

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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June 11, 2017

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*

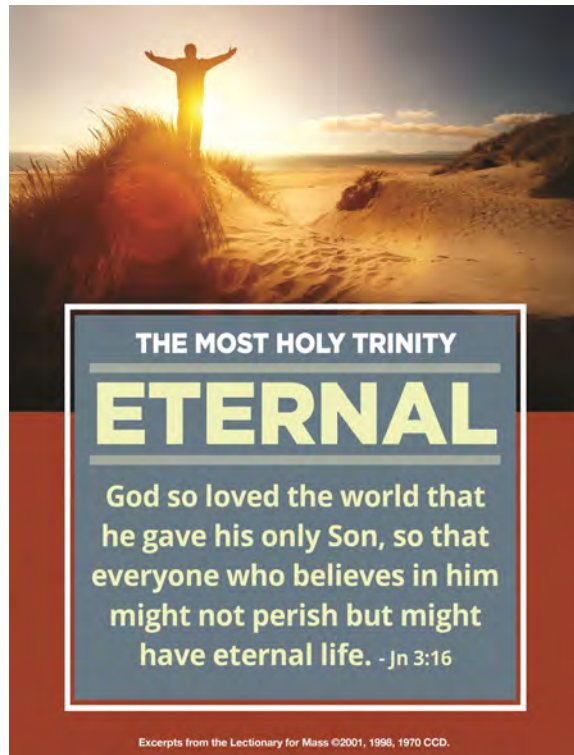
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MISSION STATEMENT

*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. 6/12	7:00 p.m.	Women's Summer Scripture Study
Tue. 6/13		
Wed. 6/14	6:30 a.m.	Cedar Point Youth Trip
	9:15 a.m.	Scripture Study
	3:00 p.m.	Buildings & Grounds
	6:30 p.m.	AGIFT
Thur. 6/15	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	1:30 p.m.	Guided Meditation
	7:00 p.m.	Guided Meditation
Fri. 6/16	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Sat. 6/17	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 6/18	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 6/12	9:00 a.m.	San DiVito (<i>Fran Hatheway</i>)
Tue. 6/13	8:30 a.m.	Floyd Brochey (<i>Loren & Linda Prichard</i>)
Wed. 6/14	8:30 a.m.	Theodore Ritchie
Thur. 6/15	8:30 a.m.	John Covely
Fri. 6/16	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 6/17	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	For All Father's Living & Deceased
Sun. 6/18	8:30 a.m.	For All Father's Living & Deceased
	11:00 a.m.	For All Father's Living & Deceased

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 6/12	2 Cor:1-7	/	Matthew 5:1-12
Tue. 6/13	2 Cor 1:18-22	/	Matthew 5:13-16
Wed. 6/14	2 Cor 3:4-11	/	Matthew 5:17-19
Thur. 6/15	2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6	/	Matthew 5:20-26
Fri. 6/16	2 Cor 4:7-15	/	Matthew 5:27-32
Sat. 6/17	2 Cor 5:14-21	/	Matthew 5:33-37
Sun. 6/18	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/John 6:51-58		



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 899-6875

The **Hospital Visitor** for the week is Geri Gallagher.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Special Bulletin Deadlines

All content for the **July 9 and July 16 bulletins** is due to Marsha no later than **MONDAY, JUNE 26**.

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.

Office Closed: July 4, 2017—Independence Day

Traveling for the Summer? Please consider using Faith Direct, our e-giving program, to ensure your donations to support our parish community go uninterrupted. **To sign up go to our parish website and click on the Faith Direct button.**

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.

Hearing Assisted Devices Available

For those who have some difficulty hearing Mass, hearing assisted devices are available. Contact Donna Clark in the parish office.

THIS SUNDAY'S

REFLECTION

John 3:16-18
 (*The Most Holy Trinity*)



Our belief in one God revealed in three divine persons—Father, Son and Spirit—cannot be understood by our intellect alone. The Trinity is about relationship—the creative, the sacrificial, and the empowering love of God for us. It is essential for our Christian belief to know that it is love, not condemnation, that motivated God to send the Son to redeem the world from everything that is evil and destructive. The mercy of God and the love of Christ bind us together through the power of the Holy Spirit. The sign of peace that we offer is a kind of sacrament, a way to reveal God's love to one another. Paul concludes his letter to the Corinthians, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you" (2 Cor 13:13). Each person has a choice to respond to this grace or to turn away from it. When every person becomes a place where God's love is revealed, the triune God will be exalted to the highest heaven and in the depths of the earth.

For Reflection: In what ways is my life marked by the sign of the cross, the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

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.

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 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Divorce Survival Guide – Save The Date

Will host another 12 week session for helping to heal the wounds of Divorce. Sessions will start Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. and run for 12 weeks at St. Mark Catholic Center on Grandview Blvd. For more information or to register call 814-824-1250 or send an email to familylife@erieRCD.org.

Women's Lunch

Join the Women's lunch 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. All are welcome.

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.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 4, 2017

Envelopes sent:	470	
Envelopes returned:	128	\$4,939.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	103	\$2,813.00
Loose Change:		\$209.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$7,961.00

\$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: Our Scripture

Study on the Holy Spirit continues this Wednesday, June 14 at 9:15-10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Even if you were unable to join us for our first two gatherings, you are still welcome to attend. This week our focus will shift from the Old Testament to the Gospel of Luke.



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. (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 cost 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.



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.

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.

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.**



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.

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.



Stillpoint Day of Reflection June 24

The Stillpoint Contemplative Retreat Day is silent and includes eight sitting sessions with chanting, contemplative walking and teachings. **The next day of reflection is June 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Mount St. Benedict Monastery, 6101 E. Lake Rd.** Dress comfortably and bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea provided. You'll have a chance to enjoy a quiet walk outdoors on woodland trails that wind through the monastery grounds. The cost is \$15 and registration is required. To register contact Sister Margaret Zeller at 899-0614. Additional reflection days for 2017 are: Aug. 19, Sept. 15-16, Oct. 21, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9.

Rummage Sale Thank You

The Steel Magnolias Small Faith Group would like to thank everyone who donated, helped sort, purchased items and cleaned -up from the rummage sale. Everyone worked very hard to make it a success. Thank you to Marsha MacKinnon McKinley for help with advertising and Kirk and Luke for setting up the gym. Coats, hats, & scarves left-over from the rummage sale will be donated to the winter coat drive.

Food For Thought

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments" answered the lady.

Festival Update

- Tickets for the big raffle prizes are still available in the Gathering Space. If your name is on the ticket as seller, you will win a \$10 gas card.
- Volunteer sign-ups have been posted
- **Bake Sale** - We need bakers to begin thinking about items to donate to the bake sale. Please bring items individually wrapped on the day of the Festival.
- **Chinese Auction**- Please bring items or completed baskets to the parish office
- **Sweet Breads** - Bake sweet breads and freeze and bring in the week of the festival. Contact Marge LeFaiver if you have any questions.
- **Restaurant Gift Card Tree** - We need restaurant gift cards for our Restaurant gift card tree. Purchase them at the script table



Festival Coordinator Meeting

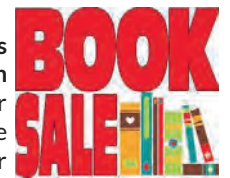
There will be a Festival Coordinator Meeting on Friday, June 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sues Home at 4365 Cooper Road. Please bring an hors'd ouves or bottle of wine to share. To RSVP send email to jaynesuess@gmail.com See you there.

OLM Book Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16 at the home of Kay Kaerberlein, 190 Kraus Dr. to discuss *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel. Weather permitting, we will meet outside to enjoy a summer evening, a glass of wine and friendly conversation about an enjoyable book. Everyone is welcome. Want to read ahead? In July we will discuss *She Got up off the Couch* by Haven Kimmel.

OLM Book Sale

We are collecting books, CD's, DVD's and puzzles, starting June 17th through July 5th. Please drop off your donated items in Classroom # 3. Please no damaged books, school, text, or encyclopedia books. Also no VHS tapes. **The OLM Book Sale dates are Friday, July 7th and Saturday, July 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 9th from 12:00 pm to 4:00 p.m.** If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, contact Jan Brown at 899- 8974.



Second Annual OLM Parking Lot Dance

Mark your calendar! July 22 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. will be our second annual OLM Parking Lot Dance. Dance to the music of a professional DJ. Bubbles, glow sticks, Can-Jam and corn hole for kids both young and old. Bring your own lawn chair, snacks and beverages. The event is free for the entire family.



Come, bring the whole family and join the FUN!

Our Lady of Mercy 2017 5K Chicken Run & Chicken Little Run

July 8th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

Start/Finish at Our Lady of Mercy - 837 Bartlett Rd

\$15 – 5K Run/Walk = Pre-registered

\$20 – Day of Race

Free – Chicken Little Run (ages 10 & Under)

Contact: Peggy Jacquell (814) 725-9869

Information and Applications available

in the Gathering Space at Our Lady of Mercy Church

Women's Summer Scripture Study

7:00 PM

June 12, 19, 26 July 10, 17, 24



Home of Irene Lucas 1019 Bartlett Rd. Patio if weather permits, inside if not. Extra lawn chairs appreciated.

All Welcome! Come one night or six nights

Although they often get overlooked when Scripture is proclaimed, the bible is full of strong women of faith. Like the 12 Apostles, women left everything to follow Jesus. Women were the first to recognize Jesus as Lord, the first to go out to evangelize, the first to proclaim the Resurrection. They were prophets, leaders in the early Church and faithful disciples who continue to encourage and challenge us today.

Our 2017 Women's Summer Scripture Study will be based on ***Strong Was Her Faith*** by J. Ellsworth Kalas. (For those who would like a book, Irene has copies for \$10, although you do not need to purchase a book to join in.)



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