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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.

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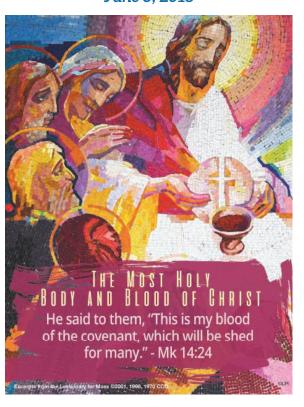
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MISSION STATEMENT

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. 06/04	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Facilitator Mtg
Tue. 06/05	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias (SCC)
	6:00 p.m.	Sister Parish Committee Mtg
	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council Mtg
Wed. 06/06	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough (SCC)
Thur. 06/07	9:15 a.m.	Oremus: Study on Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Oremus: Study on Prayer
Fri. 06/08	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Sat. 06/09	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 06/10		

IN LOVING MEMORY



We remember Dolores Dietz, mother of Eileen Pfeiffer; and Jean 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 Visitors** for the week are Tom & Linda Bleil.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/04 8:30 a.m. Lewis Peters (Carole Peters)
Tue. 06/05 8:30 a.m. Fr. Daniel Hoffman

(McAndrew Family)

Wed. 06/06 8:30 a.m. Irene Ritchie

Thur. 06/07 8:30 a.m.

Fri. 06/08 8:30 a.m. Warren North
Sat. 06/09 8:30 a.m. Dolores Walczak
(James Walczak)
6:00 p.m. Leonard Majewski
(Audrey Kazmaier)

Sun. 06/10 8:30 a.m. For The People of OLM

11:00 a.m. Sal Frontino (Mark Gustitis)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon.	06/04	2 Pt 1:2-7	/ Mark 12:1-12
Tue.	06/05	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18	/ Mark 12:13-17
Wed.	06/06	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12	/ Mark 12:18-27
Thur.	06/07	2 Tm 2:8-15	/ Mark 12:28-34
Fri.	06/08	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph John 19:31-37	3:8-12, 14-19/
Sat.	06/09	2 Tm 4:1-8	/ Luke 2:41-51
Sun.	06/10	Gn 3:9-15/2 Cor 4:13-5	5:1/Mark 3:20-35

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS



Listen to your children:

This summer, when your children are out of school and on different schedules, meeting new people and going to new places, make sure that you talk to them often about their experiences and the people they've met. Listen carefully to your children. If possible, observe and get to know the other children and adults who are part of your children's summertime fun. Above all, communicate your safety concerns to your children. Make sure they know that they can come to you with any concerns they may have about the people they interact with. And if you hear of or observe behaviors that may be inappropriate, make sure to communicate your feelings to people who are in a position to intervene. Communications is key to creating and maintaining a safe environment all year round. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out http://www.eriercd.org/ protectyouth.htm

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION



Matthew 14:12-16,22-26

Our human hunger and thirst underlie our spiritual hunger and thirst. We who are the Body of Christ encounter Christ in bread and wine: "Take and eat. This is my body. Take and drink. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many." When we take the bread in our hands and the cup to our lips, it is not just in his memory; it is a living contract with Jesus Christ in faith and love. We answer; "all that the Lord has said, we will heed and do!" How can we do otherwise?

But we forget; we fail to keep our word. We need to remember that Jesus offered himself as the mediator of a new covenant of God's kingdom of peace and justice. The acceptance of the old covenant was entirely dependent on Israel keeping the law. When the law was broken, the covenant was broken, and Israel's relationship with God was broken. But Jesus said, "This is a new covenant and it is not dependent on law but on love." At the table of the Lord, the mystery is hidden yet revealed. We become the Body and Blood of Christ, food and drink offered to a hungry and thirsty people.

For Reflection: Do I honor the Body and Blood of Christ in the Sacrament? Do I honor his Body and Blood in my neighbor?

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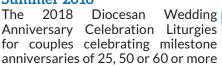


Social Justice Committee News

"There are three major social issues that this county is struggling with: education, poverty, and drugs. Two of them we talk about, and one of them we don't."

Steven Soderbergh

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for Summer 2018





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.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html. The registration deadline is July 27, 2018.

Ink Jet Fundraiser

Please donate used black or color ink jet cartridges to the Religious Education ministry. <u>Previously refilled and remanufactured cartridges can not be redeemed, nor can laser toner cartridges.</u>

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.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of May 27, 2018

Envelopes sent: 392

Envelopes returned: 100 \$3,234.00
Faith Direct Deposits: 113 \$2,935.00
Loose Change: \$870.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$7,039.00

Summer Study On Prayer

Our summer study on prayer has begun, but you are still welcome to join us on Thursdays to deepen your understanding of prayer. Contact Irene at 899-6132 for more information.

Women's Summer Study

Once again, we will have a Monday evening gathering for women in the parish. Gather at the home of Irene (1019 Bartlett Rd.) at 7:00 p.m. June 18, 25, July 9 & 16. Weather permitting, we will meet on the patio. Extra lawn chairs may be appreciated. We will discuss the teachings of 4 distinguished female saints. Of the thousands of canonized saints in the Catholic Church, only 35 have been named "Doctors of the Church". recognized as exemplar teachers of the faith. Of these 35 Doctors of the Church, only 4 are women, all receiving that title in the last 50 years. Unlike their male counterparts, these women did not have the opportunity to study at the finest universities of their day, did not hold Church office or even have access to great libraries. Yet their faith, prayer and cooperation with the Holy Spirit overcame all restrictions for women of their day enabling them to emerge as extraordinary, if accidental theologians, whose words continue to instruct and inspire. Over 4 weeks we will look at the lives and teachings of St. Hildegard of Bingen, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Teresa of Avila and St. Therese of Lisieux. What might these holy and creative women have to teach holy and creative women of our day?

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 help, contact Irene at 899-6132 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 .

First Eucharist Pictures

Any family who ordered First Eucharist pictures through Maureen Rizzo can pick up your order in the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation. The pictures have arrived.

No Book Sale this year

There will be no book sale at Our Lady of Mercy this year.

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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 sign-ups 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.

5K Chicken Run & Chicken Little Run

What day is the festival? <u>July 8th</u> What is happening the day before the festival? <u>Saturday</u>. <u>July 7</u> will be the 6th Annual 5K Chicken Run and Chicken Little Run. The Chicken Run will have an 8:30 a.m. start. It will begin and end in the parking lot of OLM. You don't like to run? YOU CAN WALK! You can push your kids in a stroller! Cost is \$15/person. All who pre-register will receive a 2018 Chicken Run drawstring book bag.

Women's Luncheon

Join a lovely group of women at Ricardo's Restaurant on Monday, June 18, at 1:00 p.m. Great fellowship and laughter is part of every lunch. Those who live alone are especially welcome. Questions: Call Donna in the parish office at 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.

Parents of Toddlers or Nursing Babies

We always love to have children in church but sometimes an energetic toddler needs to move around. 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.

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.

Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up

If you want to joint one of the liturgical ministries, visit the sign-up table in the Gathering Space. Liturgical Ministries include: Altar Linen Care, Alter Server, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Church Environment (Decorating), Eucharistic



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.

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 <u>Pachinko</u> by Min Jin Lee. Want to read ahead? Our July title is <u>Rise and Shine</u> 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.

Adopt A Highway

Our parish is considering the possibility of joining the PennDOT Adopt A Highway road clean-up program. We are looking at the 2 mile stretch of Route 20 from Iroquois Avenue to King Road. Please call Phil Legler at 504-1048 if you are interested in participating.

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.

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.

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 parish office. Thank you!

Summer Discipleship Camp for Teens

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. Register with Jennifer Durney of the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at *jdurney@ErieRCD.org* or at 814-824-1219.

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 3:00 PM Father Ritchie's 50th Anniversary Celebration	28 Memorial Day Parish Office Closed 9:00 AM MASS	29 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias (SCC) 7:30 PM AA	30 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough (SCC)	31 8:30 AM Mass 9:15 AM Oremus: A Study on Prayer 6:30 PM Oremus: A Study on Prayer	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 Liturgical Ministries Celebration Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Family Pancake Breekfast 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 12:00 PM Cub Scouts	4 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Pastoral Facilitator Mtg.	5 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias (SCC) 6:00 PM Sister Parish Committee Mtg. 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting 7:30 PM AA	6 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough (SCC)	8:30 AM Mass 8:30 AM Mass 9:15 AM Oremus: A Study 1:30 PM Legion of Mary on Prayer on Prayer	8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	9 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
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17 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Father's Day 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	18 8:30 AM Mass 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Grief Support 6:00 7:00 PM Women's Summer 7:00 PM LFF Mtg. Study 7:30 PM AA	19 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias (SCC) 7:00 PM LFF Mtg. 7:30 PM AA	20 8:30 AM FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough (SCC) 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	First Day of Summer 6:30 AM Mass 9:15 AM Oremus: A Study on Prayer 6:30 PM Oremus: A Study on Prayer	22 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	23 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
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