



# Our Lady of Mercy St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Family

Office for both parishes is located at  
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**www.ourladyofmercyleroy.org**

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**Parish Office Hours are Monday-Thursday**

**8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**The office is closed from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:** If you have a family member at home who is seriously sick or has been admitted to the hospital or is in danger of death, please do not hesitate to call the office so that the office staff can inform the priests. If it is an emergency situation, please call one of the priests on their cellphone.

**Marriages:** Appointments must be made six months before the wedding. Couples are required to meet monthly with Fr. Michael and are also required to attend Pre-Cana Class.

**Baptisms:** Notify parish office to request baptisms. Parents are required to attend a pre-baptism class. Godparents must provide a letter of recommendation.





# Mass Intentions

## Our Lady of Mercy Parish

**Monday, August 20**-St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. Michael Steffenilla  
*by Angelo and Family*

8:00 a.m. Nick Kabala (*Birth*)  
*by the Family*

**Tuesday, August 21**-St. Pius X, Pope

7:00 a.m. Jennie Rizzo  
*by David and Sharon Jeary*

8:00 a.m. Kay O'Geen  
*by Jim and Bonnie Woodruff*

**Wednesday, August 22**-The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Return to the Faith for Our Families

8:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. George Reidman  
*by the McCulley Family*

**Thursday, August 23**-St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

7:00 a.m. Intentions for Fr. Justin Freeman  
*by the Smith Family*

8:00 a.m. Jim Driscoll  
*by Nancy Loscombe and Family*

**Friday, August 24**-St. Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Rob and John

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Chesser  
*by Patrick and Kathleen Sullivan*

**Saturday, August 25**-St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

9:00 a.m. James Joseph Prattico  
*by LeRoy Knights of Columbus*

4:30 p.m. Pat Lapp  
*by Bill and Jane*

**Sunday, August 26**- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15 a.m. Jack Forsyth  
*by Mom and Dad, Brothers and Sisters*

8:30 a.m. Michelle MacGregor Schutt  
*by Mom and Dad*

10:30 a.m. Aunt Ruth Antinore (*Birth*)  
*by Fran Lander and Family*

5:30 p.m. Bruno Botacchi  
*by Fina Antinoro*

## St. Brigid's

**Tuesday, August 21**

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Harradine  
*by Mary T. Sardou*

**Thursday, August 23**

*(9:00 a.m.-Third Thursday of each month)*

8:00 a.m. George and Buddy Filowick  
*by Eleanor Filowick*

**Saturday, August 25**

4:00 p.m. Douglas Susat  
*by Jadwiga Syfert*

**Sunday, August 26**

9:00 a.m. Special Intention-46th Wedding Anniversary for John and Linda Boyce

## Readings for the Week of August 19, 2018

Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [9a]/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
Monday:	Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 19, 2018 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, the conflict escalates in the Bread of Life Discourse. Confusion is mounting in the crowd. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Their minds were thinking literally, not mystically. Jesus doesn't seem to help, however, and only drives his point home with more emphasis. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Jesus would later institute the Eucharist at the Last Supper. There he would definitively establish the sacramental reality in which bread and wine become substantially his own Body and Blood. We celebrate this sacrament in the Mass.

Perhaps we do not always understand what we receive. "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." What is the essence of food and drink? Food nourishes our bodies, providing essential calories for our survival. Water is used throughout the body to cushion joints, regulate body temperature, and protect sensitive tissues like the brain. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the spiritual equivalent of these essential elements. Like water, the Eucharist strengthens the sanctifying grace moving through us. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." The Eucharist connects us intimately to Jesus and confirms our union with him. That is why we abstain from the Eucharist while in a state of mortal sin. It would be a contradiction and deep disrespect to these words of Jesus. To receive the Body and Blood of Jesus is not a right but a gift we receive with deep humility.

As we receive the Bread of Life, grace strengthens our love, separates us from sin -- even wiping away venial sins -- unifies us with the universal Church, and helps commit us to humble service. Together we are nourished for our mission in the world!

**Our Lady of Mercy Happenings**

**PAINTING THE CHURCH:** Thus far we have received a total of **\$74,239.92** to paint the inside of Our Lady of Mercy Church. The proceeds include money received from Upon This Rock Appeal and from parishioners.



**WHEELCHAIR:** There is a wheelchair inside the door near the small parking lot for use of anyone who may need assistance at Our Lady of Mercy Parish.

**DEACON'S CLOSET:** The purpose of this ministry is to assist those who cannot afford medically necessary equipment to assist with in-home care. Items include wheelchairs, canes, walkers, commodes, etc. If you need the use of these items, please call 585-813-3588. There is no charge for the use of equipment.

**THE MERCEDARIAN THIRD ORDER** will meet on August 27th at 7:00pm at the parish center. Anyone interested in the Mercedarian Third Order may call Gary at 768-7535.



**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, EDWARD POWERS COUNCIL, #2936** will meet Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm the hall. All members are asked to attend our regular council meeting. Anyone who wishes to know more about the Knights of Columbus may call Gary at 768-7535.



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

*following people: Joe Amico, William Bochicchio, Janet Boehly, Dick Butler, Diane Coccia, Kara John (Merica) Coduri, Lucy Cucurullo, Gasper DeFelice, Joshua Dinnar, Alice DeFelice, Joan Dowdell, Patty Driscoll, Sister Janet Eppolito, John Ferrara, Lisa Hauslauer, Anne Marie Hutchinson, Mary Indivino, Marlene Ireland, Josephine Ivison, Daniel Jess, Joseph Kuzma, Madonna Lee, Roger Medley, Louise Panepento, John Piraino, Deb Pratt, Beatrice Radley, Sam Riggi, Mary Sardou, Jim Shelby, Phyllis Shephard, Rose Sherman, Juliana Spadacino, Berney and Joan Staats, Barb Stein (Bergen), George and Donna Stephenson, Ruth Dries Tusch, and Tina Vernaccini.*

*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**

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** The first Holy Name Meeting of the 2018-2019 year is Thursday, September 6th 7:30 pm in the church hall.

**HOLY NAME GOLF OUTING** is Sunday, September 30th at 11:00am at the Churchville Golf Course. More details to follow.

**THE HOLY ROSARY** is recited a half hour before each weekend Mass. Saturday Rosary begins at 3:30pm. Sunday Rosary is recited at 8:30am. Please join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary.

**ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY:** The Rosary will also be recited on Wednesday, August 22 and 29 at 7:00pm.

**PRAYER MINISTRY:** Anyone is welcome to contact the St. Brigid Prayer Tree. If you have prayer requests, please feel free to call Marian Peck 548-2635 or Cheri Sheridan 748-7248.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

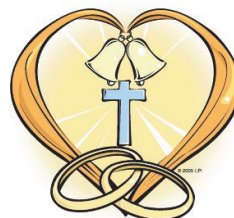
*Our Lady of Mercy*  
 Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM  
 Sunday 7:15 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM  
*Saint Brigid's Church*  
 Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM  
 Sunday 9:00 AM

**Daily Mass**

*Our Lady of Mercy*  
 Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM  
 Saturday: 9:00 AM  
*Saint Brigid's*  
 Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM  
 Third Thursday of Month 9:00 AM

**Confessions**

*Our Lady of Mercy*  
 Saturday: 3:00 PM-4:00 PM  
 Tuesday: 6:00 PM-8:00 PM  
*St. Brigid*  
 Saturday: 3:00 PM-3:30 PM



**WEDDING BANNS II**

Paul Thompson and  
 Amanda Mess



***Our Lady of Mercy***  
***August 25 & 26***

**4:30 P.M.**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Justin (Deacon Dave Assists)  
**Greeters:** William & Rachel Klinkbeil  
**Servers:** Isabelle Cooper  
**Lectors:** Sheila Lathan  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nancy Lehrer, Mary Margaret Scanlan, Judy Ziccardi

**7:15 A.M.**

**Celebrant:** Fr. James  
**Servers:** Eric Riggs  
**Lectors:** Guy Clark  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** MaryAnn O'Shea, Darlyn Hawkins

**8:30 A.M.**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Justin  
**Greeters:** Linda Horgan  
**Servers:** Aiden, Benjamin & Ethan Robinson  
**Lectors:** Eric Triftshauser  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joan Call, Jim & Bonnie Woodruff

**10:30 A.M.**

**Celebrant:** Fr. James  
**Greeters:** Regina Diskin, Cathy Christopher  
**Servers:** Maria Prattico, Gabrielle Cayouette, Evan Sherwood  
**Lectors:** Gordie Culbertson, Gerry Calmes  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Maureen Calmes, Larry Spadaccia, Pat Clark

**5:30 P.M.**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Justin  
**Servers:** Sam & Maia Zerillo, Peter Clark  
**Lectors:** Kathleen Henning  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Heather Zerillo

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

**4:00 P.M.**

**Celebrant:** Fr. James  
**Hospitality:** Bill & Nancy Holland  
**Lectors:** Mary Kay Casey  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joyce Mowers, Chester Kraszewski

**9:00 A.M.**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Sasso (Deacon Dave Assists)  
**Hospitality:** Cheryl Hersom & Children  
**Servers:** Frank & Samuel Hersom  
**Lectors:** Paul Lang  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bill Zeitvogel, Krys Lang, Linda Boyce

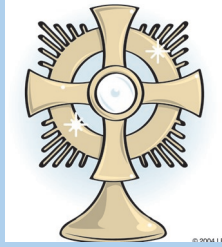
**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Our Lady of Mercy .....\$6,593.76  
Candles.....\$70.76  
St. Brigid's..... \$1,943.00  
Candles.....\$26.50

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

## FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

**Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Sunday, September 23 through  
Tuesday, September 25**



**Eucharist Exposed:**

**Sunday 11:30 am –5:00 pm**

**Monday and Tuesday 8:30 am-7:00 pm**

**Devotions: Monday and Tuesday 7:00 pm**

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

*Question:*

Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

*Answer:*

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Show me what is physically different between a host that is consecrated and one that is not." These are words that can be heard on the lips of anyone struggling with faith. Perhaps, they are heard on yours. Physical tests will reveal no difference. The difference is seen through faith. In one sense, it is simple. Either we believe that the risen Christ is present -- soul and divinity -- or we do not. The fruits of faith are the proof. In the Eucharist, God enters into the very depths of who we are. However, it is our choice whether we ignore what He does or act fully upon it. The Eucharist can change us. When people see that we are different, they in turn will themselves believe.