

# OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY

*Our Lady of Mercy - St. Brigid's*



## Mass Intentions

### Our Lady of Mercy Parish

#### Monday, September 26

7:00 a.m. John P. Scanlan (*Birth*)  
by *The Estate*

8:00 a.m. Moe Brayley (*Birth*)  
by *The Family*

#### Tuesday, September 27

7:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph the Worker  
and Divine Mercy

8:00 a.m. Bradford Grice (*Anniv*)  
by *Daughters and Family*

#### Wednesday, September 28

7:00 a.m. Special Intention  
by *Deacon and Mrs. David and Ann Ehrhart*

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory  
by *Jeanne*

#### Thursday, September 29

7:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members  
of the Klinkbeil Family  
by *Julius, Jean and Michelle Klinkbeil*

8:00 a.m. Charles "Acey" O'Geen  
by *Fred Mangefrida, Augie Iannello  
and Jim Caccamise*

#### Friday, September 30

7:00 a.m. Beatrice Musilli  
by *The Family*

8:00 a.m. Rita O'Toole  
by *Kay Keltj*

10:00 a.m. Philip Scheuing  
by *Daughters*

#### Saturday, October 1

9:00 a.m. Sr. Adolfina, SOLM  
by *The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy*

4:30 p.m. Antoinette and Russell O'Geen  
by *The Family*

#### Sunday, October 2

7:15 a.m. Rose Perry (*Anniv*)  
by *Children and Grandchildren*

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Kenneth Brownell  
by *Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pursel*

6:00 p.m. Joseph Stella  
by *Michael and Deborah Ferris*

### St. Brigid's

#### Tuesday, September 27

8:00 a.m. Special Intention—St. Joseph  
by *John and Jana*

#### Thursday, September 29

8:00 a.m. Mary Hoffman

#### Saturday, October 1

5:00 p.m. Eleanor R. Schultz (*Anniv*)  
by *Mary and Jim Hardy*

#### Sunday, October 2

9:00 a.m. Robert Grazioplene  
by *Kevin and Kelly McKerrick*

### Readings for the Week of September 25, 2011

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/  
Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/  
Jn 1:47-51

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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### Why do we pray to saints?

We really don't pray to saints as much as we ask them to pray with and for us. In the same way we ask other people to pray for us, we ask saints for their intercession and their spiritual assistance. So that just as I ask my friend to pray I can also call upon St. Ambrose, St. Augustine, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Francis de Sales, St. Theresa, St. Francis and ask their intercession and their prayers. We believe that because the saints are already in heaven they have a special intercessory power. They are close to our Lord and can petition him on our behalf for the graces and needs that we have.

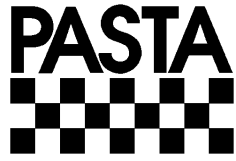


But why ask the saints for prayer? Why do we believe it is possible? One of the four marks of the church (that we pray in the Creed) is that the church is one. The church—past, present and future—is united in faith, purpose and mission. We are united by Christ's love from which we are never separated. We are one body and in him all time and all people are united. This is the great communion of saints that highlights the unity of the body of Christ. As members of the body we pray and worship together, with and for one another. During the Mass, in the preface we often pray, "With all the angels and saints we offer our prayer of adoration as we say..." When we pray, we do so in union with the whole church: saints and sinners, present and past, in solitude or community. We are one.

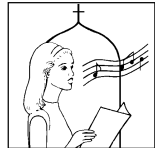
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**Our Lady of Mercy Happenings**



Join us for **Grandma's Pasta Dinner** this Sunday, September 25th in the HFS gym. Serving from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m., come enjoy friends, listen to Italian music, and have a great home-made pasta dinner just like Grandma made every Sunday. Adults \$8.00 and children \$4.00. Takeouts available and all proceeds benefit the Mercy Meals Program of the parish.



**The Traditional Choir** which sings at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is resuming practice. We would like to welcome anyone who would like to join us in this ministry. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at the St. Peter's site.

**PRE CANA CLASSES** - Are you (or a relative) planning to get married within the next six months? Our Lady of Mercy Parish will be offering a Pre-Cana Class on Saturday, November 5th, 2011. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. and fulfills the Church requirement for marriage preparation. There is a \$25.00 fee per couple and includes a luncheon. For reservations, please call the rectory at 768-6543.



**Calling all Our Lady of Mercy and St. Brigid Teens:**

**High School** -First gathering of the school year is Sunday, October 2nd from 3:30 to 5:30

p.m. at the St. Joseph oratory. Come join us as we explore and share our faith, lives and friendships. Bring a friend.

**Junior High (7th and 8th grades)** -Our first "Faith and Fun" session will be held on Sunday, October 16th from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Oratory. Bring a friend and come join us!

**Catholic Charities:** Have you found us on Facebook? Do you follow us on Twitter? If you're involved in social media, check us out because we're there, too! Connecting with Catholic Charities is a great way to keep in touch. Find us at facebook.com/ccbuffalo or on Twitter at twitter.com/ccbuffalo.

**The Magazine Drive** is underway. Parents will be selling



magazine subscriptions after Masses this weekend and next weekend. With every renewal and new subscription purchased, *Holy Family School* receives a portion in support of our students.

**St. Brigid's Happenings**

**Coffee Hour:** Be sure to stop by for coffee and refreshments following the Sunday Mass this weekend.

**Rosary:** The rosary will be recited next weekend following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All are welcome.

**The Holy Name Society** will hold their Annual Golf



Tournament for all men of the parish on Sunday, October 2nd, 2011 at Sweetland Pines at 5795 Sweetland Road in Stafford. At 10:00 a.m.

there will be coffee and pastries at the home of Ted Darocha at 7748 School Street in Bergen. Golf tee time is at 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact Ted at 548-2561. The sign up sheet is available in rear of church.

**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.

**DONATE YOUR OLD CAR—Help Needy—Receive Tax**



*Deduction of \$500+* Cars For Help, a 501 (c)3 not-for-profit charity, is working to strengthen individual churches and various Catholic charities through vehicle donations. The process is fast, easy, and requires just a phone call or visit to our

website. If you would like to donate a vehicle in any condition, even severely broken or crashed, or just have questions, please call us directly at (630) 585-9272. You can also donate your vehicle at [www.CarsForHelp.com](http://www.CarsForHelp.com).

**With mention of this bulletin, 25% of your vehicle donation proceeds will go directly to Our Lady of Mercy Parish.**

**The Bergen United Methodist Church** at 27 South Lake Street in Bergen will hold a *Chicken BBQ* on Saturday, October 1st at 4:30 p.m. Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, 2 sides, roll and dessert. Tickets for adults are \$8.00 and \$4.00 for children under 12 years (children 5 years or younger are free when dining in only). Purchase your tickets early by calling 494-1312. Limited ticket will be sold at the door.

**Sunday Televised Masses** on Sunday at 7:30 a.m. WUTV Fox TV-29 10/2/11 - Fr. John Mack, 10/9/11 - Fr. Mike Burzynski, 10/16/11 - Fr. Bill Quinlivan, 10/23/11 - Fr. Jack Mattimore, S.J.

**October 1 & 2**  
***St. Peter's Church***

**4:30 P.M.**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Tim  
**Greeters:** R. Klinkbeil, W. Klinkbeil  
**Servers:** J. King, M. King  
**Lectors:** D. Carmichael  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Carmichael, R. Fatcheric,  
M. Scanlan

**7:15 A.M.**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Mike  
**Lectors:** H. Bernhagen  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Fernaays, D. Hawkins

**8:30 A.M.**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Eugene  
**Greeters:** L. Horgan, B. Kistner  
**Servers :** K. Maggiulli  
**Lectors:** C. Kistner  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Antinore, J. Call, B. Gugino

**10:30 A.M.**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Mike  
**Greeters:** R. Diskin, C. Dumbleton  
**Servers:** K. Blue, A. Hansen  
**Lectors:** E. Bishop, J. Diskin  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** P. Clark, G. Fernaays, P. Fernaays

**6:00 P.M.**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Tim  
**Lectors:** Br. Martin  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** P. Gilbert

***St. Brigid's Church***

**5:00 P.M.**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Mike  
**Servers:** N. Kelly  
**Lectors:** L. Cudney  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Rowsick, R. Gardner,  
J. Mowers

**9:00 A.M.**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Tim  
**Servers:** A. Hersom  
**Lectors:** J. VanDenBosch  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M.K. Casey, M. Stoll, B. Stoll

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Our Lady of Mercy .....\$7,133.51  
St. Brigid's..... \$1,417.00

***Thank you for your generosity and support!***

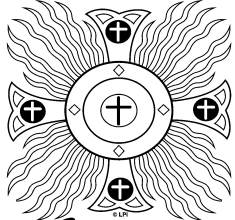
## PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF MERCY

O Mary, you are honored with so many beautiful titles, but oh how sweet, how consoling is that of Mother of Mercy. It tells as a long, never ending, glorious story of graces and miracles and favors obtained by those who invoke you. It means that Jesus has made you the treasurer and dispenser of his mercy to all those who need it most. But we are among the poorest sinners and we need now more than ever the abundance of the Divine Mercy. Oh do obtain, please bestow to us, the mercy of God and with it the favor for which we humbly and fervently pray. *(here pause to pray your special need and intention)* Hail Holy Queen.....



*Prayerful best wishes are extended to all the members of our parish community as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Mercy this weekend. Special "Happy Feast Day" greetings go out to all the priests, brothers, and sisters as well as the Mercedarian Lay Fraternity members.*

## *Eucharistic*



## *Adoration*

Every Thursday at  
St. Joseph's Oratory

Beginning after  
8:00 am Mass  
and closing with  
Evening Prayer and  
Benediction at 6:30 pm



### WEDDING BANNS I

*Adam Callari &  
Amber Morris*

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*Michael Arnott &  
Jessica Sweeney*