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.

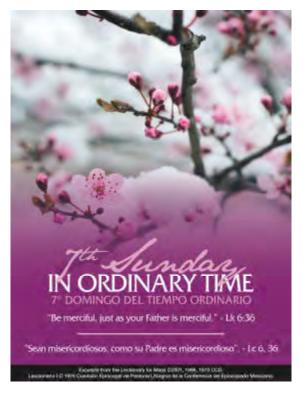
PARISH STAFF

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February 24, 2019



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. 02/25	3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Social Justice Meeting Sister Parish Meeting Fruit of the Vine SCC			
Tue. 02/26	7:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	Isaiah SCC			
Tue. $02/20$	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Potter's Clay SCC			
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC Story Time			
		Legion of Mary			
	1:30 p.m.				
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl			
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. 3-6 Children's Choir			
	5:30 p.m.				
	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Youth Open Gym			
Wed. 02/27		AA Meeting Diamonds in the			
vveu. 02/2/	1:00 p.m.				
Thur. 02/28	9:00 a.m.	Rough SCC			
111u1.02/20		Painting Class			
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl			
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
Fri. 03/01					
Sat. 03/02	10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting			
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of			
		Penance			
	7:00 p.m.	Sister Parish Mardi			
		Gras Event			
Sun. 03/03	Casserole Club	Drop Off			
	Monthly Food Pantry Collection				
	9:30 a.m.	First Reconciliation			
		Retreat			
	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. K-2			
	9:45 a.m.	Study on Prayer			
	12:00 p.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. 7 & 8			
	12.00 p.m.	Religious Lu. OI. / Q O			

We remember... Neil Ferringer; Mary Pluta, mother of Joan Brochey and Don Griffy, father of Christine Mitchell. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	02/25	8:30 a.m.	Jack Ryan
Tue.	02/26	8:30 a.m.	Dennis Rapp
Wed.	02/27	8:30 a.m.	George Ritchie
Thur.	02/28	8:30 a.m.	Bill Behringer
			(Family)
Fri.	03/01	8:30 a.m.	Thomas Liebel
_			(Liebel Family)
Sat.	03/02	8:30 a.m.	
		6:00 p.m.	Francis Ritchie
Sun.	03/03	8:30 a.m .	For the People of OLM
		11:00 a.m.	Chaz Magouirk
			(Carole Peters)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 02/25	Sir 1:1-10	/ Mark 9:14-29
Tue. 02/26	Sir 2:1-11	/ Mark 9:30-37
Wed. 02/27	Sir 4:11-19	/ Mark 9:38-40
Thur. 02/28	Sir 5:1-8	/ Mark 9:41-50
Fri. 03/01	Sir 6:5-17	/ Mark 10:1-12
Sat. 03/02	Sir 17:1-15	/ Mark 10:13-16
Sun. 03/03	Sir 27:4-7/1Cor	15:54-58/Luke 6:39-45

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



Call Gerri Extein at 899-6875 The Hospital Visitor for the week is Marilyn Garwig.

HEALING MINISTRY UPDATE

There will be no Healing Ministry on **Sunday March 3rd.** We apologize for this inconvenience, as a lot of our healers are soaking up some vitamin C in sunny Florida. We will resume on **Sunday March 17th**.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK WINNER

The Question-of-the-Week Winner for the week of Feb. 10 was, **Olivia Stephenson Gr. 2**, who knew that Daniel is the prophet who God protected when he was thrown into a lion's den by the king.



THIS SUNDAY'S <u>REFLECTION</u> LUKE 6:27-38

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We all like to think of ourselves as generous. Whether we're giving to family, friends or charity, each of us feels warm and fuzzy when we donate. And we should. Scripture says God loves a cheerful giver. The problem is, God's standards are a little higher than ours. He wants us to be cheerful not just when we give to good people. God calls us to give joyously to the undeserving as well. Jesus said we should give to everyone who asks of us, *everyone*. We're to be open handed and open hearted to the ungrateful, the slow re -payers, the grudging givers and the debt defaulters. It's not a financial decision, it's a spiritual choice. God wants us to give and He'll sort out what happens after we open our hands. We're just called to loosen those fingers to begin with.

It isn't an easy step to take. It's hard to see money, time or gifts be given where they're misused or denigrated. But God stands beside us, encouraging us to give anyway, no matter the cost. He did. He gave His Son to a world that rejected, reviled and crucified Him. He paid with blood for the gift of mercy to be given to people who deny He exists. God gave till it hurts and He calls us to do the same.

For Reflection: Can you refuse?

Story Time

Calling all preschoolers and their parents/grandparents! Enjoy a morning of music, games, activities

and, of course, stories, on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 9:30. All are invited; there is no lower age limit. The event is free and open to all.

Youth Open Gym



Our next monthly Open Gym for parish youth will be Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 5:30 -6:30. At this open gym, we will be practicing baseball/softball skills. If you have your own equipment (bats, balls, helmets, mits, ect.) please bring it to

open gym if possible. During these winter months when it is not very inviting to play outside, this is an opportunity to get some exercise and have a bit of fun.

Parish Mardi Gras

Our annual parish Mardi Gras celebration will change things up this year. It will be held on Saturday March 2 from 7:00-10:00 PM. The night will include a Murder Mystery play, a homemade wine and beer



taste-off, a taco bar, wine, beer and pop, and a reverse raffle for \$500. Admission tickets for \$10 include all of the above and are on sale after weekend Masses or at the Parish Office. (You do not need to be present to win the raffle.) If you want to enter your wine or beer into the taste-off, please sign the easel in the Gathering Space. Wine/beer taste-off entries receive a free admission ticket.

First Reconciliation Retreat



Children preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation in March are reminded that there is a retreat for the children on Sunday, March 3 from 9:30-1:00. The Celebration of First FURCIVEN Reconciliation will be held Saturday, March 9 at 1:00 with practice taking place Friday, March 8 at 5:00.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

Families with children preparing to celebrate First Eucharist in May are reminded that there will be an important parent meeting on Sunday, March 10 at 9:45 in Sperry Hall.



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.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of February 17, 2019					
Envelopes sent:	392				
Envelopes returned:		\$3,484.00			
Faith Direct Deposits:	115	\$3,022.00			
Loose Change:		\$ 112.00			
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$6,618.00			
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Parish Mission



Save the date! Our annual parish mission will be held Monday, March 18-Wednesday, March 20. Fr. Michael DeMartinis will present the mission which will draw us into a deeper

encounter with the Persons of the Trinity.

OLM Book Group

The OLM Book Group will discuss Tattoos on the Heart by Fr. Greg Boyle in March.



Cursillo



Are you looking to enhance your relationship with Christ? Maybe get to know Him on a more personal basis? Why not consider making a Cursillo! The next women's Cursillo is March 14-17 right here at OLM, and the next men's will be May 16-19 also here at

OLM. We ask that you prayerfully consider a Cursillo Weekend, you'll be glad you did! For more information call Tim or Norma Lynch at 899-2681

Healing the Hurt

Within our faith journeys, we may struggle from time to time with our image of God, with our faith, or with the institutional church. Perhaps there was an experience or an exchange of words that stimulated the struggle, which became a hurt and fostered



anger, despair or discouragement. If you or someone you know is struggling with their faith or spirituality and would like to talk in confidence, call 814-303-9282. This is a google voice number set up to receive calls outside of our regular church channels. Donna Clark is the person receiving these private calls.

Our Lady of Mercy Young Adults



Are you 21ish - 40ish years old and interested a more active faith life? Join our OLM Young Adult Ministry! We will be doing monthly service projects with

our first project taking place at the St. John Overflow Shelter. If you are interested, please meet us at St. John the Baptist on 509 East 26th Street on Wednesday Feb. 27th at 7pm. In addition to our monthly service projects, we will continue to meet on the first Monday of the month at 6pm in the Parlor, where we will discuss different religious traditions. Our next meeting will be Monday March 4th at 6 pm. Please join us!

Want to meet new members of the Parish?

A great way to do that is to become involved in a ministry. Each ministry has a brochure found in the brochure stand in the Gathering Space.



Questions about a ministry? Contact the ministry leader listed on the brochure or Donna Clark.

Hearing assist receivers are available.



If you or a relative or visitor needs help hearing at Mass or other events. Please check with Donna or Brandon.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar 1 Jared Anderson 18 Mar 3 13 **Dominick Scarpino** Mar 3 Milena Laskey 2 Mar 4 Caleb Mandel 18 Mar 4 Cain Rozenek 9 5 Mar 5 Sophia Sartori Mar 5 **Thomas Pohl** 12 Mar 6 **Bailey Haislip** 8 **Claire Stauffer** Mar 7 1 Mar 9 Hannah Bradley 7 Mar 9 Noah Sacco 15 Mar 9 Nicholas Sacco 15 Mar 9 Lynzey Reinsel 13 Mar 11 **Timothy Gallagher** 18 Mar 12 Mila Burick 6 Mar 13 Justin Tersigni 14 Mar 15 Zachary Pinetti 9 Mar 16 Will Lunger 10 Mar 16 **Oliver Beckman** 5 Mar 17 13 Leah Corey Mar 18 **Eric Morris** 16 Charlie Giambrone Mar 21 15 Mar 23 Haley Stadler 12 Mar 24 Tyler Bryan 3 Mar 31 Antionio Hodzic 6 Mar 31 Angelina Carideo 8

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CSA Commitment

Weekend

February 23rd &

24th

"Experience the

Joy of Giving"

Overflow Shelter Update



Thank you for being part of a beautiful team of volunteers who made the first two weeks of Our Neighbors' Place a reality at St. John the Baptist! This could never be done without each and everyone of us!

From January 16th thru the 31st over 100 volunteers made life a little easier for an average of 47 guests each night (our lowest number of guests was 33 and our highest was 68) Over 15 people made dinner for 60 people each night! What an awesome team of people! Our schedule is complete for the second session – if you know of anyone that might want to consider volunteering for second (11pm-3am) or third (3am-7am) shift, please have them contact us. We do have these times covered, but would like to add people to our contact list for these times. If anyone would like to check it out, it would be great if they could come and try it out with experienced volunteers for the March session. Mary Hoffman **873-2981**

mymary14@gmail.com and Mary Ellen Lieb 873-1284 melieb4@gmail.com

Women's Conference - save the date

Fifth Annual Catholic Women's conference in Erie is **Saturday**, **March 30, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm** at Our Lady of Peace Parish For more information



and to register visit <u>www.138women.com</u> or call **814-455-7364**. This year the theme of the conference is "Live JOY-fully!", relating to Nehemiah 8:10: *"*The joy of the Lord is my strength."





JOIN A SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THIS LENT!

Find out more at the CAFÉ after 8:30 Mass February 24th or

Sign up after Mass February 23rd & 24th



March 2019

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