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October 27th, 2019 - 30th 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*

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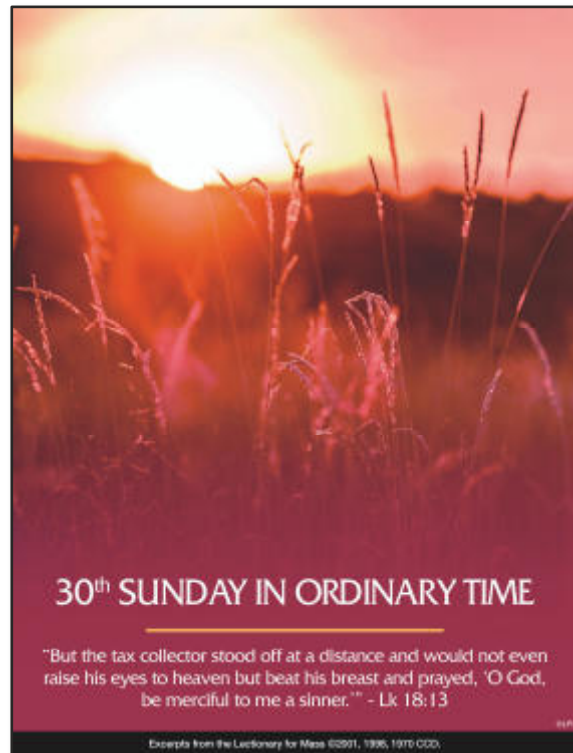
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MISSION STATEMENT

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. 10/28	6:30 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
Tue. 10/29	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	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.	Youth Open Gym
	7:30 p.m.	AA
Wed. 10/30	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	KoC Women's Care Center of Erie Event
Thur. 10/31	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	9:30 a.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer
Fri. 11/01		All Saint's Day
	8:30 a.m.	Holy Day Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Holy Day Mass
Sat. 11/02		All Soul's Day
	10:00 a.m.	AA
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 11/03		Casserole Club Drop Off
		Monthly Food Pantry Collection
	9:15 a.m.	Pastoral Facilitator Breakfast Reflection
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. K-2
	12:00 p.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. 7 & 8

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 Marilyn Garwig.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 10/28	8:30 a.m.	John Green (Andrea & Hap Evans)
Tue. 10/29	8:30 a.m.	Margaret Rathers
Wed. 10/30	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Bill Matrogran (Kim & Greg Palmer)
Thur. 10/31	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 11/01	8:30 a.m.	
	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. 11/02	8:30 a.m.	Gert Peters (Tony & Laura Perze)
	6:00 p.m.	
Sun. 11/03	8:30 a.m.	Sam Garwig (Liana Pasquale)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 10/28	Eph 2:19-22	/ Lk 6:12-16
Tue. 10/29	Rom 8:18-25	/ Lk 13:18-21
Wed. 10/30	Rom 8:26-30	/ Lk 13:22-30
Thur. 10/31	Rom 8:31b-39	/ Lk 13:31-35
Fri. 11/01	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3	/ Mt 5:1-12
Sat. 11/02	Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 5:5-11	or Rom 6:3-9 / Jn 6:37-40
Sun. 11/03	Wis 11:22-12:2 / Thes 1:11-2:2	/ Lk 19:1-10

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of October 20, 2019

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	109	\$3,344.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	116	\$2,948.08
Loose Change:		\$ 148.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$6,440.08

Question-of-the-Week

The winner of the Question-of-the-Week Contest for the week of Oct. 14 was **Kaylyn Still, Gr. 3**, who knew that we have a sister parish in Peto, Mexico.



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

LK 18:9-14



Although the Lord is a God of justice who has no favorites, God shows partiality toward the weak, poor, and oppressed. Jesus's parable illustrates this. Two men went to the temple to pray: one a self-righteous Pharisee, the other a tax collector despised as a lawbreaker. Both men offered prayers to God. The Pharisee prayed with unbowed head, thanking God that he was not like those "thieves, rogues, and adulterers" or worse, like the wretched tax collector. In contrast, the tax collector recognized his unworthiness before God. He did not raise his eyes to heaven but humbly prayed: "O, God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" Jesus said that it was this man who went home justified.

Paul understood what it was like to be crushed in spirit. Imprisoned, his life poured out like a sacrificial libation, he was abandoned by those who should have come to his defense. But Paul knew that God was on his side. Whatever the outcome, the Lord would rescue him and bring him safely to the kingdom. Like an athlete who did his best, Paul had "fought the good fight" and "finished the race." A crown of merit awaited him and all who were faithful to the gospel.

For Reflection: Have I acted more like the Pharisee or the tax collector today? Have I experienced strength in adversity?

Hands of Mercy



The annual ministry recommitment is Oct 26/27. Verify your ministries starting Oct 6. Find the lists in the gathering space. New Ministry Sign ups are

happening at the same time. See the ministry brochure display.

Youth Open Gym

Need a chance to run around and let off some back to school steam? The youth are invited to join us on **Tuesday October 29th from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** in the OLM gym to do just that. Hope to see you there!



Contemplative Prayer Experience



How does God speak to us? Sometimes we need to create a space of silence before we can hear the "still small voice." 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 30 and Nov 6**. 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 31 and Nov 7).

Knights Support Life

The OLM Knights of Columbus is proud to announce a special presentation by the **Women's Care Center of Erie County**. This event will take place in Sperry Hall on **Wednesday, October 30th at 6:00 pm**, and will include food and refreshments. This Christian based Centers mission is to assist individuals and families facing an unexpected pregnancy and its associated difficulties. They offer a wide range of free supportive care services both before and after delivery. Ultrasounds are available courtesy of a machine donated by the K of C. The Care Center also operates their own infant adoption agency. Come join us for an informative evening that will include a question and answer session. Please RSVP on sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space. You can also email your reservation to legler.phil@gmail.com, or call 504-1048.



Veterans Raffle Sale



Tickets for the Annual Veterans Quilt Raffle will be on sale in the Gathering Space on **November 2 & 3**. Proceeds from this raffle will benefit Operation Assisting Santa, who's mission, in conjunction with the Erie Vets Hospital, is to insure that local Veterans and their families have Christmas gifts for their children.

Mailing Party

Can you help us fold the newsletter and stuff envelopes? We will be preparing the newsletter for the mail on **Monday, Nov. 11 at 9:00 AM**. Call Irene at 899-6132 or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org if you can lend a hand.



Morning of Reflection



Our Lady of Mercy is hosting a Morning of Reflection with Fr. Shane Mathew on **Saturday, Nov. 9**. The event will run from **9:00 AM to 12:30 PM** followed by lunch.

"Come Away with Me - Jesus' Invitation to Spirituality, Prayer, and Community" is an opportunity to grow in our life of prayer. Jesus said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mk. 6:31). This day of recollection will respond to Jesus' invitation to rest and to pray. We will explore how we might deepen our understanding of spirituality and prayer both as individuals and as parts of the Christian community. Father Shane Mathew is an instructor of theology at Gannon University and sacramental assistant for Our Lady of Peace and St. Jude Parishes. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Erie in 2005. Please RSVP so we can prepare by calling the parish at 899-5342 or emailing secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org by Nov. 4.

Sunday Morning *C*A*F*E*

The last Sunday Morning CAFÉ of 2019 will be **Sunday, Nov. 10 at 9:45**. Our presenter will be Fr. Ritchie. He will talk to us about how to approach the examination of our conscience as an adult. Enjoy fresh baked sweets, fresh brewed coffee and the opportunity to explore fresh ideas.



Gr 10 Retreat



Confirmation candidates in their second year of preparation are reminded that they have their annual mandatory retreat on **Sunday, Nov. 10**.

Candidate-Sponsor Meeting

Candidates in their third year of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation are reminded they have a mandatory meeting with their sponsor at **noon on Nov. 10**. All 3rd year Confirmation candidates must have chosen a sponsor by this date.



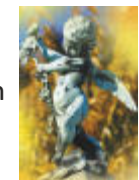
Confirmation Practice



Candidates preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Nov. 16 are reminded that they have mandatory practice at **2:00 PM Nov. 10** at St. Mark the Evangelist Church. Your sponsor must be with you.




"Life is Changed, Not Ended"

Reflections on the theology of Christian death and dying, presented by our very own Brandon Vogt, will take place on **Monday November 4 at 7:00 p.m.** and **Tuesday November 5 at 9:00 a.m.** in Mary's Chapel.



During the month of November, we remember those who have gone before us in a particular way. Come and discover what the Church teaches about death and dying through prayer, song, scripture and the funeral rites. *(the evening and morning session will cover the same topics; you need not attend both)*

November Birthdays

Nov. 2	Kiersten Redford	14	
Nov. 2	Delaney Andrews	10	
Nov. 3	Connor Marshall	15	
Nov. 4	Baileigh Bleil	15	
Nov. 7	Kylie Rupp	17	
Nov. 11	Jazmyn McGerl	10	
Nov. 14	Mitchell DeVore	16	
Nov. 15	Ryleigh Lander	9	
Nov. 16	Megan Smith	17	
Nov. 17	Addison Matusiak	10	
Nov. 20	Madison Inthavong	7	
Nov. 20	Carson Shamburg	4	
Nov. 21	Maximo Coletta	15	
Nov. 24	Irena Bush	10	
Nov. 24	Kara Sutton	17	
Nov. 26	Triston Barber	5	
Nov. 26	Dominic Coletta	16	
Nov. 26	Molly Nielsen	18	

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.



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.

Electronic Giving to Our Lady of Mercy

This past week you received letters from Faith Direct with instructions on how to sign up. This is an easy way to be consistent in your giving which helps us meet our daily operating costs. You can also use Faith Direct for the special monthly collections or the occasional second collection.



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 Nov. 20 at the home of Irene Lucas, 1019 Bartlett Rd., to discuss The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris. In December we will gather for a movie night on Dec. 11 to watch The Green Book. Want to read ahead? Our January title will be Of Human Bondage by W. Somerset Maugham.



ALL SAINTS DAY - ALL SOULS DAY

This Friday, November 1st, is the Feast of All Saints, when we celebrate those who are in the presence of Almighty God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Day Masses are Friday at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Saturday is All Souls Day when we remember all our deceased. Mass is at 8:30 a.m.



SOCIAL JUSTICE



October has been designated as "Pro-Life" month. It is also the month that prepares Americans for local and national elections. Our Social Justice

Corner will look at Church teaching on these issues through the lens of racial justice. "Racism can only end if we contend with the policies and institutional barriers that perpetuate and preserve the inequality – economic and social – that we still see all around us."

Open Wide Our Hearts USCCB Racism can be individual, when persons fail to recognize certain groups as created in the image and likeness of God and equal in dignity, or it can be systemic, where practices or policies treat certain groups of people unjustly. One example of systemic racism is lack of access to the vote for some communities of color.

The Church teaches that all persons have both a legal right and a responsibility to have their voice heard in the public square to promote human dignity and the common good of society. As people of faith, we have the obligation to help shape the moral character of society by voting and other acts of public participation. We also must act to ensure that the right to vote is protected for all citizens. This has often been threatened for many minorities in the U.S. Today, too many barriers to the right to vote remain for minorities. In response, we are called to work to ensure that all are able to exercise their rights, as faithful citizens, to raise their voices in the public square.

Racism and Voting USCCB

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Ministry Recruitment 9:30 AM Family Faith Event Gr. K-2 12:00 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event	28 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine - SCC	29 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 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	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	31 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Potter's Clay SCC 1:00 PM Contemplative Prayer	1 ALL SAINTS' DAY 8:30 AM Holy Day Mass 7:00 PM Holy Day Mass	2 ALL SOULS' DAY 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
3 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:15 AM Pastoral Facilitator Breakfast Reflection 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 9:30 AM Rel. Ed. Gr. K-2 12:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8	4 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Death & Dying Presentation 7:00 PM Pastoral Facilitator Mtg. - Cancelled	5 8:30 AM Mass 9:15 AM Death & Dying Presentation 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 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 Meeting 7:30 PM AA	6 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough - SCC 5:30 PM Contemplative Prayer	7 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	8 8:30 AM Mass	9 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Parish Morning of Reflection 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
10 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Gr. 10 Retreat (OLM) Gr. 11 Rite of Presentation- All Masses 9:30 AM Rel. Ed. Gr. K-2 9:45 AM Sunday Morning CAFE 12:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8 12:15 PM Gr. 11 Candidate/ Sponsor Meeting	11 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Newsletter Mailing Party 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine - SCC	12 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 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 New SCC 7:30 PM AA	13 8:30 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Families & Faith Formation Committee 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough - SCC 2:00 PM Social Justice Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM Contemplative Prayer 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	14 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 7:00 PM Tech Committee Mtg.	15 8:30 AM Mass	16 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:00 PM CONFIRMATION St. Mark 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
17 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Gr. 9 Rite of Acceptance-All Masses 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 9:30 AM Rel. Ed. Gr. K-2 9:45 AM First Eucharist Parent Meeting 12:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8	18 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	19 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 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 Core Team Mtg. 7:00 PM LFF Mtg. 7:30 PM AA	20 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough - SCC 5:30 PM Contemplative Prayer 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	21 Women's Cursillo 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	22 Women's Cursillo 8:30 AM Mass	23 Women's Cursillo 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
24 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS <i>Anointing of the Sick at all Masses</i> SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING Women's Cursillo 9:30 AM Rel. Ed. Gr. K-2 12:00 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event 7:00 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Faith Lutheran	25 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine - SCC	26 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM New SCC 7:30 PM AA	27 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough - SCC	28 THANKSGIVING DAY 9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving	29 8:30 AM Mass	30 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS 6:30 PM Cursillo Christmas Party

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