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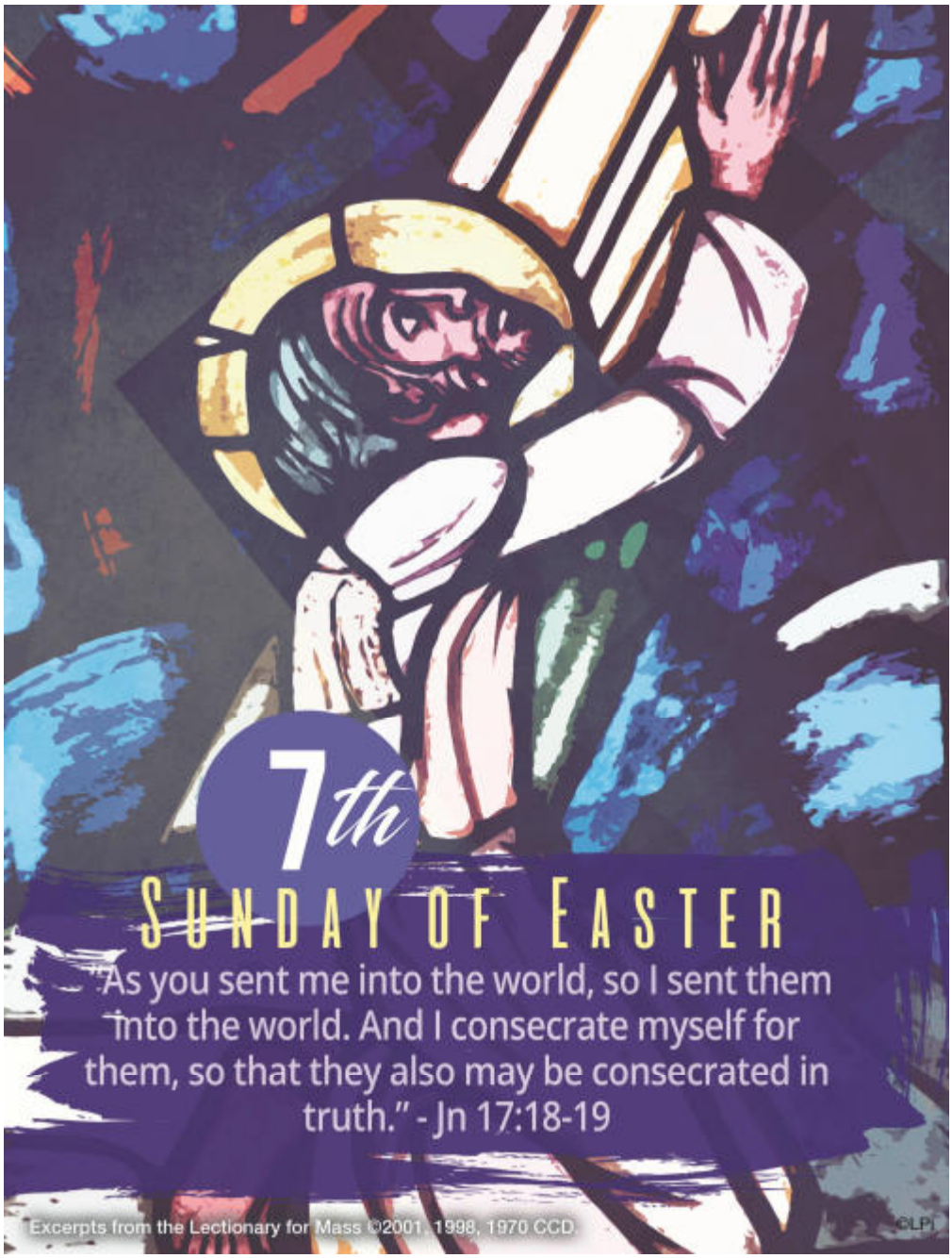

CONFESSIONS

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 17-Easter Weekday
7:30 a.m. † Members of the Stein and Lumley Families
by the Family

Tuesday, May 18-Easter Weekday
7:30 a.m. † Joseph Merica and Baby Joey
by Betty and Family

Wednesday, May 19-Easter Weekday
7:30 a.m. † Phyllis "Dolly" Piazza
by Steve and Chris Rogers

Thursday, May 20-Easter Weekday
7:30 a.m. † Fred and Mary Miller
by Grandchildren

Friday, May 21-Easter Weekday
7:30 a.m. † Michael Maloy (Birth)
by Lorraine Maloy

Saturday, May 22-Easter Weekday
9:00 a.m. † Daniel Gangi
by John and Mary Margaret Scanlan
4:30 p.m. † Melissa Powers Spath (Anniv)
by the Family

Sunday, May 23-Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity)
7:15 a.m. Mary Ann O'Shea
by Rosemary Fatcheric
10:45 a.m. † Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bove
by Elaine and Family
5:30 p.m. For the People of the Parish

St. Brigid's

Tuesday, May 18-Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. † Barb DeFazio
by Susan Andrade

Tuesday, May 20-Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. † All Souls

Sunday, May 23-Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity)
9:00 a.m. † Ian Mech
by John and Donna Gerrard

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 16, 2021

Sunday:	*Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9 -10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	*Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday:	*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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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
May 2, 2021

Our Lady of Mercy $6,768.31
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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.

LEROY-STAFFORD SENIOR CITIZENS—luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 19 at 12:30pm at the Knights of Columbus. Lunch and dessert will be provided at a cost of $5 per person. You are asked to bring your own beverage. To reserve your spot for lunch, contact Rosemary at 506-5233, Lucy at 721-6073, or Sue at 861-0422, before May 14th. Bingo will be played after lunch—prizes awarded! We look forward to seeing everyone. Remember masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

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, Suhair Musleh, Victoria Paladino, Louise Panepento, Marian Peck, Elizabeth Perrin, Frank Popowich, Donna Potter, Deb Pratt, Jim and Sarah Quirk, Beatrice Radley, Sam Riggi, Phyllis Shephard, Ben Sherman, Rose Sherman, Juliana Spadacino, Berney and Joan Staats, Jennie Starowitz, Thomas and Sharon Steffenella, Donna Stephenson, Patrick Sullivan, 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.

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.

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).

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.

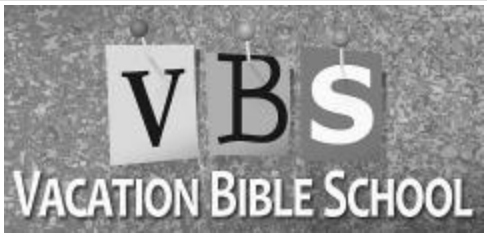
Preschool Faith Formation—St. Brigid will offer **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** this fall. Monetary donations are need for Rectory Basement refurbishing, classroom materials, and catechist formation training. The opportunity for our children and Parish to grow and thrive starts with our children's education. Please support this new ministry. *Checks may be written to St. Brigid Catholic Church, [***Memo: CGS***] and placed in the collection or sent to the parish office. For cash donations or WeShare donations, please indicate "for CGS."*

Spring Cleaning & Furnishing Donations for St. Brigid CGS—In transforming the St. Brigid's Rectory Basement into a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium, we have some needs. A full list is posted on the bulletin boards in both church and by the poster in St. Brigid's Parish Center. Among the items needed:

- Dehumidifier
- Red, white, green, & purple fabric (1 yd. each)
- Good Shepherd Statue
- Low wood tables/ stands
- Nativity figurines of wood, plastic, resin
- Doilies 3-5"
- Religious greeting cards & prayer cards
- Short, single flower vases
- Decorative hinged-lid boxes
- Wood, metal, or plastic trays

To donate any of these items or to learn more about CGS at St. Brigid, contact Chelsea Fink: *chelseafink15@gmail.com.*

Contact Chelsea (489-5591) if able to assist. THANK YOU!



Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School (***"Tracking Mary—Mysteries and Messages"***) has been scheduled for July 12-16, 2021 from 9am till Noon, and will be IN PERSON this year!!!!

We are looking for volunteers to make this an extra-special week for our children. If you can help, please contact Denise at the office (768-6543) or by email (youthminister@ourladyofmercyleroy.org).

SANCTUARY LAMP REMEMBRANCE

May 8—June 4, 2021

For God's blessings upon the HFS Class of 1974, our teachers, and our parents. May God grant peace to the souls of Phil Caccamise, John Callahan, Brenda Costa Fisher, and departed teachers and parents.
By: A thankful alumnus

To request a Sanctuary Lamp Remembrance, please contact the office. Each sanctuary lamp burns for 14 days, and the cost is $15. Your remembrance will remain in the bulletin as your lamp burns.

This year's **Paschal Candle** (Easter Candle) at Our Lady of Mercy was donated in memory of Jay and Emily Flensted, by their daughter, Kathleen Henning.

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.

From the Diocesan Vocation Office:
Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension – May 16, 2021
Jesus has returned in glory to the Father in heaven, not to abandon us, but to lead us where He hopes we will follow. How are you called to lead others to heaven? If it's through the priesthood, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

CHRIST HAS VISITED AND REDEEMED HIS PEOPLE. God may be calling you to visit and free those Christian captives who, by circumstances contrary to the Gospel and dignity of the human person, are in danger of losing their faith.
Contact Fr. Daniel Bowen, O. de M. at 727-348-4060, or visit *orderofmercy.org*

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 16, 2021
7th Sunday of Easter

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

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