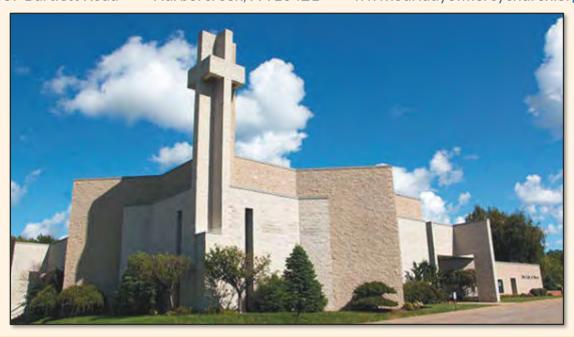
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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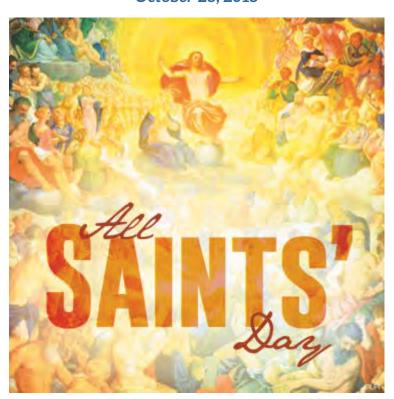
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October 28, 2018



MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Eucharistic, Catholic Christian Community of Communities formed by the Word of God and the teachings of the Church.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar

Mon.	10/29	7:00 p.m.	Living the Liturgy Series	
Tue.	10/30	9:30 a.m.	Families & Faith Formation Committee	
		9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC	
		1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	
		2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl [']	
		4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. 3-6	
		5:30 p.m.	Children's Choir	
		7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	
Wed.	10/31	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the	
			Rough SCC	
		7:00 p.m.	Family Grace Support	
			Group	
Thur.	11/01		oligation -All Saints Day	
		8:30 a.m.	Holy Day Mass	
		9:00 a.m.	Autumn Scripture	
			Study	
		9:00 a.m.	Painting Class	
		6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl	
		7:00 p.m.	Holy Day Mass	
	44/00	8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	
Fri.	11/02	7:00 p.m.	PF & Core Team	
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Sat.	11/03		resentation-All Masses	
		9:00 a.m.	Parish Leadership	
		10.00	Retreat	
		10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting	
C	11/01	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
Sun.	11/04	Gr. 11 Rite of Presentation-All Masses		
		Casserole Club Drop Off		
		Monthly Food Pantry Collection Daylight-Saving Time Ends		
		9:30 a.m. K-2 Family Faith Event		
		9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry	
		12:00 p.m.	Gr. 7 & 8 Religious Ed.	
		12:15 p.m.	Gr. 11 Candidate/	
		12.10 p.111.	Sponsor Meeting	
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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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon.	10/29	Eph 4:32-5:8	/ Luke 13:10-17
Tue.	10/30	Eph 5:21-33	/ Luke 13:18-21
Wed.	10/31	Eph 6:1-9	/ Luke 13:22-30
Thur.	11/01	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3	/ Mt 5:1-12
Fri.	11/02	Rom 6:3-9	/ John 6:37-40
Sat.	11/03	Phil 1:18-26	/ Luke 14:1, 7-11
Sun.	11/14	Dt 6:2-6 / Heb 7:23-28 / N	1ark 12:28-34

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon.	10/29	8:30 a.m.	Margaret Rathers
Tue.	10/30	8:30 a.m.	
Wed.	10/31	8:30 a.m.	Esther Sheppard
	44/04	0.00	(Cyndi & Gerri)
Thur.	11/01	8:30 a.m.	Ken Whitney
		7.00	(Dan Casey & Nick Pfeiffer)
		7:00 p.m.	Randy Check (Andrews Sister)
Fri.	11/02	8:30 a.m.	For Deceased Parishioners
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Sat.	11/03	8:30 a.m.	Angela Walczak (James Walczak)
		6:00 p.m.	Max Hemmis
		0.00 p.m.	(Chris, Dave & Family)
Sun.	11/04	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
		11:00 a.m.	Lewis Peters
			(Carole Peters)

#ThinkAboutItOLM

This week's Social Media "Think About It" is: Trick or Treat! What is your favorite treat?

Due to privacy settings on Facebook, we are unable to see some of your #ThinkAboutItOLM posts. Please continue to share on your personal Social Media page, but we are now asking that you post your response directly to the #ThinkAboutItOLM Our Lady of Mercy Facebook post too.

This way we can all stay connected!

ALL SAINTS DAY - ALL SOULS DAY

This Thursday, November 1st, is the Feast of All Saints, when we celebrate those who are in the presence of Almighty God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Day Masses are Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Friday is **All Souls Day** when we remember all our deceased. Mass is at 8:30 a.m.

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION



Mark 10:46-52

Jesus didn't seek the office of high priest to glorify himself but to become God's servant. As our representative before God's throne of mercy, Jesus deals patiently with our human weakness because he himself was beset by human suffering.

Jeremiah didn't aspire to be a prophet. He didn't feel qualified, because he didn't see things the way other prophets did. While they told the people, "Peace and prosperity are just around the corner," Jeremiah warned them that famine and exile would be their fate. Jeremiah suffered because of his message. Despite his trials, God's servant comforted people with a promise of restoration. Although they went forth weeping, the people would return rejoicing. Those who were outcast, the weak, the lame and the blind, would be in their midst.

At times we are completely blind to Jesus's message. We are like those who told blind Bartimaeus to be quiet when he cried out to Jesus for mercy, "I want to see!" Bartimaeus was healed because of his faith, and he followed Jesus down the road as a true disciple, not toward fame and glory but toward suffering and the cross.

For Reflection: What are the blind spots in my Christian service?



Social Justice Committee

Catholics Care. Catholics Vote.

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 6. Prayerfully consider the candidates and be a participant by casting your vote. Unsure of your polling place? Check out this website: https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/ pollingplaceinfo.aspx

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS/EVENTS

The Erie Pro-Life community has three events in January 2019 that provide you an opportunity to speak out on behalf of unborn children and the unalienable right to life.

PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST - Saturday, January 12th, 9:00 AM at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center, reservations are \$17 or \$9 for children 3-12

Featuring Uju Ekeocha, internationally acclaimed Pro-Life speaker and founder and president of Life Africa.

DC MARCH FOR LIFE - Friday, January 18th

Annual bus trip sponsored by People For Life. \$55 per seat, \$50 if registered by 12/17

ERIE MARCH FOR LIFE - Saturday, January 26th, 11:00 AM Begins and concludes at Perry Square. Contact People For Life at: www.peopleforlife.life or 882-1333 for information/ reservations. You can also call Phil Legler at 504-1048 for information.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK WINNER

The Question-of-the-Week Winner for the week of Oct. 16 was Bailey Haislip, Gr. 2, who knew that we have a sister parish in Mexico.



Verify Your Ministries



If you have not already done so please contact the parish office to verify your ministry involvement. Ask for Donna or Katie. We are updating all our lists for accuracy.

Newsletter Mailing Party

We will be stuffing the newsletter into envelopes at 9:00 AM Monday, Nov. 12. If you can help for an hour, please contact Irene at 899-6132 or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Family Grace Support Group

The next meeting is Wednesday Oct 31 at 7pm. The group is for those who have a family member diagnosed with a mental illness. If you are unable to attend but are interested please contact Donna Clark in the parish office 899-5342.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of October 21, 2018

Envelopes sent: 392

Envelopes returned: 100 \$3,354.00 Faith Direct Deposits: 118 \$3,113.00 Loose Change: \$ 101.00 **TOTAL OFFERTORY:** \$6,568.00

Women's Luncheon



On Monday, Nov 5that 1pm we will gather at the new restaurant on Buffalo Rd. Ichiban 4041 Buffalo Rd (near CiCi's). If you are a widow or live alone and are looking for companionship and laughter please join us. Questions? Call

Donna Clark in the parish office.

Book Group

Longer autumn nights and cooler, wetter autumn days are the perfect excuse to get lost in a good book. And a good book is made even better by sharing it with friends. Our



November book will be Rose Kennedy: The Life and Times of a Political Matriarch by Barbara Perry. Because of Thanksgiving, we will meet on November 28 at 7p.m.

Day of Reflection

There will be a special Day of Reflection for all adults in the parish, especially those in ministries of leadership. This day off reflection will take place on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9:00-1:00. Dr. Eric Dart of Gannon Univ., will challenge and inspire us to fulfill Christ's Great Commission, "Go and make disciples of all people". If you plan to participate, please contact Irene Lucas at 899-6132 or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org by Oct. 30 so that we can plan lunch.

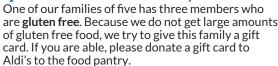
NEW! Social Media Committee



Have you ever wanted to join a ministry, but felt more comfortable being "behind the scenes"? This is the perfect opportunity for you! OLM has formed a new committee focused on Social Media. The goal of the Social Media

Committee is to bring the "social" aspect into our already established Social Media pages. We will be working with Facebook and Twitter and would like to establish a presence on Instagram and YouTube as well. If you feel like you could contribute to the parish through this new ministry, please call Katie or Irene in the Parish Office for more information. Our next meeting is Tuesday November 13th at 5:30 p.m.

Special need of the Food Pantry





Parking at OLM

Some of our older parishioners are looking for parking spaces closer to the door, especially for the 6pm Saturday Mass and the 11AM Sunday Mass. Although they are not officially listed as handicapped, they are unable to walk great distances. If you can walk easily, please consider parking a little further away from the doors to leave a few non-handicapped spaces open for our older parishioners who come just before Mass. This would be particularly helpful especially during the winter months.

Liturgy Ka Life

Liturgy is Life", a four-week interactive, educational, and spiritual look at the Mass continues TOMORROW evening, Monday, October 29 at 7p.m. in the chapel. Please consider attending this experience, present by Brandon Vogt. Tomorrow's presentation is "The Communion and Sending Rites"

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November Birthdays

Benjamin Kightlinge	r18	Nov. 1	
Kiersten Redford	13	Nov. 2	
Connor Marshall	14	Nov. 3	4
Baileigh Bleil	14	Nov. 4	*
Kylie Rupp	16	Nov. 7	11 V
Jazmyn McGerl	9	Nov. 11	
Mitchell DeVore	15	Nov. 14	
Ryleigh Lander	8	Nov. 15	
Megan Smith	16	Nov. 16	O P
Addison Matusiak	9	Nov. 17	V
Makayla Inthavong	6	Nov. 20	M.
Carson Shamburg	3	Nov. 20	
Delaney Andrews	9	Nov. 21	
Maximo Coletta	12	Nov. 21	
Kara Sutton	16	Nov. 24	OF
Molly Nielson	17	Nov. 26	T.
Triston Barber	4	Nov. 26	T.
Dominic Coletta	15	Nov. 26	



538 East Grandview Blvd. Sunday, November 4, from 12-3 p.m. General sessions will be held at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Guest students are eligible to enter for a chance to win a Fitbit Charge 3[™] Advanced Fitness Tracker. You must be present to win. Be sure to visit our DREAM Lab and try zSpace, which combines Augmented Reality (AR) with Virtual Reality (VR). This interactive tool is helping to fundamentally change the educational experience, especially in the areas of (STEAM) science, technology, engineering, art and math. MPS is the first high school in the area to acquire this technology. Any eighth grade student that applies online at mpslakers.com/admissions on or before November 4, 2018, will become eligible for 1 of 5 drawings for a \$1,000 tuition voucher to Mercyhurst Prep for their freshman year. The first 300 students to attend Open House will receive a free MPS tee shirt. Please contact Mrs. Marcia DiTullio at 814-824-2323 or mditullio@mpslakers.com with any questions concerning the admissions process.

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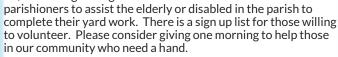
OLM Day of Service

Our Lady of Mercy is organizing a day to assist the elderly and/ or disabled in our parish to complete their yard work in preparation for winter. If you are or you know a parishioner in need of help raking, putting away the lawn furniture, pulling out annuals, etc., please **contact Irene at 899-6132** with name, address and description of the

work that needs to be done. Our Service Day will be **Saturday**, **Nov. 10 from 9:00-noon**.

Volunteers for the OLM Day of Service

OLM is a family and families help one another. **On Saturday, Nov.** 10, we are organizing teams of



Autumn Scripture Study



All are invited to a 4 week Scripture Study on 1 Samuel beginning Nov. 1. The sessions will be held Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:30 in the Conference Room. Nov. 1 – Samuel, Nov. 8 – Saul, Nov. 15 – David, Nov. 29 – David. There are no books to purchase, no need to register. All are welcome.

Family Faith Event

Families in the Sunday Morning religious education class are reminded that there is a special session for the entire family on **Nov. 4**. Parents, and the entire family, is asked to join their child for a time of faith formation.

Activities at these Family Faith Events are accomplished between parent and child, so no child should come to class alone on **Nov. 4.** We will gather in Sperry Hall.



First Eucharist Parent Meeting

Parents of children preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist in May are reminded of an important meeting on **Sunday**, **Nov. 11 at 9:45** in Sperry Hall.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

There has been a request to have Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 8:30 Mass. We can only make this possible if we have 4 volunteer leaders willing to be on a rotating schedule. If you are interested in



being part of this ministry at the 8:30 Mass, **contact Irene** to learn more at **899-6132** or <u>ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org</u>.

Veterans Raffle Sale

Mooch Zielewski thanks the members of Our Lady of Mercy for their support of the Veterans quilt raffle; 252 tickets were sold. Tickets are still available in the church office. The drawing will be **Dec 6**.



November 2018

Saturday	3 Gr. 11 - Rite of Presentation (all Masses) 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS	10 Gr. 9 - Rite of Acceptance (all Masses) 8:30 AM Mass 8:30 AM Parish Service Day 10:00 AM AA 12:00 PM AA Traditions Study 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MAS	17 Cursillo - (Men) 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM <u>MASS</u>	24 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS	1 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 10:00 AM Mass of Remem- brance 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
Friday	2 Ali Souls' Day 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM PF & Core Team Evening of Reflection	9 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Harborcreek Baseball Club Fundraiser	16 Cursillo - (Men) 8:30 AM Mass	23 Parish Office Closed 8:30 AM Mass	30 8:30 AM Mass
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Monday	29 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Living the Liturgy Series	5 Pastoral Facilitator Meeting - Cancelled 8:30 AM Mass	8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Newsletter Mailing 7:00 PM Presentation on Self Compassion (Tentative)	19 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	26 8:30 AM Mass
Sunday	28 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Gr. K-2 11:00 AM Confirmation 12:00 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event	8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Daylight-Saving Time Ends Daylight-Saving Time Ends Gr. 11 - Rite of Presentation (all Masses) Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Family Faith Event K-Gr. 2 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 12:00 PM Gr. 11 Candidate / Sponsor Meeting 5:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8	8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Gr. 10 Retreat at OLM Gr. 9 - Rite of Acceptance (all Masses) 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Gr. K-2 9:45 AM First Eucharist Parent Mtg. 12:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8	8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Cursillo - (Men) 9:30 AM Healing Mnistry 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Gr. K-2 12:00 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event	25 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS

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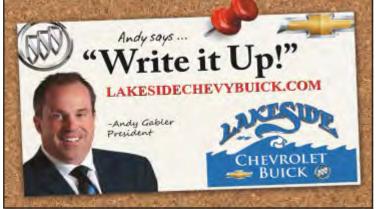
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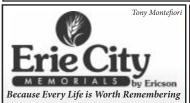
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