

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

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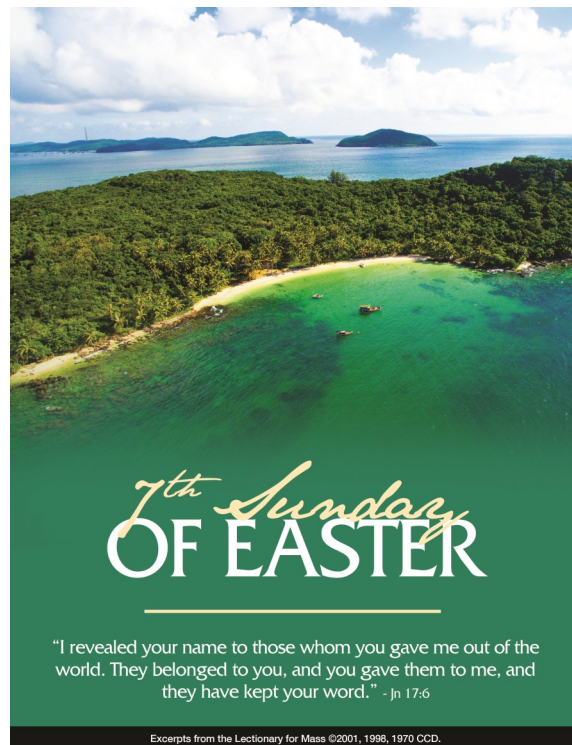
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May 28, 2017



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

- Mon. 5/29** Memorial Day (Parish Office Closed)
9:00 a.m. Mass
- Tue. 5/30** Rummage Sale Set-Up
- Wed. 5/31** Rummage Sale Set-Up
9:15 a.m. Scripture Study
- Thur. 6/01** Rummage Sale Set-Up
1:30 p.m. Meditation
6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. K of C
- Fri. 6/02** 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale
1:30 p.m. Legion of Mary
7:00 p.m. Birthday Celebration for Fr. Ritchie
- Sat. 6/03** 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale
10:00 a.m. Mission Trip Car Wash
4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
- Sun. 6/04** Casserole Club Drop Off
Monthly Food Pantry Collection
9:30 a.m. Family Pancake Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Healing Ministry
2:00 p.m. Baptism (Wurst)



Happy Memorial Day

On this Memorial Day Weekend, we remember those who have died. Will you be remembered as someone who was aware of God's presence and shared this insight with others? In families, our greatest possessions are the beliefs we share.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Mon. 5/29** Acts 19: 1-8 / John 16: 29-33
- Tue. 5/30** Acts 20: 17-27 / John 17: 1-11a
- Wed. 5/31** Zephaniah 3: 14-18a / Luke 1: 39-56
- Thur. 6/01** Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11 / John 17: 20-26
- Fri. 6/02** Acts 25: 13b-21 / John 21: 15-19
- Sat. 6/03** Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31 / John 21: 20-25
- Sun. 6/04** Acts 2: 1-11 / 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 / John 20: 19-23

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon. 5/29** 9:00 a.m.
- Tue. 5/30** 8:30 a.m. **Jim Bucklin** (*Lorraine Bucklin*)
- Wed. 5/31** 8:30 a.m. **Mark Rutkowski**
(*Joanne & Craig Fournier*)
- Thur. 6/01** 8:30 a.m.
- Fri. 6/02** 8:30 a.m. **Sr. Caroline Extein** (*Extein Family*)
- Sat. 6/03** 8:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. **Florence Reske** (*Family*)
- Sun. 6/04** 8:30 a.m. **Donald Ross** (*Bob & Joann Dunford*)
11:00 a.m. **For the People of OLM**

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

John 17:1-11
(7th Sunday of Easter)



Jesus gathers his disciples in prayer as he is about to be glorified through his passion, death, and resurrection. Jesus knows that his "hour" has come, the *kairos* moment when he will fulfill his mission on earth. Jesus has accomplished the work that has been given to him, that of revealing the one, eternal, merciful, ever-present God who is "Father" of all. Through Jesus' words and deeds, he has revealed God's glory to his followers, and now he prays for all who will glorify him by continuing his work on earth.

Before Jesus' Ascension to heaven, he promises his followers that they will receive power from the Holy Spirit to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Like the apostles, we must wait and pray for the fulfillment of the promise. We gather to pray with Mary, the mother of the church. Filled with the Spirit from the moment of Jesus' conception, she prays at the birth of the church. Peter reminds us that though we share in Christ's sufferings, we will rejoice when his glory is revealed. Jesus has entrusted us with the message. Empowered with his eternal presence, we will not fail him.

For Reflection: Do I pray for the Spirit to guide and direct my parish community? How has my work given glory to God?

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IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember **Joe Froehlich**,
Please keep Joe and his family
in your prayers.

PRAYER LINE

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Call **Donna Smicker** at 899-9108
4:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Call **Gerri Extein** at 899-6857

The **Hospital Visitor** for the week is **Esther Pohl**.

Ceremony of Remembrance for Our Loved Ones

Monday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. the Grief Ministry will host a special session for us to celebrate family members who have died. There will be a special prayer ritual and an opportunity to express our love to those we have lost. Meet in Mary's Chapel. Ice cream social to follow.

Need Encouragement?

Sign-up for daily email encouragement for those who are grieving. Receive an encouraging email message every day for a year. These short messages will inspire you and provide practical information as you grieve the loss of your loved one. Sign up at Griefshare.org.

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.

Meninger Retreat

The Meninger Retreat is Friday, September 15 from 4:00 p.m. to Saturday, September 16 to 8:30 p.m., at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie. "The Loving Search for God" weekend retreat will be presented by Father William Meninger, OCSO. The cost is \$95.00. The retreat is limited to 120 participants. To register go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/782>. For more information to go: www.stgeorgeerie.org/news/weekend-retreat or contact Donna Clark.



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.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **May 21, 2017**

Envelopes sent:	470	
Envelopes returned:	121	\$4,075.90
Faith Direct Deposits:	103	\$2,813.00
Loose Change:		\$176.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$7064.90

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

Memorial Mass for Don Ross

Many of you know Don Ross. He was the Head Usher at 8:30 Mass for as long as anyone can remember. He was also a long time member of the Building & Grounds committee and was very involved in many projects during the construction of our new church. **Parishioners, Ushers and Building & Grounds members are invited to attend a Memorial Mass for Don on Saturday, June 10th at 8:30 a.m.** Coffee & doughnuts will be served after Mass

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 BY TODAY** to let us know that you will be there. *Please remember that this is a parish event. We hope that our entire parish family will attend this annual event.*

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. Irene has ordered 10 copies of the book for anyone who would like it. The costs is \$10. See Irene.

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.

World Wide Marriage Encounter

As Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of marriage and family, why not take this opportunity to enrich your marriage and family life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is June 23-25, 2017.** Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Registration and information can be found by visiting: www.yourmarriageisworthit.org.

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 in the Gathering Space.

Knights of Columbus Scholarships

The Our Lady of Mercy Knights of Columbus would like to inform student parishioners that applications are available in the parish office for the Ed Cudicio Memorial Scholarships for the 2017 school year. **Any parishioner who is a graduating high school senior may apply by returning an application, along with a mandatory essay, to the parish office by Wednesday, June 14.**



Winners will be contacted by the Knights. A portion of the proceeds from the recent Golf & Sports Raffle are earmarked for these scholarships and the Knights thank all who generously supported it.

Wanted: A Good Home for Church Tables

We are replacing our old laminated top tables which have been used in the Gym. (Not the wood top tables.) There are 40 tables available 30 inches by 8 feet. They are located in the Gym and will be free for the taking to any parishioner that will pick them up after the Rummage Sale is finished on Sat. June 3 at approximately 1:00 p.m.. They will also be available during the week until 4:00 p.m. and after weekend Masses until they are all gone. Any questions, call Tom at 899-9268.

2017 Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 and more years of marriage in 2017 will be held at St. Jude the Apostle, Erie on Aug. 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Persico will preside at the Erie Liturgy. Liturgy will include presentation of scrolls to each anniversary couple. A light reception in the parish social hall will follow. To register, please contact your parish office or register online at www.erieRCD.org/anniv/htm.

Office Reminder:

All content for the bulletin is due 10 days before the bulletin date. All bulletin flyers are now one-half page. Bulletin flyers also need to be **scheduled in advance** for inclusion in any given bulletin. **They must also be submitted as a Word or Publisher document.** Questions? Contact Marsha in the parish office.

Summer Calendar Reminder:

Many ministries and parish groups adopt a modified meeting schedule for the summer months. If there is any alteration to your regular schedule for the coming months, please let the parish office know so that the web calendar can be updated.

Rummage Sale June 2 & 3

RUMMAGE SALE



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.

OLM Festival: Sunday, July 9, 2017

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

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22 at the home of Kay Kaerberlein, 190 Kraus Dr. to discuss A Girl Named Zippy by Haven Kimmel. Want to read ahead? In July, we will discuss She Got Up Off the Couch by Haven Kimmel.

JUNE 2017

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 1	Vlad Garnica	11
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June 2	Marina Owens	18
June 3	Sarah Sweet	13
June 6	Bella Infantino	11
June 9	Amelia Bernatowicz	7
June 9	Isaac Deemer	15
June 18	Sophia Bleil	10
June 20	Jocelyn Ollinger	14
June 23	Kaden Pinetti	9
June 25	Yvonne Nowosielski	17
June 25	Colton Catrabone	7
June 26	Sarah Dorosch	11
June 27	Aiden Vaughn	10
June 27	Kendra Novosel	14

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 11:00 AM Baptism - Drotar	29 Memorial Day Parish Office Closed 9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM No Meditation	30 8:30 AM Mass 7:30 PM AA	31 8:30 AM Mass 9:15 AM Scripture Study on the Holy Spirit	1 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Meditation 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM K of C	2 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM OLM Rummage Sale - Gym 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 7:00 PM Birthday Celebration for Fr. Ritchie	3 8:30 AM MASS 9:00 AM OLM Rummage Sale - Gym 10:00 AM AA 10:00 AM Mission Trip Car Wash 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
4 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection Pentecost 9:30 AM Family Pancake Brunch 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 12:00 PM Cub Scouts - Gym 2:00 PM Baptism - Wurst	5 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Pastoral Facilitator Mtg.	6 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting 7:30 PM AA	7 8:30 AM Mass 9:15 AM Scripture Study on the Holy Spirit	8 8:30 AM Mass	9 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM Phelps Baptism 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS	10 8:30 AM MASS 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
11 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Trinity Sunday 10:00 AM NCYC Parent Information Meeting	12 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine (SCC) 7:00 PM Women's Summer Scripture Study	13 8:30 AM Mass 7:30 PM AA	14 6:30 AM Cedar Point Youth Trip 8:30 AM Mass 9:15 AM Scripture Study on the Holy Spirit 3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds Mtg. 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting	15 8:30 AM Mass	16 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	17 8:30 AM MASS 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
18 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	19 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Women's Lunch Group 7:00 PM Grief Support 7:00 PM Women's Summer Scripture Study	20 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Sister Parish Com. Mtg. 7:00 PM LFF Mtg. 7:30 PM AA	21 8:30 AM FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION 8:30 AM Mass 9:15 AM Scripture Study on the Holy Spirit 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	22 8:30 AM Mass	23 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	24 8:30 AM MASS 9:00 AM Workshop (tentative) 10:00 AM AA 1:30 PM Mission Trip to Boston 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
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