

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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August 2, 2020 - 18th 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*

Katie Stephenson, *Administrative Assistant*

Sarah Phipps, *Youth Minister*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

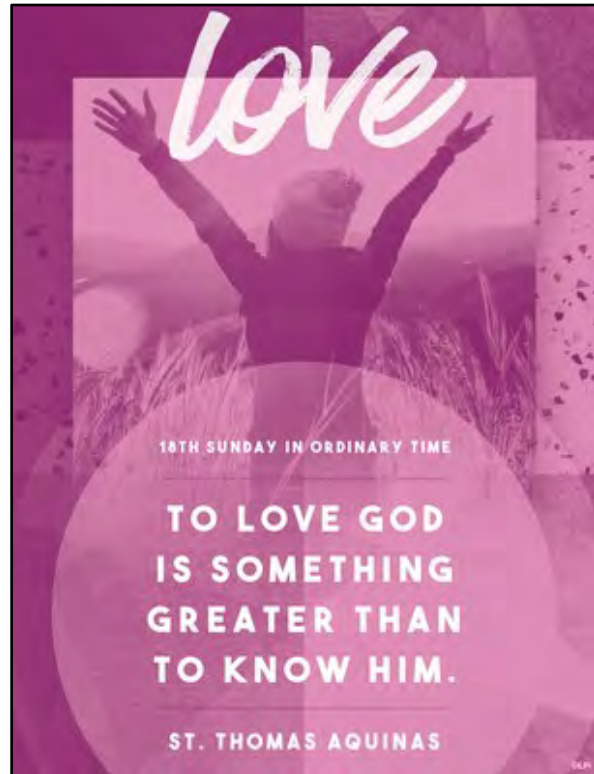
CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of July 26, 2020

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	43	\$2,397.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	131	\$3,413.20
Loose Change:		\$ 42.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$5,852.20

We Remember...

Michael Maille, John Yochim,
father of Pat Marshall, and
Sister Mary Daniel Meahl O.S.B.,
former Music Director at our Parish;
who passed away recently.

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

*In Loving
Memory*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 08/03	Jer 28:1-17	/ Mt 14:22-36
Tue. 08/04	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22	
		/ Mt 14:22-6
Wed. 08/05	Jer 31:1-7	/ Mt 15:21-28
Thur. 08/06	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	/ 2 Pt 1:16-19
		/ Mt 17:1-9
Fri. 08/07	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7	/ Mt 16:24-28
Sat. 08/08	Hb 1:12-2:4	/ Mt 17:14-20
Sun. 08/09	1Kgs 19:9-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33	

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 08/03	8:30 a.m.	Hilbert Jordan (Sandy Jordan)
Tue. 08/04	8:30 a.m.	John Burick (The Painting Class)
Wed. 08/05	8:30 a.m.	
Thur. 08/06	8:30 a.m.	Chet Szymecki (Ed Lacastro)
Fri. 08/07	8:30 a.m.	Joe MacKrell
Sat. 08/08	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Chris Plonski (Barb Jones)
Sun. 08/09	8:30 a.m.	Frances Somolani (Janet Smith)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People Of OLM

 **Smile!** 

Parish Directory photos will be taken the week of August 9th-15th.

CANCELLED!

Sign Up Now

online at <https://bookknow.com/appointments/plus.com/ch4nndjv/>

Or call the Parish Office during office hours.

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



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION



MATTHEW 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.

It's been said that being satisfied is not about having all we want but about wanting and appreciating all we have.

Bread and fish were fairly basic elements for a meal around Galilee, regularly accessible even for peasants. What engages us in this account of miraculous abundance is that Jesus recognized their hunger, wanted to address their need in a practical way, and used even dried fish and bread for a profound purpose. Were the people satisfied because they were used to such simple fare? At least they would have enough sustenance to stay on and listed to Jesus. Would that have satisfied them?

Or were they satisfied because of the generosity and caring that was displayed on their behalf? Were they satisfied because the food was a sign of a kingdom that nourishes even those who come unprepared?

When we consume the food that Jesus offers us - the Eucharist, the Word, and even simple signs of life and goodness - we have to be willing to pause and register that gift of sheer satisfaction, the satisfaction that comes not so much from the provisions as from the provider.

Reflection: During this week, I will consider the many ways that God satisfies my hungers. In what ways can I make room for gratitude?

Cackie Upchurch

Scripture Study

Join us for a Scripture Study on Mary beginning **Thursday, July 23 at 11:00 a.m.** August 15 is the feast of the Assumption of Mary, so this is a perfect time to reflect on her witness and her role in the Church through the centuries. All are welcome to join our virtual study beginning Thursday, July 23. Prior to each gathering, participants are asked to view one of the lectures by Dr. Brant Pitre on [formed.org](https://watch.formed.org/lectio-mary-with-dr-brant-pitre), <https://watch.formed.org/lectio-mary-with-dr-brant-pitre>



When we gather in our Zoom room, we will discuss what we learned. To get the Zoom link each week, email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org. If you have not yet explored the parish subscription to formed.org, signing up is easy. Go to <https://formed.org>. Click on "sign up". Choose "sign up as parish or organization". Search for Our Lady of Mercy Harborcreek. It is that simple. If you have any problems, contact the parish office.

Ladies' Lunch



Save the date for the next Luncheon for women who live alone. **Thursday August 6 at 1:00 p.m.** If people are comfortable we will go to the Harborview Grill. If it is still not wise to have a gathering in a public

restaurant we will again meet in the church for a dine in experience.

Mailing Party

There will be a mailing party on **Monday, Aug. 10 at 9:00 a.m.** in Sperry Hall. Anyone who can help prepare the newsletter for the mail should call **899-6132** or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.



OLM Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, August 19 @ 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Donna Huff 4517 N. Woods Dr. to discuss The River by Peter Heller. Our September title will be Olive Again by Elizabeth Strout.



Sunset Mass

We will have our annual end-of-the-summer Sunset Mass on **August 16 at 7:00**. We will be in a new location this year. Because of COVID concerns, we do not have access to Glinodo, but Faith Lutheran Church 5414 E. Lake Road has graciously offered to host us in their outdoor worship area. Benches are available, but you are encouraged to bring your own lawn chair. There will be NO cookies afterward because of COVID restrictions.



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New AV Ministry needs people to help.

We are working on our permanent camera and video system so we can continue to live stream Mass. We are looking for people who would love to learn how to work the camera and sound system for our livestream. Interested? Please contact Donna Clark in the parish office. Or dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechist Needed

Due to COVID, we will have to offer faith formation remotely this year. We need help to make that happen. We need volunteers willing to work with youth on the 6th grade level and on the 1st grade level. We also need adults willing to provide current clearances and complete the on-line child protection in-service who would log into an on-line class to fulfill the diocesan requirement mandating 2 adults present when we work with youth on a conferencing platform. If you are willing to help this year, please contact **Irene** at **899-6132** or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

Religious Education Registration

In an attempt to create the safest environment for everyone, religious education registration will be conducted by mail this year. Families who were registered for religious education in 2019-2020 school year will receive their registration form in the mail in early August. To register children, parents are asked to update, sign and return all forms. A letter will accompany these forms describing how we will handle faith formation this year. Families registering for the first time will be able to download the registration form from the parish website. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS



Documentation for Safety

Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All employees, volunteers and clergy in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

Feeling Isolated?

Are you feeling isolated from the community? Coming to church might have been part of your pattern for social interaction and now you may not feel safe returning yet because of your age or health situation. We can make a pastoral visit to our older parishioners. Please call Donna Clark in the Parish Office.



Job Opening



Barbs Care-A-Lot is hiring a cook! They are looking for someone to come in from 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday to cook meals for the children. If you are interested, please call the day care at 899-9254.

2020 OLM Non-Festival Update

Thank you for your Donations!

Thank you to all who participated in this years "Non-Festival" raffle. It is because of you, that I am proud to say, this was the "Best Non-Festival Ever!"

Congratulations to our Non-Festival Winners!

- Afghan Char & Joe Chmielewski
- Quilt..... Crystal Lander
- TV William & Aimee McKinney
- \$1,000..... Candy Henry



SOCIAL JUSTICE



O God of All the Nations

O God of all the nations, your ancient prophets saw that kings and institutions are not above the law.

Integrity is precious, and truth will one day stand;

Your way is peace and justice, and love is your command.

O God, when times are troubled, when lies are seen as truth,

When power-hungry people draw praise and not reproof,

When greed is seen as greatness, when justice is abused,

We pray that those who lead us will know what they must choose.

We pray they'll gather wisdom and lift up high ideals,

To guide our struggling nation along a path that heals.

We pray they'll have the vision to value each good law,

To put aside ambition, to seek the best for all.

O God of all the nations, may those who lead us see that justice is your blessing, that truth will set us free.

Give all of us the courage to seek the nobler way,

So in this land we cherish, the good will win the day.

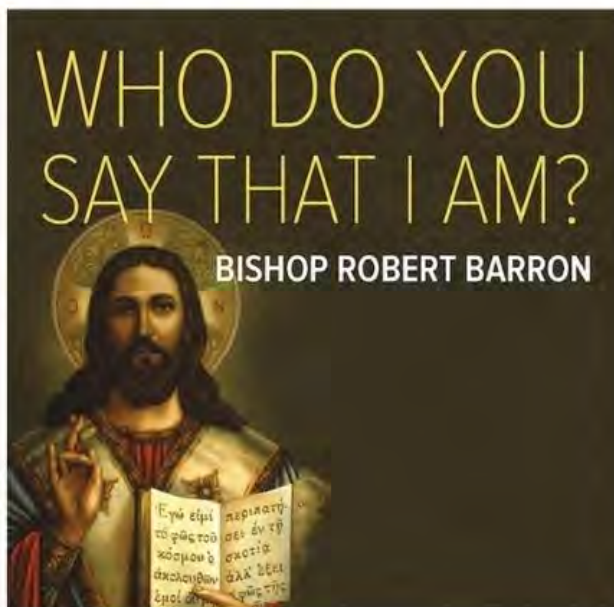
Tune: Traditional Welsh melody, from Daniel Evans' Hymnau a Thonau (Hymns and Tunes), 1865 ("Lead On, O King Eternal"; "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers")

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Who Do You Say That I Am?

Bishop Barron illuminates with conviction that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and revelation of God become man. He shows how Jesus fulfills the four tasks of the Messiah according to the Old and New Testaments and how the living legacy of Christ is proclaimed by the Church.

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