

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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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. 06/25	6:30 p.m.	Isaiah's Community (SCC)
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Summer Study
Tue. 06/26	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias (SCC)
	3:00 p.m.	Social Justice Committee
Wed. 06/27	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough (SCC)
Thur. 06/28	9:15 a.m.	Oremus: Study on Prayer
Fri. 06/29	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Adoration
Sat. 06/30	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/01	Spiritual/Prayer Ministries Celebration	
	Casserole Club Drop-Off	
	Monthly Food Pantry Collection	
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry



IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember Tim Eisert, husband of Marty Eisert. Please keep her and her family 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 Visitor** for the week is Marilyn Garwig.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/25	8:30 a.m.	Eileen Cunningham
Tue. 06/26	8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 06/27	8:30 a.m.	Dorothy Covely
Thur. 06/28	8:30 a.m.	Rod Haynes (<i>Sue Haynes</i>)
Fri. 06/29	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 06/30	8:30 a.m.	Joseph Tomczak (<i>James Walczak</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	For The People of OLM
Sun. 07/01	8:30 a.m.	William Murphy (<i>Rick Mueller</i>)
	11:00 a.m.	Yolanda DiRaimo (<i>Family</i>)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 06/25	2 Kgs 17:5-8,13-15a,18 / Matthew 7:1-5
Tue. 06/26	2 Kgs 19:19b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/ Matthew 7:6, 12-14
Wed. 06/27	2 Kgs 22:8-13, 23:1-3 / Matthew 7:15-20
Thur. 06/28	2 Kgs 24:8-17 / Matthew 7:21-29
Fri. 06/29	Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8 / Matthew 16:13-19
Sat. 06/30	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 / Matthew 8:5-17
Sun. 07/01	Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24 / 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mark 5:21-43

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



On June 29th, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who shed their blood for Christ in Rome. This year the Peter's Pence collection will be the weekend of June 30—July 1.

Your support of this collection helps make it possible for Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to carry out his charitable works around the world, including emergency assistance for those suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease.

Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sister in faith who are facing adversity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverence Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

Solemnity of The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Only three nativity festivals occur on our Western liturgical calendar—that of Jesus, Mary, and John the Baptist. We know nothing, really, of Mary's birth, but Scripture records events surrounding John's birth, events in no small degree as miraculous and similar as those of Jesus himself: Gabriel visited Zechariah like Gabriel visit Mary; the Archangel names both John and Jesus; John is born of elderly, barren parents and Jesus is born of a virgin; the people asked of John, "What, then will this child be?" and all who heard the shepherd's account of Jesus' birth were amazed; Zechariah prays the *Benedictus* and Mary prays the *Magnificat*.

John "grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel." His call was to be the precursor of Jesus the Christ. St. Augustine even interpreted the day of celebrating his birth, June 24, as significant of his vocation. This is the beginning of summer; just a few days ago we had the day of longest light in the year. Now the days begin to grow shorter, symbolic of John's own declaration of his relation to Jesus: "He must increase, I must decrease." Jesus himself is born at the time of the longest darkness for he is the Light of the world. John preaches repentance, announces that the Light of the world is coming, prepares the way for the Messiah. Most importantly, John baptizes Jesus who is then announced as the beloved Son.

"What, then will this child be?" Prophet. Humble precursor. Baptizer. Martyr. Saint. In this John the Baptist eloquently shows us the way through life's deserts to be in loving relationship with Christ.

For Reflection: I bring light to the darkness in the lives of others when I...The darkness in my own life that needs to be dispelled is...



Social Justice Committee News

Social Justice and Civil Equality

In the pursuit of social justice and civil rights, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and Stokely Carmichael sought to amend a flawed system. To accomplish this task, these men entered the armory and chose to wield nonviolence as their weapon. Their goal: to combat violence with nonviolence, to fight hate with love, and to spread equality through peace. In the end, they succeeded.

The Parkland FL students took to the streets to protest for stricter gun laws. The mass demonstrations which took place under the banner "March For Our Lives" also had the goal to combat violence with nonviolence. Nine-year-old Yolanda Reese King, granddaughter of Martin Luther King Jr., followed in his footsteps by telling the audience: *"I have a dream that enough is enough. That this should be a gun-free world - period." What are you doing in pursuit of social justice?*

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.

Celebrating the Ministries of Our Lady of Mercy June 30/July 1 is the celebration of the Spiritual and Prayer Ministries including: 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.

Divorced & Separated Ministry

Our Lady of Mercy has a ministry to the divorced and separated with one-on-one ministry. Contact Donna Clark.

Special Thanks!

Thank you to all those who volunteered for a very dirty job, cleaning-up the kitchen storage room and everything in it. On one of the hottest days of the year, your efforts were truly over the top. Thank you so much!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **June 17, 2018**

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	120	\$3,882.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	\$2,935.00
Loose Change:		\$167.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$6,984.00

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 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. 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.

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!

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.

Office Reminders

Due to the 4th of July Holiday, content for the July 8 bulletin is due by Wednesday, June 27. Also, due to the holiday, the parish office will be closed on July 4.

JULY 2018

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 3	Arianna Kelley	8
July 4	Chloe Knepper	10
July 7	Falynn Baker	4
July 7	Adaleen Mikolajewski	11
July 7	Samuel Martin	2
July 8	Abigail Nguyen	14
July 8	Piper Nielson	9
July 8	Kami Kinter	10
July 9	Kayla Forsythe	13
July 9	Leeha Weigner	4
July 9	Brielle Heitzenrater	4
July 10	Jake Sarvis	16
July 10	Macey Festa	17
July 11	John Parente	10
July 12	Connor DeVore	13
July 14	Liam Burick	1
July 15	Avora Flaherty	3
July 17	Samantha Smith	18
July 17	Dante Rocco	18
July 17	Isabella Tylman	9
July 17	Maddie Giambrone	12
July 18	Morgan Oler	10
July 20	Nate Henry	9
July 23	Aiden Whitney	16
July 23	Ella Hamilton	9
July 26	Vivian Flaherty	1
July 27	Alex Scarpino	18
July 28	Joseph Lewandowski	4
July 29	Thomas Gunter	11
July 31	Emma Maille	17



OLM Festival Sunday, July 8

Festival Set-Up is Thursday, July 5 at 6:00 p.m. Thanks to everyone for picking up prize tickets! Prizes will also be awarded for all tickets with a "seller" name listed on all winning tickets, so help us to sell more tickets! **We are in great need of Chinese Auction items.** Please deliver them to the parish office. Don't forget about baking sweet breads and bake sale items. We appreciate the delivery of bake sale items and sweet breads closer to the date of the festival. We also need children games prizes. Volunteer sign-ups have been posted. We **NEED** your help! Thanks to Michelle Knight for volunteering as our new Children's Coordinator! **We are also still in need of a clean-up coordinator and a teen game coordinator.** Thank you for the many hands that have been very busy with the preparations! If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Jayne Suess at [REDACTED].

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 LeFaver at 899-5261.

5K Chicken Run & Chicken Little Run

Get your **5K Chicken Run and Chicken Little Run** applications which are available in the Gathering Space. Cost is \$15 if you are pre-registered, \$20 day of the race. Kids 10 and under no charge and will receive a free t-shirt if they are pre-registered.

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 **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18** to discuss Rise and Shine by Anna Quindlen.

Men's Night Out—Baseball Excursion

The Knights of Columbus 6th annual baseball excursion to Cleveland to see the Indians play the Los Angeles Angels will take place **on Sunday August 5 at 1:00 p.m.** The trip is open to parish men age 21 and over. The cost of \$39 per person and includes; school bus transportation, game ticket, complimentary refreshments and lunch on the bus. **Reservations must be received by Monday July 8.** The bus departs from the church at 9:45 a.m. The trip is open to the first 41 men who sign-up. Checks payable to: Phil Legler, and mailed to his address, 3989 Magnolia Blossom Drive, Erie, Pa. 16510.

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.



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.

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection Spiritual/Prayer Ministries Celebration 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	2 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Pastoral Facilitator Mtg.	3 8:30 AM Mass 7:30 PM AA	4 Independence Day Parish Office Closed 8:00 AM Liberty Run - Knights of Columbus 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Fruit of the Vine (SCC) - NO MEETING	5 8:30 AM Mass 9:15 AM Oremus: A Study on Prayer 6:00 PM Festival Set-Up	6 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	7 8:00 AM Chicken Run 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 OLM Festival - All Facilities	9 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Isalah's Community (SCC) 7:00 PM Women's Summer Study	10 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM Families & Faith Formation Committee Committee Mtg 6:00 PM Sister Parish 7:30 PM AA	11 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	12 8:30 AM Mass 9:15 AM Oremus: A Study on Prayer	13 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	14 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Climate Covenant Speaker at Mass 6:00 PM MASS
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22 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS	23 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM SCC-Isalah's Community - CF	24 8:30 AM Mass 7:30 PM AA	25 8:30 AM Mass	26 8:30 AM Mass	27 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	28 Mission Co-Op Speaker 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
29 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Mission Co-Op Speaker	30 8:30 AM Mass	31 8:30 AM Mass 7:30 PM AA	1 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Fruit of the Vine (SCC)	2 8:30 AM Mass	3 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	4 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 10:00 AM Cursillo Picnic 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS

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