

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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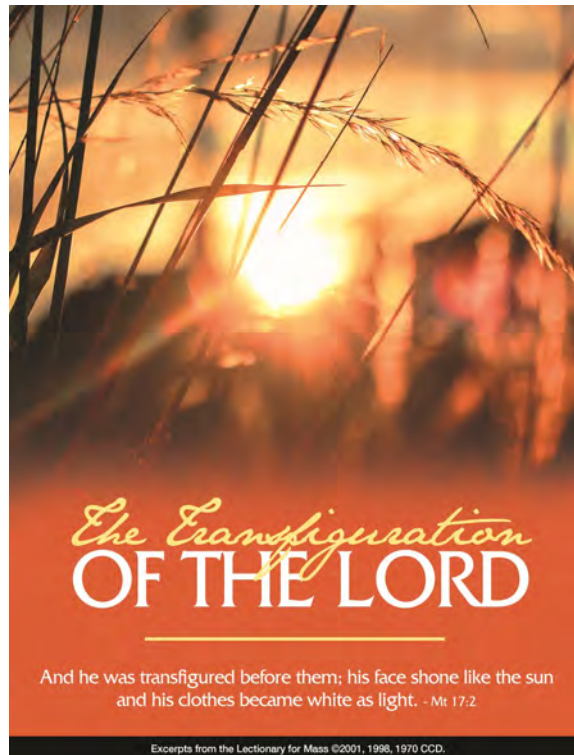
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MISSION STATEMENT

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. 8/07		
Tue. 8/08	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Mailing
Wed. 8/09	11:00 a.m.	Healing Meditation
	6:30 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Knight of Columbus
Thur. 8/10		
Fri. 8/11	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Sat. 8/12	Religious Education Registration	
	10:00 a.m.	Sister Parish Day
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 8/13	Religious Education Registration	

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 8/07	8:30 a.m.	
Tue. 8/08	8:30 a.m.	Chris Plonski (<i>Barb Jones</i>)
Wed. 8/09	8:30 a.m.	Lewis Peters (<i>Florence Voelker</i>)
Thur. 8/10	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 8/11	8:30 a.m.	John Riley (<i>Morning Mass Group</i>)
Sat. 8/12	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 8/13	8:30 a.m.	Theresa Zurawski (<i>Rose Walach</i>)
	11:00 a.m.	Mabel Holodnak (<i>Scott & Connie Ellrich</i>)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 8/07	Nm 11:4b-15	/	Matthew 14:13-21
Tue. 8/08	Nm 12:1-13	/	Matthew 14:22-36
Wed. 8/09	Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/ Mt 15:21-28		
Thur. 8/10	2 Cor 9:6-10	/	John 12:24-26
Fri. 8/11	Dt 4:32-40	/	Matthew 16:24-28
Sat. 8/12	Dt 6:4-13	/	Matthew 17:14-20
Sun. 8/13	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/ Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33		



IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember Edward Nowosielski, uncle of
 Patty Schofield and Ray Nowosielski and
 brother-in-law of Lou Ann Nowosielski. 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.

NEWLY BAPTIZED



We have been richly blessed with many baptisms
 in the past year.

Our parish community warmly welcomes
 them into the faith of Jesus Christ.

Perrin Baker—daughter of Adam & Amy Baker

Kevin Juhas—son of Michael & Amanda Juhas

Milena Laskey—daughter of Matthew & Alicia Laskey

Eileen Drotar—daughter of Michael & Emily Drotar

Rory Forrester—son of Kimber & Kimberly Forrester

Patrick Cillessen—son of Sean & Nicole Cillessen

Ava Still—daughter of Jonathan & Rachel Still

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

Matthew 17:1-9

Sunglasses have become so much a fashion accessory that we sometimes forget their real purpose. They make us comfortable in bright light and protect our eyes. The transfiguration of Jesus would surely be a “sunglasses moment” for Peter, James and John!

Before the three apostles’ very eyes, Jesus’ face “shown like the sun” and “his clothes became white as light.” These images convey more than ordinary brightness, however, from which we naturally want to shield our eyes. Jesus was **transfigured**; he was entirely changed. Something completely new was happening, and it would happen to the apostles as well.

Peter wanted to “keep his sunglasses on”: to pitch tents and stay in the brightness and promise of the transfiguration; but this could not be. The apostles had to come “down from the mountain” and travel with Jesus to Jerusalem, through their denial and doubts, through the old and into the new. Only then could they grasp the extent to which God desired to draw them into divine Life, into a new covenant and a new relationship.

In Jesus’ transfiguration, Peter, James and John saw their own transformation. **And so do we.**

For Reflection: I get a glimpses of my own transfiguration when...

Brandon Vogt

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

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School Supplies Drive

The Ella Cochran Food Pantry is accepting donations of school supplies for students enrolling in the pantry. Please pick up a list of supplies in the Gathering Space. We are also accepting monetary donations and backpacks are optional. **Please return your donations to the Gathering Space by Sunday, August 13.** As always we greatly appreciate all that you do for the clients of the Ella Cochran Food Pantry.

Coordinator Wanted for Parish Feast Day

Our Parish Feast Day is September 24th. **We are in need of a coordinator for the dinner following Mass.** As quickly as time flies by, it's never too early to try to fill the position. If you are interested or have any question, please, let us know.

REMINDERS

Newsletter Mailing Party

We will be preparing the August issue of *For Mercy Sake* 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

Are You New to the Parish?

Stop by the parish office before or after Mass to see Donna Clark. Pick up the welcome material and a parish picture book. We would also like to take your picture so we can make a supplemental page.

Share Your Info About Those in the Hospital

If you know of a parishioner in the hospital, please call the parish office at 899-5342. While we have a regular hospital reporter, sometimes information is not passed on. Your help is appreciated.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of July 30, 2017

Envelopes sent:	389	
Envelopes returned:	121	\$4,524.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	103	\$2,813.00
Loose Change:		\$309.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$7,646.00

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

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 August 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.

Rosary March August 19

The Erie Curia of the Legion of Mary is sponsoring a **Rosary March on Saturday, August 19 at St. Casimir's Church, Erie.** The event begins with a Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of the Erie Diocese. The March follows at the church which is located at 629 Hess Avenue, Erie. Refreshments will be served in the church's social hall immediately after the March. The Rosary will also be recited in the church for anyone not able to walk. If you have any questions, please call Andrea Maille at 898-1532.

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.

What is Stewardship?

Creating a vision for our soul and a plan for our journey.

Also: Stewardship is planned giving and does not leave giving to chance. It asks us to appraise - deliberately - what we are doing with our time, our talent, and our treasures.



Healing Meditation

On Wednesday, August 9 at 11:00 a.m. in Mary's Chapel. 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.



Divorce Help

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG) 12-week group to help those who are separated or divorced begins on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. in Erie - NEW LOCATION - (Cost - \$15 for book/journal). Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVDs with experienced presenters and real men and women who have felt the pain of divorce. Please call the Family Life Office, (814) 824-1250, email familylife@eriercd.org or visit www.eriercd.org/cdsg.htm for more information or to register.

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.



Book Group

Women's Lunch

On Monday, August 21 at 1:00 p.m. join a fun loving group of ladies who live alone for lunch at the Harborview Grill, 3730 Harbor Ridge Trail, Erie, PA 16510, off Depot Rd. We share stories and laugh most of the time. For more information contact Donna Clark.



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 are on sale in the Gathering Space after all the Masses the weekend of August 6 and 13.** 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.

Annual Garage Sale at St. Mark

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, 695 Smithson Ave. Erie, 16511, is holding its annual **Garage Sale August 10 & 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and August 12 from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Support Group for Huntington's Disease

A group of concerned people from all over Erie and Crawford counties meet at St. Boniface School (9363 Wattsburg Rd., Erie, PA 16509) every month on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. to learn, share information and support each other in an informal setting. For more info, contact Art at 814-450-8956 or Barbara 814-490-6288 or email Art18189@gmail.com.

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