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June 30, 2019 – 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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. 07/01		
Tue. 07/02	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	7:30 p.m.	AA
Wed. 07/03		
Thur. 07/04		Fourth of July
		Parish Office Closed
	7:00 a.m.	KoC 10K Run
Fri. 07/05		Parish Office Closed
Sat. 07/06	10:00 a.m.	AA
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/07		Casserole Club Drop Off
		Monthly Food Pantry Collection
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 23, 2019

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	111	\$3,463.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	\$2,897.45
Loose Change:		\$ 196.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$6,556.45

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 07/01	Gn 18:16-33	/ Matthew 8:18-22
Tue. 07/02	Gn 19:15-29	/ Matthew 8:23-27
Wed. 07/03	Eph 2:19-22	/ John 20:24-29
Thur. 07/04	Gn 22:1b-19	/ Matthew 9:1-8
Fri. 07/05	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67	/ Matthew 9:9-13
Sat. 07/06	Gn 27:1-5, 15-19	/ Matthew 9:14-17
Sun. 07/07	Is 66:10-14c / Gal 6:14-18	/ Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 07/01	8:30 a.m.	Chris Kowalski <i>(Ann Hatheway)</i>
Tue. 07/02	8:30 a.m.	Diane Puleo <i>(Janet Smith)</i>
Wed. 07/03	8:30 a.m.	Timothy Connolly
Thur. 07/04	9:00 a.m.	George Medved <i>(The Mollise Family)</i>
Fri. 07/05	8:30 a.m.	Roseanne Jofsen
Sat. 07/06	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 07/07	8:30 a.m.	Helen Heise <i>(The Heise Family)</i>
	11:00 a.m.	Rich Gensheimer <i>(Jackie Ollinger)</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 4th 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 Andrea Maille.



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

Luke 9:51-62



When we say to Christ, "I will follow you wherever you go," are we willing to go with him when the way is difficult or the destination unknown? Are we able to follow him to the cross? Does everything take second place to being his disciple? Jesus tells us that once we "put our hands to the plow," we must move forward and not look back.

Jesus's disciples failed to understand this. They avoided the way of love by wanting to "call down fire from heaven" on those who traveled a different path. Discipleship doesn't mean forcing everyone to be like us. It means identifying with the poor and suffering, even if they don't look like us or act like us. It means resisting the tendency to be selfish and pouring out our lives for the sake of others. When we follow Jesus' way of love, we become servants to one another. Then, when we invite others to follow a similar path, they will be willing to do so.

For Reflection: Do I follow Christ only when the way is easy? What price have I paid for living my Christian life?

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.



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 at the home of Bunny Weber, 3752 Harbor Ridge Trail to discuss A Fall of Marigolds by Susan Meissner.



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. 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 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.



Widows Dinner

Preparing a meal for one and eating alone are difficult as a widow. This group will gather once a month at a local restaurant for fellowship. Come and go as your schedule allows. We will meet Thursday, July 11 at 5:30pm at Creeks on East Lake Road. Questions call Donna Clark.



July Birthdays

July 2	Landon Stephenson	7
July 3	Arianna Kelley	9
July 4	Chloe Knepper	11
July 7	Falynn Baker	5
July 7	Adaleen Mikolajewski	12
July 7	Samuel Martin	3
July 8	Abigail Nguyen	15
July 8	Kami Kinter	11
July 9	Leeha Weigner	5
July 9	Brielle Heitzenrater	5
July 10	Jake Sarvis	17
July 10	Macey Festa	18
July 11	J.T. Parente	11
July 12	Connor DeVore	14
July 14	Liam Burick	2
July 15	Avora Flaherty	4
July 16	Jamieson Forrester	6
July 17	Isabella Tylman	10
July 17	Maddie Giambrone	13
July 18	Morgan Oler	11
July 20	Nate Henry	10
July 23	Aiden Whitney	17
July 23	Ella Hamilton	10
July 26	Vivian Flaherty	2
July 26	Kayden Self	2
July 28	Joseph Lewandowski	5
July 31	Emma Maille	18



MEN'S NIGHT OUT- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-BASEBALL EXCURSION

Our 7th annual baseball excursion to Cleveland, to see the Central Division Champion Indians play the Kansas City Royals, will take place on Sunday August 25th at 1:00 PM. The trip is open to parish men age 21 and over. The cost of \$40 per person includes transportation to the game aboard a school bus, and your ticket to the game. Complimentary refreshments and lunch aboard the bus are also included. Reservations must be received by Monday July 22nd. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9:45 AM, immediately following 8:30 Mass. The trip is open to the first 41 men who sign up. Checks should be made out to Phil Legler, and mailed to his address, 3989 Magnolia Blossom Drive, Erie, Pa. 16510.



Young Adult Small Faith Group

Join us for an hour of study and discussion as we learn about other world religions. We are currently studying Islam. We normally meet the first Monday of each month, but for July we are meeting on Wednesday, July 10th @ 6pm in the parlor. Feel free to call/text Nick Heise with questions: 814-392-6517



CHICKEN RUN

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.

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.



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.

Emergency Response Ministry

We would like to gather a group of people who have medical training and skills in emergency planning. This group would help to coordinate a list of medical people at each Mass, AED and CPR training and talk through how to handle emergencies. This group would also be made up of ushers and greeters from each Mass. There is an option to attend an ecumenical training session on July 10 from 1 to 4pm or 5 to 8pm. If interested, please contact Donna Clark.



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 using our church code PA647 or through our parish website.



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 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 814-602-8700.



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 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.

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Book Sale Set Up	1 Book Sale Set Up Festival Set-Up 8:30 AM Mass	2 Book Sale Set Up Festival Set-Up 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 7:30 PM AA	3 Book Sale Set Up Festival Set-Up 8:30 AM Mass	4 4th of July Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM KoC 10K Run 9:00 AM Mass	5 Parish Office Closed Festival Set-Up No Daily Mass	6 Book Sale Set Up Festival Set-Up No Daily Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
7 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Book Sale Set Up Festival Set-Up Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	8 Book Sale Set Up Festival Set-Up 8:30 AM Mass 5:30 PM VBS Planning Meeting 6:00 PM Welcome Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine	9 Book Sale Set Up Festival Set-Up 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Catching Fire: Becoming Flame 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 7:30 PM AA	10 Book Sale Set Up Festival Set-Up 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Young Adult Small Faith Group 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	11 Festival Set-Up 8:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Book Sale	12 Festival Set-Up 8:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Book Sale	13 Festival Set-Up 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Chicken Run 10:00 AM AA 11:00 AM Book Sale 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
14 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS MercySake Deadline OLM Festival 11:00 AM Book Sale	15 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Festival Clean-Up 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	16 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Catching Fire: Becoming Flame 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 7:30 PM AA	17 8:30 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 AM Mass 12:30 PM Open Gym 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	18 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Summer Playtime	19 8:30 AM Mass	20 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
21 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	22 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine - SCC	23 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Sister Parish Committee 7:30 PM AA	24 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School	25 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School	26 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School	27 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
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