

OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY

Our Lady of Mercy - St. Brigid's

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass is celebrated at
St. Joseph's Oratory at 7:00 & 8:00 a.m. Monday-Friday
and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday
St. Brigid's on Tuesday and
Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses are as follows
Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:15, 8:30, 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
at St. Peter's Church

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
at St. Brigid's Church

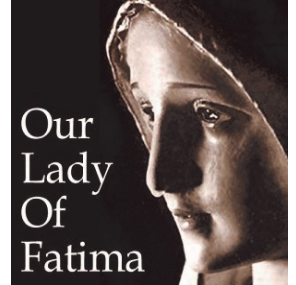
Confessions Saturday 3 to 4 pm at St. Peter's Church
and 4 to 4:30 pm at St. Brigid

*The bulletin and more church news can be found on line
at our parish website:*

www.ourladyofmercyleroy.org

The International Traveling Statue of The Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima

Join us
Wednesday, August 10th
as we host the statue at
Our Lady of Mercy Parish
(*St. Peter's church site*)



Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.
Celebration of Mass at 7:00 p.m.

*Adoration of the Eucharist following Mass
all night until 12 Noon on Thursday.*

**Please sign up this weekend to spend some time
before the Blessed Sacrament**

Complete schedule of program near sign up sheets.

*But when he saw how strong the wind was he became
frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord,
save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand
and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little
faith, why did you doubt?" - M^t 14:30-31*



Mass Intentions

Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Monday, August 8

- 7:00 a.m. Carmella Humphrey
by Dennis and Marie Snow
- 8:00 a.m. J. Edward Sheridan (*Anniv*)
by Eileen C. Sheridan

Tuesday, August 9

- 7:00 a.m. Joan F. Feeley
by Evelyn Gorny
- 8:00 a.m. Helen Fatcheric
by Rosemary Fatcheric and Family

Wednesday, August 10

- 7:00 a.m. Santa F. O'Geen
by Richard and MaryAnn O'Shea
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
by Jeanne
- 7:00 p.m. Special Intention for World Peace

Thursday, August 11

- 7:00 a.m. **No Mass**
- 8:00 a.m. Rose Cravatta (*Birth*)
by Cravatta Family
- 12:00 noon Closing Mass for the sick and dying

Friday, August 12

- 7:00 a.m. Kevin Dobson
by Richard and Deb Feneran
- 8:00 a.m. Jacque Peters
by Bill Kelty and Kay

Saturday, August 13

- 9:00 a.m. Frances Weber
by The Flowers of Carmel
- 4:30 p.m. Mark Steffenilla
by Mom and Dad

Sunday, August 14

- 7:15 a.m. John P. McMahon
by Marlene McMahon
- 8:30 a.m. Joseph & Jeanette Zaiss, Ronald Neer
by Pete and Sue Neer
- 10:30 a.m. Sheila Kuhn (*Anniv*)
by Fix and Gilbert Families
- 7:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

St. Brigid's

Tuesday, August 9

- 8:00 a.m. William Berkoski, Jr.
by Sue and Bob Lefrancois

Thursday, August 11

- 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**

Saturday, August 13

- 5:00 p.m. Bernard Beyer (*Birth*)
by Ruth and Family

Sunday, August 14

- 9:00 a.m. Joseph Stein
by Peggy, Judy and John Mikel and Family

Readings for the Week of August 7, 2011

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33
Monday:	Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21---19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28

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***On our pulpit there is an eagle, a lion, an angel,
and a bull. What do they represent?***

Each symbol represents a different Gospel. Most commonly, the Gospel symbols are based on the biblical imagery found in Ezekiel and Revelation. The image of a man or angel represents the Gospel of Matthew and signifies Christ's human nature. The lion represents the Gospel of Mark and is a traditional symbol of royalty and power and therefore denotes Christ the King. The ox or calf, the sacrificial victim, represents the Gospel of St. Luke and highlights the priestly character of Christ's mission. The eagle stands for the Gospel of St. John, the Evangelist "who soars to the heavens," because his theology is much more developed than the three synoptic Gospels. Just as an eagle soars above the earth, so John's theology soars above the other Gospels.

The symbols for the synoptic Gospels probably come from how each one begins. One of the initial lines of the Gospel of Mark begins: "A voice of one crying out in the desert." In the wilderness you can hear the roar of the lion for miles around. Matthew's Gospel opens with the genealogy of Jesus, and represents Jesus' human roots. The Gospel of Luke opens with the story of Zechariah the high priest who offered a sacrifice of a bull on behalf of the nation.

These symbols helped people to remember the different Gospels and the perspectives that they took, especially at a time when most people could not read.

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**August
Month of
The Blessed
Sacrament**

Our Lady of Mercy Happenings



We welcome Father Joy who joins us this weekend at all our Masses. Father Joy is a Mercedarian from India and he is going to share a message about the work that our religious are doing there and how you can assist them. Father Joy was the first student to join our community when the formation was established in India and he is the first to be ordained since the new foundation was established. A second collection will be taken up to aid in the missionary work in India.

New Beginnings will meet on Wednesday, August 10th at 11:30 a.m. at the Big Tree Inn at 46 Main Street in Geneseo. For reservations, contact MaryAnne Sovocool at 768-6642.



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin a new session this fall. The RCIA program might be of interest to you if you find yourself in any of the following situations:

- You are searching for a church to call your own and you have a general curiosity about the Catholic Church.
- You are unbaptized or are baptized in another faith, but seek full communion with the Catholic Church.
- You are Catholic and attend Mass and other services regularly, but you are in need of sacrament preparation for Eucharist or Confirmation. Please call the rectory for more information.



Christ the King Seminary will be holding an open house on Sunday, August 7th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to introduce the diocesan community to our campus and programs. The Knights of Columbus will be giving tours of the campus starting at 1:00, departing from the main parking lot by the library. Following the tour, representatives of the Seminary will be available to answer questions about the Seminary's programs in the main dining room. Light refreshments will also be provided.



In God's mercy and tender compassion we pray for the following members of our parish communities who have gone home to the Lord over the last few months: Sheila Williams, Lucille Stepanik, Richard Steed, Sr., Kenneth Brownell, Donald Wright, Sr., Sandra Caccamise, Samuel "Sonny" Zalacca, Ann Cardone and Patrick Shaughnessy.

St. Brigid's Happenings



Recycled Teens: Our next event will be August 18, 2011 beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m. After a short meeting we will carpool to "OUR FARM" at 336 Woodruff Road in Rush, NY where we will "walk with white tails" and have lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Prayer Ministry: Anyone is welcome to contact the St. Brigid Prayer Tree. If you have prayer requests, please feel free to call one of the following: Alberta Hawkins 548-7310, Debbie Kraszewski 494-1759, Marion Peck 548-2635 or Cheri Sheridan 748-7248.

CALIX is a gathering of individuals who want to improve their spiritual program because they are afflicted or affected by the disease of alcoholism. Calix is for people who are putting together a spiritual program which uses the 12-step approach, a journey which brings Step 11 into a deeper and fuller meaning. The Buffalo Unit of Calix Society meets the last Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. in the undercroft of St. Michael's Church Rectory, 651 Washington Street, Buffalo, NY 14203. For more information, contact Rev. Richard Hoar, SJ at 716-854-6726. International website is <http://www.calixsociety.org>.

Domestic Violence. If you are a victim of domestic violence and are in need of access to safety planning, spiritual care, legal assistance, limited medical assistance, counseling, or law enforcement, the Family Justice Center of Erie County, Inc. "Where Families Come First" is for you! All services are free. All conversations strictly private. Information: call 716-558-7233 or visit <http://www.fjcsafe.org>.

Come celebrate a special weekend with us! Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Road, PO Box 167, Youngstown, NY 14174 will be marking its 55th anniversary on Saturday, August 13th with Mass at 4:00 p.m. and reception from 5-6:30 p.m., hosted by the Fatima Shrine Bakers Guild. All are most welcome. In celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, the Fatima Shrine will hold its annual **CORONATION SUNDAY on August 14th**. Parable Players will perform at 1:15 p.m., Voices of Mercy at 2:00 p.m. Rosary Procession, crowning of statue atop the Basilica and Benediction, and guest homilist Rev. Bernard Confer, OP all at 3:00 p.m. Our weekend celebration ends with a candlelit Rosary Procession at 8:00 p.m. Come celebrate a fun and spirit-filled weekend with us. For more information, call (716) 754-7489.

August 13 & 14
St. Peter's Church

4:30 P.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Mike
Greeters: R. Klinkbeil, W. Klinkbeil
Servers: O. Simeone
Lectors: N. Lehrer
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Carmichael, B. MacGregor,
K. MacGregor

7:15 A.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Mike
Lectors: G. Clark
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Hawkins, P. Clark

8:30 A.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Tim
Greeters: L. Horgan, B. Kistner
Servers : M. Zehler
Lectors: G. Privitera
Eucharistic Ministers: C. Kistner, T. Riggi, M. Roth

10:30 A.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Eugene
Greeters: B. Staats, J. Staats
Servers: K. Blue, A. Hansen
Lectors: J. Diskin, G. Fernaays
Eucharistic Ministers: K. Weber, N. Zok, E. Bishop

7:00 P.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Mike
Lectors: M. Stocum
Eucharistic Ministers: K. Sullivan

St. Brigid's Church

5:00 P.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Tim
Servers: H. Holland
Lectors: S. Wade
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Stoll, B. Stoll, B. DeFazio

9:00 A.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Mike
Servers: A. Hersom
Lectors: N. Pawlak, S. Pawlak
Eucharistic Ministers: L. Rowsick, J. Lanphear,
M. Lanphear

*If you are unable to fill your time, **PLEASE** take the time to
find a replacement. Thank you!*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Our Lady of Mercy\$5,493.21
St. Brigid's..... \$1,653.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anyone who has ever lived in the central part of the country knows how huge thunderstorms can blow up in the summer. The heat and humidity give rise to massive storm clouds as the barometer sinks into a low pressure zone that signifies the developing storms. The most violent of these can include intense lightning, destructive hail, flooding rains, and deadly tornadoes. Last October's record low pressure over the continental United States—28.21 inches of mercury over Minnesota—produced storms that meteorologists described as a "land hurricane." But as typically happens after summer thunderstorms, once the rains pass through, the sun comes out and shines warmly in a cloudless sky.

Jesus' disciples must have felt intense fear on the lake as their boat was tossed around in the dark.



Thick clouds would have covered any moon and no lights from the shore would have been visible since tiny oil lamps would not penetrate the darkness that far out. We know the fear a tornado can cause for those in a secure home as they rush to the basement to seek shelter. Imagine being on a lake in a small boat tossed about by the waves. Even skilled fishermen like Peter and Andrew and James and John would have been afraid.

In that storm, Jesus comes to calm the waves and give hope to his disciples. He is also the One who comes to us in the great storms of our own lives. When we are tossed about by the problems, fears, difficulties, and tragedies of life, Jesus is there to give us hope. Like the passing thunderstorm, we still have to deal with the effects of life's problems. They don't magically go away. But Christ is there to see us through, even as we recover from whatever storm battered our life. His words to us are the same as those addressed to the disciples: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

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Catholic Charities: It's the height of summer and most moms are ready for the children to head back to school soon. If you feel the difficulties and challenges facing you and your children everyday

are just too much now, don't wait—talk with a Catholic Charities social worker at a neighborhood office near you. Catholic Charities—HOPE for all seasons. For more information, call (716) 856-4494 or log on to ccwny.org.