# **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.

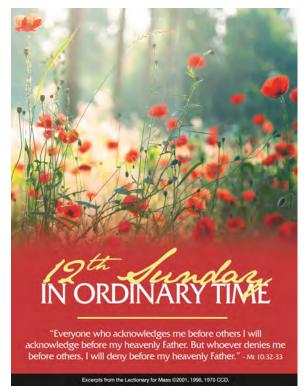
## PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie, Pastor Donna Clark, Pastoral Minister Irene Lucas, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation 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

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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June 25, 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.	6/26	7:00 p.m.	Women's Summer Scripture Study
Tue.	6/27	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee
Wed.	6/28	9:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Scripture Study Festival Baking Party
Thur.	6/29	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
Fri.	6/30	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Sat.	7/01	12:00 p.m.	Wedding—Habursky/Ackerly
		4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun.	7/02	Casserole Clu Monthly Food	lb Drop Off d Pantry Collection

9:30 a.m. Healing Ministry

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	6/26	8:30 a.m.	John Riley (Morning Mass Group)
Tue.	6/27	8:30 a.m.	
Wed.	6/28	8:30 a.m.	Rod Haynes (Sue Haynes)
Thur.	6/29	8:30 a.m.	
Fri.	6/30	8:30 a.m.	Mark Rutkowski
			(Joanne & Craig Fournier)
Sat.	7/01	8:30 a.m.	
		6:00 p.m.	Anthony Portfilio
			(Fruit of the Vine)
Sun.	7/02	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
		11:00 a.m.	Mabel Holodnak (Mark Howell)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon.	6/26	Gn 12:1-9	/	Matthew 7:1-5
Tue.	6/27	Gn 13:2, 5-18	/	Matthew 7:6, 12-14
Wed.	6/28	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18	/	Matthew 7:15-20
Thur.	6/29	Acts 12:1-11	/	Matthew 16:13-19
Fri.	6/30	Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22	/	Matthew 8:1-4
Sat.	7/01	Gn 18:1-15	/	Matthew 8:5-17
Sun.	7/02	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/R	om	5:3-4,8-11/Mt 10:37-42



## IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember Robert Pennsy. Please keep him 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 899-6875 The Hospital Visitor for the week is Esther Pohl.

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

### **Special Bulletin Deadlines**

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

### **Bulletins & Flyers**

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

### Hearing Assisted Devices Available

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

### A Special Thank You!

The family of Maureen Cudicio would like to thank all the members of the OLM Funeral Lunch ministry for providing a wonderful lunch for our family and friends. Thank you!



## **Upcoming Wedding**

Jacquelyn Habursky & Mark Ackerly

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION



Matthew 10:26-33

The prophet Jeremiah was forsaken by his own friends, who watched his every step, waiting for him to fall. At such times, God seemed far away. Jesus brings God's love near. He instructed his apostles to be courageous as they shared his mission of announcing God's reign. Despite the coming darkness and opposition, they were to be fearless in proclaiming the light and truth of the gospel. Fear of persecution and death should not deter them. They should be more afraid of the evil one who could lead them to eternal destruction. Jesus encouraged his followers by reminding them of their worth before God. If a single sparrow could not fall to the ground without God noticing it, how much more would God watch over them? If the apostles remained faithful to their witness, Jesus would testify to their fidelity at the final judgment. We should not hide in the darkness trembling in fear. We should climb to the rooftops and shout the good news: "The kingdom of heaven has come near."

For Reflection: Can I trust God to take care of me today? Can I place tomorrow in God's hands?

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## PASTORAL PLANNING PRAYER

Loving God, Author of Creation, your spirit pervades and enriches our world. Through your Son, who shares our humanity, you have called us to participate in your divine creativity and to build the kingdom of God here on earth. Form us, we pray, as one community under the leadership of our bishop to serve all the people of this region in your name.

Inspire us to discover new ways and structures to spread your Gospel. Open our eyes to see Christ in others, especially the poor, the sick and the marginalized. Empower us to be the hands and feet of Christ in our parishes and communities. Help us to welcome all into His embrace.

Guide us in our discernment, as we pray with Pope Francis for the vision to see new paths of possibility; for a spirit of mission that invigorates our every effort; and for the strength to be unafraid of what is new. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## 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 18, 2017 Envelopes sent: 389 Envelopes returned: 105 \$3,434.00 Faith Direct Deposits: 103 \$2,813.00 Loose Change: \$216.00 TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$6,463.00

**\$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 28 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 Gospel of John.

### 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 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 <u>Strong</u> <u>Was Her Faith</u> by J. Ellsworth Kalas, the book that will guide our discussion, see Irene. They are \$10. On June 26, we will reflect on the widow who gave her last coin and on the Samaritan woman at the well.

### **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.

### 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, July 20 to discuss <u>She Got Up</u> <u>Off the Couch</u> by Haven Kimmel.

### 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.* 

### **Essential Oils Workshop**

Join us on Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for this hands-on workshop at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Learn about the healing qualities of essential oils and the safety and effectiveness of using essential oils. The cost includes 3 essential oils, the book <u>Essential Oils. Ancient Medicine</u>, recipes for natural living and informational handouts. The cost is \$75.00. **RSVP by July 8** to Debbie Radomile at 814-397-1176 or Sandi Matts at 814-881-5290.

### 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 DJ Pete. Bubbles, glow sticks, OLP



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.

### **Healing Meditation**

**On Tuesday, July 18 at 1:30 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m.** Debbie Radomile will lead us in a healing meditation session. Join us in Mary's Chapel.

### The Loving Search for God

Fr. William Meninger, a Trappist monk from Snowmass, Colorado will share with us what he has learned from studying the book <u>The Cloud of Unknowing</u>. He will guide us to an elevated sense of love, insight and experience of God. September 15, 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Hosted at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery on East Lake Road. The cost is \$95.00 and is limited to 120 participants. To register by August 15, go to

https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/782. For more information to go: www.stgeorgeerie.org/news/ weekend-retreat or contact Donna Clark.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

#### **Festival Update**

 The main setup of booths, tables and chairs will occur on Wednesday, July 5 at 6:00 p.m. Detailed setup will happen on Saturday, July 8 at 10:00 am.



- Volunteers are still needed in selective areas. Check the sign-ups in the Gathering Space to see where you can help out..
- **Tickets** for big raffle items are still available for pickup in the Gathering Space.
- **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.
- **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.

### **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 Wednesday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m. 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 by June 30, \$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! The Chicken Run is Saturday, July 8 at 8:30 a.m. with the start/ finish at OLM.

### **OLM Book Sale**

We are collecting books, CD's, DVD's and puzzles, now through July 5th. Please drop off your donated items in Classroom # 3. Please no damaged, school or text books, or encyclopedias. Also no VHS tapes. The OLM Book Sale dates are Friday, July 7 and Saturday, July 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 9 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.

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2 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	<b>3</b> Book Sale Set-Up - Classrooms 1-3 <b>8:30 AM</b> Mass <b>11:00 AM</b> NO Meditation	4 Independence Day Parish Office Closed 6:00 AM 10K LIBERTY RUN (K of C) 8:30 AM NO MASS 7:30 PM AA	5 8:30 AM Mass 9:15 AM Scripture Study on the Holy Spirit 6:00 PM Festival Set-Up	6 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM Book Sale 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	8 8:30 AM MASS 8:30 AM 5K Chicken Run 10:00 AM Festival Set- Up 10:00 AM Book Sale 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM <u>MASS</u>
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