

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*

Brandon Vogt, *Director of Liturgy & Music*

Marsha MacKinnon McKinley, *Admin. Assistant*

Geri Hadlock, *Youth Minister*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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August 27, 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. 8/28 6:30 p.m. Fruit of the Vine
Tue. 8/29
Wed. 8/30
Thur. 8/31
Fri. 9/01 1:30 p.m. Legion of Mary
Sat. 9/02 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 9/03 Casserole Club Drop Off
 Monthly Food Pantry Collection
 9:30 a.m. Healing Ministry

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 8/28 8:30 a.m. James Boris (Extein Family)
Tue. 8/29 8:30 a.m.
Wed. 8/30 8:30 a.m. Margaret Latchford
Thur. 8/31 8:30 a.m. Carol Spiegel (Zuhusky Family)
Fri. 9/01 8:30 a.m. Robert Jones (Barb Jones)
Sat. 9/02 8:30 a.m. David Ross (Linda Ross)
 6:00 p.m. For the People of OLM
Sun. 9/03 8:30 a.m. Frank Szklenski (Heise Family)
 11:00 a.m. Lewis Peters (Carole Peters)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 8/28 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 / Matthew 23:13-22
Tue. 8/29 1 Thes 2:1-8 / Matthew 6:17-29
Wed. 8/30 1 Thes 2:9-13 / Matthew 23:27-32
Thur. 8/31 1 Thes 3:7-13 / Matthew 24:42-51
Fri. 9/01 1 Thes 4:1-8 / Matthew 25:1-13
Sat. 9/02 1 Thes 4:1-8 / Matthew 25:14-30
Sun. 9/03 Jer 20:7-9/ Rom 12:1-2/ Matthew 16:21-27



IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember **Bob Williams** and **Bob Worden**,
 the brother-in-laws of **Joan Rall**.

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 Marilyn Garwig.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Wendy and Michael Benson on the baptism of their daughter, Aurora Kathryn. May God Bless them in their commitment to be examples of faith for her.

Shannon Zoltowski and Todd Will, who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage. May God bless their covenant of love.

REMINDERS

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

Parish Office Closed on Labor Day

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the parish office is closed on Monday, September 4, 2017.

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION



Matthew 16:13-20

Whoever has the keys has the power to open and shut, permit and prohibit. Jesus entrusted Peter with keys, not to an ordinary door but to the kingdom of heaven. But Jesus had to help Peter understand the meaning of real power and authority. "Who do the people say I am?" he asked his followers. Some said he was John the Baptist, others Elijah, Jeremiah, or another prophet. But then Jesus asked them, "Who do you say I am?" Inspired by God's Spirit, Peter spoke for them all: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!" No Longer Simon, son of Jonah, he was Peter, the rock upon which Jesus would build his church. But it would take a lot of living and dying for Peter to understand what his role truly meant.

Paul struggle to find the answers as he pondered God's mercy shown to all people. "How unsearchable are God's judgments and how inscrutable God's ways!" Peter and Paul knew that no matter how much they gave in service to God, there was nothing they could do to deserve God's unfathomable love.

For Reflection: Who is Jesus in my life? How do I share his power through baptism?

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September 2017

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sept 1	Lexi Gilchrist	17
Sept 1	Libby Gilchrist	17
Sept 4	Ethan Sacco	18
Sept 5	Zach Olson	15
Sept 7	Kayla Kohut	12
Sept 8	Georgia Weber	12
Sept 9	Logan Garrans	4
Sept 10	Aiden Ollinger	10
Sept 11	Riley Whitney	8
Sept 14	Mikayla Habursky	15
Sept 14	Annie Sarvis	13
Sept 14	Hannah Claypoole	14
Sept 16	Amber Moore	8
Sept 16	Gabe DeVore	18
Sept 17	Anthony Allegretto	10
Sept 20	Rachel McLaughlin	17
Sept 21	Amiya Sacco	15
Sept 22	Clara Camillo	9
Sept 27	Montgomery Varo	11
Sept 27	Lillian Zielinski	9
Sept 27	Nicholas Trombetta	18
Sept 29	Alec Henry	18
Sept 30	Alex Rupp	18



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of Aug 20, 2017

Envelopes sent:	389	
Envelopes returned:	88	\$3,035.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	103	\$2,813.00
Loose Change:		\$272.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$6,120.00

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

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. 9 Home Session

Religious Education Registration

All children including those preparing to celebrate Confirmation in October, must have a parent signature on the appropriate forms before the first day of religious education. If you have not yet registered your child, please visit the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation as soon as possible. **The first day of religious education classes will be Tuesday, Sept. 5.**

The Year of Religious Education Opens with Several Important Parent Meetings:

Sept. 6 – Gr. 9 Parent & Candidate Mtg. at 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 7 – Gr. 11 Parent & Candidate Mtg. at 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 10 – Gr. 7 & 8 Parent Mtg. at 12:15 p.m.

**Gr. 12 Confirmation Interviews will be held on
Sunday, September 17 at 12:15 p.m.**

This interview is required by the Bishop.

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.

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.

Special Thank You

The family of Leo Reynaud would like to thank the community of Our Lady of Mercy for the care and help during the funeral service for Leo, especially Fr. Ritchie and Deacon Glen Kuzma. Everything was perfect. We would also like to thank the people who donated food for the luncheon. It was delicious. Sincerely, Betty Reynaud

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.

Ministry Leader's Meeting

All Ministry Leaders are asked to attend a brief meeting after all Masses on Sept 9 and 10 to receive guidelines on gathering information about the ministry for new brochures.

Essential Oils Workshop

In this hands-on workshop the participant will learn about the healing qualities of essential oils and make a pain reliever for personal use as part of this workshop on **September 30, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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.



Time Remains to Register for Retreat

It's not too late to register for "The Loving Search for God," the Sept. 15-16 retreat conducted by Father William Meninger of Snowmass, Colo. For more information and to register for this retreat go to: www.stgeorgeerie.org/news/weekend-retreat or contact Donna Clark at 814-899-5342. Please register by September 7.

Consider Faith Direct

As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy fall, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: PA647. Thank you for supporting our parish family!

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.

Social Justice Committee News



The weekend of Sept. 30-Oct. 1, we will participate in an "offering of letters" sponsored by Bread for the World. As disciples of Jesus Christ who multiplied bread and fish to feed the hungry and gave his life to feed each of us, we will raise our collective voice to advocate on behalf of the hungry in our midst. See the article in the August issue of *For Mercy Sake* for details.

Fast Fact: According to the latest census data, 21% of children in the U.S. live below the poverty line. In Erie, the number of children living in poverty rose from 21% in 2010 to 38% in 2015.

School Supplies Drive Thank you

The Ella Cochran Food Pantry would like to thank all those who donated school supplies and backpacks for the children of the food pantry as they begin a new school year. We served over 75 students.

Youth Fundraiser at Frogurtz

Hey **who** doesn't love frozen yogurt? On September 18 for every person who purchases a treat from Frogurtz at 861 East 38th St. a percentage of sales will go to those attending the National Catholic Youth Conference from our parish! So please support our trip.

OLM Book Group

Join us on Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 190 Kraus Drive, to discuss News of the World by Paulette Jiles. As the kids go back to school, why not open your own book? Discussing literature as an adult is so much more fun than when we did it in school. Now we get to do it over a glass of wine and there are no tests. Want to read ahead? Our October title will be Small Great Things by Jodi Piccoult.

Knights of Columbus Dance September 23

Dance to "The Groove" on Saturday, September 23 in conjunction with the OLM Feast Day weekend. Complimentary beer and snacks provided. Tickets are \$15 each or (2) for \$25; available in the parish office.

Part-Time Job

Looking to get out of the house, work and have fun while doing it? A parishioner owned bakery is looking for someone who's an early riser, seasonal work. Interested? Call 572-6384.

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 	28 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine (SCC) 	29 8:30 AM Mass 7:30 PM AA 	30 8:30 AM Mass 	1 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 	2 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS 	
3 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 	4 Labor Day Parish Office Closed 8:30 AM NO MASS 	5 8:30 AM Mass 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Rel Ed Gr. 3-6 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting 7:30 PM AA 	6 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Gr. 9 Parent/Candidate Meeting 	8 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 	9 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Cursillo Planning Mtg 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS 7:00 PM Ministry Coordinators Meeting 	
10 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Men's Night Out Baseball Trip 9:30 AM Ministry Coordinators Mtg 9:30 AM Rel Ed Gr. Kg-2 12:00 PM Ministry Coordinators Mtg 12:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8 12:15 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Parent Meeting 	11 8:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Meditation 6:30 PM Fall PF & Core Team Kickoff - Potluck 6:30 PM Stewardship Committee 	12 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM SCC-Steel Magnolias 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Rel Ed Gr. 3-6 5:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM AA 	13 8:30 AM Mass 3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds Mtg. 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus 	15 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 	16 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS 	
17 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 8:00 AM Pre-Cana 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 9:30 AM Rel Ed Gr. Kg-2 12:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8 12:15 PM Gr. 12 Interviews 	18 Youth NCVF Fundraiser 8:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Meditation 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine (SCC) 7:00 PM Grief Support Group 	19 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM SCC-Steel Magnolias 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Rel Ed Gr. 3-6 5:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Core Team Mtg. 7:00 PM LFF Mtg. 7:30 PM AA 	20 8:30 AM FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP 	22 First Day of Autumn Parish Dance set up 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 	23 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Cursillo Planning Mtg 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM NO Mass 7:00 PM K of C Parish Dance 	
24 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY 10:30 AM Only One Sunday Mass 12:15 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event 	25 8:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Meditation 	26 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM SCC-Steel Magnolias 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Rel Ed Gr. 3-6 5:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM AA 	27 8:30 AM Mass 	29 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 	30 SCC Sign-up Weekend 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Essential Oils Workshop 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS 	

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