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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*

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June 4, 2017

PENTECOST SUNDAY

PEACE

Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you. As the
Father has sent me, so
I send you." - Jn 20:21

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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. 6/05 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Facilitators
- Tue. 6/06 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council
- Wed. 6/07 9:15 a.m. Scripture Study
- Thur. 6/08
- Fri. 6/09 1:30 p.m. Legion of Mary
- Sat. 6/10 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
- Sun. 6/11 10:00 a.m. NCYC Parent Info Meeting
9:30 a.m. Healing Ministry
2:00 p.m. Baptism (Wurst)

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon. 6/05 9:00 a.m. David Ross (*Linda Ross*)
- Tue. 6/06 8:30 a.m. Michael Nagosky (*Family*)
- Wed. 6/07 8:30 a.m.
- Thur. 6/08 8:30 a.m.
- Fri. 6/09 8:30 a.m.
- Sat. 6/10 8:30 a.m. Don Ross Memorial Mass
6:00 p.m. Joanne Smith (*Liana Pasquale*)
- Sun. 6/11 8:30 a.m. Robert H. Whitney (*Family*)
11:00 a.m. For the People of OLM

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Mon. 6/05 Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8 / Mark 12:1-12
- Tue. 6/06 Tb 2:9-14 / Mark 12:13-17
- Wed. 6/07 Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a / Mark 12:18-27
- Thur. 6/08 Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk: 28-27
- Fri. 6/09 Tb 11:5-17 / Mark 12:35-37
- Sat. 6/10 Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 / Mark 12:38-44
- Sun. 6/11 Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/ 2 Cor 13:11-13/ John 3:16-18



IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember **Robert Shadduck**, Dick & Audrey Miller's son-in-law; **John Deist**, Jan Brown's brother-in-law; **Maryann Haynes**, John Mackowski's mother-in-law and Sue Haynes' sister-in-law; and **Randy Check**, Shannon Andrew's father.

Please keep them and their families 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 Andrea Maille.



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.

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.

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

John 20:19-23



The wonders of Pentecost! The people gather in prayer, and the strong wind of change fills the church with the fire of the Spirit of God. It is in one Spirit that each of us is baptized, male and female, great and small. The Spirit gifts each person, not for personal gratification but for the "common good." Empowered by the Spirit, we are Christ's instruments of peace and reconciliation, speaking the universal language of love.

What would happen in our lives, in the church, and in the world if we took God's promise seriously? Doors of our hearts would be unlocked. We would see the unique diversity and gifts that we did not recognize before. We would have the courage to release those bound by hatred and unforgiveness. We wouldn't try to make ourselves greater or more powerful than others. We would speak words of peace, not war. As God's servants we pray: "Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth!"

For Reflection: How has the Spirit given me new life these 50 days? How can I breathe new life into my community?

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Meditation Instruction

Sharon Kestler will instruct us on some of the techniques of meditation and lead us through a mediation session. This will be offered twice on Thursday June 15 at 1:30pm and 7:00pm.

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.

Women's Lunch

Meet at Smuggler's Warf, 3 State St. on Monday, June 19 at 1:00 p.m. A gathering for women who live alone and like to share in fellowship and laughter.

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.

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.

HELP STAN'S GARDEN CENTER MAKE A DONATION TO OUR LADY OF MERCY

During the month of June, Stan's Garden Center will donate 10% of your total purchase back to OLM (excludes gift certificates and is not a discount). You can shop either location, 5001 Buffalo Rd. or 5341 West Lake Rd. All you have to do is let the cashier know that you're a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of May 28, 2017

Envelopes sent:	470	
Envelopes returned:	102	\$3,607.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	103	\$2,813.00
Loose Change:		\$226.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$6,646.00

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

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.

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.

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

Couldn't we just talk...? Wives have you ever said this to your husband? Husbands have you ever wished this of your wife? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend June 23 to June 25 and learn tools for better communication while re-energizing your relationship. This encounter will be held at the Quality Inn & Suites in Fairview. To register go to wwwme.org. This is the only World Wide Marriage Encounter enrichment weekend in the Diocese of Erie in 2017.

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

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.*

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.



Parish Quilt

New parish families are encouraged to decorate a quilt square for our parish quilt that hangs on the back wall of the Worship Space. You may find a square in the basket on the table next to classroom #1. After you decorate your family square please return it to the parish office.

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.

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.

Pray in Color at the Bethany Retreat Center

The Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville is hosting an art and prayer retreat June 23-25, with presenter Sister Leandra Kosmoski, SSJ, of Buffalo. Let God speak to you through art, using Scripture, guided meditation and watercolors. No prior art experience is necessary. All are welcome. The \$185 cost per person includes overnights, meals, retreat and supplies. Sister Leandra holds a certificate in spiritual direction and a master's in Christian spirituality from Creighton University, Omaha, Neb., a master's in pastoral studies from Loyola University, Chicago, and a master's in education from Buffalo State College. To register, call 814-263-4855 or go to www.bethanyretreatcenter.org

OLM Festival: July 9, 2017

Festival planning is moving rapidly! The Raffle Ticket Packets can be picked up after all masses this weekend. Please feel free to turn them in early.

We are still in need of a Bake Sale Coordinator. The best part about this job is Catherine Devore will train you, and secondly, you get to see all of the fantastic goodies as they arrive at the sale! We are in need of Chinese Auction, restaurant gift cards and sweet breads. All volunteer sign-ups will be up after mass next weekend. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email them to jaynesuess@gmail.com or musiced60@gmail.com.



5K Chicken Run & Chicken Little Run

Join the fun on Saturday, July 8, 2017 for the annual Our Lady of Mercy 5K Chicken Run & Chicken Little Run beginning at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$15 if you pre-register. \$20 the day of the race. The Chicken Little Run is free to those ages 10 and under. Start and finish at Our Lady of Mercy, 837 Bartlett Rd. Applications available in the Gathering Space at OLM. Questions? Contact Peggy Jacquell at 814-725-9869.



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.

Saint Boniface Old-Fashioned Country Festival

St. Boniface is holding its festival on June 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. At the Coleman Center, 9363 Wattsburg Road, rain or shine. Homestyle Chicken Dinner \$9 Adults/\$5 Child - \$25 Family.

Father Cooper Charitable Golf Classic July 29

The annual Father Cyril Cooper Charitable Golf Classic will be held July 29 at North Hills Golf Course in Corry. A shotgun start is at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$75 per person or \$300 for a foursome. The fee includes greens fees, cart, steak lunch and prizes. Register online at www.stthomastheapostle.church, or with the parish office at 814-663-3041 or secretary@stthomastheapostle.church. Call the office with further questions.

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.



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QUESTIONS: Marge LeFaiver 899-5261

The Parish Festival is July 9, 2017



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November 16-19, 2017

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Information Meeting: June 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Conference Room at Our Lady of Mercy

Participants: Teens in Grades 9-12 in Fall 2017

Registration Deadline: July 1, 2017

Contact Person: Geri Hadlock at ghadlock@stmarkslp.org

Cost: \$500 (Diocese of Erie is covering \$200) Your Cost: \$300

The cost for this trip includes round trip bus fare, hotel, some meals and a t-shirt. National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is held biannually in Indianapolis. Check out www.ncyc.info for more on the National Catholic Youth Conference.

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