

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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June 9, 2019—Pentecost Sunday

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*

Katie Stephenson, *Administrative Assistant*

Geri Hadlock, *Youth Minister*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

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PENTECOST

Receive the Holy Spirit

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. 06/10	6:30 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
Tue. 06/11	9:00 a.m.	Catching Fire; Becoming Flame
	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	7:00 p.m.	Chicken Run Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	AA
Wed. 06/12	6:30 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 06/13		
Fri. 06/14		
Sat. 06/15	8:30 a.m.	AA
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 06/16		Father's Day
	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 **Marilyn Garwig**.

We Remember

Bob Haas, brother of Nancy Clark; **Florence Martin**, mother of Randy Martin; **Joanne Puzarowski**, mother of Judy Issue; and **Diane Allegretto**, mother of Tony Allegretto; who passed away last week. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **May 30, 2019**

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	105	\$5,460.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	\$2,897.45
Loose Change:		\$ 236.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$8,593.45

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.

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

JOHN 20:19-23



Pentecost! Just as the breath of God animated the first human beings, the mighty wind of Sinai recreated them into one people of God. No law could unite persons of every nation, race and tribe. When people gather together to pray and seek God's guidance, the breath of God and the flames of divine wisdom widen the horizons of their minds so that prejudices disappear, and the barriers between them vanish. Then everyone can sing the praises of God in one voice.

Paul understood the unity that Christ intended for the church. Although there were many members with unique gifts and different ministries, there was only one Spirit, one Lord of all. Whether Jew or gentile, slave or free, woman or man, black, red, white, yellow or brown, all were one people baptized into one body.

"Peace be with you," Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into each of his followers again. The tiny spark became a great blaze burning with God's love and mercy. Cold hearts were warmed by God's grace. Love and pardon were offered to all held bound by hatred and unforgiveness. Everything must be done for the common good of all, for without God's Spirit all human efforts would return to dust. The Great 50 Days has ended, but the task of bringing about God's reign has just begun.

For Reflection: Pray with the psalmist: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" Ask God what you can do to participate in this work of renewal.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 06/10	2 Cor 1:1-7	/ Matthew 5:1-12
Tue. 06/11	Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3	
		/ Matthew 5:13-16
Wed. 06/12	2 Cor 3:4-11	/ Matthew 5:17-19
Thur. 06/13	2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6	/ Matthew 5:20-26
Fri. 06/14	2 Cor 4:7-15	/ Matthew 5:27-32
Sat. 06/15	2 Cor 5:14-21	/ Matthew 5:33-37
Sun. 06/16	Prv 8:22-31/ Rom 5:1-5	/ John 16:12-15

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/10	8:30 a.m.	
Tue. 06/11	8:30 a.m.	Floyd Brochey (Joan Brochey)
Wed. 06/12	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Jean & John Martin)
Thur. 06/13	8:30 a.m.	Evelyn Seyboldt (John & Judy Nadzam)
Fri. 06/14	8:30 a.m.	Theodore Ritchie
Sat. 06/15	8:30 a.m.	Naomi Kanzleiter (Terry Miller)
	6:00 p.m.	For all Fathers Living & Deceased
Sun. 06/16	8:30 a.m.	For all Fathers Living & Deceased
	11:00 a.m.	For all Fathers Living & Deceased

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 Bryan Stevenson. Our July title will be A Fall of Marigolds by Susan Meissner



Catching Fire - Becoming Flame



Our summer adult faith series will begin **this Tuesday morning** and will continue on 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**.

Chicken Little Manager Needed!

WANTED! CHICKEN LITTLE RUN MANAGER for July 13, 2019. Must be able to organize and herd "chicks", children ages 10 and under, during an obstacle course run. **Contact Peggy Jacquell**, if you are interested or have questions. **725-9869**



Grief Support Group



On the third Monday of the month the grief ministry hosts a support group meeting. During the meeting, we share experiences of what it is like to lose a loved one. We talk about some of the unexpected issues and share how

different people have handled them. Know you are not alone –join us **Monday June 17 at 7pm** in the parish parlor. Questions – **contact Donna Clark** in the parish office.

Attention Book Lovers...

The Book Sale will be **July 11- July 14**. We are collecting books, CD's, DVD's and puzzles (please no magazines or VHS tapes); they can be dropped off in classroom 3. Anyone who would like to volunteer sorting and working the Book Sale – **contact Jan Brown at 899-8974 or 790-3115**.



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.

SUMMER FUN FOR THE FAMILY

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. Adult volunteers will need criminal and child abuse clearances, so volunteer early enough to get your clearances.

Youth Open Gym/Field Day

The youth of the parish are invited to an hour of open gym/field day on **Wednesday, June 19th from 12:30-1:30**. The weather will determine whether we hold an Open Gym in the gymnasium or a Field Day outside. Please dress accordingly.

Summer Playtime!

Are you a parent, grandparent or summer caregiver of children between the ages of 0 and 5? Join us this summer for some playtime at Shades Beach Park! We will meet at the park at **9:30 a.m.** for a time of fellowship and allow the little ones to play. Join us on **Thursday June 13th!** If it should be a rainy day, we will still have some fun in the OLM Gym! Older siblings are welcome too! Save the date for the other Summer Playtime events on **July 18th and August 15th!**

Ministry in the Parish

Most people do not encounter our **Bereavement Ministry** until they have a funeral. The Bereavement Ministry provides comfort and support to the grieving family members by assisting with the planning process and acting as greeters, ushers, and other liturgical ministers as needed for a Funeral Mass. The Bereavement Ministry is in need of more people. Contact **Tom Eckendorf at 814-825-3708** or tomandbon6@gmail.com. Also see the brochure in the ministry display case.



OLM Bike Club

This group of parishioners enjoys casual biking 2 days a week. Usually Saturday mornings in Harborcreek and a weekday evening on the Peninsula. The distance varies according to each person's ability and the speed is generally 8 to 10 miles an hour. If you like to bike and want to make some new friends join us. To get on the e mail list or for any questions **contact Phil Legler 814-504-1048** or legler.phil@gmail.com



Festival Help Needed!

Do you want to learn to make coleslaw sauce for the Festival? We are looking to train someone new this year to take over sauce duties next year. If interested, please **call Barb Palisin at (814) 899-9268**.



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 16th**: paper towels, napkins, tissues, toilet paper or all-purpose cleaner.

Camp Notre Dame filling summer staff positions

Camp Notre Dame in Fairview is seeking college-age students to commit to an eight-week summer staff position, beginning in mid-June. Feel free to distribute/post the attached flier or share it with anyone looking for a great summer opportunity. To apply, go to www.campnotredame.com.



Transitions: A Monthly 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. The next gathering is scheduled for **Sunday, June 30, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** This month's topic is: "Variables Affecting Potential Relationships". **Call 814-824-1265** or email: familylife@erieRCD.org for more information. Visit us at: <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/transitions.html>



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.

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.

Our Lady of Mercy



2019 5k Chicken Run & Chicken Little Run

Saturday, July 13th

9:00 am

5K Run/Walk OR 1- mile Fun Walk

\$15: Pre-registered

\$20: Day of Race

Free – Chicken Little Run (10 & Under)

Winners of the 5k receive free Chicken Dinner!

Information and Applications available

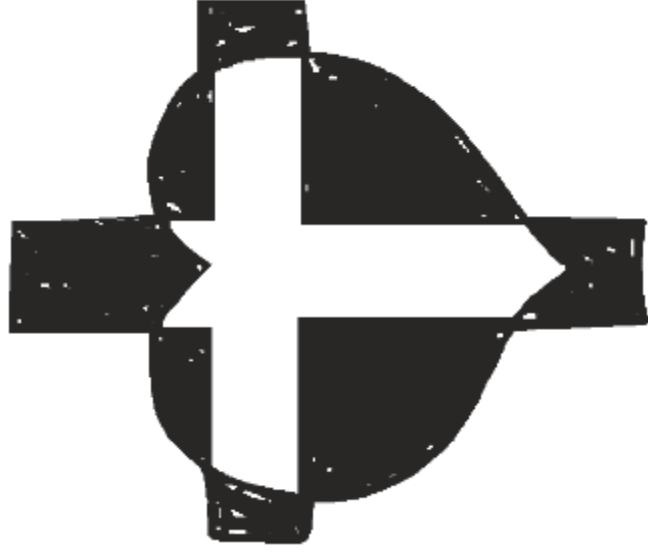
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Race Coordinator: Peggy Jacquell (814)725-9869

Catching Fire: Becoming Flame

Ever wonder how some people seem to become on fire about their relationship with God? This

six-week series will give you the tools and kindling to prepare for the spark of God in your life – and then show you how to fan that spark into flame until you are set ablaze. With the time-tested wisdom of the Christian spiritual experience and the guidance of the saints, this will be eminently practical. Each session will include a half hour video presentation by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM and group discussion.



When: Tuesday morning @ 9:00-10:00
Tuesday, June 11, 18, 26, July 9, 16, 30
Conference Room

There is no cost and no need to commit to every week.
Coffee and sweets provided. All welcome!

If there is an interest, this program can be run on Monday evenings also. Please contact Irene Lucas at 899-6132 or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org if interested in a Monday night session.

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