emma McKeel-14	22	23 Landon Ford-9 Rachel D'Angelo-15	24	25 	26	27 Jonah Shumaker-18 Milo Hamilton-6
28 	29 Zach Szlenski-14 Lydia Szlenski-14 Corynne Williamson-16	30	31 Joey Moreno-16			

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:30 & 11:00 AM <u>MASS</u> 9:30 AM Council Nominee Meeting 9:30 AM Rel Ed K-2 11:00 AM CLW 12:00 PM Sundae Sunday Family Event	1 8:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Meditation 7:00 PM Q & A with the Pastor	2 8:30 AM Mass 12:30 PM Meditation 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 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting 7:30 PM AA	3 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Prayer & Potluck - SCC Large Gathering	4 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 1:30 PM Meditation 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Divorced & Separated Support Group - Parlor 7:00 PM K of C	5 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	6 First Eucharist Practice 8:30 AM <u>MASS</u> 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM First Eucharist 6:00 PM <u>MASS</u>
7 8:30 & 11:00 AM <u>MASS</u> Casserole Club DROP OFF First Eucharist Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 12:00 PM Cub Scouts	8 8:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Meditation 4:00 PM Food Pantry Board	9 8:30 AM Mass 12:30 PM Meditation 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 7:00 PM Council Nominee Meeting 7:30 PM AA	10 8:30 AM Mass 3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds Mtg. 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting	11 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 1:30 PM Meditation 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Centering Prayer	12 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM K of C Golf Raffle	13 8:30 AM <u>MASS</u> 9:00 AM Healing Workshop 10:00 AM AA 10:00 AM Funeral - Maille 11:30 AM Baptism - Laskey 1:00 PM Beckes Wedding 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM <u>MASS</u>
14 8:30 & 11:00 AM <u>MASS</u> Mother's Day 11:00 AM CLW	15 8:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Meditation 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	16 8:30 AM Mass 12:30 PM Meditation 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 5:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Ballroom Dance Class 7:00 PM Core Team Mtg. 7:00 PM LFF Mtg. 7:30 PM AA	17 Cursillo (Set-Up) 8:30 AM <u>FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION</u> 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	18 CURSILLO (mens) 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 1:30 PM Meditation 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	19 CURSILLO (mens) 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	20 CURSILLO (mens) 8:30 AM <u>MASS</u> 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM <u>MASS</u>
21 8:30 & 11:00 AM <u>MASS</u> CURSILLO (mens) 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 11:00 AM CLW	22 8:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Meditation 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine (SCC)	23 8:30 AM Mass 12:30 PM Meditation 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 5:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Ballroom Dance Class 7:30 PM AA	24 8:30 AM Mass	25 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 1:30 PM Meditation 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Tech Committee Meeting	26 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	27 8:30 AM <u>MASS</u> 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM <u>MASS</u>
28 8:30 & 11:00 AM <u>MASS</u> Baptism - Drotar 11:00 AM CLW	29 Memorial Day 8:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM No Meditation	30 8:30 AM Mass 12:30 PM Meditation 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 5:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Ballroom Dance Class 7:30 PM AA	31 OLM Rummage Sale - Gym 8:30 AM Mass 9:15 AM Scripture Study on the Holy Spirit	1 OLM Rummage Sale - Gym 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Meditation 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM K of C	2 OLM Rummage Sale - Gym Special Event - Hall Booked 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	3 OLM Rummage Sale - Gym Special Event - Hall Booked 8:30 AM <u>MASS</u> 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM <u>MASS</u>

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