

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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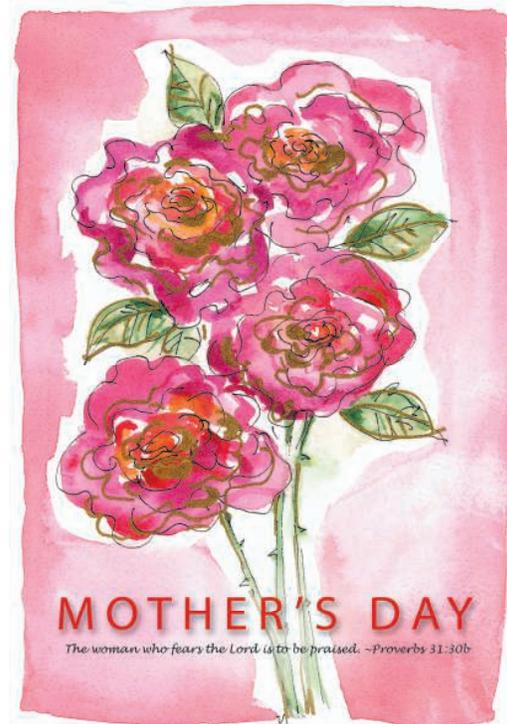
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May 13, 2018



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. 05/14	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Mailing
	6:30 p.m.	Isaiah's Community (SCC)
Tue. 05/15	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias (SCC)
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 p.m.	Core Team Mtg
	7:00 p.m.	LFF Mtg
Wed. 05/16	Cursillo Women (Set-Up)	
	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough (SCC)
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 05/17	Cursillo Women	
	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	2:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer
	3:00 p.m.	Social Justice Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 05/18	Cursillo Women	
	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Sat. 05/19	Cursillo Women	
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 05/20	Cursillo Women	
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	9:30 a.m.	Young Adult Social

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 Marilyn Garwig.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 05/14	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Tue. 05/15	8:30 a.m.	Harry Extein (Extein Family)
Wed. 05/16	8:30 a.m.	Andrew & Rose Nazarenko (Diane Hoover)
Thur. 05/17	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Fri. 05/18	8:30 a.m.	Helen Hemmis (Chris & Dave Kaschak)
Sat. 05/19	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS /NO SERVICE
	6:00 p.m.	For The People of OLM
Sun. 05/20	8:30 a.m.	Linda Mueller (Rick Mueller)
	11:00 a.m.	Yolanda DiRaimo (Family)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 05/14	Acts 1:15-17,20-26	/ John 15:9-17
Tue. 05/15	Acts 20:17-27	/ John 17:1-11a
Wed. 05/16	Acts 20:28-38	/ John 17:11b-19
Thur. 05/17	Acts 22:30,23:6-11	/ John 17:20-26
Fri. 05/18	Acts 25:13b-21	/ John 21:15-19
Sat. 05/19	Acts 28:16-20,30-31	/ John 21:20-25
Sun. 05/20	Acts 2:1-11/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13/Jn 20:19-23	

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

For Mercy's Sake Mailing Party

We will be folding the newsletter for mailing **tomorrow, Monday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m.** If you can lend a hand, please let Irene know by calling 899-6132 or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

Memorial Day

Due to the Memorial Day Federal Holiday on **Monday, May 28, the parish office will be closed.**

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.

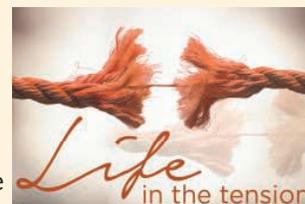


IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember David Johnson, son of Joe and Judy Johnson; and Joe Wheeler, nephew of Char DeDionisio. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

John 17:11b-19



As Jesus is about to be taken out of the world, he prays that God will bless his followers and make them holy in the same way that God consecrated him—by means of truth. In Jesus's relationship with this loving Father, the human and divine dwell as one. He prays that this unity will be made manifest in his disciples. Like a good shepherd, Jesus kept careful watch over his flock. He prays that they will continue to be safeguarded from evil. He knows that when he is no longer physically present, the community will be torn apart by doubt, mistrust, and betrayal. God's spirit will be the binding power that keeps them together.

Although no one has ever seen God, in Jesus we are able to see God's saving presence. Through Jesus, we are given a glimpse of God's reign. With Jesus, we experience an intimate knowledge of God's love. By living authentic lives of love and fidelity, we will understand the true meaning of our baptism. As one people, we are sent to sanctify the world with God's grace and truth to share not only Christ's passion but also his joy.

For Reflection: How have I revealed the truth of God's love? Is my community one of unity or of discord?

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Social Justice Committee News

In this month of First Eucharist celebrations, Mother's Day and graduations, this corner will explore the teaching of Scripture and the Catholic Church on the dignity of children.

The situation of a vast number of the world's children is far from being satisfactory, due to the lack of favorable conditions for their integral development despite the existence of a specific international juridical instrument for protecting their rights, an instrument that is binding on practically all members of the international community. These are conditions that are connected with the lack of health care or adequate food supply, little or no possibility of receiving a minimum of academic formation or inadequate shelter. Moreover, some serious problems remain unsolved; trafficking in children, child labor, the phenomenon of "street children", the use of children in armed conflict, child marriage, the use of children in the commerce of pornographic material, also in the use of the most modern and sophisticated instruments of social communication. It is essential to engage in a battle at the national and international levels, against the dignity of boys and girls caused by sexual exploitation, by those caught up in pedophilia and by every kind of violence directed against these most defenseless of human creatures. These are criminal acts that must be effectively fought with adequate preventive and penal measures by the determined actions of the authorities involved. (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church #245*)

Remember the most vulnerable in our midst when you vote in the primaries this week.

Do We Have Your Latest Contact Information?

If you have moved or have changed your home phone and/or cell phone number or email address, please update the office. Thank you!

Letters of Stewardship

W: Way of Life –The U.S. Bishops' letter on Stewardship states that "we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others and return them with increase to the Lord."

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of May 6, 2018

Envelopes sent:	404	
Envelopes returned:	132	\$6,999.65
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	\$2,935.00
Loose Change:		\$268.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$10,202.65

Young Adult Gathering

If you are in your 20s or 30s, single or married, with or without children, you are invited to an informal social from **9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Conference Room next Sunday morning May 20 to celebrate Pentecost.** Feel free to bring a bite to share or not, as the Spirit moves you. Parents can bring their children along. No need to RSVP, just drop by.

Family Pancake Brunch

Our annual Family Pancake Brunch will be held on **Sunday, June 3 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** This is a parish event. Cost is \$1.00. **Please RSVP to the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation at 899-6132 by May 27 so we can have enough food on hand.**

Honoring Graduates

When our parish family is all together for our Pancake Brunch, we would like to honor those who are graduating from a secondary or post-secondary academic program. If you are a graduate and will be joining us at this brunch, please let us know when you RSVP to 899-6132.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry is in need of volunteer leaders. If you enjoy working with young children but do not have the time to commit to a weekly RE class, this ministry may be perfect for you. CLW Leaders conduct the Liturgy of the Word on a child's level: reading the Sunday Scriptures, assisting the children to understand their meaning, leading the young people in a Child's Creed and Prayers of the Faithful. Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. CLW leaders **MUST** have required clearances. Training is provided. If you can help, contact Irene at 899-6132 or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

The Question-Of-The-Week Contest Winner

The winner for the week of **April 30** was **Elizabeth Gunther, Grade 6**, who knew that The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrated 40 days after Easter.

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.

Benedictines for Peace: Silent Walk for Peace

The Benedictines for Peace will hold a Silent Walk for Peace **Thursday, May 17** from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., beginning at the Eastside Grassroots Coalition, 2021 E. 20th St., in Erie. The walk promotes inner peace to support and deepen a shared constructive action for justice and peace. Next month's Silent Peace Walk will be held June 20 along the Bayfront Promenade in Erie, beginning and ending at the Bayview Park near Cherry Street. All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE: OLM Festival Sunday, July 8



Each year as we begin to prepare for the festival, we try to make things better than the previous year. This year I would like to hear from you, members of our community, regarding the following: What prizes would you like to see (maybe a Dyson vacuum)? What would enhance our festival? What would you like to do to help make this festival better? What are your concerns about our festival? Please either visit the Our Lady of Mercy Facebook page and answer the questions or send your responses to jayness@gmail.com

If you are a current co-coordinator and have not heard from me, please send me an email with your commitment for another great year! If you are interested in apprenticing for a co-coordinator position, please also let me know. If you would like to continue with the same volunteer job you had last year, please reach out to the coordinator of that area or to me. If you cannot volunteer, please offer prayers for all our co-coordinators!

We need you, our faith community, to help in the following areas:

- **Community Advertisers:** Please tell your friends about our festival and plan to attend! Flyers to post at your work will be available starting in May.
- **Selling of Raffle Tickets:** Raffle tickets will be available in June! Help us by selling to your friends and family!
- **Volunteers, volunteers, and more volunteers!** Sign-ups will be posted during the last Sunday in May
- **Chinese Auction** (items, baskets, and completed baskets)
- **Restaurant gift cards** (All donations are appreciated)
- **Sweet Bread Bakers:** We are in need of a variety of sweet breads for the Festival Chicken Dinner on July 8th. Bake early and freeze them! **The breads can be dropped off in the kitchen beginning July 1st.** Questions? call Marge Lefaiver at 899-5261.

Free Online Correspondence Course

The Missouri Knights of Columbus and the Vincentian Community have developed a Catholic Home Study Service. The Catholic Home Study Service offers free correspondence courses on the Catholic Faith. A list of the courses may be found at Catholic Home Study. When people enroll (either by mail or via the Internet), you will receive the requested book and workbook for the course. Call 573-547-4084 to order materials by phone. Students may give answers to the workbook questions over the Internet or by mail. When they finish a course, they receive a certificate of completion and may take other courses.

Knights of Columbus Scholarships

Applications are available on the OLM website or in the parish office. Along with an application, a brief essay is required and a certified, and sealed, transcript from the applicant's school. The transcript does not need to include the final grading period. The scholarships are open to college-bound, graduating high school seniors who, along with their parents are members of OLM. **The deadline for the applications is Friday, May 18.**



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. On **Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.**, we will gather at the home of Irene (1019 Bartlett Rd) to discuss [Before We Were Yours](#) by Lisa Wingate. Our June title will be [Pachinko](#) by Min Jin Lee.

Cooking for Crowds

This workshop is a volunteer's guide to safe food handling and will be held on **Wednesday, June 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at the Albion Volunteer fire Department, 19 Smock Ave., Albion, 16401. The cost is \$25 for an individual, \$50 for a group of four people and \$5 each for any additional registrants. Register by calling 1-877-345-0691 or online <http://extension.psu.edu/cooking-for-crowds>

Fundraiser for the Malinowski Family

Colton Malinowski has been diagnosed with a rare, severe and progressive type of muscular dystrophy. Prior to becoming ill, Colton was an active artist/welder, involved in the artistic creations of multiple sculptures located in Erie. A fundraiser to help with medical expenses and home renovations will be held on **Sunday, June 3** from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Perry Hi-Way Hose Co., 8281 Oliver Road. A suggested donation of \$10 includes food, music, Chinese Auction and bake sale.

Summer Discipleship Camp Offered to Teenagers

The Diocese of Erie's Summer Discipleship Camp (Camp Totus Tuus) will be held July 15-18 at St. Philip Church in Linesville. The camp is for middle school students who want to strengthen their relationship with Jesus and spend time with other Catholic Christians. Camp begins with a family Mass at 1 p.m. on July 15, and ends with a family picnic at 6 p.m. on July 18. The cost is \$175 per person; financial aid is sometimes offered by a parish or school. The cost includes all snacks and meals, overnight accommodations, a T-shirt, binder and materials for the week. Register online at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=8fc13d> or contact Jennifer Durney of the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at jdurney@ErieRCD.org or at 814-824-1219.

Ceremony of Remembrance for Our Loved Ones

On Monday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor, the Grief Ministry will host a special session for us to celebrate family members who have died. There will be a special prayer ritual and an opportunity to express our love to those we have lost. Ice-cream social to follow.

Daily email encouragement for those who are grieving. Receive an encouraging email message every day for a year. These short messages will inspire you and provide practical information as you grieve the loss of your loved one. Sign-up at Griefshare.org

Women's Luncheon

Celebrate Spring with a group of ladies who live alone on Monday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fiddle Inn. Great fellowship and laughter is part of every lunch. After the long winter we could benefit from seeing a friendly face and good conversation. Questions: Call Donna in the parish office 899-5342.

Hospital Visitation

We don't always get accurate reports of who is in the hospital because of the change in policy for the local hospitals. If you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital please call the parish office to let us know.

Hearing Assisted Sound System

If you have difficulty hearing during Mass contact a staff member who can assist you with getting a receiver and ear piece.

Parents of Toddlers or Nursing Babies

We always love to have children in church but sometimes an energetic toddler needs to move around. If that is the case, we have the Gathering Space or if you want a contained room, try the Nursery that has closed circuit TV so you can still see and hear Mass. It is available for all Masses. The Nursery is located in the school classroom area, the first door on the right past the Parish Parlor. The 11:00 a.m. Mass has a schedule of parents who take turns in the Nursery so other parents can be spiritually renewed at Mass without having to worry about their children. For more information, see Donna Clark or Peggy Williams.

Do you Shop at Gordon Food Service?

Please mention Our Lady of Mercy when you check out. We accumulate points and then our Funeral Meal Ministry can use these points to purchase food.

Smile for Our Lady of Mercy

To link to our Amazon Smile charity listing visit: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1563277>. If you shop Amazon please consider using Amazon Smile and naming "Our Lady of Mercy - Harborcreek" as your charity.

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 can not be redeemed, nor can laser toner cartridges.

Summer Study On Prayer

Do you wish you could pray more faithfully? Do you struggle with being distracted during prayer, with finding the time to pray, with hearing God's voice in your prayer? Whether you want to know how to start a regular practice of prayer or desire to bring your life of prayer to a deeper level, this is for you. **Beginning May 31 and continuing for 8 weeks**, OLM will hold a weekly course on prayer entitled Oremus. Each session will include a video presentation and facilitated discussion. The course will be held from 9:15-10:15 a.m. and also 6:30-7:30 p.m. (as long as there is interest in either session). A participant workbook is available for \$15, but is not required to attend. **If you would like a participant workbook, contact Irene at 899-6132 by May 25.**



Parish Quilt

New parish families are encouraged to decorate a quilt square for our parish quilt that hangs on the south wall of the Worship Space. You may find a square in the basket on the table next to Classroom #1. After you decorate your family square please return it to the parish office.

Contemplative Retreat Day

Mount Saint Benedict is offering a Stillpoint Contemplative Retreat Day on **Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at Glinodo Center, 6270 East Lake Rd. This retreat is silent and includes 8 sitting sessions with chanting, contemplative walking, and teachings. Dress comfortably and bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea provided. The costs is \$15. Registration required. Email Sister Margaret Zeller at zeller_maggie7@gmail.com or call 814-899-0614 ext. 2504 and leave a message for Sister Margaret Zeller.

Film about Pope Francis

The documentary film "Pope Francis: A Man of His Word" will open in Erie on June 1. For more information and for group tickets go online to www.popefrancistickets.com or call 1-800-585-1892. For individual ticket purchases and for exact movie times and locations, go to www.fandango.com closer to the dates of the showing.

SAVE THE DATE: Cleveland Baseball Game

Our 2018 Baseball Excursion to Cleveland will be on **Sunday, August 5**, as the Indians take on the Los Angeles Angels. Details to follow.

Electronic Giving Available

Our Lady of Mercy uses **Faith Direct** to manage our electronic giving. Donations can be deducted from checking or savings accounts, or you may also use a credit card. Go to: www.ourladyofmercychurch.org and look for the Faith Direct icon on the left hand column.

Deadline for Cedar Point Trip

Those 7-12 Graders planning to attend the Annual Cedar Point Trip must complete permission forms and make payment to the OLM parish office by **Monday, May 14**. Questions? Call Geri Hadlock at 899-3000 or 323-4188.

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