

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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## July 21, 2019 – 17th 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*

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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. 07/29		
Tue. 07/30	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	7:30 p.m.	AA
Wed. 07/31	9:00 a.m.	Catching Fire: Becoming Flame
Thur. 08/01		
Fri. 08/02	7:00 p.m.	Parking Lot Dance
Sat. 08/03	10:00 a.m.	AA
	12:00 p.m.	Cursillo Picnic
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 08/04		<b>Casserole Club Drop Off</b> <b>Monthly Food Pantry Collection</b> 9:30 a.m. Healing Ministry

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 07/29	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 / Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tue. 07/30	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9 / Mt 13:36-43
Wed. 07/31	Ex 34:29-35 / Mt 13:44-46
Thur. 08/01	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 / Mt 13:47-53
Fri. 08/02	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-15, 27, 34b-37 / Mt 13:54-58
Sat. 08/03	Lv 25:1, 8-17 / Mt 14:1-12
Sun. 08/04	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 / Col 3:1-5, 9-11 / Lk 12:13-21

## 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 Geri Gallagher.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 07/29	8:30 a.m.	Don VanSlyke (Janet Smith)
Tue. 07/30	8:30 a.m.	Tim Eisert (Jim & Claudette Terrill)
Wed. 07/31	8:30 a.m.	Chris Kowalski (Carol & Bill Matheis)
Thur. 08/01	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 08/02	8:30 a.m.	Hilbert Jordan (Sandy Jordan)
Sat. 08/03	8:30 a.m.	Timothy Connolly
	6:00 p.m.	Recipients of Prayer Shawls (Prayer Shawl Ministry)
Sun. 08/04	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Yolanda DiRaimo (Family)

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of July 21, 2019

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	88	\$3,489.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	\$2,901.00
Loose Change:		\$ 161.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$6,551.00</b>

## **For Mercy Sake Mailing Party**

We will be preparing the newsletter for the mail on Monday, August 5 at 9:00 AM.

If you can lend a hand, contact Irene Lucas at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or call 899-6132.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

Religious Education registration will take place after all Masses the weekend of Aug. 10-11.

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

Luke 11:1-13



Most of us know how to strike a good bargain in the marketplace. But is it possible to use such tactics with God? Can God's mind be changed like ours? Abraham was a man of faith, but he was also a realist. He was not blind to sinful humankind. Though Abraham prayed for justice, he also prayed for compassion. Would the innocent be swept away with the guilty? Abraham struck a bargain with God. If there were 50 righteous people in the city, would God spare it for their sake? How about 45? 30? 20? Would God spare the city for just 10? God was a willing negotiator. For the sake of some, God spared all.

Because Jesus knew God intimately, he taught us to pray with confidence to God as our "Father." God is merciful and just, and God pardons our sins. The debt we owe is a null and void contract, nailed to the cross and canceled in the waters of life. Though we were dead in sin, we are raised to new life. Jesus offers the bread of life to nourish us each day. The door of God's heart is opened wide to those who share God's loving-kindness with others.

**For Reflection: Pray the Lord's Prayer for someone who does not know God's mercy. Pray the Lord's Prayer for your own needs.**

### Ladies Lunch



If you live alone and would like to share a good time with others join us **Monday, July 29** at Harborview Grill, 3730 Harbor Ridge Trail at 1:00pm. Pray for good weather so we can eat on the patio.

### Widows Dinner

Wednesday **August 7** at 5:30 join a small group of women for dinner at Ricardo's, 2112 East Lake Road.



### Sister Parish Committee Selling Daffin's Candy Bars



The Sister Parish Committee is selling Daffin's candy bars to help with the cost of the delegation this October. Candy bars are \$1. They are available in the Gathering Space. Leave your money in the bucket.

### Sunset Beach Mass

Mark your calendars. The annual Sunset Beach Mass at Glinodo Center will be Sunday, Aug. 18 at 7:00 PM. Cookie fellowship will follow. Bring your own lawn chair, a plate of cookies to share (if you wish), and invite a friend. This is a beautiful way to celebrate the blessings of summer and to share the joy of our faith with others.



### Cursillo Picnic



The Annual Cursillo Picnic will take place right here at OLM on **Saturday August 3rd from noon-6:00 p.m.** This is a family event and all are invited. Please call Katie in the Church Office to make your reservation ASAP. De Colores!

### Thank You!

Thank you to all who made our Vacation Bible School so wonderful. Whether you shared your time as a volunteer, shared your children with us for the week, or held us in prayer, we appreciate it. The children had a blast as they learned about some of God's superheroes and that they are one of these superheroes also.



### Diocese free e-newsletter



Have you subscribed to the *Diocese of Erie-news*? It is easy to do and it's free. To receive your email edition each week, simply visit [nwpaCatholic.com](http://nwpaCatholic.com), click on the "subscribe" button, and provide a few lines

of basic information. Every Monday morning, you will receive headlines and photos with links to diocesan, national and Vatican news. You will also see a tweet sent out from Bishop Lawrence Persico or from the diocese. Sign up today and stay in the know!

## FUN FOR THE FAMILY

### Parking Lot Dance

It's summer and there is music in the streets, or at least the parking lots of Harborcreek. **Friday, Aug. 2** at 7:00 is our annual outdoor dance. It is free and open to all, no matter your age. So, bring a friend, put on your dancing shoes, grab a lawn chair and spend an evening enjoying a summer evening with friends at OLM.

### Job for Home Help

Current job available to help with personal care for a senior citizen. Also includes driving to appointments, some light housekeeping and laundry, cooking if able and companionship. First and Second shifts are open. **Contact Donna Clark** for more information. Part time with possibility for adding other clients.



### Rosary March



The Erie Curia of the Legion of Mary has scheduled its annual Rosary March on **Saturday, August 17** at St. Casimir's church, Erie. Bishop Persico will celebrate Mass at noon with the March to follow. The Rosary will also be recited in the church for those unable to walk. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the March.

### 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 **August 21** at the home of Donna Huff, 4517 N. Woods Dr., to discuss The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende. Our September title will be Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens.



### Ink Jet Fundraiser

Please donate used black or color ink jet cartridges to the Religious Education ministry. Previously refilled and remanufactured cartridges can not be redeemed, nor can laser toner cartridges.

### Festival Follow-Up Meeting

Thank you so much to all of our dedicated Coordinators who are a crucial part of the success of our Festival. There will be a Festival follow-up meeting for all Coordinators on **Wednesday, July 31, at 7:00 PM.** Please bring ideas for improvements next year. If you are interested in helping the role of a coordinator, please feel free to attend. We are seeking the following coordinators for next year: Festival Coordinator (Jayne's Role), Children's Area Coordinator, Setup Coordinator, and Cleanup Coordinator.



**WARNING!**

In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you.

Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

**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.

**Bringing the Gifts of the Community to the Altar**

Bringing the gifts of bread and wine to the altar defines who we are as a Eucharistic People. Reminiscent of a time when people brought bread and wine from their own homes to the Eucharist celebration, this procession of our gifts (mostly money now) still retains its force and spiritual significance. Along with the bread and wine, it is an offering “for the relief of the needs of the Church and of the poor. . . . It is a symbolic expression of the gathered assembly’s participation in the Eucharist and in the social mission of the Church.” (The Mystery of Faith, Lawrence J. Johnson, p.62) Say yes the next time you are asked to represent the community’s generosity and love for God. Better yet, speak to one of the coordinators at Mass and offer to bring up the gifts next week. Seek out Carol Sutton at 6pm, Sandi Matts at 8:30am or Darlene Piotrowski at 11:00am



**Hospital Visitation**



We don’t always get accurate reports of who is in the hospital because of the change in policy for the local hospitals. If you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital please call the parish office to let us know.

**From Harborcreek Faith Lutheran**

You’re invited to celebrate the Rev. Dr. Al Gesler’s 60th anniversary of ordination! Sunday, August 25 from 5-7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 5414 East Lake Road. Please bring a covered dish to share; hot dogs, hamburgers, buns “fixings”, beverages and paper products will be provided. Please RSVP by Monday, August 19 to [faithleadasst@gmail.com](mailto:faithleadasst@gmail.com)



**Young Adult Small Faith Group**

Tues, Aug 13, 6pm, Parlor

Join us as we wrap up our study on Islam and transition into Judaism. Contact Nick for details

**Young Adult Holy Hour**

Fri Aug 30, 7pm, Sanctuary

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition, Sacrament of Confession, silence and song. Optional dinner afterwards.



**BIRTHDAYS**

Aug. 2	Lucas Ollinger	9
Aug. 10	Parker Lewandowski	9
Aug. 11	Cora Rozenek	5
Aug. 12	Madison MacGurn	17
Aug. 16	Michael Pepicello	17
Aug. 16	Benjamin McKeel	14
Aug. 16	Noah Hawryliw	17
Aug. 22	Abigail Still	11
Aug 24	Zac Henry	8
Aug. 26	Olivia Stephenson	9
Aug. 26	Seamus Marshall	13
Aug. 27	Kayden McKeel	12
Aug. 28	Brooke Owens	13
Aug. 29	Sergio Hodzic	10
Aug. 29	Anthony Kohut	12
Aug. 31	Anna Ramalho	18



# August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS	<b>29</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>30</b> 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 7:30 PM AA	<b>31</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Catching Fire: Becoming Flame 7:00 PM Festival Follow Up Meeting	<b>1</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>2</b> 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Parking Lot Dance	<b>3</b> 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 12:00 PM Cursillo Summer Picnic 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
<b>4</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS <b>Casserole Club DROP OFF</b> <b>Monthly Food Pantry Collection</b> 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	<b>5</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Newsletter Mailing Party	<b>6</b> 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary Meeting 6:00 PM Pastoral Council 7:30 PM AA	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>8</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>9</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>10</b> 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS 7:00 PM Religious Education Registration
<b>11</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Religious Education Registration	<b>12</b> 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine - SCC	<b>13</b> 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Social Justice Committee 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Young Adult Small Faith Group 7:30 PM AA	<b>14</b> 8:30 AM Mass 12:30 PM Open Gym 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	<b>15</b> <b>ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Summer Playtime	<b>16</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>17</b> 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
<b>18</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 7:00 PM Sunset Beach Mass	<b>19</b> 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	<b>20</b> 7:00 AM Finance Council 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 7:00 PM Core Team Mtg. 7:00 PM LFF Mtg. 7:30 PM AA	<b>21</b> 8:30 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	<b>22</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>23</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>24</b> 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
<b>25</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:45 AM Catechist Organizational Meeting 9:45 AM MNO/KoC Baseball Trip to Cleveland	<b>26</b> 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine - SCC	<b>27</b> 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 7:30 PM AA	<b>28</b> 8:30 AM Mass 5:00 PM Bldg & Grnds Fish Fry	<b>29</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Families & Faith Formation Committee	<b>30</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>31</b> 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS

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