

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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June 21, 2020 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*

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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

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. 06/22	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 / Mt 7:1-5
Tue. 06/23	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 / Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wed. 06/24	Is 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26 / Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thur. 06/25	2 Kgs 24:8-17 / Mt 7:21-29
Fri. 06/26	2 Kgs 25:1-12 / Mt 8:1-4
Sat. 06/27	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 / Mt 8:5-17
Sun. 06/28	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a / Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 / Mt 10:37-42

We Remember...

Norm Schlosser, who passed away recently.

Please hold his family in prayer during this difficult time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/22	8:30 a.m.	Special Intentions for Rebecca Gang (Dan Ott)
Tue. 06/23	8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 06/24	8:30 a.m.	Eileen Cunningham
Thur. 06/25	8:30 a.m.	Dorothy Covely
Fri. 06/26	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 06/27	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 06/28	8:30 a.m.	Rod Haynes (Sue Haynes)
	11:00 a.m.	Willy Skeel (Janet Smith)

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

MATTHEW 10:26-33

"...and do not be afraid."

The gospel today recounts Jesus' words of encouragements to his twelve handpicked disciples. To this point in the Gospel of Matthew, they have been called to follow him, have heard his teaching, and seen his healings and exorcisms. Now, Jesus prepares the Twelve themselves to teach and preach. Matthew does not tell us about the successes or failures of these apostles, perhaps because at the time in the gospel results are not as consequential as listening ears and willing hearts.

Because they are to fear nothing, the disciples must speak in the light what they hear in the darkness and to "proclaim on the housetops" what they hear whispered.

The Lord's teaching, though special and powerful, is not meant for dark corners and quiet whispers. It's not meant only for Sunday sermons beneath the roofs of our churches or rooms of our Scripture studies. The gospel message needs the light and air of our offices, our homes and schools. The gospel thrives in the everyday life of ordinary time because people who embrace what Jesus teaches bravely proclaim in word and deed that the gospel is relevant.

Reflection: What situations in the week ahead might call for courage in word or deed? How can Jesus become a greater source of courage for me?

David LeSieur



Scripture Study


It is not too late to join us. We will continue our discussion of the Gospel of Mark using the 7th & 8th videos in the lecture series by Dr. Tim Gray. We will meet via zoom at 11:00 AM on Thursday morning We are discussing the Gospel of Mark. We will be listening to the lectures by Dr. Tim Gray on [formed.org](https://watch.formed.org/lectio-mark-with-dr-tim-gray) (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 lucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org for the link.



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Book Group

OLM Book Group

Join us on Wednesday, July 15 @ 7:00 PM. The July title will be announced in next week's bulletin.

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.





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.eriecd.org/Computer-Security-Awareness-Training.html> and click the June 8 link. The videos will help you stay safe and informed.

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.

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).



SMILE

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 20th**. 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!

SMILE

Prayer for *Father's Day*

God our Father,
We give you thanks and praise
for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers,
newly embracing their vocation;
May they find courage and perseverance
to balance work, family and faith
in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for Fathers around the world
whose children are lost or suffering;
May they know that the God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide us
with fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfathers,
and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.

Amen.



**May God bless all father's,
living and deceased,
as we remember them
in a special way
this weekend.**

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



LUKAS STORYTELLER

In our newest kids addition, Lukas and his old friend Noah, a turtle survivor of Noah's Ark, gather and tell the greatest stories of Jesus and all the Saints that Lukas met through the ages.

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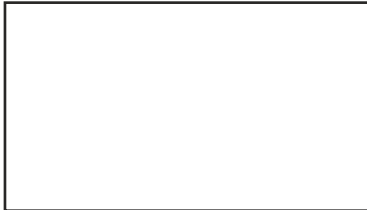
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