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## July 7, 2019 – 14th 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](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

Mon. 07/08	5:30 p.m.	VBS Planning Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Welcome Ministry Mtg.
	6:30 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
Tue. 07/09	9:30 a.m.	Catching Fire: Becoming Flame
	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	6:00 p.m.	Festival Set-Up
	7:30 p.m.	AA
Wed. 07/10	6:00 p.m.	Young Adult Small Faith Group
	7:00 p.m.	Knight of Columbus
Thur. 07/11		
Fri. 07/12		
Sat. 07/13	9:00 a.m.	Chicken Run
	10:00 a.m.	AA
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/14		<b>For Mercy's Sake Deadline</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	12:00 p.m.	Parish Festival

## OLM Book Sale This Week

The Book Sale will be  
**July 11-July 14 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
 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 is invited to a work party on Monday July 8th at 9 a.m.  
 Questions? Contact Jan Brown at 899-8974 or 790-3115.

## 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.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 07/08	8:30 a.m.	Florence Martin <i>(Gerri &amp; Joe Gallagher)</i>
Tue. 07/09	8:30 a.m.	Millie Herrmann <i>(Family)</i>
Wed. 07/10	8:30 a.m.	
Thur. 07/11	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 07/12	8:30 a.m.	Penny Moore
Sat. 07/13	8:30 a.m.	George Medved <i>(The Mollise Family)</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Jack Rathers
Sun. 07/14	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith <i>(Tom &amp; Sheri Noyer)</i>
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 30, 2019

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	98	\$3,189.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	\$2,901.00
Loose Change:		\$ 193.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$6,283.00</b>

### 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

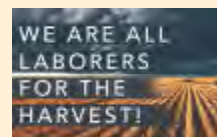
[ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org).

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 07/08	Gn 28:10-22a	/ Mt 9:18-26
Tue. 07/09	Gn 32:23-33	/ Mt 9:32-38
Wed. 07/10	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 12-24a	/ Mt 10:1-7
Thur. 07/11	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5	/ Mt 10:7-15
Fri. 07/12	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30	/ Mt 10:16-23
Sat. 07/13	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a	/ Mt 10:24-33
Sun. 07/14	Dt 30:10-14 / Col 1:15-20	/ Lk 10:25-37

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

Luke 10:1-12,17-20



The prophet Isaiah offered consolation to a people weary of being in exile. All those who mourned over the destruction of Jerusalem would one day be comforted, as a mother comforts her child, holding it tenderly in her lap. Then they would know that the Lord was with them in their grief.

Jesus sent his disciples to announce the good news that God's reign had arrived in their midst. They must travel lightly and announce Christ's peace to all who would listen. Jesus knew that the road ahead would be difficult and that his disciples would meet opposition. Not everyone heard the message they proclaimed. There were many who opposed the gospel of grace and mercy. Jesus's disciples had to learn to trust God and one another every step of the journey.

Paul declared that there is nothing we can do to earn God's reign. Instead of looking at our own merits, he points us to the cross. When our suffering is united to Christ's, darkness and evil are defeated. Mourning days are over, it is time to rejoice.

**For Reflection: Jesus asked for more workers so that the harvest would be fruitful. Am I willing to answer that call?**

## 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



## Widow's 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.

## Grief Support Group

The next group meeting is July 15 at 7pm. Do you know someone who is going through a grief process? Invite them to the grief support group. Come with them if needed. Our group is open to anyone; they need not be a member of the parish. Questions contact Donna Clark



## 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 17at

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

## 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.



## A Special Thank You...

Thank you to my OLM family for the cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy for the loss of my amazing mother, Joanne C. Puzarowski. A very special thank you to Father Ritchie, Brandon and Donna for the beautiful funeral service. It is comforting to know there are so many people that care.  
With Love, Judy & Time Issue & Family

## FUN FOR THE FAMILY

### Youth Open Gym/Field Day

The youth of the parish are invited to an hour of open gym/field day on Wednesday, June 17th 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 July 18th! 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 our last Summer Playtime event on August 15th!

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! All children between the ages of 4 years and the end of 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us July 22-26 from 9:00-noon as we celebrate some "Heroes of the Bible". Registration fliers are available in the Gathering Space and at 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.

### 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.



## 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](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).

### 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.

### Traveling for the Summer?

To help provide consistent support to Our Lady of Mercy over 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.



### 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.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> for more information.

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### 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.



### 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 **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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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!*

**\*\* Join the Chicken Run Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am \*\***

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