

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

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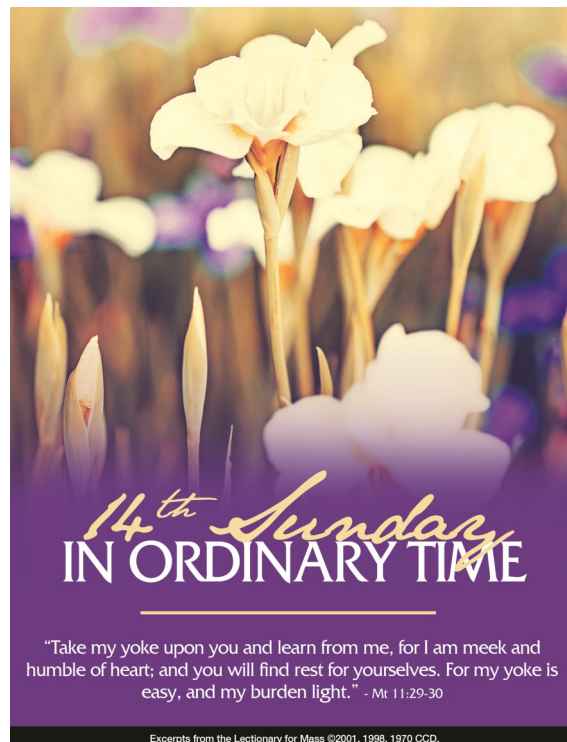
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July 9, 2017



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

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| Mon. 7/10 | 6:00 p.m. Festival Clean-Up 6:30 p.m. Fruit of the Vine 7:00 p.m. Women's Summer Scripture Study |
| Tue. 7/11 | |
| Wed. 7/12 | 9:15 a.m. Scripture Study 3:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus |
| Thur. 7/13 | 9:00 a.m. Painting Class 3:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee |
| Fri. 7/14 | 1:30 p.m. Legion of Mary |
| Sat. 7/15 | 9:00 a.m. Essential Oils Workshop 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance |
| Sun. 7/16 | 9:30 a.m. Healing Ministry |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon. 7/10 | 8:30 a.m. David Ross (<i>Linda Ross</i>) |
| Tue. 7/11 | 8:30 a.m. Margaret Gross (<i>Family</i>) |
| Wed. 7/12 | 8:30 a.m. Penny Moore |
| Thur. 7/13 | 8:30 a.m. Jack Rathers |
| Fri. 7/14 | 8:30 a.m. |
| Sat. 7/15 | 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Florence Reske (<i>Family</i>) |
| Sun. 7/16 | 8:30 a.m. Donald L. Ross (<i>Bob & Joann Dunford</i>) 11:00 a.m. For the People of OLM |

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| Mon. 7/10 | Gn 28:10-22a / Matthew 9:18-26 |
| Tue. 7/11 | Gn 32: 23-33 / Matthew 9:32-38 |
| Wed. 7/12 | Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a / Matthew 10:1-7 |
| Thur. 7/13 | Gn 44:18-21,23b-29,45:1-5/ Matthew 10:8-15 |
| Fri. 7/14 | Gn 46:1-7,28-30 / Matthew 10:16-23 |
| Sat. 7/15 | Gn 49:29-32,50:15-26a/ Matthew 10:24-33 |
| Sun. 7/16 | Is 55:10-11/ Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 |



IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember **Bill Mitcheltree**,
 the brother of Ted Mitcheltree.
 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 Andrea Maille.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Holy Father is constantly encouraging us to be merciful. At his Pentecost celebration this year, he said: "When we welcome and follow Jesus by means of the Gospel and Sacraments, we can, with the help of the Holy Spirit, become merciful, as our heavenly Father is merciful. Mercy is part of God's greatness, and missionary outreach to the nations is a great, immense work of mercy, both spiritual and material." Today I am asking you to enter into this spirit of mercy and missionary outreach by considering a generous gift to the National Needs Collection.

This year the National Needs Collection will take place the weekend of July 15-16. This is a good opportunity for Catholics to show their solidarity with the poor in our own nation. This collection is a combination of two collections:

- The Catholic Home Missions Appeal – supports, among other things education for seminarians, which is a significant expense for poorer dioceses in the United States. It also supports training for lay ministry, Hispanic ministry, catechesis and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses throughout the United States.
- The Black and Indian Mission Collection – supports the work of the Church among the African American, Alaskan Native and American Native peoples in the United States.

I ask your generous response to the Collection for National Needs. Your donation will help support vocations, religious education, basic pastoral care and catechesis for children and adults in the Church here in the United States. Your help does make a difference.

Be assured of my gratitude and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
 Bishop of Erie

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

Matthew 11:25-30



The prophet Zechariah rejoiced as he envisioned the messianic king to come. The Messiah of God would not be a mighty warrior but humble, meek and compassionate toward all. He would proclaim peace to the ends of the earth, not by a limited treaty but by one that would last for all time.

Jesus joyfully revealed God's reign to the lowly ones who had great need of God's Mercy. That which was revealed to the simple of heart remained a mystery to those who thought they were wise and learned. God shared dominion and kingship with Jesus, and he in turn shared everything with God's children.

Paul said that as God raised Jesus from death, God lifts us up and gives new life. All who labor under the heavy yoke of oppression are invited to come to Jesus for freedom. We give thanks and tell everyone the good news!

For Reflection: How has Christ eased my burdens? Have I lifted the load from someone else's shoulder?

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Essential Oils Workshop

In this hands-on workshop the participant will learn about the healing qualities of essential oils. Make a natural insect/tick repellent for personal use as part of this workshop on **Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Mercy Church.** The workshop fee of \$75.00 includes 3 essential oils, the book *Essential Oils, Ancient Medicine*, recipes for natural living and informational handouts on various oils. RSVP to: Debbie Radomile at 814-397-1176 or Sandi Matts at 814-881-5290.

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.

Counseling Help Available

Individual and family counseling will be available from an experienced professional counselor. This parishioner will offer her gifts to Our Lady of Mercy and offer three meetings with each person. To schedule an appointment contact Donna Clark.

Women's Luncheon

Join a fun loving group of ladies who live alone on **Monday, July 24 at 1:00 p.m. for lunch at the Harborview Grill, 3730 Harbor Ridge Trail, just off Depot Rd.** We share stories and laugh most of the time. For more information contact Donna Clark.

Divorced & Separated Ministry

Our Lady of Mercy has a ministry to the divorcee 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.

OLM Book Group

Join us at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 20** 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? Want to read ahead? In August we will discuss *The Mermaid Chair* by Sue Monk Kidd.

Second Annual OLM Parking Lot Dance

It is almost here! **July 23 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, 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.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **July 2, 2017**

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| Envelopes sent: | 389 | |
| Envelopes returned: | 126 | \$5,833.00 |
| Faith Direct Deposits: | 103 | \$2,813.00 |
| Loose Change: | | \$129.00 |
| TOTAL OFFERTORY: | | \$8,775.00 |

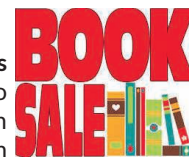
\$7,136 is needed to meet our regular operating expenses.
(This does not include our CSA or Mortgage Payment)

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

OLM Book Sale

The last day for the Summer Book Sale is **TODAY, July 9.** This is your last chance to pick up a great book and support OLM. Stop in after Mass or before the end of the Parish Festival.



Our Lady of Mercy Summer Festival Update

Special thanks to all of our coordinators and volunteers who have helped and will be helping at our annual Festival **TODAY.** Thank you for your great response in making our festival "The Best Festival Ever." **Festival clean-up is Monday, July 10 at 6:00 p.m.** If you can help please join us.

Scripture Study on the Holy Spirit: Our Scripture

Study on the Holy Spirit continues this **Wednesday, July 12 at 9:15-10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.** Even if you were unable to join us for our prior sessions, you are still welcome to attend. For the remainder of our time together, we will be looking at the New Testament Epistles.

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.

Catechists Needed

It is time to start thinking about the coming year of religious education. We need a few volunteers to teach our youth about the love of God and to inspire them with our Catholic faith. Catechists must be practicing Catholics able to provide appropriate clearances and willing to instruct youth in accord to the beliefs and practices of the Church. Training will be provided. **If you are interested, call Irene at 899-6132.**

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| Aid | Sunday Morning |
| Gr. 1 | Sunday Morning |
| Gr. 6 | Tuesday after school |
| Gr. 7 & 8 | Sunday afternoon |

Men's Night Out/K of C Baseball Excursion

The 5th annual men's bus trip to see the American League Champion Cleveland Indians is **Sunday, September 10.** The Tribe takes on the Baltimore Orioles. **The trip is open to parish men age 21 and over.** The cost of \$37 per person includes transportation aboard a school bus, game ticket, complimentary refreshments and lunch aboard the bus. **Reservations must be received by Monday, July 31.** The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9:45 a.m. immediately following 8:30 a.m. Mass. The trip is open to the first 41 men who sign up. Checks payable to: "Phil Legler" and mail to Phil Legler, 3989 Magnolia Blossom Dr., Erie, Pa 16510. If you have questions call Phil at 504-1048.

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