

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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## May 19, 2019—Fifth 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*

Donna Clark, *Pastoral Minister*

Irene Lucas, *Director of Lifelong Faith Formation*

Brandon Vogt, *Director of Liturgy & Music*

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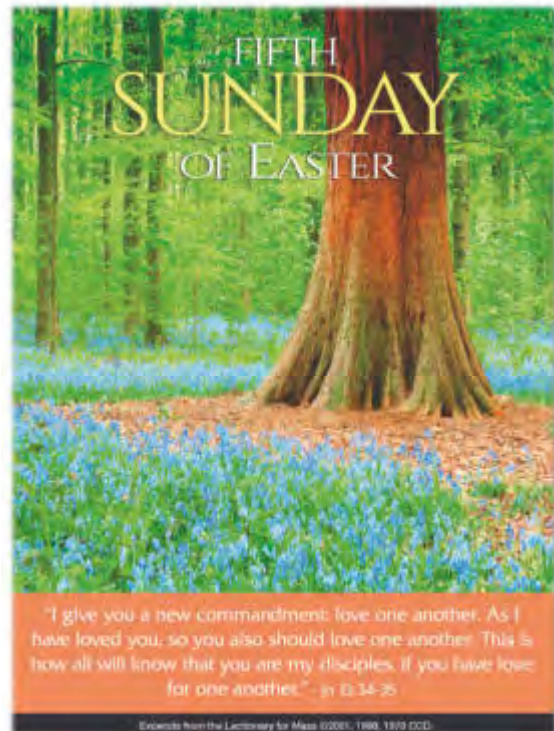
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### MISSION STATEMENT

*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. 05/20</b>	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
<b>Tue. 05/21</b>	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	5:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Core Team Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
	7:30 p.m.	AA
<b>Wed. 05/22</b>	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough SCC
<b>Thur. 05/23</b>	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	9:30 a.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Tech Committee Meeting
<b>Fri. 05/24</b>		
<b>Sat. 05/25</b>	8:30 a.m.	AA
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 05/26</b>		



## We Remember

**Timothy Connolly**, who passed away last week. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

### REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Pope Francis says, "A good Catholic meddles in politics.." We have a chance to "meddle" by voting in the primary elections. They will take place on **TUESDAY MAY 21**. The polls will be open from **7AM to 8PM**. There are many offices up for election this year. Check the Erie County website to view a sample ballot. Learn, pray, vote!

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Mon. 05/20</b>	Acts 14:5-18	/ John 14:21-26
<b>Tue. 05/21</b>	Acts 14:19-28	/ John 14:27-31
<b>Wed. 05/22</b>	Acts 15:1-6	/ John 15:1-8
<b>Thur. 05/23</b>	Acts 15:7-21	/ John 15:9-11
<b>Fri. 05/24</b>	Acts 15:22-31	/ John 15:12-17
<b>Sat. 05/25</b>	Acts 16:1-10	/ John 15:18-21
<b>Sun. 05/26</b>	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 / Rv 21:10-14, 22-23	/ John 14:23-29

The Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, May 27th** in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Regular office hours of 9am-3pm will resume on Tuesday, May 28th.

## 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 **Donna Smicker**.



## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### JOHN 10:27-30



As Paul and Barnabas proclaimed the good news on their missionary journey, they discovered that, though many doors were closed to their preaching, others were wide open. John's vision on the isle of Patmos was like an open door to heaven. All the threats and perils of the present world vanished as a renewed world came forth. The glorious splendor of God's dwelling place on earth was imaged as a New Jerusalem, beautiful as a bride coming forth to meet her spouse. The tears and sorrows of the present age were wiped away as God made all things new.

As Jesus faced the pain and agony of the cross, his sight was raised to the glories that God prepared for his faithful one. Jesus knew that his disciples would grieve when he departed from the earth, and he consoled them with his abiding love. Jesus showed them how to love by his own self-giving. Though Jesus would no longer be visible, people would see him by the love his followers showed to them. When the world sees our compassionate care for one another, it will truly be heaven on earth.

For Reflection: In what ways am I being asked to show love today? Whose tears can I wipe away?

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 05/20</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Francis &amp; Sally Talerico</b> <i>(Sandy Jordan)</i>
<b>Tue. 05/21</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>-NO MASS-</b>
<b>Wed. 05/22</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Harry Extein</b> <i>(The Extein Family)</i>
<b>Thur. 05/23</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>-NO MASS-</b>
<b>Fri. 05/24</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Theresa Simonelli</b>
<b>Sat. 05/25</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>-NO MASS-</b>
	6:00 p.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>
<b>Sun. 05/26</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Francis Marie Ritchie</b>
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Mabel Holodnak</b> <i>(Roberta &amp; Mark Formica)</i>

### Monthly Grief Support

The Grief Ministry of Our Lady of Mercy Church sponsors a monthly support group for those who have lost a loved one. The journey of grief may become easier when there is someone who walks beside you who understands the struggles. The group meets on the **third Monday of the month at 7pm** in the parish parlor. **The next meeting is May 20<sup>th</sup>**. For more information or for one on one support **contact Donna Clark** in the parish office.



### Women's Luncheon

**Tuesday, May 28 at 1pm.** Meet at the Harborview Grill, 3730 Harbor Ridge Trail. This is a gathering of women who live alone who desire good conversation and good laughs with others. Questions? Contact Donna Clark in the parish office.



### LADIES NIGHT OUT WITH NICK HEISE

Please join us as Our Lady Of Mercy's own Nick Heise presents a very personal and inspirational 3 part discussion on "What's Love Got To Do With It". A look at God's unconditional love for all of us. **Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup>, Dinner at 6:00pm** followed by Nick's talk at 7:00pm. Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Space, or call Katie in the **Parish Office 899-5342**, you may also email Tim Fuhrman at [knoyle@yahoo.com](mailto:knoyle@yahoo.com) with your reservations. The Mens Night Out committee and the Knights of Columbus look forward to seeing you there!



### Honoring Graduates

On **June 2**, we will holding our annual Family Pancake Breakfast from **9:30-10:30**. We will take this opportunity to honor those graduating from a high school or from a post-secondary institution. If you are graduating and plan to be at this breakfast, please call **Irene at 899-6132**. You attend the breakfast free.



### Family Pancake Breakfast

Our annual parish Family Pancake Breakfast will be held **June 2 from 9:30-10:30**. Join us for pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. The suggested donation is \$1 per person. Please let us know if your family will attend so we can plan. **Call the Parish Office at 899-5342** or sign the list on the easel in the Gathering Space.



### Mission Trip Car Wash

Mission Trip Participants will be holding a car wash at Our Lady of Mercy **Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7:30**. Come get the winter grime off and support a great cause! Any donation will be happily accepted.



### Catching Fire - Becoming Flame

Our summer adult faith series will be held **Tuesday mornings at 9:00** in the Conference Room **June 11, 18, 25, July 9, 16, 30**. There is no cost and no need to register. This series will offer participants the tools to catch the spark of the Holy Spirit and to fan that spark into a living flame. Using video teachings and facilitated discussion, this 6 week series will draw on the insights of the saints. An evening option can be held if there is interest. If you would like to attend this series if it were offered in the evening, please call **Irene at 899-6132**.



### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will make a comeback at OLM this summer, **July 22-26**. Registration fliers will be going home with children on the final class of religious education. 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.



### Would You Like to Join the Catholic Family?

Do you know someone who has been considering the possibility of joining the Catholic faith? Maybe you or your spouse has watched the other members of the family receive Communion and have felt that pull. Now is the perfect time to begin the conversation. To learn more, contact **Irene at 899-6132** or [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org).



### Relic To Visit Erie

The incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney will be on display for veneration at St. Peter Cathedral all day **June 6**. Mass will be celebrated at **6:30 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM** with the opportunity for personal prayer and veneration throughout the day. This event is open to all people.



### A Great Treasure to Share

"The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew." (Pope Francis from *The Joy of the Gospel*.) Another word for sharing our faith is evangelization.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **May 12, 2019**

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	130	<b>\$4,807.28</b>
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	<b>\$2,889.95</b>
Loose Change:		<b>\$ 144.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$7,841.23</b>





**Food Pantry - Mail Carriers Food Drive**

The Harborcreek Mail Carriers collected 775 pounds of food that came directly to the Ella Cochran Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

**Paper Product collection for Food Pantry**

In June, the pantry will give out an extra bag of paper product supplies and cleaning supplies. If you are able, please donate any of the following by **June 16<sup>th</sup>**: paper towels, napkins, tissues, toilet paper or all-purpose cleaner.

**Diapers Needed**

We are in need of diapers sizes 4 and 5.

**Welcoming Visitors and Being a Visitor**

It is getting close to the most wonderful time of the year...summer vacation. Our Lady of Mercy being located just miles from busy summer tourist destinations such as Presque Isle and Waldameer Park, may be home to more visitors throughout the warmer months. If you happen to see someone at Mass you do not recognize, please make them feel welcome by: sharing a smile, introducing yourself, introducing them to others around you and showing them around our Gathering Space. Give our visitors the chance to feel that warm, hospitality feeling that our parishioners feel each week.



The summer months are a popular time for travel. The kids are out of school, the roads are clear of ice and snow and there always seems to be at least one out of town family event scheduled between May and September. If you find yourself away from Our Lady of Mercy some Sunday, please don't be intimidated to find a place to worship closer to your destination. While visiting another parish, take the time to introduce yourself to others, including the pastor. They are likely to be just as excited to have a visitor at their parish as we are to have visitors here at Our Lady of Mercy.

**Transitions: A Peer Support Group**

Are you Widowed, Separated or divorced? Consider attending Transitions, a peer support group offered monthly at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. **Call 814-824-1265** or email:

[familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org) for more information. The next meeting is **Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 2 - 4 pm**. This month's topic is: "Easter Hope: Faith in Times of Transition" with guest speaker, Sr. Carmen Maldonado, SSC Visit our website at: <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/transitions.html>

**Tickets Still Available!**

David Haas Concert "I Will Bring You Home" \$12 **CONCERT**  
Adults, children 12 and under free, today, **Sunday May 19th at 7:00 PM** Holy Cross Church, Fairview Pa.

**Hospice volunteers needed**



The Waterford-based Aseracare Hospice is in need of volunteers to provide compassionate companionship and emotional support to people in hospice care in the area. For information or to sign up to volunteer, **contact Sheryl Sweeney**, volunteer care coordinator, at **814-853-2856 or 814-440-0123 ( cell )**.

**Senior, caregiver fair/lunch offered at three parishes**

Three Erie parishes are presenting a senior and caregiver fair and lunch in June. Experts will offer ways to get personal affairs in order. There also will be health and fitness assessments, presentations about finances, wills, funeral planning, medication management and full home care. The fairs will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon, followed by lunch, at the following locations, dates:



St. Jude the Apostle, 2801 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Erie, **June 7**

St. George, 5145 Peach St., Erie, **June 11**

Blessed Sacrament, 1626 W. 26<sup>th</sup>, Erie, **June 12**

A suggested donation to attend is \$20, with a \$15 discount for members of a faith community. Lunch is included in the donation. The events are supported by LECOM Institute for Successful Aging. Tickets can be purchased in the rectory offices of each parish. For complete details **call St. George Church at 814-864-0622**.

**THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all of the parishioners who supported us in the Golf and Sports Raffle held May 10. All your efforts in attending the event, selling tickets, contributing to the Chinese Auction and sponsoring are truly appreciated. This years Raffle was another tremendous success with over 600 in attendance. A good time was had by all and many favorable comments were received with intentions to return again next year. Profits from the Raffle will enable the Knights to continue their programs of supporting youth activities, scholarships for parish H.S. seniors, community donations and contribution to parish capital projects.

**Our Lady of Mercy Ministries**

A smile, a word of welcome, the desire to help others feel at home. These characteristics form the outward disposition of a greeter. If you like meeting new people and being in contact with those you already know then consider the ministry of Greeter. These people are charged with helping to create a sense of belonging to all those who gather for worship. For more information about this ministry see the brochure in the ministry display case in the gathering space.

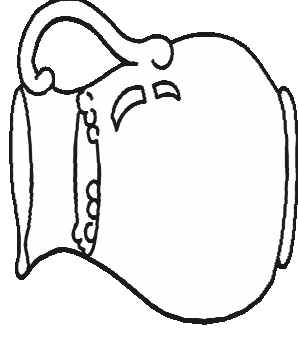
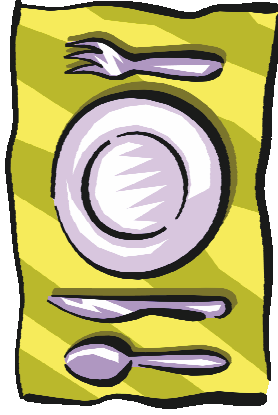


# FAMILY PANCAKE BRUNCH

**Sunday, June 2**

**9:45-10:45**

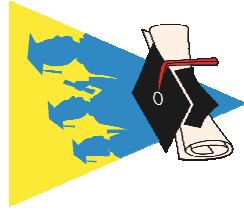
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