

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*

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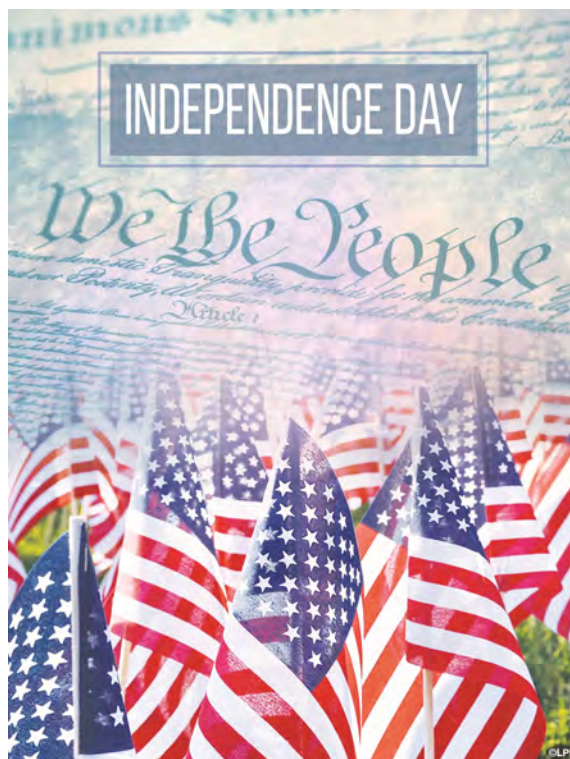
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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 2, 2017



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. 7/03** Parish Office Closed
 9:00 a.m. Book Sale Set-Up –All Week
- Tue. 7/04** Parish Office Closed
- Wed. 7/05** 9:15 a.m. Scripture Study
- Thur. 7/06** 9:00 a.m. Painting Class
- Fri. 7/07** 10:00 a.m. Book Sale
 1:30 p.m. Legion of Mary
- Sat. 7/08** 8:30 a.m. 5K Chicken Run & Chicken Little Run
 10:00 a.m. Book Sale
 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
- Sun. 7/09** OLM Parish Festival Day
 12:00 p.m. Book Sale

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon. 7/03** 8:30 a.m. NO MASS
- Tue. 7/04** 8:30 a.m. NO MASS
- Wed. 7/05** 8:30 a.m. Doris Extein (Extein Family)
- Thur. 7/06** 8:30 a.m. Roseanne Lawson
- Fri. 7/07** 8:30 a.m.
- Sat. 7/08** 8:30 a.m.
 6:00 p.m. Millie Herrmann (children)
- Sun. 7/09** 8:30 a.m. For the People of OLM
 11:00 a.m. Connie Buffalari (Al Buffalari Jr.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Mon. 7/03** Eph 2:19-22 / John 20:24-29
- Tue. 7/04** Gn 19:15-29 / Matthew 8:23-27
- Wed. 7/05** Gn 21: 5, 8-20a / Matthew 8:28-34
- Thur. 7/06** Gn 22:1b-19 / Matthew 9:1-8
- Fri. 7/07** Gn 23:1-4,19;24:1-8 / Matthew 9:9-13
- Sat. 7/08** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 / Matthew 9:14-17
- Sun. 7/09** Zec 9:9-10/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



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 Clark.



FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the August issue of *For Mercy Sake* is Sunday, July 16. Email content to ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Reminders on 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.

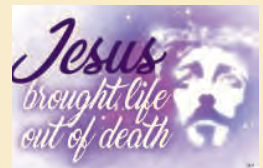
Office Closed: July 3 & July 4, 2017

Hearing Assisted Devices Available

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

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

Matthew 10:37-42



"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

"Who am I?" Answering that question is often the goal of self-examination in contemporary modern cultures. Self-knowledge is sometimes depicted as a journey of discovery. The thinking appears to be that when we finally discover ourselves we will be better workers, more perceptive parents, more loving spouses, and dearer friends to others. Sometimes, though, such self-searching goes to the extreme of self-protection at the expense of service to others.

The gospel, however, offers us a different understanding of self-discovery. Jesus says that we must lose our lives for his sake before we will actually find our lives. It sounds like a complete contradiction, but it's the wisdom that our age needs to hear. A healthy sense of self cannot be based on success with the latest methods for self-help, or the opinion of others, but must be rooted in God's loving and creative call in our lives.

All efforts to protect the "self" from harm may in fact do harm to the very self that finds its home in Christ. We are not asked to neglect the self, but to find the true meaning of one's life in the self-giving that Jesus models for us.

For Reflection: Who am I? Where will I search for the answer? Am I willing to lose any false sense of myself?

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JULY 2017

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 3	Arianna Kelley	7
July 6	Camryn Hall	18
July 6	Seth Goodman	13
July 7	Adaleen Mikolajewski	10
July 8	Piper Nielson	8
July 8	Abigail Nguyen	13
July 9	Jonathan Suess	18
July 9	Kayla Forsythe	12
July 10	Macey Festa	16
July 10	Jake Sarvis	15
July 12	Michael Slupski	18
July 12	Connor DeVore	12
July 14	Shannon Gotham	18
July 17	Maddie Giambrone	11
July 17	Isabella Tylman	8
July 17	Samantha Smith	17
July 17	Dante Rocco	17
July 17	Cianna Mazur	12
July 18	Mo Oler	9
July 20	Nate Henry	8
July 23	Aiden Whitney	15
July 23	Ella Hamilton	8
July 27	Alex Scarpino	17
July 31	Emma Maille	16



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 25, 2017

Envelopes sent:	389	
Envelopes returned:	98	\$4,135.90
Faith Direct Deposits:	103	\$2,813.00
Loose Change:		\$230.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$7,178.90

\$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, July 5 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.



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 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 July 10 we will reflect on two disciples named Mary, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Mark

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.

OLM Book Group

Join us on Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sue Haynes, 602 Bartlett Rd., to discuss She Got Up Off the Couch by Haven Kimmel. What could be better than to share a summer evening sipping wine, talking about books and enjoying the company of fun women?

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 cannot be redeemed.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord God, creator of all things and source of all gifts and talents, your Son came to this world to fulfill His vocation as the Redeemer of all humanity. Grant the sons and daughters of the parishes of the Diocese of Erie a profound awareness of their own vocations. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, may they come to realize their distinct place in your divine plan. Give them the grace to recognize and the courage to pursue vocations as devoted priests, deacons and consecrated women and men to assist the Diocese of Erie in fulfilling her mission. With the intercession of Saint Patrick, our patron, who preached the Gospel in word and deed, we pray that they may find happiness and fulfillment in a life of service to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Imprimatur, July 29, 2013
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

Healing Meditation

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

Part time summer job

A parishioner is looking for someone to do yard work and other small tasks; 2 to 6 hours per week, flexible. Interested please call Donna in the parish office at 899-5342.

Divine Mercy Retreat

The Divine Mercy Retreat program is offering two opportunities to make the retreat this summer. **The first retreat is July 7, 8, & 9 at St. Joseph Church in Erie.** The second is August 11, 12, & 13 at Elk County Catholic in St. Marys. The cost is \$45 and sponsorships are available. Apply online at www.divinemercyencounter.com. Questions? Contact Jessica Nelson at 814-449-9533.

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 The Cloud of Unknowing. 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.

Divorced & Separated Ministry

Our Lady of Mercy has a ministry to the divorced and separated. This one-on-one ministry allows those experiencing divorce or separation to talk to another person who has been through it. This person can provide support during a difficult time. Contact Donna Clark in the parish office at 899-5342.

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.**

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.

Polish Festival Needs Volunteers

Holy Trinity's Zabawa Festival is looking for 10 to 12 energetic volunteers (teenagers and up) for each shift. Contact Sarah at schermack@eriefamilylaw.com. High school students in need of service hours are welcome.

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.** The OLM Festival is July 9 from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m.
- **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.
- **Bake Sale** - Time to bake. 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** - Bring sweet breads in this week. Bake or buy sweet breads 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.



5K Chicken Run & Chicken Little Run

The **5K Chicken Run and Chicken Little Run** is **Saturday, July 8 at 8:30 a.m.** The start/finish is from OLM. Applications are available in the Gathering Space or online at www.ourladyofmercychurch.org or erierunners.club. The cost is \$20 the 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.

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 DJ Pete. 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.



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.

Knights of Columbus Ed Cudicio Memorial Scholarships

Scholarships have been awarded to the following parishioners: **Sydney Lander** (Penn State University), **Danielle Luniewski** (Gannon University), **Alexis Manna** (Edinboro University) and **Michael Rocco** (Slippery Rock University). Sydney is a graduate of the Northwest Collegiate Academy and the others Harborcreek High School. The college they will attend is in parenthesis. Please congratulate them and wish them well as they continue their education.



ESSENTIAL OILS WORKSHOP

In this hands-on workshop the participant will learn about:

- The healing qualities of essential oils
- The safety and effectiveness of using essential oils
- Natural alternatives to keep healthy and safe this summer
- Make a natural bug/tic repellant for personal use
- *Cost includes: the book Essential Oils, Ancient Medicine, 3 essential oils, recipes for natural living and informational handouts on various oils

Date: Saturday, July 15, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Mercy, 837 Bartlett Rd.

Cost: \$75.00*

RSVP BY JULY8 TO: Debbie Radomile 814-397-1176) or Sandi Matts (814-881-5290)



Our Lady of Mercy Church Summer Festival & BBQ Chicken Dinner

Sunday, July 9, 2017

12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Dine-In or Carry-Out

Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 ages 6-12 and 5 and under free

Tickets available in the Gathering Space or at the door.

Chinese Auction—Bake Sale—Bingo—Children's Area—and Pony Rides

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