

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*

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Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

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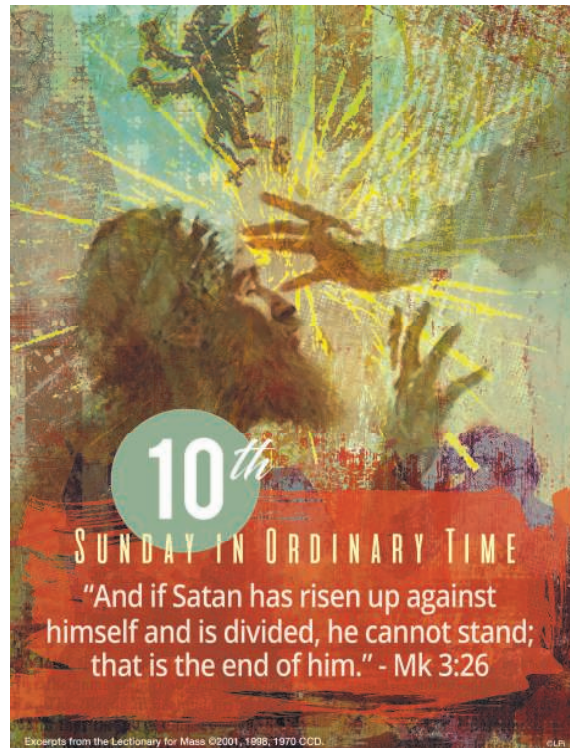
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June 10, 2018



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. 06/11	6:30 p.m.	Isaiah's Community
Tue. 06/12	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias (SCC)
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Council Mtg
Wed. 06/13	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough (SCC)
	6:30 p.m.	AGIFT Mtg
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 06/14	9:15 a.m.	Oremus: Study on Prayer
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Fri. 06/15	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Sat. 06/16	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 06/17		Father's Day
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

SPECIAL THANK YOU

The family of Dolores Deitz would like to thank Fr. Ritchie, Brandon Vogt, Donna Clark and the members of Our Lady of Mercy for your care and concerns regarding Dolores and for celebrating her life. A special thank you to the members of the Funeral Lunch Ministry for the delicious lunch that you provided. Thank you!

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 Andrea Maille.

Donna Smicker is away June 16 through June 25.

Call Gerri Extein during the day that week.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/11	8:30 a.m.	
Tue. 06/12	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Daniel Hoffman (McAndrew Family)
Wed. 06/13	8:30 a.m.	
Thur. 06/14	8:30 a.m.	Theodore Ritchie
Fri. 06/15	8:30 a.m.	John Covely
Sat. 06/16	8:30 a.m.	Rose & Charles Cooney (Family)
	6:00 p.m.	All Fathers Living & Deceased
Sun. 06/17	8:30 a.m.	All Fathers Living & Deceased
	11:00 a.m.	All Fathers Living & Deceased

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 06/11	Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3 / Matthew 5:1-12
Tue. 06/12	1 Kgs 17:7-16 / Matthew 5:13-16
Wed. 06/13	1 Kgs 18:20-39 / Matthew 5:17-19
Thur. 06/14	1 Kgs 18:41-46 / Matthew 5:20-26
Fri. 06/15	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 / Matthew 5:27-32
Sat. 06/16	1 Kgs 19:19-21 / Matthew 5:33-37
Sun. 06/17	Ez 17:22-24 / 2 Cor 5:6-10 / Mark 4:26-34



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

The Season of Ordinary Time

Summer is a time of growth, no matter where one lives. It's as though God, through nature, takes one color—green—and shows how much variety and delight can come from just that one thing.

Since green is the color associated with Ordinary Time, perhaps this notion of one and many also describes something of this liturgical season. The “one” of Ordinary Time is the paschal mystery. During these long summer and fall months until Advent begins again we walk with Jesus (through the Sunday semi-continuous reading of either the gospel of Matthew, Mark or Luke) toward Jerusalem and the events that unfold there at the end of Jesus' life. The weeks may stretch into months and the season may seem long, yet there is an amazing variety which unfolds both in the liturgy and in our lives. It's as though God, through the liturgy and Christian living, takes the paschal mystery and teaches us how dying to self brings the joy of new life, how self-giving always returns a hundredfold, how emptying of self results in being fully satisfied.

The “many” of Ordinary Time suggest there is no one way to live this season. There will be as much variety to our gospel responses as there are Christians who hear those gospels being proclaimed Sunday after Sunday. There will be as much variety to Ordinary Time as there are differing ways to encounter Jesus: in our own suffering and that of others, in the unexpected joy of a chance encounter with an old friend, in putting in a hard day's work and basking in the satisfaction of a task well done.

WARNING: during Ordinary Time growth can be habit forming! Ordinary Time draws us into Christ and forms us in surrendering, in saying yes to whatever God asks us. In this way we grow into being more perfect members of the body of Christ. In a sense we can say that Ordinary Time is truly a season of surrender; giving ourselves over to the demands of the gospel. The good news of the gospel isn't an abstract concept but a way of living that gives depth and breadth to loving and caring for others. Nature clothes herself in green; we clothe ourselves in Christ and the dying and rising that demands and bestows.

For Reflection: *What does walking with Jesus to Jerusalem mean to you? Explain what gospel living means?*



Social Justice Committee News

Students and Social Justice

How did students describe social justice?

- Equity of opportunity and rights
- Acceptance of everyone, all people, people from diverse populations
- Promotion of justice and addressing injustice
- Activity or action in promoting social justice

How did students describe activities they participate in to promote social justice?

- Political activism
- Social justice research
- Participating in an organization focused on social activism
- Seeking out opportunities to learn more about social justice
- Engaging in advocacy on behalf of people from marginalized groups
- Talking to friends and family about social justice
- Fundraising for social-justice-related organizations or causes

(Susan Torres-Harding, Roosevelt University researcher)

Divorced & Separated Ministry

Our Lady of Mercy has a ministry for the divorced and separated. This one-on-one ministry allows those experiencing divorce or separation to talk to another person who has been through it. This person can provide support during a difficult time. Contact Donna Clark.

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.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

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.** To register call the OLM Parish Office at 899-5342 or go online to <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>. Register before July 27, 2018.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 3, 2018

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	132	\$5,674.65
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	\$2,935.00
Loose Change:		\$153.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$8,762.65

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 and July 9 & 16**. Weather permitting, we will meet on the patio. Extra lawn chairs 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. 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 can help, contact Irene at 899-6132 or 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 .

Young Adult Adoration

All young adults are invited to join us on Friday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m. to worship Christ in community with the Church through Eucharistic adoration, confession, praise and worship music, and benediction. We can grab dinner together afterwards. Join us for as much or as little of the evening as your schedule allows. Bring a friend!

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 the weekend of June 17/18. 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? July 8th What is happening the day before the festival? Saturday, July 7 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 (NEW DATE)

Join a lovely group of women who live alone at Ricardo's Restaurant on **Monday, June 25, at 1:00 p.m.** Great fellowship and laughter is part of every lunch. Questions: Call Donna in the parish office at 899-5342.

Parish Quilt

New parish families are encouraged to decorate a quilt square for our parish quilt that hangs on the back 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.

Ink Jet Fundraiser

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

HELP STAN'S GARDEN CENTER MAKE A DONATION TO OUR LADY OF MERCY

During the month of June, Stan's Garden Center will donate 10% of your total purchase back to OLM (excludes gift certificates and is not a discount). You can shop either location, 5001 Buffalo Rd. or 5341 West Lake Rd. All you have to do is let the cashier know that you're a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy.

Help Needed for Kitchen Storage Room Clean-Up

Our kitchen storage area needs a thorough cleaning before the Festival. We are looking for a number of people to help in this effort. Some medium weight lifting from high shelves is required. So any help from men would be especially appreciated. **The cleaning begins at 9:00 a.m. on Monday June 18. If you can help, please call Judy Mitcheltree at 899-2527 to let her know you'll be a part of the clean-up crew.**

Celebrating the Ministries of Our Lady of Mercy

June 30/July 1 is the celebration of the Spiritual and Prayer Ministries. These include: Healing Ministry, Legion of Mary, Prayer line, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Stewardship Committee, and Small Christian Communities. On this weekend, please wear **Red** if you are in one of these ministries. There will be an opportunity to learn more about each of these ministries and sign-up if the spirit is drawing you to participate in a ministry.

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.

Knights of Columbus Award Scholarships

Knights of Columbus Ed Cudicio Memorial Scholarships have been awarded to the following parishioners: **Jason Angelo** (Penn State –Behrend), **Gavin Matrogran** (Mercyhurst University), **Marina Owens** (Edinboro University), **Laurel Procopchak** (Youngstown State University), **Ethan Sacco** (Penn State–University Park) and **Ryan Smith** (Penn State–Behrend). Ethan is a graduate of Cathedral Prep and the others Harborcreek High School. The college they will attend is in parenthesis. Please congratulate them and wish them well as they continue their education.

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.

Parking Lot Dance

It's summer in Harborcreek and there's dancing in the streets. OLM will host its 3rd annual Parking Lot Dance on **Saturday evening, July 21 from 7:00-10:00 p.m.** This is a parish event for the entire family. In addition to the DJ, there will be games, snacks and lots and lots of fun! Bring your own lawn chairs and bug spray. The event is free but a donation will be accepted to cover the cost of the DJ.



Women's Summer Scripture Study

June 18 & 25 and July 9 & 16

7:00 p.m.

Home of Irene Lucas, 1019 Bartlett Rd. Patio if weather permits.

(extra lawn chairs appreciated) Inside if weather is bad. Enjoy a cold drink, a casual summer evening and time with sisters in faith as we explore a few outstanding women of faith. **All Welcome...No Need to Register.**



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