

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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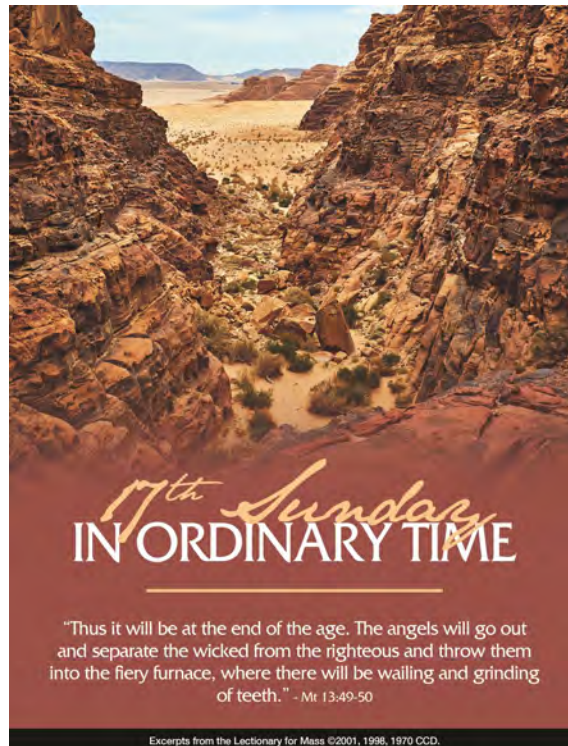
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MISSION STATEMENT

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. 7/31 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee
- Tue. 8/01 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Picnic
- Wed. 8/02
- Thur. 8/03
- Fri. 8/04 1:30 p.m. Legion of Mary
- Sat. 8/05 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
- Sun. 8/06 **Casserole Club Drop Off**
Monthly Food Pantry Collection
 9:30 a.m. Healing Ministry

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon. 7/31 8:30 a.m. **Sam Garwig** (*Garwig Family*)
- Tue. 8/01 8:30 a.m. **Sadie Randazzo**
(John & Irene Abbate)
- Wed. 8/02 8:30 a.m.
- Thur. 8/03 8:30 a.m.
- Fri. 8/04 8:30 a.m. **Maureen Cudicio** (*Bill Beckman*)
- Sat. 8/05 8:30 a.m.
 6:00 p.m. **Walter Rydelski** (*Helen & Dorothy*)
- Sun. 8/06 8:30 a.m. **Joe & Theresa Perrotto**
(Jim & Carol Perrotto)
 11:00 a.m. **For the People of OLM**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Mon. 7/31 Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 / Matthew 13:31-35
- Tue. 8/01 Ex 33: 7-11, 34:5b-9, 28/ Matthew 13:36-43
- Wed. 8/02 Ex 34:29-35 / Matthew 13:44-46
- Thur. 8/03 Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 / Matthew 13:47-53
- Fri. 8/04 Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
- Sat. 8/05 Lv 25:1,8-17 / Matthew 14:1-12
- Sun. 8/06 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9



IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember Betty Pitcavage, mother of Paula DeDionisio. 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 Marilyn Garwig.

REMINDERS

Newsletter Mailing Party

We will be preparing the newsletter for the mail on Tuesday, August 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. If you can lend a hand, please contact Irene Lucas at 899-6132 or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

SOMETHING NEW

Busted Halo

Busted Halo is a unique media resource that utilizes a relevant and accessible voice to help people understand the Catholic faith, put it into practice in their everyday lives, and share it with others – www.bustedhalo.com

Our vision is for a more joyful and meaningful experience of Catholicism that positively impacts people's lives. At Busted Halo, we aim to bring the joy of the Gospel to all people in innovative and creative ways. Through articles, video, podcasts, radio, and social media, we aspire to help Catholics embrace their faith more fully. We value the experiences and questions of people seeking to better understand their faith and offer resources to better comprehend and share the richness of the Catholic faith.



Upcoming Wedding

**Shannon Zoltowski &
 Todd Will**

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

Matthew 13:44-52



King Solomon had the opportunity to ask God for anything he wanted. Solomon was young and inexperienced. How could he rule so that the people would lead moral and ethical lives? Solomon knew that what he needed was a wise and understanding heart to judge God's people. Because Solomon didn't ask for power, wealth, or even a long life, he already had the gift he prayed for—wisdom.

Jesus said that God's reign is like a buried treasure. Once you discover it, you are willing to sacrifice everything to obtain it. But this pearl of great price is often found in the midst of cheap imitations. We need the wisdom to discard what is useless and keep what has supreme value. Paul had such wisdom. He knew that all things work together for the good of those God called to love and serve God's people.

For Reflection: Do I pray for God's wisdom to guide all my actions? Do I seek God's reign above all else?

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AUGUST 2017 HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 2	Lucas Ollinger	7
August 4	Kaylee Novosel	16
August 5	Kylie Pinetti	15
August 6	Michael Fitzgerald	17
August 7	Trevor Nelson	17
August 8	Sydney Lander	18
August 11	Cora Rozenek	3
August 12	Madison MacGurn	15
August 16	Noah Hawryliw	15
August 16	Michael Pepicello	13
August 16	Benjamin McKeel	12
August 21	Jason Angelo	18
August 26	Olivia Stephenson	7
August 26	Seamus Marshall	11
August 27	Kayden McKeel	10
August 28	Brooke Owens	11
August 29	Anthony Kohut	10
August 29	Sergio Hodzic	8
August 31	Anna Ramalho	16



Sunset Beach Mass

Mark your calendar for our annual **Sunset Beach Mass** at 7:00 p.m. on **Sunday, August 20** at **Glinodo Conference Center**. Bring your own lawn chairs and a plate of cookies to share. This is the Mass of the day.



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. 7 & 8	Sunday afternoon

Religious Education Registration

Registration for the upcoming year of Religious Education classes will take place after all Masses the weekend of **Aug. 12-13**. All children must be registered prior to the start of class. Children must be registered every year; participation in the program last year does not mean an automatic registration in the coming year. For details, see the August issue of *For Mercy Sake* or the parish website.

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.

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.**

Hearing Assisted Devices Available

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

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of July 23, 2017

Envelopes sent:	389	
Envelopes returned:	113	\$3,816.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	103	\$2,813.00
Loose Change:		\$229.50
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$6,858.50

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

What is Stewardship?

I believe we have a responsibility to lead parish members on their personal path to God through education, community and participation. If we help them to uncover their gifts and Gods' plan for those gifts then it is also important that we provide opportunities for those gifts to be used in serving others.



Healing Meditation

On Wednesday, August 9 at 11:00 am. Debbie Radomile will lead us in a healing meditation session. Join us in Mary's Chapel. Questions? Contact Donna Clark.

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.

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.

No Time for a Retreat?

Too many demands on your life to get away for a silent retreat? Could you make a retreat if it were only 3 minutes long and you could do it at home? Check out www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreat-daily-online-prayer for a mini-retreat with music, scripture, reflection and prayer. Sign up and have a new 3-minute retreat emailed to you daily.



Sister Parish Day

Our Lady of Mercy will host the diocesan Sister Parish Day on **Saturday, August 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Sister Parish Ministry in our diocese and in Mexico. The event is free, but registration is requested to ensure enough food for lunch. If you wish to participate, contact Irene Lucas at 899-6132 or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

OLM Book Group

Join us on Wednesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kay Kaerberlein, 190 Kraus Dr. to discuss The Mermaid Chair by Sue Monk Kidd. What could be better than to share a summer evening sipping wine, talking about books and enjoying the company of fun women? Our September title will be News of the World by Paulette Jiles.

Men's Night Out—Knights of Columbus 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 Dance September 23

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a dance on **Saturday, September 23** in conjunction with the OLM Feast Day weekend. The band "The Groove" - Erie's most popular band will be providing the entertainment from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Gym. Complimentary beer and snacks will be provided. Tickets will go on sale in the Gathering Space after all the Masses beginning on July 30th and for the next two Sundays. Tickets will also be available for purchase during the week in the parish office. The ticket price is \$15 or (2) for \$25. Please note (4) tickets max to parishioners. After August 13, tickets will be made available to the public through the parish office. If any parishioners require additional tickets they can also be purchased at this time. If you need more information contact Co-Chairs Frank Kaleta and Phil Legler.



August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Mission Cooperative Weekend 9:30 AM Parents Breakfast	31 8:30 AM Mass 4:00 PM Food Pantry Board (tent) 6:30 PM Stewardship Committee	1 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Pastoral Council Picnic 7:30 PM AA	2 8:30 AM Mass	3 8:30 AM Mass	4 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	5 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
6 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	7 8:30 AM Mass	8 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Newsletter Mailing 7:30 PM AA	9 8:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Healing Meditation 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	10 8:30 AM Mass	11 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	12 Religious Education Registration 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 10:00 AM Sister Parish Day 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
13 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Religious Education Registration	14 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine (SCC)-Off Site	15 ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM 8:30 AM Mass (Holy Day) 7:00 PM Core Team Mtg. Day) 7:30 PM AA 8:00 PM LFF Mtg.	16 8:30 AM FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	17 8:30 AM Mass	18 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	19 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 2:00 PM Will/Zoltowski Wedding 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
20 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 7:00 PM Family Sunset Beach Mass	21 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	22 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Finance Council 7:30 PM AA	23 8:30 AM Mass	24 8:30 AM Mass	25 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	26 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
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