

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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## May 26, 2019—Sixth 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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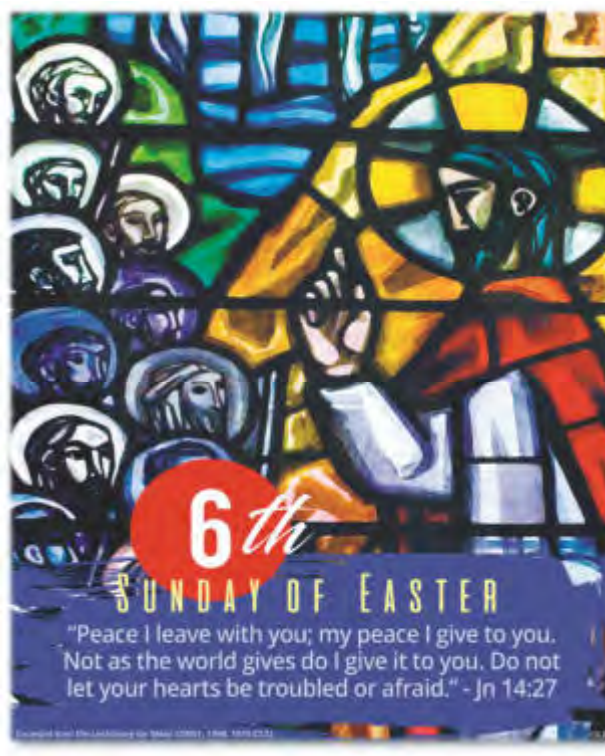
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### MISSION STATEMENT

*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. 05/27</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>	
	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>	
<b>Tue. 05/28</b>	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	7:30 p.m.	AA
<b>Wed. 05/29</b>	6:00 p.m.	Men's Night Out Presents Ladies Night
<b>Thur. 05/30</b>	<b>Feast of the Ascension</b>	
	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Day Mass</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	9:30 a.m.	Families & Faith Formation Meeting
	9:30 a.m.	Potter's Clay
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Day Mass</b>
<b>Fri. 05/31</b>	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Adoration
<b>Sat. 06/01</b>	8:30 a.m.	AA
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:30 p.m.	Mission Trip Car Wash
<b>Sun. 06/02</b>	<b>Casserole Club Drop Off</b>	
	<b>Monthly Food Pantry Collection</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Family Pancake Breakfast
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

**MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER**

Heavenly Father,  
On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.

Embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 05/27</b>	9:00 a.m.	
<b>Tue. 05/28</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>-NO MASS-</b>
<b>Wed. 05/29</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Thur. 05/30</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Hilbert Jordan</b> <i>(Sandy Jordan)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	
<b>Fri. 05/31</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Agnes Barko</b> <i>(Judy Newara)</i>
<b>Sat. 06/01</b>	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Tom Rinke</b> <i>(Linda &amp; Doug Poust)</i>
<b>Sun. 06/02</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Donald Decker</b> <i>(Charles &amp; Anna DuShole)</i>



## We Remember

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

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Mon. 05/27</b>	Acts 16:11-15	/ John 15:26-16:4
<b>Tue. 05/28</b>	Acts 16:22-34	/ John 16:5-11
<b>Wed. 05/29</b>	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1	/ John 16:12-15
<b>Thur. 05/30</b>	Acts 18:1-8	/ John 16:16-20
<b>Fri. 05/31</b>	Rom 12:9-16	/ Luke 1:39-56
<b>Sat. 06/01</b>	Acts 18:23-28	/ John 16:23-28
<b>Sun. 06/02</b>	Acts 7:55-60 / Rv 22:12-14,16-17, 20	/ John 17:20-26



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 **Andrea Maille**.



## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### JOHN 14:23-29



In every age and in every place, the church continues to renew itself. The struggle then as now is how to be faithful to the vision that was handed on in the past as we move ahead to the future. The early church was faced with this dilemma. As more gentiles came into the church, some Christians questioned whether those of another tradition should be burdened by Jewish religious practices. Paul and Barnabas did not make this decision alone. Along with the apostles and elders at Jerusalem they were guided by the Spirit, who continues to direct our judgements.

John of Patmos saw a vision of a New Jerusalem coming forth from the hand of God. The radiant, holy city was securely built on the foundation of Israel and the apostles. God the Almighty and the Lamb were their guiding light.

Jesus promised to dwell forever with those who lived in love and fidelity to his word. Jesus's followers should not to be distressed over his departure. They should be at peace because the Spirit would be sent as their advocate and helper. Just as Jesus led them in the past, the Spirit would continue to be in their midst to direct and teach them.

**For Reflection: Am I confident of the Spirit's presence in my life? What evidence do I have?**

### 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!

### 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.



### Honoring Graduates



Next Sunday, **June 2**, we will be 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 next Sunday, **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 TODAY.



### OLM Book Group

Summer is here! It is time for long days in the sun, perfect for reading. The OLM Book Group invites you to share your reading adventures with a great group of women over a glass of wine and terrific talk. Join us **June 19** at the home of Kay Kaerberlein, 190 Kraus Dr. to discuss Just Mercy by Brian Stephenson. Our July title will be A Fall of Marigolds by Susan Meissner



### 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).

### Young Adult Adoration

**Friday, May 31, 7pm** Holy Hour for young adults: silent prayer time, Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Ritchie, and praise and worship music. At 8pm, the group usually grabs dinner together somewhere local. Join us for as much or as little of the evening as your schedule allows. Bring a friend!



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

*Offertory for the weekend of May 19, 2019*

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	110	\$2,848.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	\$2,889.95
Loose Change:		\$ 110.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$5,847.95</b>

### Spam Warning

**Please know that Fr. Ritchie will NOT text or email anyone for a contribution of any kind.**



**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.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

1 June	Val Garnica	13
1 June	Vlad Garnica	13
3 June	Sarah Sweet	15
6 June	Bella Infantino	13
9 June	Amelia Bernatowicz	9
9 June	Raegan Bradley	9
9 June	Isaac Deemer	17
13 June	Miles Lewandowski	1
15 June	Kaylin Still	8
18 June	Sophie Bleil	12
20 June	Nathan Ford	8
20 June	Jocelyn Ollinger	16
25 June	Colton Catrabone	9
26 June	Sarah Dorosch	13
27 June	Kendra Novosel	16
27 June	Aidan Vaughn	12
29 June	David Parente	9
29 June	Maddox Stadler	16



**From The Bulletin Publishers...**

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**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 for all those who gather for worship. For more information about this ministry, see the brochure in the ministry display case in the Gathering Space.

**From the Kids Café**

Thank you so much for coordinating a collection for our children, from Our Lady of Mercy. We have many children in need of all shapes and sizes. It was very helpful to have such an array of items. Thank you, Stephanie.



**From the Soaring Unlimited Baby Box Program,**

I was delighted to find 4 big boxes of lovely baby items on my porch recently that were dropped off by the Fed Ex. It is always exciting when we get boxes from Our Lady of Mercy from Erie, PA. The Baby Box Program for Haiti is new but it is going very well. We have many churches and groups helping us. Several women are helping us make the mattresses and sewing the bedding and making mosquito nets to put over top of the boxes. Other volunteers are helping sort the baby clothes and making layettes. As we work together, I know we can save some babies lives in Haiti. We really appreciate your wonderful help and support. Thanks so much. Baby Box Coordinator, Dorothy Frederickson.

**Wedding Anniversary Celebrations**



Diocesan anniversary celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2019 will be on

**Sunday, August. 25 at 2 p.m.,** at Sacred Heart Parish, Erie. More details to follow. Or check: [https://](https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html)

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**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.



# CALLING ALL BAKERS... THIS IS THE WEEK TO BAKE!



**THE PARISH FESTIVAL IS NOW  
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**THE GOAL: 225 SWEET BREADS**

**BEAT THE HEAT—BAKE or BUY NOW  
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WE'LL FREEZE THEM.**

**WE NEED A VARIETY OF SWEET BREADS.**

**THANK YOU!**

**QUESTIONS: Call Marge LeFaiver at 899-5261  
The Parish Festival is Sunday, July 14, 2019**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The weekend of June 1-2 provides us with the opportunity to broaden our charitable horizons by reaching out to our suffering brothers and sisters throughout the world. The annual Collection for International Needs, to be taken up that weekend in the Diocese of Erie, offers a concrete way for us to help those in need in lands and cultures far from our own, from Africa to the Middle East to Eastern Europe.

The collection gives aid to:

- those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine;
- children who go to bed hungry and who cannot attend school;
- the victims of war and natural disasters;
- those who are persecuted for their faith;
- as well as those who wish to study for the priesthood, but do not have the means to do so.

Please give generously to the Collection for International Needs on June 1-2 and, just as importantly, please include those in need in your prayers. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families and parishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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