

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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Donna Clark, *Pastoral Minister*

Irene Lucas, *Director of Lifelong Faith Formation*

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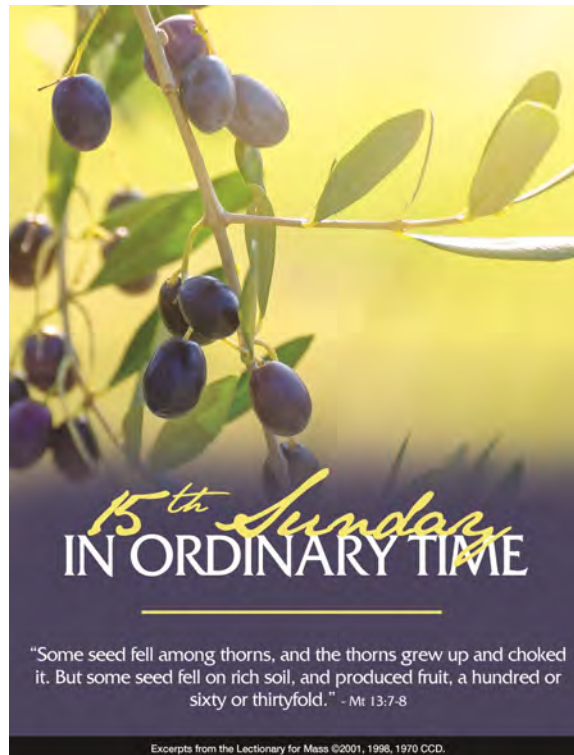
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July 16 2017



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. 7/17	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Summer Scripture Study
Tue. 7/18	1:30 p.m.	Healing Meditation
	7:00 p.m.	Healing Meditation
Wed. 7/19	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	9:15 a.m.	Scripture Study
Thur. 7/20	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	7:00 p.m.	Book Group
Fri. 7/21	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Sat. 7/22	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 7/23	11:00 a.m.	Baptism—Cillessen

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 7/17	8:30 a.m.	Joe Froelich <i>(Loren & Linda Prichard)</i>
Tue. 7/18	8:30 a.m.	Carol Kosobucki <i>(Kosobucki Family)</i>
Wed. 7/19	8:30 a.m.	
Thur. 7/20	8:30 a.m.	Randy Check <i>(Family)</i>
Fri. 7/21	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 7/22	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	Harry Hahn <i>(Dave & Helen Behringer)</i>
Sun. 7/23	8:30 a.m.	Helen Szklenski <i>(Heise Family)</i>
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 7/17	Ex 1:8-14, 22	/	Matthew 10:34—11:1
Tue. 7/18	Ex 2:1—15a	/	Matthew 11:20-24
Wed. 7/19	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12	/	Matthew 11:25-27
Thur. 7/20	Ex 3:13-20	/	Matthew 11:28-30
Fri. 7/21	Ex 11:10—12:14	/	Matthew 12:1-8
Sat. 7/22	Ex 12:37-42	/	John 20:1-2, 11-18
Sun. 7/23	Wis 12:13, 16-19/ Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43		



IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember **Luke Anthony Gonda**.

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 Florence Voelker.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the August issue of *For Mercy Sake* is **TODAY, 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.

Hearing Assisted Devices Available

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

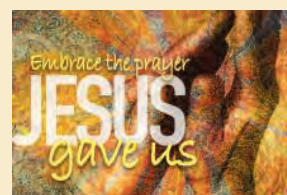
Nursery Ministry

A nursery room is available during Mass. When the toddler learns how to run and you want an enclosed space where you can continue to hear and watch Mass on TV, head to the nursery in the classroom area (the hallway to the right near the Bartlett Rd. doors). Available during all Masses. Currently the 11:00 Mass has a rotating schedule of parents who take turns watching each other's children. For more information please contact Donna Clark.

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.**

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

Matthew 13:1-23



When life turns arid and we thirst for relief, God's word comes as a gentle rain to shower our barren world with love. Like a skilled farmer, God tills the fields of our lives, breaking up the hard clods in our hearts, making us fertile soil for receiving God's word. At times, our hearts are like rocky ground; our faith is shallow and has no depth. The seed has little chance to grow and withers for lack of roots. Other times, the thorns of worry and concern choke the life out of us.

We need to take time to weed out those things that sap our energy so that God's word is not wasted and we are able to hear and understand. When we prepare our hearts to welcome God's word, it takes root, matures, and yields a rich crop in our lives. Like a mother awaiting new life, we labor in anticipation of the harvest. The present sufferings cannot be compared with the glory God will reveal.

For Reflection: Is my commitment to read God's word crowded out by unimportant things? Have the weeds of worldly anxiety overtaken the garden of my soul?

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Our Lady of Mercy Summer Festival Prize Winners List



Grand Award.....	Nancy Herrmann
I-Pad Air.....	Delite Hoover
Lottery Tree.....	Russ Gilkinson
55-inch Vizio TV.....	Bunny Weber
Restaurant Gift Cards.....	Beth Tarquinio
Roomba Vacuum.....	Jody Weber
50/50 (\$530).....	Pat Lacey
Quilt.....	Scott & Tricia Thompson
Afghans.....	Frank Cargioli

Mission Cooperative

On July 29 & 30, Sr. Teresia Muendi, an Assumption Sister of Nairobi (ASN), will be speaking at all Masses. Sister will be making an appeal to help the ASN with their ongoing mission throughout Kenya. The mission of the ASN is to respond to the needs of the poor, the disenfranchised, the underprivileged and marginalized. Their missionary activities include, care of the sick, including HIV/Aids clients, the education of street children, orphans and the abused. Their works with family pastoral ministries and community development continue to eradicate poverty, and empower these families both spiritually and socially. **Sr. Muendi will be asking for your support to enable the Assumption Sisters to continue their ministries. Please be generous in your support**

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.

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

Scripture Study on the Holy Spirit: Our Scripture

Study on the Holy Spirit continues this Wednesday, July 19 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 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.

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 with the beliefs and practices of the Church. Training will be provided. If you are interested, call Irene at 899-6132.

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

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.

Sign-Up for FOCCUS Training

FOCCUS training is a requirement for everyone who facilitates marriage preparation in the Diocese of Erie. The next training session will be offered by Father Richard Allen, a certified FOCCUS facilitator trainer, on Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie. Lunch will be provided. New deacons, other clergy, or laity interested in FOCCUS training are encouraged to sign up by Aug. 1 by calling the Family Life Office at 814-824-1265.

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.**

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of July 9, 2017

Envelopes sent:	389	
Envelopes returned:	119	\$4,534.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	103	\$2,813.00
Loose Change:		\$197.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$7,544.00

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

Grief Support Group

Monday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Learn from others who have experienced similar loss of loved ones how to walk the journey of grief. Each session starts with discussion around a particular topic and includes a closing prayer. For more information or for one-on-one ministry contact Donna Clark.

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.

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 faith community in a professional, respectful, and compassionate environment. The counselor will offer three meetings with each person. If four or more sessions are needed then we ask that a person make a small love donation to the church. Counseling meetings are at the church, in a confidential setting. To schedule an appointment contact Donna Clark, 899-5342.

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.

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 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.

Second Annual OLM Parking Lot Dance

It is almost here! **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, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

let's dance

2ND ANNUAL OLM PARKING LOT DANCE

Saturday, July 22, 2017

7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

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