

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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May 31st, 2020 - Pentecost Sunday

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass will resume June 1st and Weekend Mass will resume June 6th/7th.
Covid-19 protocols apply.

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*

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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

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Just a reminder that although parishioners are not here, our bills still are. Please consider supporting by mailing your envelopes or dropping them off at the Parish Office.

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 490-9681



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 06/01	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14	/ Jn 19:25-34
Tue. 06/02	2 Pt 3:12-15 a, 17-18	/ Mk 12:13-17
Wed. 06/03	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12	/ Mk 12:18-27
Thur. 06/04	2 Tm 2:8-15	/ Mk 12:28-34
Fri. 06/05	2 Tm 3:10-17	/ Mk 12:35-37
Sat. 06/06	2 Tm 4:1-8	/ Mk 12:38-44
Sun. 06/07	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9	/ 2 Cor 13:11-13
		/ Jn 3:16-18

SPECIAL COLLECTION'S UPDATE

Pope Francis has moved the Peter's Pence Collection, for this year, from June 27-28 to the October 3-4. If any of you submitted donations earlier, they will be applied to the collection monies contributed in October. We will keep you informed if there are other changes in special collections this year.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/01	8:30 a.m.	
Tue. 06/02	8:30 a.m.	Frances Somolani (Carol & Jim Perrotto)
Wed. 06/03	8:30 a.m.	Shirley Amendola (Janet Smith)
Thur. 06/04	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 06/05	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 06/06	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	Carolyn Charney (Donna Rosenquest)
Sun. 06/07	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Spiegel Family (The Spiegel Family)

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



SAINT PETER

(Parental Guidance Recommended)

As a dedicated follower of Christ, Peter spreads the message of the Gospel across the land. As the tension between Christians and Romans grows throughout the film, Peter and Paul meet and join together in preaching about Christ.

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THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

JOHN 20:19-23

"Receive the Holy Spirit."

Walk across any college campus, and you will notice shortcuts forged across the lawn by hurried students and joggers. I wonder: Why didn't the architects design the most effective route from the beginning?

I wonder, in daily life, why do we not choose the better route? Why do we allow ourselves to be distracted from God's way? Why do we get mired in petty conflicts? Why do we not recognize Jesus' gift of peace?

When Jesus appeared to his fearful disciples, he proclaimed what had been accomplished through his death and resurrection: "shalom," perfect reconciliation with his Father for all the world, prosperity through fullness of life in God. The peace of Christ forges a path through every obstacle. It is not a short cut, nor is it the easiest route, but it is the most direct and lasting path to happiness.

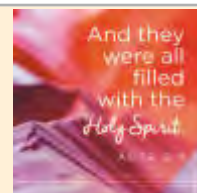
Having proclaimed his peace, Jesus showed them his wounds. And breathing the Spirit on them, he said, "Forgive."

If we look at his wounds and feel the breath of his Spirit warming our faces, we will not take lightly the gift of peace. And we will forgive.

Are the paths we forge worth of his gift?

Reflection: *Does the path I am on lead to peace?*

Bishop J. Peter Sartain





SOCIAL JUSTICE

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought racial inequality out of the shadows. According to the CDC, Black Americans are dying of COVID-19 at a rate 3 times higher than White Americans. The CDC sites a number of reasons for this racial disparity. Black Americans live in more densely populated neighborhoods due to segregation which makes social isolation more challenging. They are disproportionately represented in front line jobs such as bus drivers, grocery store clerks and nursing assistants. They are under employed in jobs that allow for working from home. Black Americans have a higher amount of preexisting health conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure. According to the CDC, lack of grocery stores and hospitals in predominantly black neighborhoods is a primary contributing factor to these conditions. Further, systemic and historic discrimination in the health care system has resulted in wide spread mistrust of the medical system by blacks. Black and Latino Americans are also disproportionately harmed by the economic downturn resulting from COVID-19. According to government statistics, the unemployment rate for whites in April soared to just above 14%, for blacks it was over 16% and for Latinos it reached nearly 19%. Because Latinos and blacks were the last to benefit from the economic gains of the past decade, they are disproportionately represented in entry level jobs among the lowest paid workers. Because of this, they lack the savings needed to weather an economic storm.

OLM Book Group

Join us on Wednesday, June 17 at the home of Donna Huff for a discussion of The Huntress by Kate Quin.



Stan's Garden Center



Again this June Stan's Garden center will donate 10% of what you purchase to Our Lady of Mercy. You just need to mention Our Lady of Mercy.

Sign up for Faith Direct

Looking for a more direct way to support Our Lady of Mercy rather than mailing your envelope or dropping it off at the parish office? Sign up for Faith Direct, our church's online giving platform. You can find the link to Faith Direct on our website. To get us through this time of social distancing you can make a one-time donation or sign up for recurring donations. Signing up for regular donations helps us by the consistency of your support, helps you by the convenience, and helps both of us by reducing our printing and mailing costs.



Get the bulletin in your In-Box



Bulletins

To receive an e mail with the weekly bulletin sign up at: <https://parishesonline.com/find/our-lady-of-mercy-church-16421> You can also sign up by going through the bulletin page on our parish website.

STAY CONNECTED

LIKE THE NEW YOUTH MINISTRY FACEBOOK PAGE! (ST. MARK AND OUR LADY OF MERCY YOUTH MINISTRY)

INSTAGRAM PAGE COMING SOON!!!

REOPENING OF PUBLIC MASSES



On Thursday evening, Bishop Persico, the shepherd of the Diocese of Erie, hosted a Town Hall meeting in which he shared his plan for the gradual reopening of public Masses within the Diocese. In this meeting, the Bishop shared not only his joy about resuming public Mass, but also his fears and concerns.

And so, with both happiness and caution, and in accord with the protocols given by the Bishop, Our Lady of Mercy will resume daily Mass on **Monday, June 1 at 8:30 a.m.** (in the primary worship space). Sunday Masses will resume the weekend of **June 6/7**. Live-streamed Mass on Sunday will remain in place.

The parish staff will be diligently and prudently working in the next few weeks to be properly ready for our homecoming. We are overjoyed to be able to gather to worship in person, but Mass will be very different than what we are accustomed to. We pray for patience, support, and kindness toward each other as we enter this uncharted phase as one spiritual family.

Those interested in watching Bishop Lawrence Persico's May 21 town hall Zoom meeting may access it through a banner at www.ErieRCD.org.




There will be much more information in the coming weeks; please stay tuned.

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June Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Sarah Sweet -16	4	5	6 Bella Infantino -14
7 Jonathan Traphagen -10 Jacob Traphagen -10	8 Amelia Bernatowicz -10 Raegan Bradley -10 Isaac Deemer -18	9	10	11	12 Estella Beckman -8 Benjamin Vahey -11 Natalie Gunther -16	13 Miles Lewandowski -2
14 McKenzie Skarzenski -15	15 Kaylin Still -9 Macy Holden -5	16	17	18 Sophie Bleil -13	19	20 Nathan Ford -9 Jocelyn Ollinger -17
21 Addison Kelly -4	22 Kaden Pinetti -12	23	24 Cameron Williamson -17	25	26 Sarah Dorosch -14	27 Joel Skarzenski -12 Kendra Novosel -17
28	29 Maddox Stadler -17 David Parente -10	30				

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