

# 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*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

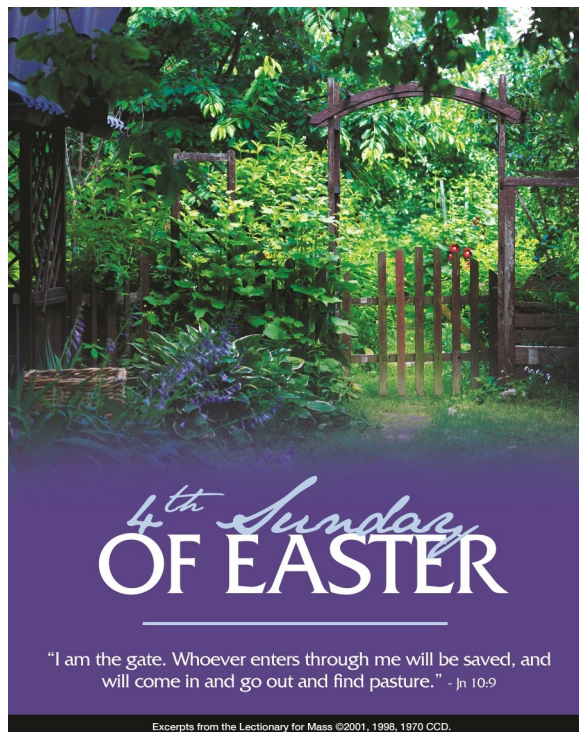
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**May 7, 2017**



## 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](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

### Monday 5/08

11:00 a.m. Meditation (Chapel)  
4:00 p.m. Food Pantry Board Meeting

### Tuesday 5/09

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. Finance Council  
7:00 p.m. Council Nominee Meeting

### Wednesday 5/10

3:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Meeting  
6:30 p.m. AGIFT Meeting

### Thursday 5/11

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. Centering Prayer (Mary's Chapel)

### Friday 5/12

1:30 p.m. Legion of Mary (Library)  
6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Golf Raffle (Sperry Hall & Gym)

### Saturday 5/13

9:00 a.m. Healing Workshop (Sperry Hall)  
4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation Room)

## MASS INTENTIONS



Monday 5/08.....Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Eleanor Boris—Extein Family

Tuesday 5/09.....Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Sam Garwig—Liana Pasquale

Wednesday 5/10.....Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. David Ross—Linda Ross

Thursday 5/11.....Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m.

Friday 5/12.....Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Margaret Ritchie

Saturday 5/13.....Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. For All Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday 5/14.....Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. For All Mothers Living & Deceased

11:00 a.m. For All Mothers Living & Deceased

**Reminder from the OLM Parish Office:** All content for any bulletin is due 10 days before the bulletin date.

**Due to the Memorial Day Holiday,** the parish office will be closed on Monday, May 29.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday 5/08

Acts 11:1-18      Psalm 42      John 10:11-1

### Tuesday 5/09

Acts 11:19-26      Psalm 87      John 10:22-30

### Wednesday 5/10

Acts 12:24—13:5a      Psalm 67      John 12:44-50

### Thursday 5/11

Acts 13:13-25      Psalm 89      John 13:16-20

### Friday 5/12

Acts 13:26-33      Psalm 2      John 14:1-6

### Saturday 5/13

Acts 13:44-52      Psalm 98      John 14:7-14

### Sunday 5/14



Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 33

## IN LOVING MEMORY

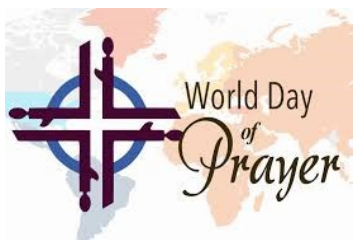
We remember John Reilly. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

## 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 Visitors for the week: Tom & Linda Bleil



## World Day of Prayer & Holy Hour for Vocations on May 7

A holy hour for vocations, sponsored by the Diocesan Vocation Office, is scheduled for **Sunday, May 7. The holy hour will be held at St. Peter Cathedral in downtown Erie at 4 p.m.** Father Jamie Power, parochial vicar at St. George Parish, will be the homilist.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEEDED --- SUMMER HELP

Our Lady of Mercy is looking for a young man, high school or college, that would be interested in working at Our Lady of Mercy this summer. The job includes lawn care and summer maintenance. If you are interested or have questions, please, contact Fr. Ritchie.

### Newsletter Mailing Party

Help us on **Tuesday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m.** to prepare the May issue of *For Mercy Sake* for the mail.

### CSA 2017 AND FAITH DIRECT

If you indicated you would use electronic payments in Faith Direct for your CSA, please sign into your Faith Direct account and initiate the payments. If making a non-electronic payment, clearly indicate on the envelope CSA 2017 payment.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

*Offertory for the weekend of April 23, 2017*

Envelopes sent:	470
Envelopes returned:	111 <b>\$3,696.90</b>
Faith Direct Deposits:	103 <b>\$2,813.00</b>
Loose Change:	<b>\$ 175.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>	<b>\$6,684.90</b>

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

*Offertory for the weekend of April 30, 2017*

Envelopes sent:	470
Envelopes returned:	115 <b>\$4,140.00</b>
Faith Direct Deposits:	103 <b>\$2,813.00</b>
Loose Change:	<b>\$190.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>	<b>\$7,143.00</b>

**\$7,136** is needed to meet our regular operating expenses.  
(This does not include our CSA or Mortgage Payment)

## FAITH FORMATION

### Question-of-the-Week Winner

The winner for the week of April 24 was Madison Ross, grade 3, who knew that the Easter Season ends with the Feast of Pentecost.

### Scripture Study on the Holy Spirit

On June 4, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. But, this famous account is not the first or last mention of the Holy Spirit in Scripture. From the moment of creation to the closing pages of the Bible, the Spirit is being revealed. This study will examine the Scripture for what it can teach us about the Holy Spirit. **Join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.** or a cup of coffee, a sweet treat and the chance to deepen our understanding of the Third Person of the Trinity. All are welcome and there is no need to register.

### Women's Summer Scripture Study

Mark your calendars for our 3rd annual Women's Summer Scripture Study at **7:00 p.m. on Monday June 12, 19, 26, July 10, 17 and 24.** We will look at the example of 12 New Testament female disciples to learn from and be challenged by their witness. This is a casual sharing around a cold drink, light snacks in the comfort of a summer evening at the home of Irene Lucas. (We will meet outside if weather permits, bring a lawn chair.) Our discussion will be guided by *Strong Was Her Faith* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. There is no need to register and there is NO expectation that you attend every session.

### Honoring Graduates

Once again, as our parish gathers for our annual Family Pancake Brunch, we will recognize those who are graduating from high school or a post-secondary institution. If you are a graduate who plans to attend the June 4 Family Pancake Brunch, please call 899-6132 or email [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) to let us know that you will be there. **RSVP deadline is May 28. Please remember that this is a parish event. We hope that our entire parish family will attend this annual event.**

### 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](mailto: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.**

### 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.



## MINISTRY

### 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.

### Grief Support

**Monday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.** For more information or for one on one ministry contact Donna Clark.

### Freezer Update

A warm thank you to all who supported our Freezer Project. The community of Harborcreek, lead by four churches, First Presbyterian, Faith Lutheran, United Methodist and Our Lady of Mercy, raised \$28,409. One concrete pad, freezer box with blowers, new compressor, metal roof and weather proof wood sides, extra foam insulation, a hole in the pantry wall, new electrical wiring and an updated circuit box – all up to code- came to \$29,150.

### 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.

### 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.

### Hearing Assistance

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

### Divorced? Separated? Widowed?

Transitions, a monthly support group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed persons will meet on Sunday, May 21, 2017, from 2 – 4 pm at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Program includes a short presentation, discussion, followed by refreshments. This month's topic is: "Instructions for a Bad Day." For more information call 814 – 824-1265 or email at: [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org). Visit us at: [www.erieRCD.org/transitions.htm](http://www.erieRCD.org/transitions.htm)

### Catholic Charities Ball

The 22nd annual Catholic Charities Ball is Saturday, May 20 at the Bayfront Convention Center. Enjoy two complimentary cocktails and delicious food stations before dancing the night away. Dan and Dawn Schaaf will be honored as this year's Helping Hands Award recipients. Tickets are \$100 per person for this cocktail attire event. All proceeds benefit the agencies and affiliates of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie. **Please visit <http://www.erieRCD.org/charitiesball.htm> before May 15 for more information and to purchase your tickets.**

## REFLECTIONS

### John 10:1-10



The paradox of the Christian life is that when we are called to follow Jesus we are called to die. Yet we are also called to live the abundant life of grace. The gift of this new life is the promise of the Holy Spirit. The acceptance of this gift means that we must live according to God's will and follow in Christ's footsteps day by day.

**Jesus is the "good shepherd"** who calls us each by name. At times we listen to false shepherds, and they lead us astray. They are impostors who look after their own interests instead of caring for the flock. Though we have all strayed like sheep, we can return to Christ who is the "guardian of our souls." Jesus is the true shepherd who walks ahead of us, watching out for dangers and guiding us by right paths. He leads his followers through the gateway of the sheepfold where we will be protected from harm. Yet the gates are not closed to those who are still far off. They are open wide to the horizons of God's kingdom.

**For Reflection: "When have I felt called by Christ? In what ways do I shepherd others?"**

### 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 invite parishioners and friends to attend our **24th Annual Golf & Sports Raffle on Friday, May 12 from 6-11 p.m.** 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.

### DAVID HAAS and MARTY HAUGEN in Concert

David Haas, Marty Haugen and guitarist Steve Petrunak will present a concert at **Holy Cross Catholic Church** in Fairview on Friday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss this rare treat: a chance to hear these popular and prolific composers, who will perform their own music both familiar and new. Besides their music, these composers will also share what they are "up to" and the direction of their creative lives. Tickets are \$15 and are available through *Brandon Vogt* after weekend Masses.

### 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](http://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.**

# Our Lady of Mercy and Saint Mark's Annual 7-12 Grade Cedar Point Trip

**When:** Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Leaving and Returning St. Mark's Parking Lot

**Time:** Gather at 6:45 A.M. **Depart Promptly** at 7:00 A.M.

ETA: Returning 12:00 A.M.

**Cost:** \$65.00

**Cost includes:** bus ride, admission to park, donuts and juice on the way and a snack and drink on the way home.

**Permission slips available on parish web sites or in the Rel. Ed. offices.**

**Permission Slip and Non Refundable Money is due May 14<sup>th</sup>!**

Return forms and money in Geri's mailbox in the religious ed. office.

Any questions call Geri Hadlock 899-3000 or 323-4188.

**Join us and bring a friend or two!**

## Things to Remember

Spending money, sunscreen, weather appropriate clothes.

**We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.**

