

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

July 15, 2018

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Day of Obligation: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie, *Pastor*

Donna Clark, *Pastoral Minister*

Irene Lucas, *Director of Lifelong Faith Formation*

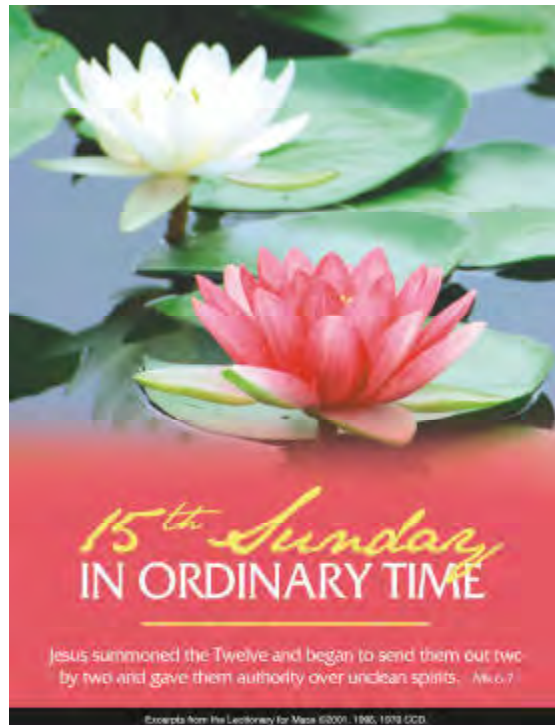
Brandon Vogt, *Director of Liturgy & Music*

Katie Stephenson, *Administrative Assistant*

Geri Hadlock, *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)

<b>Mon. 07/16</b>	7:00 p.m.	Women's Summer Study Grief Support Group
<b>Tue. 07/17</b>	7:30 p.m.	AA
<b>Wed. 07/18</b>	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	7:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine OLM Book Group
<b>Thur. 07/19</b>	9:15 a.m.	Oremus: Study on Prayer
<b>Fri. 07/20</b>	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
<b>Sat. 07/21</b>	4:30 p.m.	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>
	7:00 p.m.	Parking Lot Dance
<b>Sun. 07/22</b>		--



## 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 Tom & Linda Bleil.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 07/16</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Ann &amp; Vincent Ciotti</b> <i>(John &amp; Irene Abbate)</i>
<b>Tue. 07/17</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Mary Ann Spiegel</b> <i>(Spiegel Family)</i>
<b>Wed. 07/18</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Isabelle Wambach</b> <i>(Sister Ann Bannon)</i>
<b>Thur. 07/19</b>	8:30 a.m.	--
<b>Fri. 07/20</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Randy Check</b> <i>(Andrew's Sisters)</i>
<b>Sat. 07/21</b>	8:30 a.m.	--
	6:00 p.m.	<b>For The People of OLM</b>
<b>Sun. 07/22</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Charles Winschel</b> <i>(Robert Kraus Family)</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Mabel Holodnak</b> <i>(Scott &amp; Connie Ellrich)</i>

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Mon. 07/16</b>	Is 1:10-17	/Matthew 10:34-11:1
<b>Tue. 07/17</b>	Is 7:1-9	/Matthew 11:20-24
<b>Wed. 07/18</b>	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16	/Matthew 11:25-27
<b>Thur. 07/19</b>	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19	/Matthew 11:28-30
<b>Fri. 07/20</b>	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8	/Matthew 12:1-8
<b>Sat. 07/21</b>	Mi2:1-5	/Matthew 12:14-21
<b>Sun. 07/22</b>	Jer23:1-6/ Eph 2:13-18	/Mark6:30-34

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When we think of mission territory, we are likely to think of Africa or Asia, not the parts of our own country. Yet, there are many poor, sparsely populated dioceses in our country who need our help to minister to the People of God and to spread the Good News



**The Collection for National Needs**, to be taken this year on July 21 and 22, gives each of us the opportunity to stand in solidarity with poorer dioceses in the United States.

The struggle to receive basic pastoral care and catechesis is faced by thousands of faithful living in dioceses within our own country. I ask your generous response to the Collection for National Needs on July 21 and 22. Your support will truly make a difference in strengthening the Church at home. Be Assured of my prayers for you and your families in these summer months.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

**Mark 6:7-13**

Does God only dwell in exceptional, sacred places, or can we find God in the ordinary, commonplace world? God called Amos while he was performing



the mundane tasks of tending his orchards and flocks. God wanted Amos to stop following the sheep and start walking ahead of them. Amos was called to be a prophet far from home. His denunciations of injustice did not make him popular among those who preferred the status quo. To them, Amos was just an agitator trying to shake things up. They closed their ears to his message and shut him out of their sanctuaries.

The first missionaries understood what Amos faced, but they did not have to go it alone as he did. They went two by two, empowered by Jesus's authority to manifest God's grace and holiness in the world. They needed no weapons to confront the demons of greed and hatred. They were armed with "every spiritual blessing" for their mission of healing and reconciliation. We too can be prophets who speak God's word. And when others refuse to listen, we can still be loving messengers of truth. God gives us the wisdom to understand that in Christ, all things in the heavens and on earth can be made one.

**For Reflection: Do I find God at home and at work just as I do in church? How do I communicate God's mercy, justice and peace to those I meet?**

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## Social Justice Committee News

The Catholic Church is active throughout the world in peacemaking initiatives. Pax Christi International is a Catholic peace movement with 120 member organizations working on peace, respect for human rights, justice and reconciliation. Their Catholic Nonviolence Initiative project includes the promotion of nonviolent policy options for conflict transformation and reduced militarization at all levels. Examples of these types of policies include: diplomacy and negotiation to prevent or transform conflict before it becomes violent, nonviolence education in schools, inclusion of women as key actors in violence prevention activities, funding for employment and job training programs for youth, and awareness-raising trainings with military personnel working in conflict areas on how to protect children and human rights in challenging situations. You can learn more about this initiative and other work of Pax Christi International at their website: [paxchristi.net](http://paxchristi.net).



### Festival Winners

Grand Prize—Christian Fuhrman  
50/50—John & Carol Sutton  
TV—Marilyn Massaro  
IPad—Carol Stauffer  
Gift Card Tree—Judy Mitcheltree  
Lottery Tree—Theresa Blazek  
Quilt—Dave & Marilyn Rinke  
Afghan—Susan Turowski

### Special Thanks

*Fr. Ritchie, Staff & The People of Our Lady of Mercy, My thanks to all of you for a very enjoyable three years at OLM. This is a special place, with special people. I will miss you all. Thank you for being so wonderful.*

*God's Blessings,  
Marsha MacKinnon*

*Thank  
You*

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of July 8, 2018

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	102	\$3,309.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	118	\$1,850.00
Loose Change:		\$190.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$5,349.00</b>

### Women's Summer Study

Our Monday evening gathering for women in the parish will conclude this week with a look at our final female Doctor of the Church, St. Therese of Lisieux. Gather at the home of Irene (1019 Bartlett Rd.) at **7:00 PM July 16**. Weather permitting, we will meet on the patio. Extra lawn chairs may be appreciated.

### Mark your calendar

Registration for the 2018-2019 religious education program will take place after all masses the weekend of August 11-12. Materials will not be ready prior to that date.



### Catechists Needed

The start of religious education is only two months away. It is time to begin praying about God's call to become involved in the religious education ministry. For the coming academic year, we need a Jr. High catechist (**12:00-1:15 Sunday afternoon**), several Confirmation Home Session leaders for Gr. 9 (time of choosing) and a Sunday morning general aide (**9:15-10:45**). We also need adults willing to supervise Klein students who arrive half an hour prior to the start of class (**3:15-4:50 Tuesday afternoon**). All volunteers who work with youth must provide current background checks and view an on-line training for child safety. Training for the ministry of catechist will be provided. If you would like more information, contact Irene Lucas @ **899-6132**.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry is in need of volunteer leaders. If you enjoy working with young children but do not have the time to commitment to a weekly RE class, this ministry may be perfect for you. CLW Leaders conduct the Liturgy of the Word on a child's level: reading the Sunday Scriptures, assisting the children to understand their meaning, leading the young people in a Child's Creed and Prayers of the Faithful. Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 11:00 Sunday Mass. CLW leaders MUST have required clearances. Training is provided. If you can help, contact Irene at **899-6132** or [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

### Children's Worship Bulletins

Religious education classes may have concluded for the school year, but children continue to need to be encouraged in their life of faith. Help the young child in your life to engage with the Sunday readings by using the Children's Worship Bulletins which can be found on the bulletin tables. Each weekly 4-page booklet has activities related to the Sunday readings designed for young children.

### First Eucharist Pictures

Any family who ordered First Eucharist pictures through Maureen Rizzo can pick up your order in the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation. The pictures have arrived.

## For Mercy's Sake Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the summer issue of *For Mercy's Sake* is **July 15**. Items can be sent to [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org).

## Grief Support

Often, we don't talk about our experience of grief because we think what we are going through is abnormal. Yet when we do have a chance to share with someone who is also experiencing the loss of a loved one we find that our experiences are very similar. Knowing that we are not alone goes a long way toward the healing process. **Join us for the monthly grief support on Monday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.** Questions? Call Donna Clark.

## One-on-One Grief Support

Our Companions in Grief Ministry also meets with people one-on-one. If you would like to speak with someone please call Donna Clark in the parish office.

## Hearing Assisted Sound System

If you have difficulty hearing during Mass, contact a staff member who can assist you with getting a receiver and ear piece.

## Nursery

The Nursery is open for use by any parent during Mass or other parish events. It is located in the classroom area.



(Go down the hall to the right as you come in the doors off Bartlett Road.) There is no schedule of parents staffing the Nursery during the 11:00 a.m. Mass during the summer. Questions? Call Donna Clark in the parish office.

## Divorced & Separated Ministry

Our Lady of Mercy has a ministry to the divorcee and separated. This one on one ministry allows those experiencing divorce or separation to talk to another person who has been through it. This person can provide support during a difficult time. Contact Donna Clark.

## Traveling for the Summer?

If you would like to keep up regular donations to Our Lady of Mercy during the summer when you are traveling, please consider signing up with Faith Direct – our e-giving program. Go to our parish website and click on the "Faith Direct" button on the left side of our home page. You can use it only for the summer if you would like. You can have money taken directly from a checking or savings account or use a credit card.

## Are you a person with a disability and looking for more in your faith life?

Are you someone with a disability or do you know someone with a disability who wants more out of their faith life? The Office of Disabilities and Deaf Ministry has a number of groups that will provide the faith-filled social interaction you're looking for. Call the Deaf and Disabilities Director at **814-824-1257** or email at [d&ministry@erieRCD.org](mailto:d&ministry@erieRCD.org) for more details. You can also learn more about our ministry on the diocesan website [www.ErieRCD.org](http://www.ErieRCD.org) under Catholic Charities Disability Ministries.

## Newsletter Mailing Party

We need help preparing the newsletter for mailing. If you can help us fold and stuff envelopes at 9:00 AM Monday, August 6, please let Irene know at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or **899-6132**.

## OLM Book Group

Summer is here. Time for a book at the beach or on the porch. And time to sip wine and discuss that book with a great group of ladies as you enjoy a beautiful Erie sunset. All are welcome to join us at **7:00 PM on Wednesday July 18** at the home of Pat Marshall, 4159 Ridge Pkwy, to discuss *Rise and Shine* by Anna Quindlen. Want to read ahead? Our August book will be *The Burglary* by Betty Metzger

## Women's Luncheon

Join a lovely group of women who live alone at the Lawrence Park Golf Course on **Tuesday, July 31, at 1:00 p.m.** Great fellowship and laughter is part of every lunch. Questions? Call Donna in the parish office at **899-5342**.

## Celebrating the Ministries of Our Lady of Mercy

On **August 4 & 5** we will be celebrating the Administrative Ministries. These are: Finance Council, Tech Committee (Digital Communications), Library, Newsletter and Parish Mailings, Office Help, Pastoral Council and Scrip Gift Card Program. On this weekend **please wear yellow** if you are involved in one of these ministries. The Library Ministry is looking for a new administrator to manage our book collection. See Donna Clark for more information.



## Men's Night Out—Baseball Excursion

The Knights of Columbus 6th annual baseball excursion to Cleveland to see the Indians play the Los Angeles Angels will take place **on Sunday, August 5 at 1:00 p.m.** The trip is open to parish men age 21 and over. The cost of \$39 per person and includes; school bus transportation, game ticket, complimentary refreshments and lunch on the bus. **Reservations must be received by Monday July 9.** The bus departs from the church at 9:45 a.m. The trip is open to the first 41 men who sign-up. Checks payable to: Phil Legler, and mailed to his address, 3989 Magnolia Blossom Drive, Erie, Pa. 16510.



## Local Mission Work Camp Seeks Help

As we send our youth off to work camp next week, we have an opportunity to help a youth work camp that is coming to Lawrence Park the week of July 15. Ways to help the campers who are staying at Iroquois High School: snacks, cookies, cut up watermelon, bagged chips, pretzels, etc., and popsicles for the worksites and of course monetary donations. Drop off donations starting **Sunday, July 15** in the parish office. Thank you.

# **Our Lady of Mercy 3rd Annual Street Dance**



SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018

7PM—10 PM

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