Our Lady of Mercy Church

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September 29th, 2019 - The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy

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

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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

| ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Mon. | 09/30 | 9:00 a.m. | Acts of the Apostles Scripture Study | |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Acts of the Apostles Scripture Study | |
| Tue. | 10/01 | 1:30 p.m. | Legion of Mary | |
| | | 2:00 p.m. | Prayer Shawl | |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | Religious Ed. Gr. 3-6 | |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Children's Choir | |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Sister Parish Committee | |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Pastoral Council | |
| | | 7:30 p.m. | AA | |
| Wed. | 10/02 | 1:00 p.m. | Diamonds in the Rough SCC | |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Contemplative Prayer | |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Creation Care Event | |
| Thur. | 10/03 | 9:00 a.m. | Painting Class | |
| | | 9:30 a.m. | Potter's Clay SCC | |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Social Justice Committee | |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | Contemplative Prayer | |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Prayer Shawl | |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Sister Parish Delegation | |
| | | 6:45 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal | |
| Fri. | 10/04 | 7:00 p.m. | Parish Dance with | |
| | | | The Groove | |
| Sat. | 10/05 | 10:00 a.m. | AA | |
| | | 4:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Penance | |
| Sun. | 10/06 | Casserole Cl | ub Drop - Off | |
| | | Monthly Food Pantry Collection | | |
| | | 9:30 a.m. | Religious Ed. Gr. K-2 | |
| | | 9:30 a.m. | Healing Ministry | |
| | | 12:00 p.m. | Religious Ed. Gr. 7&8 | |
| | | 12:15 p.m. | Gr. 12 Interviews | |

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.

MACCINITIONS

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| N | lon. | 09/30 | 8:30 a.m. | Denise Carroll |
| T | ue. | 10/01 | 8:30 a.m. | |
| V | Ved. | 10/02 | 8:30 a.m. | |
| Т | hur. | 10/03 | 8:30 a.m. | Millie Herrmann (Family) |
| F | ri. | 10/04 | 8:30 a.m. | |
| S | at. | 10/05 | 8:30 a.m. | |
| | | | 6:00 p.m. | Carol Seiffert (Ross Peters) |
| S | un. | 10/06 | 8:30 a.m. | Evelyn Seyboldt (Rich & Terri Michael) |
| | | | 11:00 a.m. | For the People of OLM |

SCRIPTURE READINGS

| Mon. 09/30 | Zec 8:1-8 | / Lk 9:46-50 |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Tue. 10/01 | Zec 8:20-23 | / Lk 9:51-56 |
| Wed. 10/02 | Neh 2:1-8 | / Mt 18:1-5, 10 |
| Thur. 10/03 | Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b- | ·12/ Lk 10:1-12 |
| Fri. 10/04 | Bar 1:15-22 | / Lk 10:13-16 |
| Sat. 10/05 | Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 | / Lk 10:17-24 |
| Sun. 10/06 | Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 | |
| | 2Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 | / Lk 17:5-10 |

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY SEPTEMBER 24TH

The title of "Our Lady of Mercy" is almost 900 years old. Tradition holds that around the year 1218 AD, both St. Peter Nolasco and King James I of Aragon and Catalonia experienced separate apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary requesting



them to establish a religious order entrusted with the responsibility of rescuing the many Christians who were being held captive by the Moorish armies who invaded the Iberian peninsula.

In 1235 AD, the Order of Our Lady of Mercy received papal approval by Pope Gregory IX, and succeeded in liberating thousands of Christian prisoners from captivity. The Order was later able to shift its mission toward education and social work.

Today, the Virgin Mother is honored under the title of "Our Lady of Mercy" throughout the world by countless parishes, schools and hospitals who embrace her as their Patroness.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY, MOTHER OF MERCY

Blessed Virgin Mary, who can worthily repay you with praise and thanks for having rescued a fallen world by your generous consent! Receive our gratitude, and by your prayers obtain the pardon of our sins. Take our prayers into the sanctuary of heaven and enable them to make our peace with God.

Holy Mary, help the miserable, strengthen the discouraged, comfort the sorrowful, pray for your people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women consecrated to God. May all who venerate you feel now your help and protection. Be ready to help us when we pray, and bring back to us the answers to our prayers. Make it your continual concern to pray for the people of God, for you were blessed by God and were made worthy to bear the Redeemer of the world, who lives and reigns forever. Amen. Saint Augustine of Hippo

Autumn Scripture Study

The study of the Acts of the Apostles will continue on Monday, Sept. 30 with both a 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM session. This week we will be looking at ch. 9-14.



Ladies Lunch.



For women who live alone join others for lunch on Tuesday, Oct 1 at 1pm at Harborview Grill, at the Harbor Ridge Golf Course. Good fellowship over food helps dispel loneliness and depression. Contact

Donna Clark with questions.

Seeking Silence?

These introductory sessions on contemplative prayer are designed to help people incorporate more silence into their prayer lives. The mixture of words and silence will help us grow more comfortable with silence and discover how God



communicates with us "in the silence of our hearts." Each session will include a short instruction on various techniques that help us move into contemplative silence. The half hour sessions will be from 5:30pm to 6:00pm Oct 2, 16, 30. Stop in on your way home from work. Interested, but this time does not work for you? Contact Donna Clark in the parish office or try the session on Thursdays at 1pm (Oct 3, 17, 31). We will draw on the writings of some of the saints of the church: Julian of Norwich, Hildegard of Bingen, Theresa of Avila and John of the Cross.

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.

Confirmation Interviews

Candidates preparing to celebrate Confirmation in November are reminded that they have mandatory interviews on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 12:15.



Help Needed



The homebound ministry is looking for help to deliver handmade wreaths to our homebound. Can you help? Contact Donna in the parish office.

Parish Autumn Harvest Fest

The annual Family Harvest Fest will be held Sunday, Oct. 13 at noon with soup sampling, children's crafts and fun for all. We are looking for those willing to make a crock pot of soup for our event. Please sign up on the easel in the Gathering Space if you can donate a crock pot of soup. If you are not donating a pot of homemade soup, please bring a dessert to share.

Widows' Dinner



Monday Oct 14 5:00 pm. Harbor House, 4454 Buffalo Rd. Gather with others who enjoy company with a meal; laughter, love and support. Contact Donna Clark

OLM Book Group

Books might be the only thing that is not sold in pumpkin spice flavor, but the OLM Book Group still enjoys devouring them.



Join us 7:00 PM Oct. 16 at the home of Donna Huff, 4517 North Woods Dr., to discuss The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson. Want to read ahead? Our November title will be The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris.

For Mercy Sake Deadline



Deadline to submit articles for the November issue of For Mercy Sake is Sunday, Oct. 20. Send submissions to

ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting



There will be a very important meeting for parents with children in the Sunday morning First Parent Meeting Reconciliation class. The meeting will be held on Oct. 20 at 9:45 AM

in the Conference Room.

Baptismal Preparation Sessions for Parents

Parents desiring to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with their child are asked to attend a preparation session by the Diocese of Erie. The next Baptismal Preparation Session



for Parents and Godparents at OLM will be held Sunday, Oct. 20 at noon in the Conference Room. Please call the **Parish Office at 899-5342** to register prior to the class.

Question and Answer with the Pastor



Join Fr. Ritchie on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 7:00 in the Conference Room for a conversation around your questions about the Catholic faith. Enjoy a cold drink, some snacks and a chance to ask

the pastor your questions about the Catholic faith. There is so much we did not learn as children. Now is the time to continue our education. All are welcome. including friends and family members not part of the parish. If you like, bring a snack to share.

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Hands of Mercy

The annual ministry recommitment is Oct 26/27. Verify your ministries starting next week. Pray about joining a new ministry. The Discover Your Strengths Workshop is Oct 26.



Mark Your Calendar for the Parish Mardi Gras!

Mardi Gras might feel like it is a long way off, but the Sister Parish Committee has begun

to plan. This year, in addition to the home brew and wine taste-off, there will be a homemade salsa taste-off. As you are turning those garden tomatoes into salsa, think about putting some aside to enter into the taste-off. This year's Mardi Gras will be Saturday, Feb. 22.

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.



Question Box

Do you have a question about prayer, the Bible, Church practices, moral teachings, or some other aspect of the Catholic faith?

Place your question in the box in the Gathering Space and Fr. Ritchie will answer your question in the next issue of *For Mercy Sake*. This is a great way to learn together.

Cursillo!

Are you looking to enhance your relationship with Christ? Maybe get to know Him on a more personal basis? Why not consider making a Cursillo! The next men's Cursillo will be October 17-20 and the next women's Cursillo will be November 21-24, both right here at OLM. We ask that you prayerfully consider a Cursillo Weekend, you'll be glad you did! For more information call Tim or Norma Lynch at 899-2681.

St. Stanislaus Annual Parish Day

St. Stanislaus Parish, is hosting their Annual Parish Day on Sunday, October 6, 2019, from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin boards in the Gathering Space.

Question-of-the-Week

The winner of the Question-of-the-Week Contest for the week of Sept. 16 was **Delaney Andrews**, **Gr**. **4**, who knew that the Church is currently in the season of Ordinary Time.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of September 22, 2019

Envelopes sent: 392

Envelopes returned: 107 \$3,503.00
Faith Direct Deposits: 116 \$2,948.08
Loose Change: \$ 172.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$6,623.08

October Birthdays

| Oct 2 | Connor Barber | 7 | N. |
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| Oct 4 | Aidan McLaughlin | 15 | 1 |
| Oct 4 | Jacob Ramalho | 16 | (°, ° |
| Oct 7 | Emma Skelly | 8 | |
| Oct 8 | Cody Smith | 17 | |
| Oct 8 | Casey Smith | 17 | |
| Oct 9 | Lily Juhas | 2 | 10100 |
| Oct 11 | Addilyn Johnson | 2 | |
| Oct 12 | Eleanor Shamburg | 1 | ATT F |
| Oct 13 | Julia Chludzinski | 11 | |
| Oct 13 | Parker Nguyen | 13 | V |
| Oct 17 | Anthony Bly | 7 | T. |
| Oct 18 | Gabrielle Peters | 7 | 0 0 |
| Oct 20 | Luca Burick | 5 | |
| Oct 21 | Lillian Festa | 9 | - |
| Oct 22 | Anthony Viscusco | 16 | |
| Oct 23 | Jacob Rzodkiewicz | 13 | 4 |
| Oct 25 | Matthew Dorosch | 17 | |
| Oct 29 | Logan Buczynski | 17 | |
| Oct 31 | Zoe Redford | 10 | \$\\ |
| Oct 31 | Kevin Juhas | 3 | W/ |
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Birthday Celebration

Our friend, Fr. Leo Gallina will be celebrating his 80th birthday on October 15. We would like to shower him with cards from his OLM family.



You can mail your well wishes to him at 400 East Gore Road, Erie, PA 16509.

Tractor For Sale



Our Building & Grounds is selling our 1969 Farmall 140 Tractor. It runs well, has a mower deck, 3 PH; for \$3,500. If interested please contact the Parish Office at 899-5342 or by email at

secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Bread for the World is a gathering of Christian voices urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Every year, Our Lady of Mercy participates in Bread for the World's Offering of Letters. This year's letter aims to realize a world in which all of God's children are fed. We will ask our policy makers to support an increase in funds for global maternal and child nutrition programs. Join the Social Justice Committee on October 5/6 after all Masses, as we turn our faith into action and sign letters to Senators Casey and Toomey and Rep. Kelly. For more information on this year's Offering of Letters, go to bread.org/ol.

October 2019

| Saturday | 5 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM <u>MASS</u> | 12 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM <u>MASS</u> | Cursillo - Mens 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS | 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Discover Your Strengths 4:30 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS 7:00 PM Trunk or Treat | 2 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS |
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| Friday | 4 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Parish Dance with The Groove | 8:30 AM Mass | 18 Cursillo - Mens 8:30 AM Mass | 25 8:30 AM Mass | 1 8:30 AM Mass |
| Thursday | Parish Dance - Set Up 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Poitter's Clay SCC 10:00 AM Social Justice Committee 1:00 PM Contemplative Prayer 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:00 PM Sister Parish Deligation Meeting 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal | 10 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Potter's Clay SCC 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal | Cursillo - Mens 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Potter's Clay SCC 1:00 PM Contemplative Prayer 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal | 24 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Potter's Clay SCC 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal | 31 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Potter's Clay SCC 1:00 PM Contemplative Prayer 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl |
| Wednesday | 2 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough - SCC 5:30 PM Contemplative Prayer 7:00 PM Care for Creation Event | 9 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough - SCC 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus | 16 8:30 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough - SCC 5:30 PM Contemplative Prayer 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP | 23 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough - SCC 7:00 PM Q&A w/t Pastor | 30 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough - SCC 5:30 PM Contemplative Prayer 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus: Womens Care Center of Erie Presentation |
| Tuesday | 8:30 AM Mass 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 6:00 PM Sister Parish Committee 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting 1:30 PM AA | 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM New SCC 7:30 PM AA | 15 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 Colidren's Choir 7:00 PM Core Team Mig. 7:30 PM AA | 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM RG. 4-6 Retreat 4:00 PM RG. Ed Gr. 3 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:30 PM AA | 29 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 Youth Open Gym 7:30 PM AA |
| Monday | 30 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Acts of the Apostles 7:00 PM Acts of the Apostles: Scripture Study | 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Acts of the Apostles 7:00 PM Acts of the Apostles: Scripture Study 7:00 PM Pastoral Facilitator Mtg Cancelled | 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Acts of the Apostles 5:00 PM Widows' Dinner 7:30 PM Fruit of the Vine - SCC 7:00 PM Acts of the Apostles: Scripture Study | 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Acts of the Apostles 9:00 AM Acts of the Apostles 7:00 PM Acts of the Apostles: Scripture Study 7:00 PM Grief Support Group | 28 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine - SCC |
| Sunday | 29 Parish Feast Day Celebration 10:30 AM Feast Day Mass 12:00 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event | 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection 130 AM Healing Ministry 9:30 AM Rel. Ed. Gr. K-2 12:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8 12:15 PM Gr. 12 Interviews | 13 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Rel. Ed. Gr. K-2 12:00 PM Family Harvest Fest 12:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Cursillo - Mens 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 9:30 AM Rel. Ed. Gr. K-2 9:45 AM Rist Reconciliation Parent Mtg 12:00 PM Baptismal Preparation Session 12:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Ministry Recommitment 9:30 AM Family Faith Event Gr. K-2 12:00 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event |

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