## 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

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#### March 25, 2018



## 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. 03/26 6:30 p.m. Fruit of the Vine (SCC) 6:30 p.m. Isaiah's Community (SCC) 7:00 p.m. **Parish Seder Meal** Tue. 03/27 9:30 a.m. Steel Magnolias (SCC)

Prayer Shawl 2:00 p.m. Rel Ed Gr 3-6 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.

Children Choir Rehearsal Wed. 03/28 1:00 p.m. Diamonds in the Rough (SCC)

Pilgrimage Through the 7:00 p.m. Symbols of Holy week

Thur. 03/29 **Holy Thursday** 

> 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00 p.m. Night Prayer

Fri. 03/30 **Good Friday** 

Parish Office Closed

**Morning Prayer** 9:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. **Outdoor Stations of the Cross** 

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.

Sat. 03/31 **Holy Saturday** 

> 9:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** 11:30 a.m. **Blessing of Easter Foods** 9:00 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil

Sun. 04/01 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Casserole Club Drop Off **Monthly Food Pantry Collection** 8:30 a.m. **Easter Sunday Mass** 9:30 a.m. **Healing Ministry** 

11:00 a.m. **Easter Sunday Mass** 

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon. 03/26 8:30 a.m. Tue. 03/27 8:30 a.m.

Wed. 03/28 8:30 a.m. Harry Extein (Extein Family) Thur. 03/29 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00 p.m. **Night Prayer** 

Fri. 03/30 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.

Sat. 03/31 9:00 a.m.

**Morning Prayer** 

9:00 p.m. Sun. 04/01 8:30 a.m. For The People of OLM

The Great Easter Vigil

11:00 a.m. For The People of OLM

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 03/26 Is 42:1-7 / John 12:1-11

Tue. 03/27 Is 49:1-6 / John 13:21-33,36-38 Wed. 03/28 Is 50:4-9a / Matthew 26:14-25

Thur. 03/29 Ex 12:1-8,11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Fri. 03/30 Is 52:13-53:12/ Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

Sat. 03/31 Ex 14:15—15:1/Rom 6:3-11/ Mark 16:1-7

Sun. 04/01 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Mark 16:1-7

## REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

#### Parish Office Closed on Good Friday

The parish office at Our Lady of Mercy will be closed on Good Friday, March 30.

#### For Mercy Sake Deadline

The deadline to submit items for our May issue of For Mercy Sake is **Sunday**. April 22. Items can be submitted to ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or brought to the office.

#### **Bulletin Announcements**

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.

## 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.

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION



Mark 14:1-15:47

True prophets do not rebel against their call. Though others decline to speak on behalf of God, they let nothing deter them from their mission, even when it seems as though God has abandoned them. Although ears are closed to their message, the prophets steadfastly proclaim God's tidings to the assembly. This is the attitude of Jesus. He did not regard power and authority as something to be held with a tight fist. Rather, he opened his hand and emptied himself, pouring out his humanity to become a servant to his brothers and sisters.

Unlike Jesus, we are not always submissive. At the table we betray him, despising the body with whom we have gathered. We say "Amen" to the cup with little understanding that we are saying "Yes" to dying to self like Jesus. Obedient in all things, he bound his will to God and did not turn away from death, even the disgraceful death on a cross. Willingly, he drank the dregs of the chalice of suffering and poured out his blood on our behalf.

Because Jesus was faithful, God exalted him, raising him above heaven and earth, giving him the name above all names. Our hearts and knees bow at his name. Our tongues proclaim to the glory of God: "Jesus Christ is Lord!"

For Reflection: Do I proclaim the Lord's death when I eat the bread and drink the cup? How can I offer hope to a hopeless world?

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#### Social Justice Committee News

#### **Human Dignity**

Human dignity is something that can't be taken away. Catholic Social Teaching states that each and every person has value, is worthy of great respect and must be free from slavery, manipulation and exploitation. "Catholic social teaching believes that human beings, created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27), have by their very existence an inherent value, worth, and distinction." Daniel Groody "Globalization, Spirituality and Justice"

#### Candidate/Sponsor Evening of Reflection

Confirmation candidates in their final year of preparation to celebrate Confirmation are reminded that they have a mandatory event with their sponsor on Sunday, April 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at OLM.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you considering the possibility of joining the Catholic Church? Inquiry Sessions are now beginning. They are scheduled around the availability of the participants. For more information, call Irene Lucas at 899-6132.

#### Serve Erie in Harborcreek

On Saturday, April 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Harborcreek churches will join forces to improve our community. The event will begin at 8:00 a.m. at South Harbor United Methodist Church where volunteers will gather to get their assignments. The event will focus on cleaning up three empty lots in Harborcreek. Childcare will be available for children under age 7. In April, signup lists will be posted in the Gathering Space for those willing to participate.

#### Counseling Available

Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy are offering their professional skills as counselors for adults or teens or family counseling. Counseling meetings are at the church, in a confidential setting. To schedule an appointment, contact Donna Clark at 899-5342.

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Offertory for the weekend of March 18, 2018

Envelopes sent: 404

Envelopes returned: 107 \$3,733.00
Faith Direct Deposits: 106 \$2,851.75
Loose Change: \$233.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$6,817.75



#### Pilgrimage Through The Symbols of Holy Week

Mark you calendar for a special evening of prayerful reflection on the sights and smells that permeate our most holy celebrations of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. Our Holy Week pilgrimage will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28. Gather in Classroom #1. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a wine glass.

#### **Bag of Hope Easter Dinner Bags**

Please return your Bags of Hope Easter Dinner food items today, Sunday, March 25. If you can please buy one product for our gluten free family. We serve an average of 120 families each month. We expect to hand out 135 Easter Dinners. Thank you for your support.

#### Young Adult Gathering

If you are in your 20's or 30's, single or married, with or without children, this is for you. Join other young adults for an informal social in Sperry Hall between the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, April 8. If you have children not yet old enough to be in religious education class at this time, bring them with you. Feel free to bring a snack to share, but don't feel obligated. This is an opportunity for OLM young adults who attend different masses to get to know one another.

#### Sunday Morning \*C\*A\*F\*E\*

Dave Seyboldt will present our final Sunday Morning CAFÉ of the season on **Sunday, April 15** from 9:45-10:45 in Sperry Hall. Since 2013, Dave Seyboldt has made several trips to Africa with Marion Medical Missions to help provide clean water to rural villages in Malawi, Zambia and Tanzania. Dave will share his experiences in these impoverished communities and the way a well can transform life for these people. Join us for fresh brewed coffee and baked treats as we hear about a modern Easter miracle, compassion bringing life-giving water to those who long for it.

#### The Question-Of-The-Week Contest Winner

The winner for the week of March 12 was Amber Moore, Grade 2 who knew that the Trinity is One God in Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

#### Next Cursillo Scheduled for April

A Men's Cursillo will be held April 19-22 at Our Lady of Mercy. Cursillo is a personal encounter weekend with Christ that is open to both men and women 18 and older. If women are married, the husband must attend a Cursillo first. Please submit an application for the upcoming men's Cursillo as soon as possible. Applications and more information may be found at www.eriecursillo.org. To learn more, call 814-824-1119.

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#### Celebrate Recovery: Healing from Life's Hurts, Habits and Hang-ups

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays at South Harborcreek United Methodist Church, 7929 McGill Rd. This program celebrates God's healing power to help us recover from any of life's challenges; overeating, fear, gambling, codependency, depression, alcohol, drugs, guilt, shame, and anger. This Christ centered ministry helps people resolve their pain through sharing experiences, strengths and hopes. Based on biblical principles and the 12 steps, the prayer service starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by discussion groups at 7:30 p.m. A light meal is provided. All are welcome. For more go to <a href="http://www.southharborcreekumc.org/celebrate-recovery.html">http://www.southharborcreekumc.org/celebrate-recovery.html</a>

#### **Pastoral Council Nominations**

Please begin your prayerful discernment about who to nominate for the Pastoral Council. Last week's bulletin contained information about the council. Nomination ballots will be in the Gathering Space in April. The Pastoral Council engages in the process of pastoral planning and helps to set the direction of the parish community in prayer, leadership, service and pastoral action in consultation with the pastor and staff.

#### Visiting Parishioners in the Hospitals

We are no longer able to obtain a list of parishioners who are in the hospital. If you know of someone who is in the hospital please contact the parish office to let us know.



Celebrating the Ministries of

Our Lady of Mercy

On April 7 & 8 we are celebrating the Service Ministries of Our Lady of Mercy.

This weekend we will recognize all those involve in the Service Ministries:

Bakers Ministry
Building & Grounds Work Crew
Knights of Columbus
Landscaping Crew
Lenten Soup Supper
Painting Crew
Quilters - Patchwork of Friends
Transportation

If you are part of one of these ministries, please wear ORANGE to Mass on April 7 & 8. We will have a special blessing of the ministers this weekend. We will have informational brochures available and there will be an opportunity to sign up for any of these ministries if you feel God is calling you to share your gifts in this way

Please check your emails in the coming weeks. We are looking for people from these ministries to be at a table in the Gathering Space after Mass to answer any questions. Questions? Contact Donna Clark.

## **APRIL 2018**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Apr 4	Eileen Drotar	1	
Apr 4	Maria Allegretto	9	
Apr 6	Eva Still	1	
Apr 11	Mariska Habursky	11	
Apr 11	Griffin Tylman	4	
Apr 11	Gweneviere Wilczynski	3	
Apr 15	Kathryn Gilchrist	15	
Apr 15	Samantha Bryan	10	
Apr 17	Alex Lunger	12	
Apr 18	Alexandra Bryan	6	
Apr 18	Addison Tylman	7	
Apr 19	Charlotte Dalton	16	Ę
Apr 19	Bernadette Berdis	16	
Apr 21	Braeden Knepper	8	
Apr 22	Joseph Gabler	16	
Apr 22	Lydia Hordych	1	
Apr 25	Ryan Sweet	17	
Apr 29	Harrison DeVore	17	
Apr 30	Hannah Smith	12	



## OLM Book Group

The days are getting longer. Time to come out of hibernation. Why not spend an evening around great book talk with a glass of wine. Whether you are interested in joining a book group or just want to talk about one particular title, the door is open to you. Our April selection is <u>Killers of the Flower Moon</u> by David Grann and our May title will be <u>Before We Were Yours</u> by Lisa Wingate.

#### Harborcreek Youth Services' Purse Bingo

Harborcreek Youth Services, an affiliate of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, is hosting a Purse Bingo on **April 15 at Our Lady of Mercy**. Doors open at 12 noon with bingo starting at 1 p.m. Reservations can be made by emailing *pursebingo@hys-erie.org*.

#### Bus Trip to Berlin, Ohio

Book your reservations and make payment now with Barb Jones for a one day excursion to Amish country in Berlin, Ohio on **Saturday**, **June 9**. The bus leaves the OLM parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and returns before 10:00 p.m. Cost is \$38. 12 seats remain open, if interested please call Barb Jones at 899-9358 and leave a message. Reservations taken on a first come first serve basis.

#### 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. <u>Previously refilled and remanufactured cartridges can not be redeemed, nor can laser toner cartridges.</u>

# April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	y Friday	y Saturday
8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF EASTER SUMDAY Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	2 8:30 AM Mass	3 8:30 AM Mass 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias (SCC) 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl (SCC) (SCC) Committee 7:00 PM Dance Class in Gym 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting 7:30 PM AA		5 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 2:00 PM Contemplative Prayer 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl	6 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	7 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
8 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Ministry Presentation Weekend 9:30 AM Mass & Mingle 9:30 AM Rel Ed Gr. Kg-2 12:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8 5:00 PM Candidate/Sponsor Evening of Reflection	9 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Taize Prayer 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine (SCC) 6:30 PM Isaiah's Community (SCC)	10 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias (SCC) 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Rel Ed Gr. 3-6 5:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus 7:30 PM AA	11 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough (SCC) 3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds Mtg. 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	12 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 2:00 PM Contemplative Prayer 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	13 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	14 All Facilities Booked K of C Golf Raffle - Announcement 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
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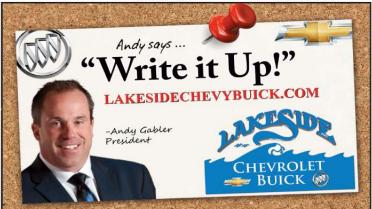
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