

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*

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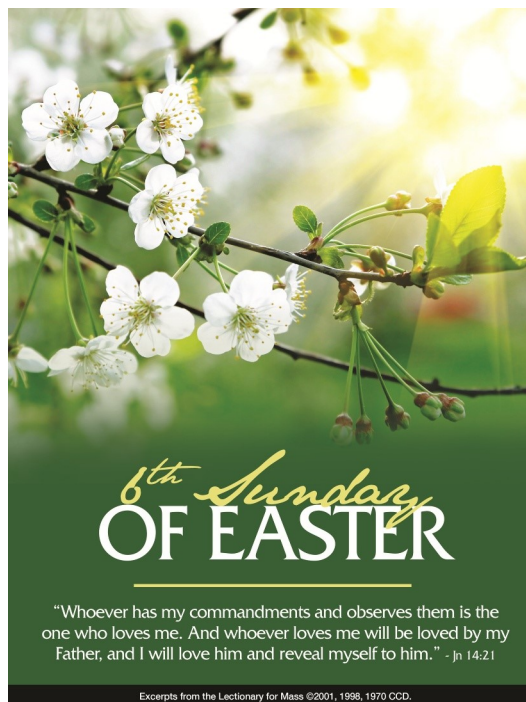
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May 21, 2017



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 5/22

11:00 a.m. Meditation (Chapel)
 6:30 p.m. Fruit of the Vine

Tuesday 5/23

12:30 p.m. Meditation (Chapel)
 2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl (Conference Room)

Wednesday 5/24

Thursday 5/25

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. Tech Committee Meeting

Friday 5/26

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

Saturday 5/27

Rummage Sale Preps (Gym)
 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation Room)

Sunday 5/28

Rummage Sale Preps (Gym)
 11:00 a.m. CLW

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday 5/22.....Easter Weekday
 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday 5/23.....Easter Weekday
 8:30 a.m. Joe Maille—Sue Hayes

Wednesday 5/24.....Easter Weekday
 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 5/25.....Ascension of the Lord
 8:30 a.m. Mary Ann Spiegel—Jim Spiegel
 7:00 p.m.

Friday 5/26.....Saint Philip
 8:30 a.m. Francis & Marie Ritchie

Saturday 5/27.....Easter Weekday
 8:30 a.m. Msgr. James Sperry
 6:00 p.m. For the People of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday 5/28.....Seventh Sunday of Easter
 8:30 a.m. Theresa Larson—Family
 11:00 a.m. Sal Frontino—Mary Jane Wieczorek

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon 5/22

Acts 16:11-15 Psalm 149 John 15:26—16:4a

Tue 5/23

Acts 16:22-34 Psalm 138 John 16:5-11

Wed 5/24

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Psalm 122 John 16:12-15

Thu 5/25

Acts 18:1-8 Psalm 98 John 16:16-20

Fri 5/26

Acts 18:9-18 Psalm 47 John 16:20-23

Sat 5/27

Acts 18:23-28 Psalm 47 John 16:23b-28

Sun 5/28

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Matthew 28:16-20

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.

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



IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember Mary Heinrich. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

PRAYER LINE

9 a.m.—4 p.m. /Call **Donna Smicker** at 899-9108

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

Hospital Visitor for the week: **Andrea Maille**



REFLECTIONS

John 14:15-21

Jesus comforted his grieving followers by telling them he would not leave them orphans when he ascended to his Father. The Spirit would remain with them to console and guide them. But soon after, there were many who felt abandoned and alienated—"outsiders" rather than "insiders." Jesus regarded everyone as his brother and sister, worthy of the gospel. Following his example, Philip went to preach the good news to the people of Samaria, who were regarded as heretics. When the apostles heard how eagerly the Samaritans accepted the Lord, Peter and John prayed for them to receive the Spirit too.

The "Spirit of truth" may not be accepted by all, and many suffer because of their beliefs. However, it is better to suffer as Jesus did—for good deeds rather than evil ones. Though we do not see Jesus in his earthly existence, we see him everyday in the people we meet. If we love Jesus, we will obey his command to love one another.

For Reflection: What is my attitude toward people of different faith traditions and cultures? How does the Spirit help me to adjust my attitude?

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ascension of the Lord

This Thursday, May 25, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, the close of the Paschal Mystery. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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.

Special Thank You from the Knights of Columbus

We sincerely thank all our volunteers, and all who attended our recent Golf and Sports Raffle! As usual, your generous support made for an exciting event! Thank you from the Knights.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of May 21, 2017

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| Envelopes sent: 470 | |
| Envelopes returned: 123 | \$4,752.00 |
| Faith Direct Deposits: 103 | \$2,813.00 |
| Loose Change: | \$131.00 |
| TOTAL OFFERTORY: | \$7,696.00 |

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

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 May 31—July 19 at 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.** for 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.

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.

Honoring Graduates

Once again, as our parish gathers for our annual Parish 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 Parish Pancake Brunch**, please call 899-6132 or email 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.**

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.**

St. Boniface School Reunion

St. Boniface School in Erie is hosting its 160th Alumni Reunion Weekend June 3-4. Everyone is invited to attend the 5 p.m. alumni Mass on June 3 at the church, 9367 Wattsburg Road, Erie, and the alumni adult dance in the parish center. The cost is \$10 per person and includes subs, refreshments, music and dancing. A Mass also will be celebrated June 4 at 10:30 a.m. Bring a dish for a tureen dinner for your entire family. Memorabilia items will be available for sale. For more details, contact Joni Biletnikoff Gross at Joni.Gross@va.gov.

MINISTRY

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.**

Nursery Ministry

A nursery room is available during Mass. When the toddler learns how to run and you want an enclosed space where you can continue to hear and watch Mass on TV, head to the nursery in the classroom area (the hallway to the right near the Bartlett Rd doors). 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.

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 or to learn more, please contact Tim and Norma Lynch at 899-2681.



When should young adults join the parish apart from their parents?

Generally young adults move away from home after schooling and they should join the local parish where they are attending Mass. If young adults are still at home after schooling then they should consider registering on their own. Young adults usually stay registered in the parish under their parents while they are away at college.

Do you Shop at Gordon Food Service?

Please mention Our Lady of Mercy when you check out. We accumulate points and then our Funeral Meal Ministry can use these points to purchase food.

Smile for Our Lady of Mercy

To link to our Amazon Smile charity listing visit: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1563277>. If you shop Amazon please consider using Amazon Smile and naming "Our lady of Mercy – Harborcreek" as your charity.

HAPPININGS

Parish Pancake Brunch

It is time for our annual Parish Pancake Brunch June 4 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Come and join us for pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Suggested donation \$1.00 per person. While we are together for a meal, we would like to recognize our new members to our parish and our parishioners who are graduating from high school or a post-secondary institution. **Please RSVP by Sunday, May 28 to let us know how many people will be coming. You can RSVP by calling the parish office at 899-5342 or by signing the list which will be in the Gathering Space May 20-28.**

RUMMAGE SALE



Get Ready to Rummage on June 2 & 3

The OLM Rummage Sale is set for Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3. Items can be brought to the OLM GYM starting Saturday, May 27 through June 1. Items NOT accepted: furniture, large appliances, food items, televisions and computers. If you would like to help organize and sort, please call Judy Mitcheltree at 899-2527.

Happy Birthday Party for Father

The parish is invited to a celebration of Father Ritchie's 75th birthday on **Friday, June 2 from 7 PM to 9 PM in Sperry Hall**. Please bring an appetizer to share. **And per Father's wishes no gifts** - your presence will be your gift! You may honor Fr. Ritchie by making a donation to the OLM building fund. Questions? Contact Jan Brown at 899-8974.



OLM Festival: Sunday, July 9, 2017



It is that time of year again! Our coordinators for the festival this year are Jayne Suess and Ed Fialkowski. If you have any questions or suggestions to improve the festival this year, please contact Ed at musiced60@gmail.com or Jayne at jaynesuess@gmail.com. We are currently seeking coordinators for the following areas: Food Ordering, Bake Sale, Prize Ticket Sales, and Teen Games. If you are interested, please email Jayne or Ed. We are excited to be adding several games for teenagers this year. We have a need for Chinese Auction donations and Sweet Breads. Please start baking sweet bread now for delivery later in June. Feel free to bring in Chinese Auction items to the parish office.

OLM Book Group

We will discuss A Girl Named Zippy by Haven Kimmel on June 20 at 7:00 p.m.

THE HOLY SPIRIT In Scripture

A Summer Scripture Study

On June 4, we celebrate Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. We are all familiar with this famous account from the Acts of the Apostles. But, are we also aware of the many other times the Holy Spirit is mentioned in the pages of the Bible? This summer study will explore the Holy Spirit in Scripture and what these passages reveal about this least mentioned third Person of the Trinity.



Wednesday Mornings at 9:15 a.m.

May 31 – July 19

OLM Conference Room

There is no need to commit to every week.
Coffee and sweets provided. All welcome! No cost.

RUMMAGE SALE



Get Ready to
Rummage!

Our Lady of Mercy
Rummage Sale

Friday, June 2 from 9 am—3 pm &

Saturday, June 3 from 9 am—12 noon (\$1 Bag Day)

Our Lady of Mercy Gym

If you are spring cleaning or clearing attics and garages consider donating items. Rummage items can be brought to the OLM GYM starting Saturday, May 27 through June 1. Items NOT accepted: furniture, large appliances, food items, televisions and computers. If you would like to help organize and sort, please call Judy Mitcheltree at 899-2527.

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