

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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## April 28, 2019 - Second Sunday of Easter

### 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](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

<b>Mon. 04/29</b>		
<b>Tue. 04/30</b>	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
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Open Gym
	7:30 p.m.	AA
<b>Wed. 05/01</b>	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer & Potluck
<b>Thur. 05/02</b>	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	5:30 p.m.	Cursillo 129 Reunion
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Fri. 05/03</b>	4:30 p.m.	Men's Night Out
<b>Sat. 05/04</b>		<b>First Eucharist - All Masses</b>
	9:00 a.m.	First Eucharist Practice
	10:00 a.m.	AA
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 05/05</b>		<b>First Eucharist - All Masses</b>
		<b>Casserole Club Drop Off</b>
		<b>Monthly Food Pantry Collection</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

## 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**.



Our Lady of Mercy would like to congratulate and welcome **Stephen Brainard** to the Church as he celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 20th. We are proud of you and we look forward to walking this journey of discipleship with you.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Mon. 04/29</b>	Acts 4:23-31	/ John 3:1-8
<b>Tue. 04/30</b>	Acts 4:32-37	/ John 3:7-15
<b>Wed. 05/01</b>	Acts 5:17-26	/ John 3:16-21
<b>Thur. 05/02</b>	Acts 5:27-33	/ John 3:31-36
<b>Fri. 05/03</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8	/ John 14:6-14
<b>Sat. 05/04</b>	Acts 6:1-7	/ John 6:16-21
<b>Sun. 05/05</b>	Acts 5:27-32, 40-41	/ Rv 5:11-14 / John 21:1-19

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 04/29</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Tue. 04/30</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Wed. 05/01</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Mary Pluta</b> <i>(John &amp; Judy Skuce)</i>
<b>Thur. 05/02</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Emma Royer</b> <i>(Kyle &amp; Laura Chase)</i>
<b>Fri. 05/03</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Sat. 05/04</b>	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>
<b>Sun. 05/05</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Rod Haynes</b> <i>(Sue Haynes)</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yolanda DiRaimo</b> <i>(Donelle Davey)</i>

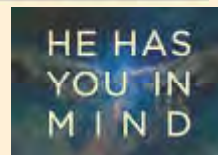
## QUESTION-OF-THE-WEEK WINNER

The Question-of-the-Week Winner for the week of April 14 was **Madden Inthavong, Gr. 1**, who knew that Easter is the most important holiday because it celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus.



## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

**JOHN 20:19-31**



Exiled for bearing witness to Jesus, John waited with patient endurance for God's reign to come. John experienced a vision of the risen Lord walking among the Christian community. With Christ's light, a beacon of hope was sent for all those living in fear. They need not be afraid; Jesus, the "one who lives," is eternally in our midst.

"Peace be with you," Jesus said to the disciples who were locked in their prison of fear. The breath of the Spirit animated them and revived their faith. Filled with the Spirit, they had the courage to declare: "We have seen the Lord." Thomas is our twin, doubting unless we can see for ourselves. "Touch my wounds," Jesus said to Thomas. To us he says: "Do not persist in unbelief. Believe! "

Day by day we are learning how to pray and worship together, how to love and forgive one another, how to exercise truth and justice, how to heal wounds and conquer evil. When the world sees these "signs and wonders," they will believe that Jesus is truly Lord of our lives.

**For Reflection: Do you see signs of Christ among us? Can you still believe when you do not see them?**





## Social Justice News



**Child Abuse Prevention Month:**  
**What Happens When Abuse is Reported?** People who hold positions of trust in Catholic institutions are mandated by Pennsylvania law to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. To see the specific reporting procedure for the diocese, visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>

### Sundae Sunday

Mark your calendar for our third annual Sundae Sunday for **TODAY Sunday, April 28th at noon** in Sperry Hall. With a make-your-own sundae bar, a cake walk and lots of fun, we will celebrate the end of another year of religious classes and the joy of Easter. This is for the entire parish, not specifically for religious education families.

### Youth Open Gym


Our final Open Gym evening for the youth of the parish will be **Tuesday, April 30 from 5:30-6:30**. All are welcome.

### For Mercy Sake Mailing Party

We will be folding newsletters and stuffing envelopes to get the newsletter into the mail on **Monday, May 6 at 9:00 AM**. If you can lend a hand, call **Irene at 899-6132** or email [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org).




### OLM Book Group



Our May title will be Plainsong by Kent Haruf. Join us at **7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 15** at the home of Irene Lucas to discuss this book. All are welcome.

### 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.




<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT</b>	
<i>Offertory for the weekend of April 21, 2019</i>	
Envelopes sent:	392
Envelopes returned:	137 <b>\$6,348.00</b>
Faith Direct Deposits:	113 <b>\$2,889.95</b>
Loose Change:	\$ 716.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>	<b>\$9,953.95</b>

### Prayer and Potluck Dinner




The Prayer and Potluck Dinner sponsored by the Small Christian Communities of Our Lady of Mercy will be held on **Wednesday May 1 at 6pm** in Sperry Hall. All are welcome, we just ask that you bring 3 things with you: 1.) a dish to share (meat and drinks will be provided) 2.) a non-perishable food item for the Ella Cochran Food Pantry 3.) a friend! Please RSVP to the Parish Office before **April 26th** by calling **899-5342** or emailing [secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

### Food Drive to Benefit Ella Cochran Food Pantry




On **Saturday May 11** the National Association of Letter Carriers will collect food for both the Ella Cochran Food Pantry of Harborcreek and the Second Harvest Food Bank of NWPA. Please put out a nonperishable food item to help restock the shelves for the summer months. This is the largest drive of the year. If you are serviced by the Harborcreek post office the food comes directly to our local pantry and we make a report to Second Harvest. If you are serviced by the Erie post office then the food items will go to Second Harvest, then the Ella Cochran Food Pantry will benefit from your donations of food as we place our monthly orders.

### Vacation Bible School




Vacation Bible School will make a comeback at OLM this summer, **July 22-26**. Registration fliers were sent home with religious education students beginning today. You will also find it in the May issue of For Mercy Sake and on the parish website. We will also need lots of help from teen and adult volunteers. If you want to help make this year's VBS a success, please call **Irene Lucas @899-6132** or email [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org). Adult volunteers will need criminal and child abuse clearances, so volunteer early enough to get your clearances.

### Prayer Line Ministry



We have a strong prayer ministry in the parish. When you need prayers don't hesitate to call. The prayer line coordinator numbers are on the first page of our bulletin. Do you wish to join this holy group? You can be part of a daytime or evening telephone line or sign up to receive the prayer requests by e-mail. For more information, see the ministry brochure found in the display case in the Gathering Space.

### Domestic Violence Support



Do you know someone who is living through domestic violence? You can help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline for resources and support **800-799-SAFE ( 7233 ) { TTY 800-787-3224 }** or find help on line at [thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org).



# MAY



# BIRTHDAYS

May 1	Josie Hicks	13
May 2	Jack Murphy	18
May 3	Bailey Festa	16
May 3	Aurora Benson	2
May 4	Colton Wuerstle	10
May 6	Charley Hamilton	6
May 6	Liam Marshall	10
May 7	Lucas Wright	12
May 7	Madden Inthavong	8
May 8	Isabella McKeel	9
May 10	Maddox Vaughn	9
May 10	Jordyn Nowak	15
May 11	Frank Mazzaresse	10
May 11	Dakota Pohl	10
May 12	Bobby Shotts	18
May 14	Isla VanOrd	4
May 14	Gavin Galbreath	9
May 14	Caroline Weber	15
May 15	Nicholas Thompson	17
May 16	Hunter Oler	14
May 17	Johnathan Catrabone	7
May 19	Levi Gilchrist	5
May 20	Julie Kruszewski	17
May 21	Jordan Pohl	9
May 21	Rory Forrester	2
May 21	Emma McKeel	16
May 23	Rachel D'Angelo	17
May 23	Landon Ford	11
May 25	Eoin Eighmy	9
May 26	Nora Weiss	9
May 27	Milo Hamilton	8
May 28	Samuel Parente	14
May 29	Lydia Szklenski	16
May 29	Zach Szklenski	16
May 31	Joey Moreno	18



★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ★

## Free Concert by the Misery Bay Dulcimer Club



There will be a free concert held by the Misery Bay Dulcimer Club on **Tuesday May 7th at 7p.m.** at the Faith Lutheran Church on 5414 East Lake Road. We are delighted to welcome them back for a return engagement at Faith

Lutheran Church! A light reception will follow the concert. This event is sponsored by Faith's Worship and Music Committee. For more information please call **Faith Lutheran at 899-9653.**

## 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 men's Cursillo will be **May 16-19** 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.**



## Knights of Columbus 26th Annual Golf & Sports Raffle

The Knights invite you to attend our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf & Sports Raffle to be held on **May 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** at OLM. Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Space after Masses on the weekends of April 28 and May 5. Our Raffle



has become the largest in the Erie area thanks to the support of our parishioners and our many ticket sellers. Proceeds from the raffle are used to support youth programs, to provide scholarships for high school seniors and to fund capital improvement projects for the parish. Please help the Knights help OLM.

## Knights of Columbus Scholarship Opportunity

Scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors are being accepted by the Our Lady of Mercy Knights of Columbus Council. The Scholarship program began about 25 years ago with the purpose of awarding a portion of the annual Golf and Sports Raffle proceeds to college-bound students, who along with their parents are members of the parish. An application form, brief essay and certified and sealed transcript from the applicants school are required. The **deadline for the application is Friday, May 17.** It is understood that the transcript will only include grades through the most recent grading period. Please remind others who may be interested.

## Chinese Auction Items Needed

The Knights of Columbus are in need of Chinese auction items for their 26th Annual Golf and Sports Raffle that is taking place on **May 10th.** Please drop auction items off in the Parish Office. It is a fun evening and your donations for this event are very important to make it a great success. Thank you.

# May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Catechist Appreciation (All Masses) 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Gr. K-2 12:00 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event 12:00 PM Sundaes Sunday	<b>29</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>30</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias 1:30 PM Legion of Mary Prayer Shawl 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 3-6 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:30 PM AA	<b>1</b> 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 6:00 PM Prayer & Potluck	<b>2</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 5:30 PM Cursillo 129 Reunion 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 8:30 AM Mass 4:30 PM Mens Night Out	<b>4</b> First Eucharist (all Masses) 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM First Eucharist practice 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
<b>5</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF First Eucharist (all Masses) Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	<b>6</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Newsletter Mailing Party 7:00 PM Pastoral Facilitator Mtg. - Cancelled	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 3-6 5:30 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School Planning Mtg 6:00 PM Sister Parish Committee Mtg 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting 7:30 PM AA	<b>8</b> 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	<b>9</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Potter's Clay 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 8:30 AM Mass 5:00 PM Knights of Columbus Golf Raffle	<b>11</b> 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
<b>12</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS	<b>13</b> 8:30 AM Mass 4:00 PM Food Pantry Board 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine 7:00 PM Isaiah	<b>14</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:30 PM AA	<b>15</b> 8:30 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	<b>16</b> Cursillo—Men's 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Potter's Clay 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> Cursillo—Men's 8:30 AM Mass	<b>18</b> Cursillo—Men's 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
<b>19</b> Cursillo—Men's 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	<b>20</b> 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	<b>21</b> 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Core Team Mtg. 7:00 PM LFF Mtg. 7:30 PM AA	<b>22</b> 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Potter's Clay SCC 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Tech Committee	<b>24</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>25</b> 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
<b>26</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS	<b>27</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>28</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:30 PM AA	<b>29</b> 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough - SCC	<b>30</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Families & Faith Formation Committee 9:30 AM Potter's Clay 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Young Adult Eucharistic Adoration	<b>1</b> 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS

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