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CONFESSIONS

Our Lady of Mercy Parish
Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM
Tuesday: 7:00-7:30 PM
Thursday: 6:00-6:30 PM

St. Brigid's Parish
Saturday: 2:00-2:30 PM

Mass Intentions

Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Monday, May 3-Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
7:30 a.m. † Mary Porter
by Nancy Lehrer

Tuesday, May 4-Easter Weekday
7:30 a.m. † Doris Boyce
by John and Linda Boyce

Wednesday, May 5-Easter Weekday
7:30 a.m. † Special Intention— Holy Souls in Purgatory
by Mark and Mary Moochler

Thursday, May 6-St. Peter Nolasco, founder of the Mercedarian Order (Mercedarian Solemnity)
7:30 a.m. † Rita Cinquino
by Rodney and Susan Bobo

Friday, May 7-Easter Weekday
7:30 a.m. † All Souls

Saturday, May 8-Easter Weekday
9:00 a.m. † Carmella DeFazio
by Sam and Sue and Family
4:30 p.m. † Ann Caccamise (Birth)
by the Family

Sunday, May 9-Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:15 a.m. Mary Ann O'Shea
by Bob and Pat Uberty
10:45 a.m. † Elizabeth Green
by Augie and Joe Iannello and Family
5:30 p.m. † For the People of the Parish

St. Brigid's

Tuesday, May 4-Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. † Lucy Cucurullol
by John and Linda Boyce

Thursday, May 6-St. Peter Nolasco, founder of the Mercedarian Order (Mercedarian Solemnity)
8:30 a.m. † Donald, Betty and Peter Cummings
by Lucille Lowden

Sunday, May 9– Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m. † Norbert and Betty Schmitter
by Larry and Pat Senf

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. BRIGID: On the first Sunday of each month, there will be a period of Eucharistic Exposition following the 9:00 am Mass. At 2:30 pm, the Rosary and Holy Hour for Our Nation will commence.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AT OUR LADY OF MERCY: There will be Eucharistic Exposition every Sunday at 2:30pm with the Rosary and Holy Hour for Our Nation. This will continue every Sunday with the exception of the first Sunday of each month which will take place at St. Brigid Church. Join us!

Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/ Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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Current MASS SCHEDULE at this stage of reopening during Covid-19 Pandemic

Saturday, 4:30pm -Our Lady of Mercy (Vigil Mass)-At Church, with Limited Capacity Attendance (by reservation). Streamed Live on Facebook and YouTube.

Sunday, 7:15am - Our Lady of Mercy-At Church, with Limited Capacity Attendance (by reservation). Streamed Live on Facebook and YouTube.

Sunday 9:00am - Saint Brigid, Bergen-NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED however this Mass has limited capacity and requires physical distancing**.** Streamed Live on YouTube.

Sunday, 10:45am – Our Lady of Mercy-At Church, with Limited Capacity Attendance (by reservation). Streamed Live on Facebook and YouTube.

Sunday, 5:30pm – Our Lady of Mercy-Streamed Live on Facebook and YouTube from the Church. *Anyone attending in church is asked to mask, distance, and sanitize your pew after Mass with the spray provided in the back of the church.*

*CALL OR TEXT **(585)709-2764** or email request to **events@ourladyofmercyleroy.org**. (If you call, please leave a voicemail if the call is not answered.)*

If medical prudence requires you to remain at home, please call the office or one of the priests cell phones to arrange the reception of Holy Communion.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS
April 18, 2021

Our Lady of Mercy $5,275.00
Candles $8.00
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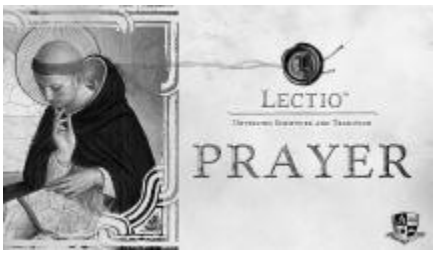
Our Lady of Mercy Happenings

ADULT FAITH FORMATION—



Join us every Wednesday evening from the comfort of your home from 6:30-8:00pm to learn more about our faith and enjoy inspiring conversation. To join in the group contact Denise Spadaccia at (585) 356-4174 or email her at youthminister@ourladyofmercyleroy.org. Our next series, LECTIO PRAYER, will begin on Wednesday, May 19th.

THE DEACON'S CLOSET: The purpose of this ministry is to assist those who cannot afford medically needed equipment to assist with in home care with items such as wheelchairs, canes, walkers, commodes, etc If you need the use of items, please call 585-813-3588.

Please pray for those who are sick. *We especially ask that you remember to pray for the following people:*

Michelle Balon, Chris Beach, George Behrens, William Bochicchio, Janet Boehly, Virginia Bennetti, John Caccamise, Doug Charles, Diane Coccia, Kara John (Merica) Coduri, Fr. Eugene Costa, O. de M., Gasper DeFelice, Joshua Dinnar, Lloyd Dodge, Sister Janet Eppolito, John Ferrara, Betty Forti, Arlene L. Glica, Sr. Jude Ellen Golumbieski, Joe Haitz, Lisa Hauslauer, Jeff Hoban, Barbara Howard, Anne Marie Hutchinson, Br. Martin Jarocinski, O. de M., Joanne Johnson, Fr. Oscar Kozyra, O. de M., Joseph and Rita Kuzma, Anita LaMonica, Maryann Loiacono, Madonna Lee, Joe Mathis, Marlene McMahon, Rita Montgomery, Roger Medley, Victoria Paladino, Louise Panepento, Marian Peck, Elizabeth Perrin, Frank Popowich, Donna Potter, Deb Pratt, Jim and Sarah Quirk, Beatrice Radley, Kathleen Rich, Sam Riggi, Phyllis Shephard, Ben Sherman, Rose Sherman, Juliana Spadacino, Berney and Joan Staats, Jennie Starowitz, Thomas and Sharon Steffenella, Donna Stephenson, Patrick Sullivan, Kristin Taylor, Ruth Dries Tusch and Jim Woodruff.

If you or a loved one is sick and would like to be added to this parish list, please call the parish office.

The office that serves both Our Lady of Mercy and St. Brigid's is open on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 am till noon, and is located in the Parish Center at 44 Lake Street in LeRoy.

St. Brigid's Happenings

St. Brigid's Holy Name's HART (Home and Apartment Repair Team) reminds parishioners that if they are in need of small home repairs such as sticking doors, leaky faucets, electrical issues, caulking, or a host of other things that they need done, please fill out a request form in the Social Center and a HART representative will contact them. Thank you.

Pocket Prayer Squares—the Share a Yarn group have made these small squares with a cross in the middle for you to place in your pocket or purse as a reminder of God's constant presence. As each is being made, it is infused with a prayer or loving intention. These squares are available at OLM in the back of church, and at St. Brigid's in the parish center.

Holy Name Society Scholarships—Applications will be accepted until May 30th. The scholarship is intended to help members of St. Brigid's parish who are attending a tuition paid institution of learning. For information or applications, contact Larry Senf (346-9394) or Ted Darocha (737-6245).

Share A Yarn—With the pandemic limiting certain activities, Share a Yarn has been extremely busy! Kept at home, we found more time to knit and crochet and had such an abundance of items, we turned to new outlets to donate. We were grateful to continue our ministry in a time of need. Share a Yarn's next meeting is Monday, May 3rd at 7pm.

Ladies of Charity—will meet Monday, May 10 at 7pm in the church hall. We will be finalizing plans for Spring activities. Please join us—we are always open to new ideas and suggestions.

St. Brigid will be starting **Catechesis classes for Pre School Children** in the fall. **We need your help**. The Rectory Basement needs a face lift along with items to start the classes. Monetary donations are needed for floor tile replacement, wall repairs, trim molding, classroom materials and formation training.
The opportunity for our children, and Parish to grow and thrive starts with our Children's religious education. Please help us grow the faith in our youth by supporting Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Monetary Donations can be made to St. Brigid Catechesis Fund Raiser.
Along with monetary donations items needed are;

- Children's wooden table and chairs
- Low tables or stands. Open underneath.
- Crucifix, stands independently, 3-4" tall.
- Nativity figurines made of wood, plastic or resin.
- Religious greeting cards & prayer cards.
- Good Shepard Statue.
- Short single flower vases.
- Doilies 3-5".
- Small decorative lidded hinged boxes.
- Trays made of wood, metal, or plastic.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y.
Case No. 20-10322

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit https://case.stretto.com/dioceseofbuffalo or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

From the Vocation Office:
Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 2, 2021
"Remain in me… I am the vine, you are the branches." Could there be any doubt that Jesus is talking about communion in His True Body & Blood in the Eucharist? We need priests to continue consecrating this amazing gift at the altar. If you feel the call, talk with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

If you are a visitor to our churches, we want you to know how much we welcome you. Wherever you have come from, we hope you find our worship inspiring and reverent, and that our people are friendly and cordial. If you are seeking a spiritual home, we would be honored by your presence in our parish family.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION
May 2, 2021
5th Sunday of Easter

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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