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January 26, 2020 - 3rd 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.

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. 01/27	5:30 p.m.	Sister Parish Committee
Tue. 01/28	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias
	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
	7:00 p.m.	Roman Candles
	7:30 p.m.	AA
Wed. 01/29	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
Thur. 01/30	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	9:30 a.m.	Potter's Clay
	1:00 pm.	Contemplative Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 01/31		
Sat. 02/01	10:00 a.m.	AA
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 02/02		Casserole Club Drop-Off
		Monthly Food Pantry Collection
	9:30 a.m.	Family Faith Event K-2
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	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 Donna Smicker.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 01/27	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10	/ Mk 3:22-30
Tue. 01/28	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19	/ Mk 3:31-35
Wed. 01/29	2 Sm 7:4-17	/ Mk 4:1-20
Thur. 01/30	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29	/ Mk 4:21-25
Fri. 01/31	2 Sm 11:1-10a, 13-17	/ Mk 4:26-34
Sat. 02/01	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17	/ Mk 4:35-41
Sun. 02/02	Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40	

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 01/27	8:30 a.m.	
Tue. 01/28	8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 01/29	8:30 a.m.	
Thur. 01/30	8:30 a.m.	Marlene Pirrello
Fri. 01/31	8:30 a.m.	Marie Wenzel (Family)
Sat. 02/01	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 02/02	8:30 a.m.	
	11:00 a.m.	George Martin (The Stephenson Family)

Question-of-the-Week

The winner of the Question-of-the-Week Contest for the week of Jan. 14 was Abby Still, Gr. 6, who could name several different types of prayer.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of January 19, 2020

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	88	\$3,084.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	117	\$3,059.08
Loose Change:		\$ 121.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$6,264.08

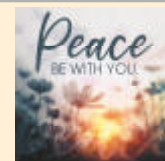
FROM THE RELIGIOUS ED. OFFICE

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

There will be a very important meeting for parents of children preparing for First Reconciliation. The meeting will be held TODAY Sunday, Jan. 26 at 9:45 in the Conference Room.

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

MATTHEW 4:12-23



At once they left their nets and followed him.

In a minute - I'll be their shortly - Call you later - I'll get back to you - Not now, I'm too busy. In our relationships as parents, spouses, colleagues, and friends, how often do we use these phrases? It is very easy for us to act with urgency when it comes to our own concerns, while convincing ourselves that what others ask of us is just not as important or pressing.

Imagine Simon, Andrew, James and John along seashore working as fishermen. Jesus approaches them and says, "Come after me..." They respond, "At once" and "Immediately." Can we imagine them saying to Jesus, "I'll get back to you" or "Not now, I'm too busy"? They could not possibly have known what their decision to follow Jesus would require of them, or how it would touch their lives, but still they followed.

In the same way, we are called to put aside our own concerns to follow the Lord.

The apostles had no idea how following Jesus would change their lives, and neither do we. Our faith becomes an adventure. The Lord is always calling. Will we respond immediately and walk at his side?

For Reflection: Is faith for me an adventure? Does it fill me with a sense of urgency and anticipation?

Family Faith Event

The families with children in the Sunday morning religious education class are reminded that we have our Family Faith Event on **Sunday, Feb. 2**. This is an opportunity for the entire family to share an experience of learning together. The Family Faith Event is the same time as our regular religious education class, 9:30-10:45. We will gather in Sperry Hall.



Full-time or Part-time Youth Minister needed at

Our Lady of Mercy, St. Mark

The parishes of Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek, and St. Mark the Evangelist, Lawrence Park, are seeking an energetic, creative

person dedicated to working with teens as a youth minister. For full details, go to <https://www.eriescd.org/employment.html>.



Family Movie Night

Mark your calendar for a Family Movie Night on **Saturday, Feb. 8** at 7:00 PM. Bring your comfy pillow, wear your jammies, and meet us in the large classroom for a night at the movies.



Mission Trip Fundraiser - Gift Basket Bingo

What: Gift basket bingo When: **Feb 8, 12-4** doors open at **11am**. Where: St. James Place For who: The youth Mission trip for St. James/St. Marks/Our Lady of Mercy Cost: \$20 a Ticket Contact: Maggie Santiago 490-4275



Sunday Morning *C*A*F*E*

Mark your calendar for the first Sunday Morning *C*A*F*E* on **Sunday Feb. 9** from 9:45-10:45. Join us as those who recently traveled to Peto, Mexico share their stories of our sister parish.



Newsletter Mailing Party

Can you lend a hand folding newsletters and stuffing envelopes? We will have a Newsletter Mailing Party at **9:00 AM Monday, Feb. 10**. Coffee and treats will be provided. Please let Irene Lucas know if you can help: 899-6132 or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.



Widows Dinner

Walking the grief journey is easier with companions. Join us for fellowship at Ricardo's on 2112 East Lake Road at **4:30pm on Friday February 7**. Questions? Call Donna Clark.



OLM Book Group

O the weather outside may be frightful, but it is perfect for a good book. Join the OLM Book Group for a cozy evening of book talk with book lovers. On **Feb. 19**, you are invited to the home of Irene, 1019 Bartlett Rd. at 7:00 to discuss What Alice Forgot by Lianne Moriarty. Want to read ahead? Our March book will be The Life You Bury by Allen Eskens.



Parish Mardi Gras



Last year's Sister Parish Mardi Gras celebration was a huge success raising over \$2,000 for our sister parish in Mexico. This year's Mardi Gras on **Feb. 22** is going to be even better! There will be a taco bar dinner, beer, wine and pop, tip boards and 50/50, a homemade beer, wine and salsa taste-off, a murder mystery. And a reverse raffle for the grand prize of \$500. The \$10 ticket covers your food, drinks, entertainment and entry into the reverse raffle. Tickets are available after Masses or in the Faith Formation Office during the week. Sign up to enter the wine, beer or salsa taste-off on the easel in the Gathering Space.

Parish Alive

Give yourself the gift this Christmas. Register to make Parish Alive on **Feb. 28-29**. The gift of a deeper relationship with Christ is the best gift you could ever receive. Registration forms and more information can be found at the parish website and on the bulletin tables.



Faith on the Go with Formed.org

Our Lady of Mercy has a subscription to formed.org. Stream movies, read audio and eBooks, do a Scripture study, entertain the kids, listen to inspiring talks and so much more. Go to formed.org and sign-up with a parish subscription. All you need is our parish name and your email. This gift has been made available to you through a grant from the Catholic Educational Foundation of Northwestern Pennsylvania.



Paper Crafters Needed

Fr. Ritchie has some pictures he would like put in a scrapbook. Please contact Teresa Shamburg at 879-8622 or shamtacc@roadrunner.com if you are interested in helping.



T.O.P.S. Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Weight loss support group
First week is free
Wednesdays in the OLM Conference Room
Weight in from 10:45-11:20
Meeting 11:30-12:15
Call Janet at 725-5079 for more information.



Healing Our Faith

Monday February 10 at 7pm in the parlor.
 This prayerful healing session will help us move:
 †from fear of God to an experience of God’s Love
 †from anger and resentment to pardon and compassion
 †from hurt because of abuse to forgiveness
 †from painful memories to peace of mind

Our life journey can be full of twists and turns that sometimes cause us anger, frustration and pain. How do we get back on track, moving towards love instead of away from it? Know someone . . . who is struggling with church or faith? Who feels hurt or is angry with God, himself or herself or a minister of the church? Invite them to this prayer session **Monday, February 10 at 7pm**. This session will allow us to process our hurts in a prayerful environment and take a step towards healing and forgiveness.

Questions Call Donna Clark, Pastoral Minister 899-5342. 814-303-9282 for a confidential conversation.



CURSILLO CORNER



2020 Cursillo Dates

March 19-22nd Men’s Cursillo #251 at OLM
 April 16-19th Women’s Cursillo #258 at OLM
 Start making plans for life’s best weekend!
 Lois Heise would love to talk to you about Cursillo and how it can change your life! Call Lois at 882-9555.

Attention Cursillistas!

Please come to a Town Hall Meeting on **February 4th from 6-7:30 pm** in the large classroom. The topic is Cursillo Revitalization. We **NEED** your input about speaking to the current culture and dwindling energy of the Cursillo movement . PLEASE join us!

SOCIAL JUSTICE



January opened with the annual celebration of the International World Day of Peace. During these days of the Season of Christmas, we rejoice that God took on our nature and entered our world as a vulnerable baby. Our hearts are gladdened by the laughter of children, their delight in the Christmas lights and Santa’s surprises. But, the celebration of the International Day of Peace reminds us that for many of the world’s children, pain, fear, hunger and trauma marks this season as it marks most of their days. As we begin 2020 with a commitment to work for peace in the world, let the cries of the children inspire us to action.

On the 50th anniversary of the founding of UNICEF, the United Nations published a report which chronicled the toll of war on children in the 20th century. The decade that brought that century to a close saw the following impact of war on the most vulnerable members of the human race, our children.

- 2 million killed;
- 4-5 million disabled;
- 12 million left homeless;
- more than 1 million orphaned or separated from their parents;
- some 10 million psychologically traumatized.”

The most recent report of the World Food Program reveals a close link between armed conflict and hunger. More than 56 million people faced starvation in 2018, the vast majority of these were living in nations at war.

As hunger and conflict fuel one another, the recent proliferation of conflicts has reversed several decades of progress fighting global hunger. Today, people living in conflict-stricken areas make up 60 percent of the world’s 815 million chronically hungry. They are more than twice as likely to be undernourished than those living in countries at peace.

February Birthdays

3 Feb	Kathryn Lucas	17
9 Feb	Cooper Benson	10
10 Feb	Hunter Shoop	15
10 Feb	Brennan Murphy	15
11 Feb	Samuel Massella	4
11 Feb	Dean Massella	4
18 Feb	Patrick Gotham	18
18 Feb	Sydney Kisiel	14
19 Feb	Ziek Moreno	17
19 Feb	Jaden Rocco	16
21 Feb	Calum Baker	1
24 Feb	Colin Gerrans	5
26 Feb	Blake Nguyen	10
28 Feb	Kinsley Durst	1



We Remember...

June Griffin, aunt of Beth Stephenson.

Please hold them and their families in prayer during this difficult time.

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Rel. Ed. Gr. K-2 11:00 AM Gr. 6 Class Mass 12:00 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event 6:00 PM Religious Ed. Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	27 8:30 AM Mass 5:30 PM Sister Parish 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine	28 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias 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 7:00 PM Roman Candles 7:30 PM AA	29 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough	30 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Potter's Clay 1:00 PM Contemplative Prayer 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	31 8:30 AM Mass	1 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
2 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Family Faith Event Gr. K-2 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 12:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8	3 8:30 AM Mass	4 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias 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 Meeting 6:00 PM Cursillo Town Hall 7:00 PM Pastoral Council 7:30 PM AA	5 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 7:00 PM Parish Alive Team Mtg	6 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Potter's Clay 1:00 PM Contemplative Prayer 3:00 PM Social Justice Committee 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	7 8:30 AM Mass	8 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS 7:00 PM Family Movie Night
9 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Rel. Ed. Gr. K-2 9:45 AM Sunday Morning CAFE 12:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8	10 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Newsletter Mailing Party 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine 7:00 PM Healing Our Faith	11 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias 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 Roman Candles 7:30 PM AA	12 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 7:00 PM AGIFT Meeting Knights of Columbus	13 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Potter's Clay 1:00 PM Contemplative Prayer 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	14 8:30 AM Mass	15 SCC 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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23 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Rel. Ed. Gr. K-2 11:00 AM Gr. 5 Class Mass 12:00 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Retreat	24 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Fruit of the Vine	25 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Rel. Ed Gr. 3-6 7:00 PM Roman Candles 7:30 PM AA	26 ASH WED 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 7:00 PM Mass	27 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:30 AM Potter's Clay 1:00 PM Contemplative Prayer 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	28 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 PM Parish Alive 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross	29 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Angels in Training 9:00 AM Parish Alive 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS

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