

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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## June 14th 2020 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

### MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday and Weekend Mass has resumed with the following schedule and covid-19 protocols in place:

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*

Brandon Vogt, *Director of Liturgy & Music*

Katie Stephenson, *Administrative Assistant*

Sarah Phipps, *Youth Minister*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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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](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Though we are able to gather as a parish community, we understand some will continue to worship from home.

Please consider supporting Our Lady of Mercy 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. 06/15	1 Kgs 21:1-16	/ Mt 5:38-42
Tue. 06/16	1 Kgs 21:17-29	/ Mt 5:43-48
Wed. 06/17	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14	/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thur. 06/18	Sir 48:1-14	/ Mt 6:7-15
Fri. 06/19	Dt 7:6-11 / 1 Jn 4:7-16	/ Mt 11:25-30
Sat. 06/20	2 Chr 24:17-25	/ Lk 2:41-51
Sun. 06/21	Jer 20:10-13	/ Rom 5:12-15 / Mt 10:26-33

## *We Remember...*

Robert Zadach, brother of  
Carol Bucklin;  
who passed away recently.

Please hold his family in prayer  
during this difficult time.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/15	8:30 a.m.	Theodore Ritchie
Tue. 06/16	8:30 a.m.	John Covley
Wed. 06/17	8:30 a.m.	Bob Polatas (Janet Smith)
Thur. 06/18	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 06/19	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 06/20	8:30 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
	6:00 p.m.	For All Fathers -Living and Deceased
Sun. 06/21	8:30 a.m.	For All Fathers -Living and Deceased
	11:00 a.m.	For All Fathers -Living and Deceased

## WELCOME HOME

We welcome home Fr. Leo Gallina. As you know Fr. Leo has been helping at Our Lady of Mercy since August of 2011. For this past year he has been administering another parish at the request of Bishop Persico. We are pleased to welcome Fr. Leo home to Our Lady of Mercy.



## THANK YOU



A little over a year ago, when we were returning from the Holy Land, we were talking about Fr. Leo leaving and I said to Msgr. Brugger, "what are you doing next weekend?" He said "nothing". And I asked if he would be willing to fill in. Msgr. Brugger said "yes" and he has been filling in ever since. Msgr. Brugger, the Community of Our Lady of Mercy thanks you for your generosity, your presence and your help. May God bless you for your kindness.

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### JOHN 6:51-58

"The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The bread that Jesus gives us is his life. Too often we think of it as only his death. John knows so well that Jesus is risen that even Jesus on the cross can be seen as an exaltation of the risen Christ.

So, too, is the shared bread and cup that proclaim his death. They, too, are the risen Christ. It is not just to be in God's good graces that we eat and drink this meal. It is to have within us the very life that is Jesus, risen from the dead. And to what purpose? That we might live forever? Absolutely so! But still more is meant.

The life that he gives, he gives us now. It is not just a promise of a life to come, but the gift of a life we are to be living now. It is, however, a life to give away, just as he does. It is for the life of the world that he gives his flesh to us for eating. We are now his life and so we, too, must be food, a food that brings life to the world.

Reflection: How will I celebrate God's gift of life this week? How can I become food for others?

Clifford Yeary



## Scripture Study

We started a new Scripture Study on Thursday, June 4 @ 11:00 gathering through zoom. It is not too late to join us. We are discussing the Gospel of Mark. We will be listening to the lectures by Dr. Tim Gray on formed.org (2 per week) prior to each session <https://watch.formed.org/lectio-mark-with-dr-tim-gray>. Our Lady of Mercy has a parish subscription to formed.org. If you have not yet used this subscription, this is a good excuse. Contact the parish if you have any difficulty accessing the parish free subscription. If you want to be part of this Scripture Study, email Irene [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) for the link.



## Grief Support



The monthly grief support group will meet This Monday June 15, at 7pm. This is the regularly scheduled evening meeting on the third Monday of the month. We will maintain social

distance and we ask everyone to wear a Mask. Contact Donna Clark in the parish office 899-5342 or at [dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org) with questions about details for the gathering.

## OLM Book Group

Join us on Wednesday, June 17 @ 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kay Kaeberlein at 190 Kraus Drive. We will discuss The Huntress by Kate Quin.



## 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

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.



## Hospital visitations



We are still unable to send any of our parish visitors to the hospitals. However, we would like to continue to minister to people who have had a hospital stay. So please let us know if you know of parishioners who are in the hospital.

## Thank you for Smiling for Our Lady of Mercy

Thanks to our OLM Amazon shoppers, we just received our largest ever Amazon Smile donation. We understand many of you are relying on Amazon during this pandemic. We thank you for thinking of Our Lady of Mercy during these hard times. If you would like 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.



## Crisis Hotlines



If you are in crisis and need help immediately, please consult one of the following toll-free national hotlines or contact your local police or emergency services. All hotlines are free.

### [Childhelp \(1.800.4ACHILD\)](https://www.childhelp.org/)

Provides 24/7 assistance in 170 languages to adults, children and youth with information and questions regarding child abuse. All calls are anonymous and confidential.

### [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline \(1.800.273.TALK\)](https://www.suicideline.org/)

Support and assistance 24/7 for anyone feeling depressed, overwhelmed or suicidal.

### [National Domestic Violence Hotline \(1.800.799.SAFE\)](https://www.thehotline.org/)

National call center refers to local resources; Spanish plus 160 other languages available; no caller ID used.

### [National Sexual Assault Hotline \(1.800.656.HOPE\)](https://www.rainn.org/)

(Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network - RAINN) Nationwide referrals for specialized counseling and support groups. Hotline (1.800.656.4673) routes calls to local sex assault crisis centers for resources and referrals. Spanish available.

### [National Parent Helpline \(1.855.4A.PARENT\)](https://www.parentline.org/)

Helpline for parent and caregiver support.

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Save the Dates for a photo session with your family for our parish picture book. The pictures will be taken at the church. The two sessions are **August 3 to 10** and **September 21 to 26**. Sign-ups for photo appointments start on **June 20<sup>th</sup>**. Volunteers are needed for Publicity Coordinator, Sign-up Volunteers Coordinator, Online sign-up Coordinator, Greeter Coordinator and Telephone Committee Coordinator. If you'd like to volunteer as coordinator for one of these committees, please call **Karen Sweeney at 814-323-1890** or call the office. I will then fill you in on how many volunteers you will need and for what dates and times. Thanks!



## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Last week in this column, we learned about racial disparities during the COVID-19 crisis caused by long-standing systemic inequalities. Within that information, we learned about the front-line jobs held by many people of color. These jobs, which are now deemed as “essential” include, grocery store clerks, nursing assistants, delivery drivers and factory workers. They have been placed at great risk and have, rightfully, earned our thanks and praise. However, their reality has never been easy. Working conditions often include low pay, lack of sick/vacation pay and inadequate access to health care. One tenet of Catholic Social Teaching concerns the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. People have the right to decent and fair wages and the respect of their rights as workers. We can make a difference in the lives of these workers who were already disrespected before the current crises. The U. S. House of Representatives has passed a bill, dubbed the HEROES Act, which would increase the availability of health care, housing, nutrition, and paid leave to all. It would be a start towards improving the lives of our “essential” workers. However, we need to continue that work after the pandemic and ensure that all workers earn a livable wage with sick/vacation pay and adequate health insurance. In the meantime, please contact your Senators and ask them to pass the HEROES Act and help our sisters and brothers in need. (Senator Casey: 202-224-6324 and Senator Toomey: 202-224-4254).

## 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.

### 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.



## Avoid coronavirus scams

To avoid coronavirus scams, take a few minutes to watch videos from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). To access the 20-second videos, go to <https://www.eriecrd.org/Computer-Security-Awareness-Training.html> and click the June 8 link. The videos will help you stay safe and informed.



# FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



## PRESENCE

### The Story of the Eucharist

Jesus' teachings and actions throughout his ministry prepare for the moment he offers himself for, and to, each of us, fulfilling his promise that "My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed" (John 6:55).

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