

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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June 16, 2019—The Most Holy Trinity

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*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

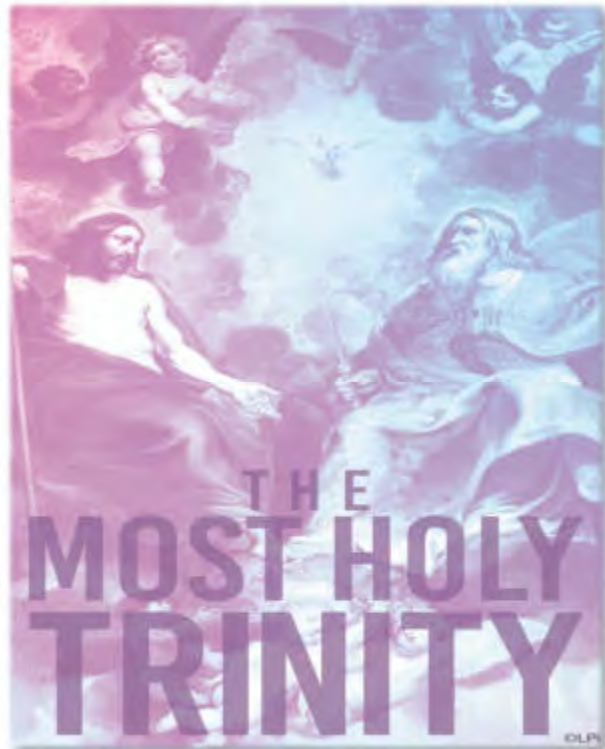
CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

Mon. 06/17	7:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Tue. 06/18	9:00 a.m.	Catching Fire; Becoming Flame
	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	7:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
	7:30 p.m.	AA
Wed. 06/19	12:30 p.m.	Youth Open Gym
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 06/20		
Fri. 06/21		
Sat. 06/22	Mission Co Op Weekend	
	8:30 a.m.	AA
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 06/23	Mission Co Op Weekend	

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 **Gerri Gallagher**.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **June 9, 2019**

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	110	\$4,369.20
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	\$2,897.45
Loose Change:		\$ 281.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$7,547.65

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 06/17	2 Cor 6:1-10	/ Matthew 5:38-42
Tue. 06/18	2 Cor 8:1-9	/ Matthew 5:43-48
Wed. 06/19	2 Cor 9:6-11	/ Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thur. 06/20	2 Cor 11:1-11	/ Matthew 6:7-15
Fri. 06/21	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30	/ Matthew 6:19-23
Sat. 06/22	2 Cor 12:1-10	/ Matthew 6:24-34
Sun. 06/23	Gn 14:18-20	/ 1 Cor 11:23-26
		/ Luke 9:11b-17

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/17	8:30 a.m.	
Tue. 06/18	8:30 a.m.	David Ross (Family)
Wed. 06/19	8:30 a.m.	
Thur. 06/20	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 06/21	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 06/22	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	Gert Peters (Theresa Petack)
Sun. 06/23	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Yolanda DiRaimo (Family)



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.

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

JOHN 16:12-15



The Trinity is the most fundamental mystery of the Christian faith: God is a triune God, distinct from one another yet completely united in will and essence. This reality is beyond human comprehension. We can only grasp a bit of the mystery when we declare our belief in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Yet naming this mystery only deepens our wonderment: each new level of understanding yields more mystery.

While the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are each God, each of the three persons has a separate purpose in relation to the salvation of the world. Through the Holy Spirit, the Father's love and wisdom has been poured into our hearts and guides us to truth. There is no end to God's revelation that has been given to us through the Son, Jesus. With the psalmist we proclaim "O Lord, how wonderful your name in all the earth!"

For Reflection: In what ways do I encounter each person of the Trinity? Am I able to recognize God's love in my relationships with others.

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

5k Chicken Run - Walk & Chicken Little Run

Winer Winner Chicken Dinner! OLM's Annual Chicken Run and Chicken Little Run will take place on **Saturday July 13th with a 9 a.m. start time.** Cost is \$15 for the 5K Run/Walk or 1 mile Fun Walk when pre-registered or \$20 on the day of the race. A t-shirt is guaranteed if you are registered by June 30th and winners of the 5K receive a coupon for a free chicken dinner at the OLM Festival on Sunday July 14th. Don't forget about our Free Chicken Little Run for kids 10 and under! If you have any questions, please contact **Peggy Jacquel at 814-725-9869** or at piggywiggy59@yahoo.com. Information and applications are available at the Church or online at ourladyofmercychurch.org or erierunners.club.



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 Jacquel**, 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.

Catching Fire - Becoming Flame

Our summer adult faith series has begun! But it is not too late to join us. Our second gathering is this Tuesday, June 18 and will continue **Tuesday mornings at 9:00** in the Conference Room **June 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**.



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.

Parking Lot Dance

Save the date for our 4th annual Parking Lot Dance, **Friday, August 2 at 7:00 PM**. We are shifting the date to a Friday evening this year to see if it is a better fit for people's schedules. The dance is FREE! It is open to everyone, parish member and guest, young and old and everything in between.

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

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**.



Thank You!

Our Lady of Mercy family once again has shown their love and caring. Thank you to our many ministries as they made John's "Celebration of Life" a very comforting time for our family. From the beautiful music to the delicious refreshments prepared by the "best" bakers and cooks around, we thank you so much. To all you people (seen and unseen) you are a blessing from God as you do his work here in Harborcreek.
-The family of John Buckel, Sr.

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.



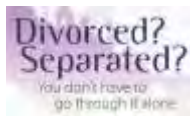
Would You Like to Join the Catholic Family?



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.

Divorced? Separated? Widowed?

Transitions, a monthly support group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed persons will meet on **Sunday June 30, 2019, from 2 – 4 pm** at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Program includes a short presentation, discussion, followed by refreshments. This month's topic is "Variables Affecting Potential Relationships" For more information call 814 – 824-1265 or email at: familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit us at: <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/transitions.html>



For Mercy Sake Deadline

The deadline for items to be submitted for our August issue of the parish newsletter is **Sunday, July 14**. Please email submissions to ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.



Planning a Visit to Peto, Mexico



The Sister Parish Committee is planning a visit to our sister parish in Peto, Mexico. We will be traveling from **Oct. 30-Nov. 6**. Although the size of our delegation is limited due to housing and transportation on the ground in Mexico, we can add a few more parish members to our group. If you are interested, contact **Irene Lucas at 899-6132** or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org. We would also like to take some gifts from our parish. If you have an idea for a hand-crafted gift, please **contact Irene**.



Festival Update....

Volunteer signups have been posted. Please sign up soon to ensure you get the position you want for the festival! Please feel free to drop off Children's area prizes, gently used stuffed animals, Basket Raffle items, and baskets to **Classroom 5** in the parish. For those interested in leadership, we are seeking individuals to coordinate the following:

- Children's area,
- Festival Setup
- Festival Cleanup
- Instant Bingo
- Festival Coordinator in 2020.

Please contact **Jayne Suess at 972.333.3987** if you are interested or if you have any questions or suggestions for the Festival.

Festival Basket Raffle

We are collecting baskets, items, and completed baskets for our adult raffle and children's raffle. Please feel free to drop off items in Classroom 5. Also if you are interested in helping put the baskets together, we will be putting baskets together on **Saturday, July 6, at 9:00 am, Wednesday, July 10th at 7:00 pm, and Saturday, July 13th at 10:00 (after Chicken Run)**. If you have any questions, please contact **Bunny Weber at 814-528-5858**.

Festival Bake Sale Needs Your Help!

Of course we want our summer festival to be the best ever! Last year we didn't get much to sell at our bake sale and customers went away sad. So this year we are putting out the plea early. We will take any goodies you are willing to make. You can bring items individually wrapped or in bulk and we will divide them up for sale. If you have any questions or wish to commit to bringing something specific, please email kayfredkaeb@gmail.com or hath123@verizon.net. Together we can make this year's festival the best one yet. -Fran Hathaway and Kay Kaeberlein

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**.

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.

OUR LADY OF MERCY PRESENTS... VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JULY 22 - JULY 26
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
AGE 4 THRU ENTERING 6TH GRADE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
IRENE LUCAS 899-6132 OR THE PARISH OFFICE 899-5342
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 8, 2019

Family Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____ Parish: _____
Phone #: _____ Emergency #: _____
Email Address: _____

Child's Name	Age	Grade 2019/2020	Medical/Dietary Needs

Adult & Teen Volunteers

(Teens must be entering 9th Grade or above)

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

Please indicate which area you would like to help out:

Teacher: _____ Story Time: _____ Craft: _____ Games: _____ Music: _____

Aide: _____ Kitchen: _____ Set-Up: _____ Other: _____

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