

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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August 13, 2017

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*

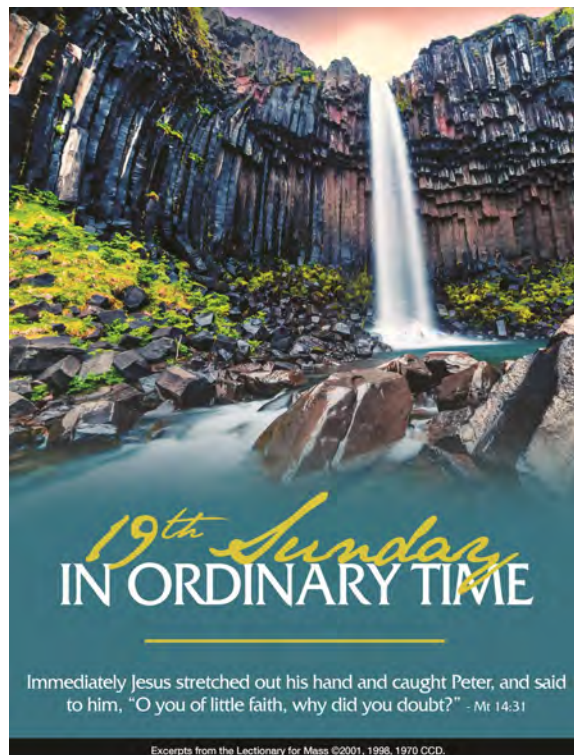
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Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

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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. 8/14**
- Tue. 8/15** 8:30 a.m. Mass (Holy Day)
 7:00 p.m. Core Team Meeting
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- Wed. 8/16** 8:30 a.m. Food Pantry Distribution
 7:30 p.m. OLM Book Group
- Thur. 8/17**
- Fri. 8/18** 1:30 p.m. Legion of Mary
- Sat. 8/19** 2:00 p.m. Wedding—Will/Zoltowski
 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
- Sun. 8/20** 9:30 a.m. Healing Ministry
 7:00 p.m. Sunset Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon. 8/14** 8:30 a.m.
- Tue. 8/15** 8:30 a.m. Therese Larson (Family)
 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. 8/16** 8:30 a.m. Evelyn Taris (Isabelle Papazian)
- Thur. 8/17** 8:30 a.m.
- Fri. 8/18** 8:30 a.m.
- Sat. 8/19** 8:30 a.m.
 6:00 p.m. Florence Reske (Family)
- Sun. 8/20** 8:30 a.m. Dennis Delporto
 (Ed & Marlene Meyer)
 11:00 a.m. For the People of OLM

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Mon. 8/14** Dt 10:12-22 / Matthew 17:22-27
- Tue. 8/15** Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/
 Luke 1:39-56
- Wed. 8/16** Dt 34:1-12 / Matthew 18:15-20
- Thur. 8/17** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Matthew 18:21—19:1
- Fri. 8/18** Jos 24:1-13 / Matthew 19:3-12
- Sat. 8/19** Jos 24:14-29 / Matthew 19:13-15
- Sun. 8/20** Is 56:1, 6-7/ Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember John “Jack” Kestler,
 father of Sharon Kestler; and Dennis Hollarn.
 Please keep them and their families
 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.

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.

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. The hospitals’ records do not always put in the name of the parish for each patient so our hospital report is often incomplete and we can miss when someone is in the hospital. If you know of someone who is in the hospital please call the parish office to let us know.

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.

THIS SUNDAY’S REFLECTION



Matthew 14:22-33

Our mountaintop experiences can be places of transformation if we are willing to hear and obey God’s revelation to us. Though Elijah had performed incredible wonders on Mount Carmel, he ran for his life to another mountain—Horeb. As he hid in a cave, Elijah sensed the presence of God, not in the wind, earthquake, or fire of Mount Sinai but in a “tiny whispering sound” deep within. Then Elijah was able to leave his cave of fear and bow down before the divine.

While Jesus was praying on a mountain, his disciples experienced terror even though he was nearby. One minute their world was tranquil as they crossed the lake, the next minute their little boat was tossed about in the storm. When Jesus appeared they were terrified, thinking he was a ghost. In the midst of the storms of our lives we plead, “Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come.” Jesus holds out his hand and invites us to place our trust in him. The moment we take our eyes off Jesus, we are overtaken by fear of what could or might happen. With our eyes fixed on him, we can cross the waters of chaos. “Come!” Jesus invites us.

For Reflection: When have I met the Lord on a mountaintop? When have I experienced him calming the storms of my life?

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR 2017



In association with the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration on August 13, we would like to recognize all our parishioners who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2017:

- 25th —Jeanne & Philip Kidder
- 25th —Jerry & Amy Coppersmith
- 25th—Ron & Jodi Manna
- 25th—Bill & Sharon Gdaniec
- 25th—Tim & Norma Lynch
- 25th—Gary & Margy Luniewski
- 50th—Maureen & Alan Koseff
- 50th—Thomas & Joyce R zodkiewicz
- 60th —Richard & Audrey Miller
- 60th—John & Irene Abbate

Sunset Beach Mass

Our annual Sunset Beach Mass is at 7:00 p.m. next 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.

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| Aid | Sunday Morning |
| Gr. 1 | Sunday Morning |
| Gr. 7 & 8 | Sunday afternoon |

Need Clearances for Working With Children?

A volunteer from the religious education community will be available after all Masses the weekend of Aug. 26-27 with a laptop to assist anyone wanting to apply for clearances but who are having difficulty navigating the on-line process.

Religious Education Registration

Registration for the upcoming year of Religious Education classes will take place after all Masses this weekend, 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. **The first day of religious education classes is Tuesday, September 5.**

NEWLY BAPTIZED



We have been richly blessed with more baptisms. Our parish community warmly welcomes Crosby and Nathan Marshall, sons of Adam & Megan Marshall; and Dakota and Jordon Pohl, sons of Scott Pohl, into the faith of Jesus Christ.

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 Aug 6, 2017

Envelopes sent:	389	
Envelopes returned:	123	\$5,110.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	103	\$2,813.00
Loose Change:		\$472.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$8,395.00

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

Baptismal Preparation Session for Parents

Our semi-annual Baptismal Preparation Session for Parents will be held on Sunday, October 1 at 12:15 p.m. All parents looking forward to the baptism of their child are required by the Diocese of Erie to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session. It is an opportunity to prepare your heart and home for the commitment to raise your child in our Catholic faith. If you are planning to celebrate your child's baptism in the next 6 to 9 months, you will want to consider registering for this session. Register by calling the parish office at 899-5342. If the date and time of this session does not work for your schedule, contact the neighboring Catholic churches to inquire when they hold a class. This session can be attended at any Catholic parish.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Church in Latin America continues to face barriers to practicing their faith.



Shortages of resources, pastoral workers and poor infrastructure make simple things like attending weekly Mass difficult for many. As members of the same family of faith, we have a unique opportunity to assist our brothers and sisters in overcoming their hardships while growing in their faith in the living Christ. **The Collection for the Church in Latin America is one way to help them.**

This collection, taken on the weekend of August 19-20, is an essential resource for the Church in Latin America. The proceeds are used in dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and other Catholic institutions to assist in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, catechists and youth ministers.

There are many ways to fulfill our commitment to God; and supporting those who teach the faith and share their lives with the most vulnerable people in the world is one of those ways.

I am grateful for your generosity in the past and ask that you once again participate in this effort for the sake of our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. I encourage you to be as generous as possible. Your economic support and prayers for the people in this region of our world will truly make a difference. Be assured of my own prayers for you and your families.

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

Grief Support Group

The next monthly grief support group meeting is on **Monday, August 21 (the third Monday of the month) at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.** If you know of someone who is suffering through the loss of a loved one, please let them know of this group. We have discussion around a topic that pertains to grief and close with prayer. In addition to this group we also provide one-on-one support. Please contact Donna Clark in the parish office.

School Supplies Drive

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

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 13. Tickets will also be available for purchase during the week in the parish office. The ticket price is \$15 or (2) for \$25. **After August 13, tickets will be made available to the public.**



Rosary March August 19

The Erie Curia of the Legion of Mary is sponsoring a **Rosary March on Saturday, August 19 at 12 noon 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 898-0755.

Sunset Mass

Sunday, Aug. 20 @ 7:00 PM

This will be the Mass of Sunday



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