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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.**

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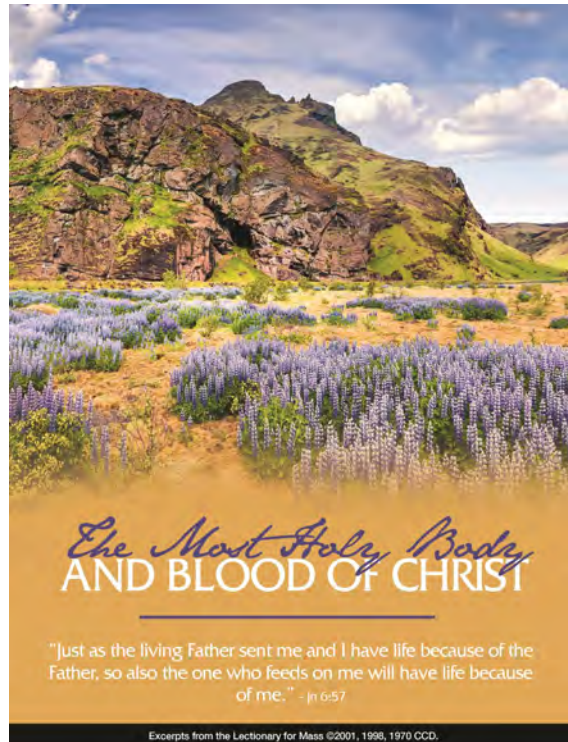
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June 18, 2017



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. 6/19	1:00 p.m.	Women's Lunch
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Summer Scripture Study
Tue. 6/20	6:00 p.m.	Sister Parish Committee Mtg.
	7:00 p.m.	LFF Mtg.
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Council
Wed. 6/21	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	9:15 a.m.	Scripture Study
Thur. 6/22	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
Fri. 6/23	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Sat. 6/24	1:30 p.m.	Mission trip to Boston
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 6/19	8:30 a.m.	
Tue. 6/20	8:30 a.m.	Kathy & Steve McKenrick (Barb & Daughter)
Wed. 6/21	8:30 a.m.	Mary Ann Spiegel (Jim Spiegel)
Thur. 6/22	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 6/23	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 6/24	8:30 a.m.	Eileen Cunningham
	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 6/25	8:30 a.m.	Leo Heise (Heise Family)
	11:00 a.m.	Sal Frontino (Betty Lou & Frank Italiani)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 6/19	2 Cor 6:1-10	/	Matthew 5:38-42
Tue. 6/20	2 Cor 8:1-9	/	Matthew 5:43-48
Wed. 6/21	2 Cor 9:6-11	/	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thur. 6/22	2 Cor 11:1-11	/	Matthew 6:7-15
Fri. 6/23	Dt 7:6-11	/	Matthew 11:25-30
Sat. 6/24	Is 49:1-6	/	Luke 1:57-66, 80
Sun. 6/25	Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33		

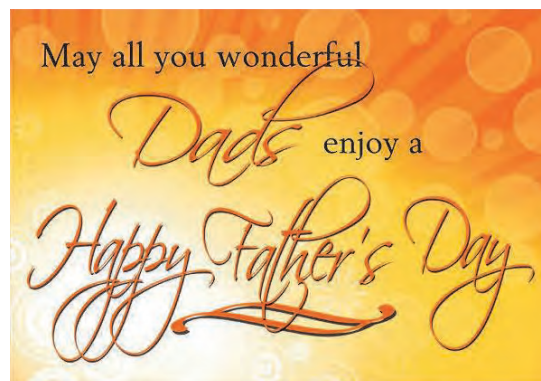
IN LOVING MEMORY



We remember **Maureen Cudicio**.
 Please keep her and her 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 899-6875
 The **Hospital Visitor** for the week is Donna Smicker.



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.

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 Closed: July 4, 2017—Independence Day

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

John 6:51-58
(The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)



God's love was offered to the people on their journey through the desert. Hungry and thirsty, Moses fed them with the "manna" that God provided (Ex 16:2, 15). Jesus also fed the hungry people in the wilderness with miraculous loaves. The bread he gave them was only a foretaste of the true bread that comes from God. The Israelites ate the manna in the desert, but they all died. Jesus is the life-giving bread who eternally sustains those who believe in him. Jesus spoke clearly of the nourishment of his body and blood: his flesh is 'real food' and his blood is "real drink." Jesus is the supreme "sacrament" of God, nourishing the faithful with his own body and blood on their spiritual journey. All who eat the bread of life and share the cup of salvation have communion with him and with those gathered at the table. We must remember and be grateful for all God's benefits.

For Reflection: Do I remember that we are all one in Christ's Body? Am I mindful of all the hungry and thirsty people of the world?

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On June 29th, we celebrate the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul. Every year, the Peter's Pence Collection is taken throughout the Church on or near that Solemnity. The collection will be taken in our parishes this year on the week-end of June 24-25.

Your support of this collection helps make it possible for Pope Francis, to carry out his charitable works around the world, assisting victims of war, natural disasters, and other difficult situations.

Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, AIDS treatment centers, and other medical facilities in developing nations, as well as many other charitable works. From the beginning the Church has made it a priority to help the most needy in the human family. Your prayers and contributions will allow this important work to continue. Please be as generous as you can.

Bishop Lawrence Persico

CSA 2017 SET-UP ON FAITH DIRECT

If you indicated on your pledge form that you would give your **2017 CSA donation through Faith Direct** this is a **reminder that you need to sign into your Faith Direct account and set it up again for 2017.**

Call 1-866-507-8757 to speak with a Faith Direct representative OR go to www.ourladyofmercychurch.org and use the Faith Direct link to set up a new account.

Consider putting your envelopes on permanent vacation. If you are traveling for the summer, you can use Faith Direct to continue making regular donations to Our Lady of Mercy. Then in the fall you put your envelopes on permanent vacation.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 11, 2017

Envelopes sent:	389	
Envelopes returned:	108	\$4,054.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	103	\$2,813.00
Loose Change:		\$220.30
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$7,087.30

\$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 21 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. Next week our focus will shift to the Acts of the Apostles.



Women's Summer Scripture Study

Our 3rd annual Women's Summer Scripture Study has begun. Each week, we look at two different New Testament women, so there is no reason to attend every night. **We meet June 19, 26, July 10, 17 and 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Irene, 1019 Bartlett Rd. around a cold beverage, light snacks and fellowship.** Weather permitting, we will meet outside; extra lawn chairs appreciated. If you would like a copy of Strong Was Her Faith by J. Ellsworth Kalas, the book that will guide our discussion, see Irene. They are \$10. **On June 19, we will focus on Martha & Mary.**

Children's Worship Bulletin

Just because school is out does not mean that our children can not continue to learn about Jesus. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to pick up a Children's Worship Bulletin each week on the bulletin tables. It contains games and puzzles to encourage young children to think about the Sunday readings.

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. To register, please contact your parish office or register online at www.erieRCD.org/anniv/htm.



OLM Book Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22 at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 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

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.

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.

Diocese of Erie NCYC Pilgrimage November 16-19, 2017—Indianapolis

Teens in Grades 9 through 12 for the Fall of 2017 are encouraged to participate in this event, joining 27,000 other Catholic high school teens for a lifetime experience at the National Catholic Youth Conference. **The registration deadline is July 1. The cost is \$500 (Diocese of Erie is covering \$200), making your cost \$300.** Contact Geri Hadlock at ghadlock@stmarkslp.org. The cost of the trip includes round trip bus fare, hotel, some meals and a t-shirt. Check out www.ncyc.info for more on the National Catholic Youth Conference.

Meninger Retreat

The Menninger 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.

Save the Date: Saturday, September 23

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a dance as part of our parish fest day celebration. This event will be held in our gym and will feature **the Groove**, Erie's most popular band. More details soon to follow.

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.

Food For Thought

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

Festival Update

- Thanks to everyone for your early ticket returns! We appreciate all of the extra tickets sold for the Festival this year.
- Thanks to Carolyn Fialkowski who has volunteered to be our new Bake Sale Coordinator. Specific items are below:
- **Children's Area Prizes** - If you have anything that could be used as prizes in our Children's area, please label and drop off in the parish office.
- **Teen Area Prizes** - We are seeking donations of 1 liter bottles of Soda Pop for prizes for our teen area games.
- **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.
- **Sweet Breads** - We are now collecting sweet breads. Bake or buy now and drop off your baked goods to the Sperry Hall Kitchen. **Please clearly label your items and bring them to the kitchen BEFORE July 8.** Questions? Contact Marge LeFaiver at 899-5261.
- **Chinese Auction** - Please bring items or completed baskets to the parish office.
- **Restaurant Gift Card Tree** - We need restaurant gift cards for our Restaurant gift card tree. Purchase them at the script table.



Festival Baking Party

Don't want to heat up your kitchen baking for the festival? Join us in the church kitchen in Sperry Hall to bake sweet breads for the Summer Festival on Thursday, June 22 and/or Wednesday, June 28 at 6 pm. Bring: Your recipe, ingredients and baking pans. Or bring your sweet bread batter and pans ready to bake! Questions please call Suzanne Hawryliw 897-8582.

5K Chicken Run & Chicken Little Run

The CLUCK is ticking! Don't walk, **RUN!** Get your **5K Chicken Run and Chicken Little Run** applications, available on the table in the Gathering Space. You can also download the application from www.ourladyofmercychurch.org or erierunners.club Cost is \$15 if you are pre-registered, \$20 day of the race. Kids 10 and under do not have to pay for the Chicken Little Run and will receive a free t-shirt if they are preregistered. Remember: **WINNER, WINNER CHICKEN DINNER!**



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.



Our Lady of Mercy Summer Book Sale

DONATE NOW

We are collecting books, CD's, DVD's and puzzles, now through July 5th.

Please drop off your donated items in Classroom # 3.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

No damaged, school, or text, books or encyclopedia books and no VHS tapes.

BOOK SALE DATES

Friday, July 7th and Saturday, July 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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.



United Way's 2-1-1 Information and Referral Service Now Available

2-1-1 is the social service equivalent of 9-1-1, connecting people in need with the vast array of health, human and social services available in Erie County.

This is a much-needed service in Erie County since the demise of the volunteer-led Erie Hotline. 2-1-1 service specifically addresses the 2016 Erie County Community Health Improvement Plan which concluded the lack of a central information and referral system as one of the "overarching challenges" impacting the health of Erie County residents.

Think 2-1-1 for social services much like people now think 9-1-1 for emergency services.

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