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September 1, 2019 – 22nd Sunday in 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*

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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. 09/02	Labor Day	Parish Office Closed
Tue. 09/03	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. 3-6
	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council
	7:30 p.m.	AA
Wed. 09/04	1:00 p.m.	Discussion Group
	6:00 p.m.	Gr. 9 Parent/Candidate Meeting
Thur. 09/05	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	6:00 p.m.	Gr. 11 Parent/Candidate Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Sat. 09/07	10:00 a.m.	AA
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 09/08	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. K-2
	12:00 p.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. 7&8
	12:15 p.m.	Gr. 7&8 Parent Meeting
	12:15 p.m.	Small Christian Community Picnic
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry Mission Trip Meeting

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.



Just a reminder that the Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Normal office hours of 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. will resume on Tuesday September 3rd.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 09/02	9:00 a.m.	David Ross <i>(Family)</i>
Tue. 09/03	8:30 a.m.	Lewis Peters <i>(Carole Peters)</i>
Wed. 09/04	8:30 a.m.	Millie Herrmann <i>(Family)</i>
Thur. 09/05	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 09/06	8:30 a.m.	Timothy Connolly
Sat. 09/07	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	Tom Rinke <i>(Linda & Doug Poust)</i>
Sun. 09/08	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Don VanSlyke <i>(Janet Smith)</i>

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of August 25, 2019

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	110	\$3,728.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	116	\$2,923.68
Loose Change:		\$ 201.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$6,852.68

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 09/02	1 Thes 4:13-18	/ Lk 4:16-30
Tue. 09/03	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11	/ Lk 4:31-37
Wed. 09/04	Col 1:1-8	/ Lk 4:38-44
Thur. 09/05	Col 1:9-14	/ Lk 5:1-11
Fri. 09/06	Col 1:15-20	/ Lk 5:33-39
Sat. 09/07	Col 1:21-23	/ Lk 6:1-5
Sun. 09/08	Wis 9:13-18b	
	Phlm 9-10, 12-17	/ Lk 14:25-33

CARE FOR CREATION

Pope Francis has declared September 1 to be the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Please join the global church in praying for Creation today. The following prayer is from the Pope's encyclical on the Care of our Common Home, *Laudato Si*.

According to Pope Francis, "The annual World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

A Prayer for our Earth By Pope Francis*
All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Youth Ministry Fundraiser

On September 7-8 there will be a youth ministry fundraiser. You will find a display of envelopes. Please take an envelope and you will find something inside pertaining to youth ministry events we are involved in. Then put the amount that is on the envelope in it and put it in the collection basket that weekend or the next or turn into the office by September 15th. Thank you for your support of Youth Ministry.



Widows Dinner

Grief affects the whole self. The loss of a loved one affects how we view ourselves and how we relate to others and how others relate to us. It seems we no longer fit in with friends. As a widow, many find it difficult to eat alone. Join us for a monthly dinner Friday Sept 13, 5pm at Jonny B's on 37 Vine St in North East.



Autumn Scripture Study

We are never too old to learn. As the kids begin another school year, OLM will begin a new Scripture Study. Join us for a 6 week study of The Acts of the Apostles beginning Monday, Sept. 16. The study will be offered at 9:15 AM and at 7:00 PM. All are welcome. Your only text will be the Bible.



OLM Book Group

Back to school means that the kids are beginning to crack open those books. The OLM Book Group will be cracking open some great books as well. Join us 7:00 PM Sept. 18 at the home of Kay Kaerberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. For those who want to read ahead, our October title will be The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson.



Parish Wine & Beer Social

Bring your favorite wine or beer and an appetizer to share and enjoy an evening of fellowship with your OLM family at 7:00 PM on Friday, Sept. 20. This is a great opportunity to meet new parish members and reconnect with those you have not seen in a while.



Erie Reuse Fest

Clean out the garage...the basement... the overflowing closets throughout the house because a regional large-scale collection of materials to be REUSED by local nonprofits will take place on Saturday, September 7, in Erie. PRC's "ReuseFest" will take place from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the parking lot of UPMC Health Plan, 380 E. Bayfront Pkwy., Erie.



Interested in Glass Recycling?

Check out www.bayfrontglass.com



Religious Education

Religious education classes begin on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Religious Education Registration

If you were not able to register your child on registration weekend, please stop by the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation to sign the paper work. All new and returning children, including high school seniors preparing to celebrate Confirmation in November, need to be registered.

Religious Education Volunteers Needed

We need a few more people to assist with the religious education ministry this year:

- A Junior High catechist – Sunday noon to 1:15
- An Office Aid – Sunday 9:15-10:45
- Substitute Catechists - All Levels

If you are able to volunteer or would like more information, contact Irene Lucas at 899-6132 or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Religious Education Parent Meetings:

- Gr. 9 Parent/Candidate Meeting - Sept. 4 at 6:00
- Gr. 11 Parent/Candidate Meeting - Sept. 5 at 6:00
- Gr. 7& 8 Parent Meeting - Sept. 8 at 12:15
- Gr K-2 Family Event - Sept. 8 at 9:30

Sister Parish Trip to Mexico

We have postponed the purchasing of our airline tickets for our trip to visit our sister parish Oct. 30-Nov.6, so there is still time to join our group. Space and time is limited, so if you are interested, contact Irene as soon as possible.



Sister Parish School Supply Collection

The Sister Parish Committee is also collecting school supplies to bring to Peto: pencils, pens, erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers. We can not take notebooks, paper, or crayons. Our supply list is limited to small, light-weight items that we can carry down and that won't melt in the heat. School supply donations can be placed in the basket under the candy bar table.



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.



Our Communities Are Growing Again!



We are forming at least one new Small Christian Community this fall! Are you interested in joining a community? Have you been in a community but are looking for a change? Are you just curious about our parish communities and would like to learn more? Join us at noon on Sunday September 8 in the picnic pavilion. Enjoy a grilled hot dog, find answers to your questions, and help us kick-start a few new communities this fall. Bring a dish to share, or just come and join us. See you there! Interested but can't make it? Call Katie in the office 899-5342 or Dave 602-4622

CROP Walk

OLM will be participating in the CROP Walk Sept. 15 at 2:00 at Presque Isle. Walker pledge envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space the weekends of Sept. 1 & 8. If you can't walk but would like to sponsor our team, you can make a donation at the CROP Walk table in the Gathering Space. Pledge envelopes will also be available in the Faith Formation Office during the week. If you have any questions, talk to Susan Payne or Irene Lucas.



CROP Walk Team Support—Online

You can also make a donation on line. To Give online to the Crop Walk for Ella Cochran Food Pantry go to: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/eriepa> select donate, then choose the "Walker" Ella Cochran. The Crop Walk for Erie County distributes the money to over 20 local agencies and part of the proceeds go to help feeding the hungry around the world.

Cards for homebound ministry

The homebound ministry sends cards seasonally to parishioners who cannot get out to church. They are looking for cards for the Thanksgiving season, St. Patrick's Day, Valentines Day and appropriate Mother's or Father's Day. You can help by bringing in cards or helping to design the cards for printing. Contact Donna Clark.



THE GROOVE IS BAAAAACK



The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a dance with the GROOVE on Friday Oct. 4. in conjunction with the OLM Feast Day the prior week. The band "The Groove" Erie's most popular band will be providing the entertainment from 7 to 11

in the gym. Complimentary beer and setups will be provided. Tickets will go on sale in the Gathering Space after all the Masses beginning on August 24 and for the next four weekends. Tickets will also be available for purchase during the week in the parish office from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. Ticket price is \$15. This dance has been a sell out for the past 2 years so get your tickets as soon as possible, capacity is limited.

SOCIAL JUSTICE



Below is a quote from scripture and a quote from representatives of the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops to guide you as you consider the question of immigration.

"Thus says the LORD of hosts: Judge with true justice, and show kindness and compassion toward each other. Do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the resident alien or the poor; do not plot evil against one another in your hearts." Zechariah 7: 9-10

"The Church believes that people have the right to find opportunities in their home countries and that they have the right to migrate when conditions in their country of origin preclude them from providing for the safety and wellbeing of their families." From letter to Congress dated June 24, 2019.

Thank you,
The Social Concerns Committee

September Birthdays

Sept 5	Zach Olson	1
Sept 7	Kayla Kohut	14
Sept 8	Georgia Weber	14
Sept 9	Logan Garrans	6
Sept 10	Aiden Ollinger	12
Sept 11	Louis Morgan	4
Sept 11	Riley Whitney	10
Sept 12	Ryder Daniels	10
Sept 12	Sadie Lander	11
Sept 14	Mikayla Habursky	17
Sept 14	Annie Sarvis	15
Sept 17	Anthony Allegretto	12
Sept 21	Amiya Sacco	17
Sept 22	Clara Camillo	11
Sept 27	Montgomery Varo	13
Sept 27	Lillian Zielinski	11
Sept 28	Cole Maloney	2



September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	2 Labor Day Parish Office Closed 9:00 AM Mass	3 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Rel. Ed Gr. 3-6 7:00 PM Pastoral Council 7:30 PM AA	4 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 6:00 PM Gr. 9 Parent/Candidate Meeting	5 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 6:00 PM Gr. 11 Parent/Candidate Meeting 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl	6 8:30 AM Mass	7 Youth Ministry Fundraiser 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
8 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Youth Ministry Fundraiser 9:30 AM Rel. Ed. Gr. K-2 12:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8 12:15 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Parent Meeting 12:15 PM Small Christian Community Picnic 1:00 PM Youth Ministry Mission Trip Meeting	9 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Fall PF & Core Team Kickoff - Potluck 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine	10 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Rel. Ed Gr. 3-6 5:00 PM Sister Parish Mtg. 7:00 PM New SCC 7:00 PM Finance Council 7:30 PM AA	11 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	12 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	13 8:30 AM Mass 5:00 PM Widows Dinner	14 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
15 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 8:00 AM Pre-Cana 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 9:30 AM Rel. Ed. Gr. K-2 12:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8	16 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Acts of the Apostles 7:00 PM Acts of the Apostles: Scripture Study 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	17 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Rel. Ed Gr. 3-6 5:30 PM Children's Choir 6:30 PM Welcome Ministry 7:00 PM Core Team Mtg. 7:00 PM LFF Mtg. 7:30 PM AA	18 8:30 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	19 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	20 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Parish Wine Social	21 Small Christian Community Sign-Up Weekend 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
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29 Parish Feast Day Celebration 10:30 AM Feast Day Mass 12:00 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event	30 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Acts of the Apostles 7:00 PM Acts of the Apostles: Scripture Study	1 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Rel. Ed Gr. 3-6 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Pastoral Council 7:30 PM AA	2 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough	3 Parish Dance - Set Up 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:00 PM Sister Parish Mtg 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Parish Dance with The Groove	5 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS

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