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## MASS SCHEDULE

*May 27, 2018*

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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## 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](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

- Mon. 05/28** Memorial Day—Parish Office Closed  
9:00 a.m. MASS
- Tue. 05/29** 9:30 a.m. Steel Magnolias (SCC)
- Wed. 05/30** 1:00 p.m. Diamonds in the Rough (SCC)
- Thur. 05/31** 9:15 a.m. Oremus: Study on Prayer  
6:30 p.m. Oremus: Study on Prayer
- Fri. 06/01** 1:30 p.m. Legion of Mary
- Sat. 06/02** 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
- Sun. 06/03** Liturgical Ministries Celebration  
Casserole Club Drop-Off  
Monthly Food Pantry Collection  
9:30 a.m. Family Pancake Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Healing Ministry

## 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.

## 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 **Donna Smicker**.

## MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon. 05/28** 9:00 a.m. **Margaret Gallagher**  
(Gallagher Family)
- Tue. 05/29** 8:30 a.m. **Sister Caroline Extein**  
(Extein Family)
- Wed. 05/30** 8:30 a.m. **Msrgr. Carlton Ritchie**
- Thur. 05/31** 8:30 a.m.
- Fri. 06/01** 8:30 a.m. **Jim Bucklin** (Lorraine Bucklin)
- Sat. 06/02** 8:30 a.m. **Alice Rawa Walczak**  
(James Walczak)  
6:00 p.m. **For The People of OLM**
- Sun. 06/03** 8:30 a.m. **Helen Heise** (Heise Family)  
11:00 a.m. **Mabel Holodnak** (Eric Jacobs)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Mon. 05/28** 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Mark 10:17-27
- Tue. 05/29** 1 Pt 1:10-16 / Mark 10:28-31
- Wed. 05/30** 1 Pt 1:18-25 / Mark 10: 32-45
- Thur. 05/31** Zep 3:14-18a / Luke 1:39-56
- Fri. 06/01** 1 Pt 4:7-13 / Mark 11:11-26
- Sat. 06/02** Jude 17, 20b-25 / Mark 11:27-33
- Sun. 06/03** Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16,22-26



Happy Memorial Day

On this Memorial Day Weekend,  
we remember those who have died.  
Will you be remembered as someone who was  
aware of God's presence and shared this insight  
with others? In families, our greatest  
possessions are the beliefs we share.  
from one generation to the next.

**The OLM Parish Office will be closed on Monday,  
May 28 due to the Memorial Day Holiday.**

## THIS SUNDAY'S

### REFLECTION

*Matthew 28:16-20*



Trinity Sunday celebrates an event, not a doctrine or a precept. Our comprehension of the Trinity is not a matter of human reason, creed, or theology. It is the inscrutability of the one God who is three. We name this mystery as "Father, Son, and Spirit." Yet those words only deepen our wonderment at God's diversity and unity, of God's interdependence and interrelatedness.

On a mountain filled with God's presence, Moses asks, "Has anything so great as this ever happened or has it like ever been heard of? (Dt 4:32c). The psalmist declares: "The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD!" (33:5B). Jesus summons us to another mountain and sends us forth to proclaim the reign of God in Word and deed. Baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are sons and daughters of God and participants in the mission of Christ, his Son.

*For Reflection: In what ways do I encounter Father, Son, and Spirit in my life? Am I able to recognize Trinitarian love in my relationships?*

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## Social Justice Committee News

In May, we are looking at Catholic teaching regarding the dignity of children.

1. States Parties recognize the right of every child to a standard of living adequate for the child's physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development.

3. States Parties, in accordance with national conditions and within their means, shall take appropriate measures to assist parents and others responsible for the child to implement this right and shall in case of need provide material assistance and support programs, particularly with regard to nutrition, clothing and housing. *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child 1990 (to which the Holy See is a signatory)*

- 1 kid in 5 lives in poverty compared to 1 in 8 adults. That's 15.5 million impoverished kids in the U.S. — (*U.S. Census Bureau*)
- Kids in the U.S. experience higher poverty rates than most developed nations. Only Greece, Mexico, Israel and Turkey have higher child poverty rates than the U.S. (*Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development*)
- Almost 40% of American kids spend at least 1 year in poverty before they turn 18. (*Urban Institute*)

### Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for Summer 2018

The 2018 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries of 25, 50 or 60 or more years of marriage in 2018 will be held on **Sunday, August 5, 2018 at St. George Church, Erie at 2:00 p.m.** Bishop Persico will preside, Liturgy will include the presentation of scrolls to each anniversary couple. The day includes Mass and a light reception in the parish social hall will follow. To register call the OLM Parish Office at 899-5342 or go online to <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>. The registration deadline is July 27, 2018.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **May 20, 2018**

Envelopes sent:	404	
Envelopes returned:	115	\$4,008.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	\$2,935.00
Loose Change:		\$128.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$7,071.00</b>

### 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.**



### 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 per person. **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 the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation at 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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org).

### Children's Worship Bulletins

Religious education classes may have concluded for the school year, but children continue to need to be encouraged in their life of faith. Help the young child in your life to engage with the Sunday readings by using the **Children's Worship Bulletins which can be found on the bulletin tables.** Each weekly 4-page booklet has activities related to the Sunday readings designed for young children .

**OLM Festival Sunday, July 8**  
**Preparations for our Annual Festival, Sunday, July 8**, are underway! Thanks so much to all coordinators and our new coordinators for 2018! If you are interested in helping coordinate a specific area, we are currently seeking coordinators for our Children's Games, Teen Games, and Clean-up. If coordinating is not for you, we will be posting general volunteer signups during the second week of June. In addition to volunteers we are also in need of prizes for our children's area. If you have old stuffed animals at home or would like to donate things for prizes, we need lots of prizes. We will also need restaurant gift cards, and Chinese auction items (individual or completed baskets).



**Festival Sweet Bread Bakers**

We are in need of a variety of sweet breads for the **Festival Chicken Dinner on Sunday, July 8**. Bake early and freeze them! **The breads can be dropped off in the kitchen beginning July 1st**. Questions ? Call Marge Lefaiver at 899-5261.



**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.

**Celebrating the Ministries of Our Lady of Mercy**

On June 2 & 3 we will celebrate the **Liturgical Ministries**. Including:



- Altar Linen Care
- Alter Server
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Church Environment (Decorating)
- Eucharistic Minister
- Greeter
- Lector
- Music Ministry
- Children's Choir
- Festival Music Ministry
- Offertory Counter
- Presentation of the Gifts
- Usher

If you are part of one of these ministries, please wear **Blue** to Mass on June 2 & 3. 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.

**Rummage Sale to Benefit the Food Pantry**

Connecting Hands has chosen the **Ella Cochran Food Pantry** to be the beneficiary of their **June 8 and 9** rummage sale, located at 3716 McClelland Ave. The hours are **Friday, June 8 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, June 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Please stop and shop. Connecting Hands will accept donations **Tuesday, May 29 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** and **Monday, June 4 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

**Dave Cooney Parkinson Awareness Walk**

The Parkinson Awareness Walk will be held on **Saturday, June 16 at Our Lady of Mercy Church**. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.. The walk (either 1 mile or 3 miles) starts and ends at the OLM Church grounds at 10:00 a.m. This will benefit the Parkinson Partners of Northwestern Pennsylvania. For more information, please contact Patty Cooney at 814-864-8507 or [dpcooney3318@gmail.com](mailto:dpcooney3318@gmail.com).

**OLM Book Group**

Summer is here. Time for a book at the beach or on the porch. And time to sip wine and discuss that book with a great group of ladies as you enjoy a beautiful Erie sunset. All are welcome to join us at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 190 Kraus Dr. at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, June 20** to discuss Pachinko by Min Jin Lee. Want to read ahead? Our July title is Rise and Shine by Anna Quindlen.

**Hair Care for Homebound**

Annette - a new parishioner - does hair care for the home bound. She will come to your home and can do perms, shampoo and sets, haircuts, manicures, coloring and barbering. For more information or to get in touch with Annette please call Donna in the parish office.

**Bishop to preside at Memorial Day Mass**

The 42nd annual **Memorial Day Mass** will be held at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 5711 West Lake Road, Erie, on **Monday, May 28 at 9:00 a.m.** Bishop Lawrence Persico will preside.

**JUNE 2018  
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

1 June	Val Garnica	12
1 June	Vlad Garnica	12
3 June	Sarah Sweet	14
6 June	Bella Infantino	12
9 June	Amelia Bernatowicz	8
9 June	Isaac Deemer	16
15 June	Kaylin Still	7
18 June	Sophie Bleil	11
20 June	Jocelyn Ollinger	15
23 June	Kaden Pinetti	10
25 June	Yvonne Nowosielski	18
25 June	Colton Catrabone	8
26 June	Sarah Dorosch	12
27 June	Kendra Novosel	15
27 June	Aidan Vaughn	11
29 June	David Parente	8
29 June	Maddox Stadler	15



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## BBQ CHICKEN

## DINNER

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## SUMMER FESTIVAL

### SUNDAY, JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>



Dine in our Air Conditioned Sperry Hall or

Carry Out from the Air Conditioned Gathering Space

**12:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

\$10 for adults, \$5 ages 6-12, 5 and under free

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*Chinese Auction – Bake Sale – Bingo – Children's Area –  
Pony Rides – Bounce house – Funnel Cakes – Raffles:  
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**\*\* Join the Chicken Run Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am\*\***

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