

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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## June 2, 2019—Seventh 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. 06/03</b>	6:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Facilitator Meeting
<b>Tue. 06/04</b>	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council
	7:30 p.m.	AA
<b>Wed. 06/05</b>		
<b>Thur. 06/06</b>		
<b>Fri. 06/07</b>		
<b>Sat. 06/08</b>	8:30 a.m.	AA
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 06/09</b>		<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>

## 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 **Florence Voelker**.



## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

### Question Box

Have questions about the faith? Place your questions in the box on the table between the Parish Office and the Sperry Hall doors. These questions will be answered by Fr. Ritchie in the summer issue of For Mercy Sake. You can also submit questions through the parish website.

### Children's Worship Bulletins

Keep the children engaged with their stories of faith over the summer. Grab the 4-page hand-out of activities based on the Sunday readings each week. They can be found on the bulletin tables near the doors of the church. Children's Liturgy of the Word will continue through the summer at the 11:00 Mass.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 06/03</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>John Buckel</b> <i>(Dave &amp; Peggy Jacquel)</i>
<b>Tue. 06/04</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Sister Caroline Extein</b> <i>(The Extein Family)</i>
<b>Wed. 06/05</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Mary Pluta</b> <i>(Angels In Training SCC)</i>
<b>Thur. 06/06</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Fri. 06/07</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Warren North</b>
<b>Sat. 06/08</b>	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Joanne Smith</b> <i>(Liana Pasquale)</i>
<b>Sun. 06/09</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Lewis Peters</b> <i>(Carole Peters)</i>

## We Remember

**Diane Puleo**, sister-in-law of Candy Henry and **Richard Smith**, father of Gary Smith who passed away last week.

Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **May 26, 2019**

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	92	<b>\$3,664.00</b>
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	<b>\$2,897.45</b>
Loose Change:		<b>\$ 152.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$6,713.45</b>

## Evangelization Shorts:

Don't just volunteer – be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Mon. 06/03</b>	Acts 19:1-8	/ John 16:29-33
<b>Tue. 06/04</b>	Acts 20:17-27	/ John 17:1-11
<b>Wed. 06/05</b>	Acts 20:28-38	/ John 17:11-19
<b>Thur. 06/06</b>	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11	/ John 17:20-26
<b>Fri. 06/07</b>	Acts 25:13-21	/ John 21:15-19
<b>Sat. 06/08</b>	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31	/ John 21:20-25
<b>Sun. 06/09</b>	Acts 2:1-11	/ 1Cor 12:3B-7, 12-13 / John 20:19-23

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### JOHN 17:20-26



Before Jesus died, he prayed for his faithful followers and for all who would believe in him through their testimony. The Spirit would dwell within their hearts to strengthen and guide them. But there was a cost involved in proclaiming the reign of God. Many closed their eyes and ears to the truth. Others used force to silence them. As Stephen stood against hostile powers, a vision of the glorified Christ bolstered his courage and enabled him to die like his Lord, forgiving those who killed him. Stephen's death had an impact on one person who witnessed it. Saul, who later became the great apostle Paul, also died a martyr by laying down his life in testimony to his faith in Christ.

John understood the cost of following Christ too. Exiled for bearing witness to Christ, he also experienced a vision of the exalted Christ - the Alpha and Omega, the First and Last, the Beginning and the End, the Root and Offspring of David, the Morning Star shining bright! The Spirit and the Bride of Christ say, "Come!" All who have given their lives for the sake of God's reign cry, "Amen!" as they are welcomed into the kingdom and drink the life-giving water.

**For Reflection: Do I proclaim the truth and justice of God's right? Have I experienced hardships as a result of this?**

### 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 Kaeberlein, 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**.



### Christ Centered Recover program

**Every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30pm** at South Harborcreek United Methodist Church, 7929 McGill Road, We open the door to recovery by sharing our experiences, strengths and hopes with one another. This ministry helps people of all ages resolve their pain in the context of the church as a whole, and it is for anyone who has a hurt, habit, or hang-up. As we progress through the principles and the steps we discover our personal loving and forgiving Higher Power -- Jesus Christ. The service starts at 6:30 p.m. with discussion groups beginning at 7:30 p.m. A light meal is provided. For more information **call 814-580-9158** or visit <http://www.southharborcreekumc.org/celebrate-recovery.html>



### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Listen to your children

This summer, when your children are out of school and on different schedules, meeting new people and going to new places, make sure that you talk to them often about their experiences and the people they've met. Listen carefully to your children. If possible, observe and get to know the other children and adults who are part of your children's summertime fun. Above all, communicate your safety concerns to your children. Make sure they know that they can come to you with any concerns they may have about the people they interact with. And if you hear of or observe behaviors that may be inappropriate, make sure to communicate your feelings to people who are in a position to intervene. Communications is key to creating and maintaining a safe environment all year round. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>



### 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).



### 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://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> for more information.



### First Aid Kits in Church

When there is a need the First Aid Kits at Our Lady of Mercy are located in the

- Conference Room in the cabinet above the microwave
- in the Usher's Room
- in the Sperry Hall Kitchen over the ice machine



There is an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) machine in the Hall opposite the ladies room.

### 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.



**HELP STAN'S GARDEN CENTER MAKE A DONATION TO OUR LADY OF MERCY**  
**During the month of June, Stan's Garden Center will donate 10% of your total purchase back to OLM** (excludes gift certificates and is not a discount).

You can shop either location, 5001 Buffalo Rd. or 5341 West Lake Rd. All you have to do is let the cashier know that you're a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy.

## Knights of Columbus Scholarship Winners



Knights of Columbus Ed Cudicio Memorial Scholarships have been awarded to the following students and members of the parish: **Thomas DeVore** (Penn State Erie, The Behrend

College), **Allison Dorosch** (University of Pittsburgh), **Stephany Licata** (Penn State Erie, The Behrend College), **James Lucas** (Robert Morris University), **Caleb Mandel** (Gannon University), **Joey Moreno** (Penn State Erie; The Behrend College), **Dante Rocco** (Slippery Rock University), **Robert Shotts** (Clarion University). All are graduates of Harborcreek High School and have impressive accomplishments throughout their high school years. The college they will attend is in parenthesis.

*Please congratulate them and wish them well as they continue their education.*



### 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.

### Save the Planet – Eat a Cucumber!

Now that summer is approaching, we tend to eat more vegetables. Did you know that shifting a diet to include more plants and less animal-based food we can affect the temperature of the earth? How food is grown and processed affects the level greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere. Take a quiz on how our eating habits affect the environment.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/04/30/dining/climate-change-food-eating-habits.html>

**Start Composting!** **The Environmental Protection Agency** estimates that 95 percent of the food we throw away ends up in landfills or combustion facilities. In a couple of hours, you could set up a compost bin in your home, your school, and/or your parish.

**Composting food waste** can help improve soils, grow the next generation of crops, and reduce methane emissions from landfills.

*This Summary of information comes from the Catholic Climate Covenant newsletter.*



## Meditation on the Holy Spirit

### Day 1– You Will Receive Power

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth. (To be prayed the nine days before Pentecost, beginning on Friday of the sixth week of Easter.)

### Day 2 – Jesus’ Promise of the Advocate

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

### Day 3 – The Need to be Born of the Spirit

Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

### Day 4 – The Spirit Give Life to Dry Bones

Thus says the Lord God to these bones:

I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

*Acts 1:8 / John 16:13 / John 3:5*

### Day 5 – Life through His Spirit

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,

he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Romans 8:11*

### Day 6 – Understanding Comes through the Spirit

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that if from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

*1 Corinthians 2:12*

### Day 7 – One Spirit, Many Gifts

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

*1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

### Day 8 – The Fruit of the Spirit

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.

There is no law against such things.

*Galatians 5:22-23*

### Day 9 – The Outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and begin to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

*Acts 2:3-4*



# June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS	27 Memorial Day Parish Office Closed 9:00 AM Mass	28 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias - SCC 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 7:30 PM AA	29 8:30 AM Mass 4:30 PM Mens Night Out	30 Feast of the Ascension 8:30 AM Holy Day Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Families & Faith Formation Committee 9:30 AM Potter's Clay 7:30 PM Holy Day Mass	31 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Young Adult Eu- charistic Adoration	1 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS 6:30 PM Mission Trip Car Wash
2 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Family Pancake Breakfast 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	3 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Stewardship 7:00 PM Pastoral Facilitator Mtg.	4 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 7:00 PM Pastoral Council 7:30 PM AA	5 8:30 AM Mass	6 8:30 AM Mass	7 8:30 AM Mass	8 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
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16 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	17 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Finance Council 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	18 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Catching Fire: Becoming Flame 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 7:00 PM LFF Mtg. 7:30 PM AA	19 8:30 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 AM Mass 12:30 PM Open Gym 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	20 8:30 AM Mass	21 8:30 AM Mass	22 Mission Co Op 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
23 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Mission Co Op	24 8:30 AM Mass 3:00 PM Social Justice Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine	25 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Catching Fire: Becoming Flame 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 7:30 PM AA	26 8:30 AM Mass	27 8:30 AM Mass	28 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Young Adult Eu- charistic Adoration	29 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
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