

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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## June 23, 2019 -The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

### 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](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

Mon. 06/24	3:00 p.m.	Social Justice Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
Tue. 06/25	9:00 a.m.	Catching Fire; Becoming Flame
	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	7:30 p.m.	AA
Wed. 06/26		
Thur. 06/27		
Fri. 06/28	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Eucharistic Adoration
Sat. 06/29	10:00 a.m.	AA
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 06/30		

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 16, 2019

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	107	\$3,162.43
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	\$2,897.45
Loose Change:		\$ 149.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$6,208.88</b>

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 06/24	Is 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26
	/ Luke 1:57-66, 80
Tue. 06/25	Gn 13:2, 5-18 / Matthew 7:6, 12-14
Wed. 06/26	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 / Matthew 7:15-20
Thur. 06/27	Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 / Matthew 7:21-29
Fri. 06/28	Ez 34:11-16 / Rom 5:5-11
	/ Luke 15:3-7
Sat. 06/29	Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18
	/ Matthew 16:13-19
Sun. 06/30	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 / Gal 5:1, 13-18
	/ Luke 9:11b-17

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/24	8:30 a.m.	Eileen Cunningham
Tue. 06/25	8:30 a.m.	Dorothy Covely
Wed. 06/26	8:30 a.m.	Emma Royer <i>(Geri &amp; Butch Extein)</i>
Thur. 06/27	8:30 a.m.	Bill Maille <i>(Ross Peters)</i>
Fri. 06/28	8:30 a.m.	Rod Haynes <i>(Sue Haynes)</i>
Sat. 06/29	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	Raymond Osiecki <i>(Mary Lou &amp; Family)</i>
Sun. 06/30	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Spiegel Family <i>(Spiegel Family)</i>



## Pastoral Council Report

In keeping with the Pastoral Council's welcoming and belonging objective as reported in the April 21 bulletin these three goals were proposed:

1. Identify and reach out to welcome potential and new parishioners.
2. To create a seamless transition of leadership for ministries or activities.
3. To foster a sense of belonging in our youth, starting in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, to live their faith through engagement and active participation at Our Lady of Mercy.

Please pray for the six nominees who are discerning their call to Pastoral Council.

If you have any questions please talk to one of the current council members: Todd Beckes, Maureen Brainard, Marge LeFaiver, Bill Matrogran, Nathan Matusiak, David Seyboldt, Mary Beth Smith, Katie Stephenson and Dan Szczesny.

## 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

**Luke 9:11b-17**



Our human hunger and thirst underline our spiritual hunger and thirst to be in communion with God. When we take the bread in our hands and the cup to our lips, it is not a memory but a living contact with Jesus Christ in faith and love. "Do this in remembrance of me," he commands to us. We "do this" not only when we break the bread and pour the wine but when we share our love with others. When we "do this," we have the assurance of our participation in God's reign.

When we refuse to share what we have received with the hungry and thirsty, the body is divided, and communion is not possible. "Why don't you feed them?" Jesus asks. We claim to have nothing, when in reality our hands are full. What we receive from the Lord we must hand on to others; then our offerings will be blessed and multiplied. At the table of the Lord, there is more than enough for all.

**For Reflection: Do I recognize the Body and Blood of Christ in the sacrament? Do I also recognize his Body and Blood in my neighbor?**

## Catching Fire - Becoming Flame

Our summer adult faith series has begun! But it is not too late to join us. Our third gathering is this Tuesday, June 25 and will continue Tuesday mornings at 9:00 in the Conference Room 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.



## Women's Luncheon



Women's Luncheon July 1 at 1pm. Meet at Creeks on East Lake Road. 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.

## 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.



## 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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org).

## 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 July 17 to discuss A Fall of Marigolds by Susan Meissner.



## 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](mailto:legler.phil@gmail.com)



## 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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org). Adult volunteers will need criminal and child abuse clearances, so volunteer early enough to get your clearances. Our next planning meeting is July 8 at 5:30. All interested volunteers are welcome to join us.

### Parking Lot Dance

Save the date for our 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

### Traveling for the Summer?

Please prayerfully consider supporting Our Lady of Mercy with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code PA647 or through our parish website.

### When should young adults join the parish apart from their parents?

Generally young adults would stay registered under their parents while they are in school. When young adults move away from home after school, they would join the local parish where they attend Mass. If young adults are still at home then we encourage them to register in the parish on their own.

## CHICKEN RUN INFO



### 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](mailto:piggywiggy59@yahoo.com). Information and applications are available at the Church or online at [ourladyofmercychurch.org](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org) or [erierunners.club](http://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

### 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. **Currently the Bereavement Ministry is in need of more people.** Contact Tom Eckendorf at 814-824-9660 (corrected phone number) or [tomandbon6@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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....

Signups have been posted. If you are interested in volunteering for the BBQ Pit, the kitchen, Carryout, dinner ticket sales, or for money counting, please contact the coordinators at the numbers listed on the sign-up boards. All other volunteer requirements have been posted! Thanks for volunteering. ~ Many hands make light work! 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 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, and Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 (after Chicken Run). If you have any questions, please contact Bunny Weber at 814-602-8700.



### 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](mailto:kayfredkaeb@gmail.com) or [hath123@verizon.net](mailto: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.

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## BBQ CHICKEN

## DINNER

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## SUMMER

## FESTIVAL

### Sunday JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>

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Carry Out from the air conditioned Gathering Space

**Dinner starts at 12:00**

**\$10 for adults, \$5 ages 6-12, 5 and under free**

*Chinese Auction – Bake Sale – Bingo – Children's Area – Pony Rides – Raffles: \$1000*

*Grand Prize, Quilt, 55" TV, 50/50, iPad, and more!*



# Our Lady of Mercy 4th Annual Parking Lot Dance

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019

7PM—10 PM

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