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November 10th, 2019 - 32nd 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*

Brandon Vogt, *Director of Liturgy & Music*

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Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

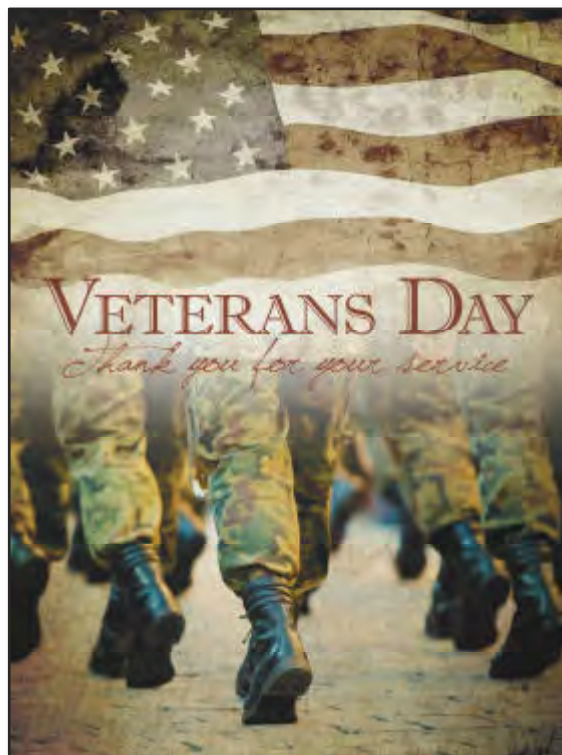
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MISSION STATEMENT

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. 11/11	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Mailing Party
	6:30 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
Tue. 11/12	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.	Children's Choir
	7:00 p.m.	New SCC
	7:30 p.m.	AA
Wed. 11/13	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	9:30 a.m.	Families in Faith
		Formation Committee
	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Social Justice
	5:30 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 11/14	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	9:30 a.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Tech Committee
Fri. 11/15		
Sat. 11/16	9:00 a.m.	Morning of Reflection
	10:00 a.m.	AA
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation - St. Mark
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 11/17		Gr. 9 Rite of Acceptance
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. K-2
	9:45 a.m.	First Eucharist
		Parent Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. 7 & 8

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 11/11	8:30 a.m.	John Troutman
Tue. 11/12	8:30 a.m.	John Spanitz (John & Irene Abbate)
Wed. 11/13	8:30 a.m.	Donald Hatheway (Fran Hatheway)
Thur. 11/14	8:30 a.m.	Deceased Member of the Morris Family (Ron Morris Family)
Fri. 11/15	8:30 a.m.	Robert Jones (Barb Jones)
Sat. 11/16	8:30 a.m.	Jim Bucklin (Lorraine Bucklin)
	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 11/17	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Kathleen & Thomas Loftus)
	11:00 a.m.	Mary Pfadt (Family)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 11/11	Wis 1:1-7	/ Lk 17:1-6
Tue. 11/12	Wis 2:23-3:9	/ Lk 17:7-10
Wed. 11/13	Wis 6:1-11	/ Lk 17:11-19
Thur. 11/14	Wis 7:22b-8:1	/ Lk 17:22b-8:1
Fri. 11/15	Wis 13:1-9	/ Lk 17:26-37
Sat. 11/16	Wis 18:14-16: 19:6-9	/ Lk 18:1-8
Sun. 11/17	Mal 3:19-20a	/ 2Thes 3:7-12 / Lk 21:5-19

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of November 3 2019

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	135	\$5,492.20
Faith Direct Deposits:	116	\$2,948.08
Loose Change:		\$ 201.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$8,641.28

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 **Andrea Maille**.



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

Lk 20:27-38



A mother and her seven sons serve as noble examples of innocent people who suffer torture or death at the hands of evil people. These martyrs resisted those who tried to make them give up their beliefs, and they remained faithful to God at the end. Before each one's death, they made a declaration of faith in God and in the hope of being restored to life.

Jesus suffered the fate of all who are unjustly wronged by the powers of the world. When those who wanted to put him to death tried to make his teaching on the resurrection look absurd, Jesus told them that they were the ones who were foolish. God is not the God of the dead. All who believe in God are alive in the resurrection of the righteous.

While justice is often lacking on earth, God hears the cry of the faithful, and they will behold the justice of God. God was not absent from the Holocaust. Nor is God indifferent in the earthquake, hurricane or flood. God grieves with the victims of war and violence. God is a loving parent, and this consolation strengthens us for every good work.

For Reflection: Pray with the newspaper in hand. What have I done for the cause of justice today?

Sunday Morning *C*A*F*E*

The last Sunday Morning CAFÉ of 2019 will be today, 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.



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 TODAY Nov. 10 at St. Mark the Evangelist Church. Your sponsor must be with you.



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.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

There will be a very important meeting for parents whose children are preparing for First Eucharist this spring. The meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 17 from 9:45-10:45 AM in Sperry Hall.



Getting Through the Holidays after Losing a Love One



Monday November 18 at 7pm. Sometimes the holidays can be a challenge when our family members are not there to celebrate with us. The family traditions can seem painful instead of joyful. Learn what you can do to make your loved ones remembered and present. You can also receive an encouraging email message every day for a year. Sign up at Griefshare.org. Questions contact Donna Clark.

Ladies Lunch

On Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 1:00pm at the Freeport Restaurant join other women who live alone. We laugh and have fun and enjoy each other's company. Questions? Call Donna Clark.



HELP WANTED Drivers Needed

Weekday trips to and from Erie, various times and days. Compensation provided. Contact Donna Clark in the parish office.



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.

Coat and Toy Collection - One Weekend ONLY



We are collecting coats, clothing and gently used toys for the Community Outreach Group on November 23 and 24. Items can be brought to the Gathering Space that weekend only. This will be the only collection time. The annual clothing distribution party is on Saturday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m. located at 453 West 16th St, Erie PA 16502. Any items not distributed are given to other local organizations and shelters for distribution to those in need. If you have any questions, you can call Tom Pearson at 814-450-7338.

Hands of Mercy - The Hands that Serve



Thank you participating in our ministry recommitment and ministry sign up. If you signed up for a new ministry expect a call or email from the ministry coordinator soon. If you have not had a chance to verify your ministries please call the parish office 899-5342 or e mail dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org to let us know what ministries you will continue.

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.

Question-of-the-Week

The winner of the Question-of-the-Week Contest for the week of Oct. 28 was J.T. Parente, Gr. 5, who knew that the 3rd commandment teaches us to keep the Lord's day holy. We do this by making Sunday a special day of prayer and celebrating the Mass.



Room Available

Looking for a non-smoking, non-drinking female to share a home near Rt 90 and Depot Rd. Bedroom with bathroom, large shared TV room with fireplace. \$400 per month includes utilities. Interested? Call Donna Clark in the parish office.



Used Medical Equipment?



Chosen International Medical Assistance will take used medical equipment. The cleaned, refurbished equipment is given to those in need, both at home and abroad. Wheelchairs,

walkers, transfer benches, shower chairs, canes, hospital beds, etc. They also collect diabetic and other medical supplies in their original packaging. Rolling walkers are in great demand. Questions about what is accepted contact jeff@chosenima.org or 833-3023. Bring to Chosen International located at 3638 West 26 St. 8am to 3pm M-F.

Smile for Our Lady of Mercy

To link to our Amazon Smile charity listing visit: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1563277>. If you shop Amazon please consider using Amazon Smile and naming "Our Lady of Mercy – Harborcreek" as your charity.



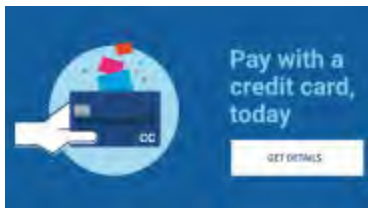
Hospital Visitation



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.

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Questions?

Contact Peggy Jacquell (814) 725-9869



CURSILLO CORNER

Calling all Cursillistas!

Please come to the Palanca Party on November 16th at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room. Let's join together to make the upcoming November Cursillo a memorable one for the candidates! All supplies and snacks provided. See you there! Any questions, please call Lois Heise 882-9555

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 women's Cursillo will be November 21-24, 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.

Cursillo Christmas Party

The Cursillo Christmas Party will take place right here at OLM on Saturday November 30 at 7:00 p.m.. You will be served 2 entrees, and we ask that you bring a dish to share. This is a BYOB event. Please RSVP to Janet at the Cursillo Office at 824-1119.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

This week, as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, we keep in our remembrance, those who have passed on. Our thoughts turn to those recognized by the Church as well as family, friends, and members of the public who have touched our lives. We remember too, those innocents whose lives have been taken by violence.

Every week, gun violence takes the lives of 700 people nationwide. In 2017, gun deaths reached their highest level since 1968, With 39,773 deaths by firearm, of which 23,854 were by suicide and 14,542 were homicides.

There have been multiple mass shootings - many involving school children. Other targets have been large public gatherings and church events. Mass shootings usually involve automatic or semi automatic weapons which greatly increase the number of injuries and fatalities. From 1994 to 2004, a nationwide assault weapons ban was in effect. During that time, the number of assault weapons used in crime declined by 65%. However, the ban was allowed to expire. In the interim, there have been many unsuccessful attempts to reinstate the ban.

As individuals and as a community, let us pray for those whose lives have been irreparably changed by violence. Let us also pray for our legislators, that they will respond to this problem by crafting common sense legislation.

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December 3, 2019

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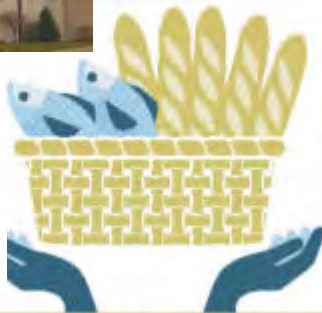
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You are invited to give to Our Lady of Mercy on **December 3rd** for the *#iGiveCatholic* initiative. It is an opportunity for us, in gratitude, to donate online to Our Lady of Mercy in memory of loved ones and family members.

Advanced giving is also accepted from **November 18th** to **December 2nd**.

To give, please visit:

<https://erie.igivecatholic.org/organizations/our-lady-of-mercy-parish-4b60a05f-7657-40cc-a47a-0bb8b871de44>

Getting Through the Holidays after Losing a Loved One

**Monday
Nov 18
7pm**

The family traditions around a holiday can seem painful instead of joyful.

You can receive an encouraging email message every day for a year. Sign up at Griefshare.org. Questions contact Donna Clark.

Learn about special rituals and creating new traditions for the family.

The Grief Ministry hosts a regular support group or works with people on an individual basis. To contact the Grief Ministry call Donna Clark in the parish office.

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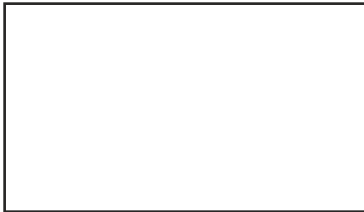
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