

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

837 Bartlett Road • Harborcreek, PA 16421 • [www.ourladyofmercychurch.org](http://www.ourladyofmercychurch.org)



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Day of Obligation: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie, *Pastor*

Donna Clark, *Pastoral Minister*

Irene Lucas, *Director of Lifelong Faith Formation*

Brandon Vogt, *Director of Liturgy & Music*

Marsha MacKinnon McKinley, *Admin. Assistant*

Geri Hadlock, *Youth Minister*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

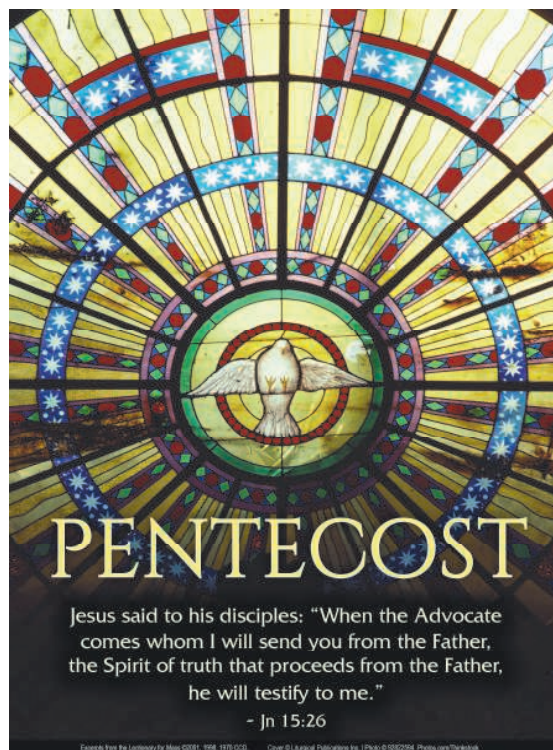
Parish Office: 814-899-5342

Office of Lifelong Faith Formation: 814-899-6132

Fax: 814-898-3306

Email: [info@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:info@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

May 20, 2018



## MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Eucharistic, Catholic Christian Community of Communities formed by the Word of God and the teachings of the Church.*

*We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the values of Jesus Christ in a prayerful, welcoming and nurturing environment.*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit  
[ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

<b>Mon. 05/21</b>	6:30 p.m.	Grief Support Group
<b>Tue. 05/22</b>	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias (SCC)
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
<b>Wed. 05/23</b>	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough (SCC)
<b>Thur. 05/24</b>	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	2:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer
	5:00 p.m.	<b>Confirmation Retreat Begins</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Fri. 05/25</b>	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	4:30 p.m.	<b>Confirmation Retreat Ends</b>
<b>Sat. 05/26</b>	4:30 p.m.	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>
<b>Sun. 05/27</b>	3:00 p.m.	<b>Father Ritchie's 50th Anniversary Celebration</b>

*Congratulations!*  
*Father*

## PRAYER LINE

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Call **Donna Smicker** at 899-9108  
 4:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Call **Gerri Extein** at 899-6875  
 The **Hospital Visitor** for the week Geri Gallagher.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 05/21</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Jack Steadman</b> ( <i>Gallagher Family</i> )
<b>Tue. 05/22</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Mary Ann Spiegel</b> ( <i>Spiegel Family</i> )
<b>Wed. 05/23</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Thur. 05/24</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Fri. 05/25</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Joseph Perrotto</b> ( <i>Family</i> )
<b>Sat. 05/26</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>NO MASS /NO SERVICE</b>
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Francis &amp; Marie Ritchie</b>
<b>Sun. 05/27</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Richard Henry</b> ( <i>Family</i> )
	11:00 a.m.	<b>For The People of OLM</b>

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Mon. 05/21</b>	Jas 3:13-18	/ Mark 9:14-29
<b>Tue. 05/22</b>	Jas 4:1-10	/ Mark 9:30-37
<b>Wed. 05/23</b>	Jas 4:13-17	/ Mark 9:38-40
<b>Thur. 05/24</b>	Jas 5:1-6	/ Mark 9:41-50
<b>Fri. 05/25</b>	Jas 5:9-12	/ Mark 10:1-12
<b>Sat. 05/26</b>	Jas 5:13-20	/ Mark 10:13-16
<b>Sun. 05/27</b>	Dt 4:32-34,39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20	

## REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

### Memorial Day

Due to the Memorial Day Federal Holiday on **Monday, May 28**, the parish office will be closed.

### Bulletin Announcements

All content for the bulletin is due 10 days before the bulletin date. All bulletin flyers are now one-half page. **Bulletin flyers also need to be scheduled in advance** for inclusion in any given bulletin.

### Hospital Visitation

We don't always get accurate reports of who is in the hospital because of the change in policy for the local hospitals. If you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital please call the parish office to let us know.



## IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember Hubert Buckel, brother of John Buckel; Jane Lyons, aunt of Mary Ida Eastman & Rachel Still, and Joseph Buczynski, father of Joe Buczynski. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

*John 19:20-23*



Pentecost is the first day of the new creation. On that first Pentecost vigil, the church held its breath as it gathered in prayer inside the house. Outside the house, people of all nations waited in hope: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." Then the wind and fire of the Spirit swept through them all, loosening tongues and opening hearts. Whispered prayers became a thunderous hymn of praise to the one God who unites every nation to profess one faith in one voice.

The risen Christ is in our midst to revive our tired spirits. "Peace be with you. Receive the Spirit! Release those whom you hold bound by unforgiveness, loosen the chains of those whom you hold captive by bitterness." The church is the Body of Christ and, as in a human body, each part has differing functions. But every one of them is a gift of the Spirit designed for the good of the whole. Through the Spirit we can see the uniqueness and giftedness of one another. We can go forth and announce the good news. "Jesus is Lord! Peace be to you!"

*For Reflection: How has the Spirit given me new life? Have I shared by gifts with my community?*

© Kay Murdy



## Social Justice Committee News

In this month of First Eucharist celebrations, Mother's Day and graduations, this corner will explore the teaching of Scripture and the Catholic Church on the dignity of children.

"Slavery is not something from other times. It is a practice that has deep roots and continues to manifest itself today and in many different ways: trafficking of human beings, exploitation of work through debt, exploitation of children, sexual exploitation and forced domestic work are some of the many forms. Each one is as serious and inhuman as the others. Despite the lack of information available to us from some regions of the world, the figures are dramatically high and, most likely, underestimated. According to some recent statistics, there would be more than 40 million people, men, but especially women and children, who suffer as a result of slavery. Just to give us an idea, imagine that if they lived in a single city, it would be the largest megalopolis on our planet..."

Faced with this tragic reality, no one can wash their hands of it without being, in some way, an accomplice to this crime against humanity." (Pope Francis "Message to the Participants in the International Forum on Slavery" 5-8 May 2018)

More than 85 million children are subjected to physical labor, exploitation and trafficking. (UNICEF)

## Children's Worship Bulletins

Religious education classes may have concluded for the school year, but children continue to need to be encouraged in their life of faith. Help the young child in your life to engage with the Sunday readings by using the Children's Worship Bulletins which can be found on the bulletin tables. Each weekly 4-page booklet has activities related to the Sunday readings designed for young children.

## Hearing Assisted Sound System

If you have difficulty hearing during Mass contact a staff member who can assist you with getting a receiver and ear piece.

## Parish Quilt

New parish families are encouraged to decorate a quilt square for our parish quilt that hangs on the back wall of the Worship Space. You may find a square in the basket on the table next to classroom #1. After you decorate your family square please return it to the parish office.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **May 13, 2018**

Envelopes sent:	404	
Envelopes returned:	104	\$4,634.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	\$2,935.00
Loose Change:		\$250.75
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$7,819.75</b>

## Summer Study On Prayer

Whether you want to know how to start a regular practice of prayer or desire to bring your life of prayer to a deeper level, this is for you.

**Beginning May 31 and continuing for 8 weeks**, OLM will hold a weekly course on prayer entitled Oremus. Each session will include

a video presentation and facilitated discussion. The course will be held from 9:15-10:15 a.m. and also 6:30-7:30 p.m. (as long as there is interest in either session). A participant workbook is available for \$15, but is not required to attend. **If you would like a participant workbook, contact Irene at 899-6132 by May 25.**



## Young Adult Gathering

If you are in your 20s or 30s, single or married, with or without children, you are invited to an informal social from **9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Conference Room TODAY, Sunday morning May 20 to celebrate Pentecost**. Feel free to bring a bite to share or not, as the Spirit moves you. Parents can bring their children along. No need to RSVP, just drop by.

## Family Pancake Brunch

Our annual Family Pancake Brunch will be held on **Sunday, June 3 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** This is a parish event. Cost is \$1.00 per person. **Please RSVP to the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation at 899-6132 by May 27 so we can have enough food on hand.**

## Honoring Graduates

When our parish family is all together for our Pancake Brunch, we would like to honor those who are graduating from a secondary or post-secondary academic program. If you are a graduate and will be joining us at this brunch, please let us know when you RSVP to the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation at 899-6132.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry is in need of volunteer leaders. If you enjoy working with young children but do not have the time to commit to a weekly RE class, this ministry may be perfect for you. CLW Leaders conduct the Liturgy of the Word on a child's level: reading the Sunday Scriptures, assisting the children to understand their meaning, leading the young people in a Child's Creed and Prayers of the Faithful. Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. CLW leaders MUST have required clearances. Training is provided. If you can help, contact Irene at 899-6132 or [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org).

## St. Peter's 125th Anniversary Gala

All are invited to attend the 125th Anniversary Gala of St. Peter Cathedral, the mother church of the Diocese of Erie, on **Saturday, June 30 at Gannon University's Waldron Campus Center**. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m. Dinner and live music begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$65 per person and \$125 per couple. For more information or to reserve tickets, go to <https://stpetercathedral.com/>.

**SAVE THE DATE:****OLM Festival Sunday, July 8**

Each year as we begin to prepare for the festival, we try to make things better than the previous year. This year I would like to hear from you, members of our community, regarding the following: What prizes would you like to see (maybe a Dyson vacuum)? What would enhance our festival? What would you like to do to help make this festival better? What are your concerns about our festival? Please either visit the Our Lady of Mercy Facebook page and answer the questions or send your responses to [jaynesuess@gmail.com](mailto:jaynesuess@gmail.com)



If you are a current co-coordinator and have not heard from me, please send me an email with your commitment for another great year! If you are interested in apprenticing for a co-coordinator position, please also let me know. If you would like to continue with the same volunteer job you had last year, please reach out to the coordinator of that area or to me. If you cannot volunteer, please offer prayers for all our co-coordinators!

We need you, our faith community, to help in the following areas:

- **Community Advertisers:** Please tell your friends about our festival and plan to attend! Flyers to post at your work will be available starting in May.
- **Selling of Raffle Tickets:** Raffle tickets will be available in June! Help us by selling to your friends and family!
- **Volunteers, volunteers, and more volunteers!** Sign-ups will be posted during the last Sunday in May
- **Chinese Auction** (items, baskets, and completed baskets)
- **Restaurant gift cards** (All donations are appreciated)
- **Sweet Bread Bakers:** We are in need of a variety of sweet breads for the Festival Chicken Dinner on July 8th. Bake early and freeze them! **The breads can be dropped off in the kitchen beginning July 1st.** Questions? call Marge Lefaiver at 899-5261.

**OLM Book Group**

Our June title will be [Pachinko](#) by Min Jin Lee.

**Do you have a toddler?**

If you have a young child who is active, please feel free to use the Nursery in the classroom area during Mass. There is closed circuit TV so you can watch and hear Mass. The Nursery is open during any Mass. The parents at 11:00 Mass take turns staffing the Nursery on a rotating 5 week schedule. The current schedule ends in June and will start again in September. If you would like to participate in the 11:00 Nursery, please see Donna Clark in the parish office and use the summer to get your clearances organized.

**Ceremony of Remembrance for Our Loved Ones**

On Monday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor, the Grief Ministry will host a special session for us to celebrate family members who have died. There will be a special prayer ritual and an opportunity to express our love to those we have lost. Ice-cream social to follow.

Daily email encouragement for those who are grieving. Receive an encouraging email message every day for a year. These short messages will inspire you and provide practical information as you grieve the loss of your loved one. Sign-up at [Griefshare.org](http://Griefshare.org)

**Women's Luncheon**

Celebrate Spring with a group of ladies who live alone on Monday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fiddle Inn. Great fellowship and laughter is part of every lunch. After the long winter we could benefit from seeing a friendly face and good conversation. Questions: Call Donna in the parish office 899-5342.

**Celebrating the Ministries of Our Lady of Mercy**

On June 2 & 3 we will celebrate the **Liturgical Ministries**. Including:

**Altar Linen Care**  
**Alter Server**  
**Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
**Church Environment (Decorating)**  
**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Greeter**  
**Lector**  
**Music Ministry**  
**Children's Choir**  
**Festival Music Ministry**  
**Offertory Counter**  
**Presentation of the Gifts**  
**Usher**



If you are part of one of these ministries, please wear **Blue** to Mass on June 2 & 3. We will have a special blessing of the ministers this weekend. We will have informational brochures available and there will be an opportunity to sign up for any of these ministries if you feel God is calling you to share your gifts in this way.

**Fundraiser for the Malinowski Family**

Colton Malinowski has been diagnosed with a rare, severe and progressive type of muscular dystrophy. Prior to becoming ill, Colton was an active artist/welder, involved in the artistic creations of multiple sculptures located in Erie. A fundraiser to help with medical expenses and home renovations will be held on **Sunday, June 3** from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Perry Hi-Way Hose Co., 8281 Oliver Road. A suggested donation of \$10 includes food, music, Chinese Auction and bake sale.

**Dave Cooney Parkinson Awareness Walk**

The Parkinson Awareness Walk will be held on **Saturday, June 16** at **Our Lady of Mercy Church**. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.. The walk (either 1 mile or 3 miles) starts and ends at the OLM Church grounds at 10:00 a.m. This will benefit the Parkinson Partners of Northwestern Pennsylvania. For more information, please contact Patty Cooney at 814-864-8507 or [dpcooney3318@gmail.com](mailto:dpcooney3318@gmail.com).

## Oremus: A Catholic Study on Prayer

We know we should pray. We want to pray. But often we don't know how to start or where to go. Our prayer is empty. Distractions and life's demands pull us away from prayer. So, we pray half-heartedly, sporadically, tiredly. Oremus is a multi-week study for those who want to pray better, both those who are not sure they know how to pray and those who have been praying for many years and want to deepen or enrich that life of prayer. Learn new ways to pray, how to hear God when you pray, how to handle times of struggle in prayer and more. This is an 8-week program. Each week will include a video presentation and facilitated conversation on one aspect of prayer. A workbook is available for \$15, but it is not necessary to purchase the workbook to participate. The session will be offered twice (if there is an interest) Thursday morning @ 9:15-10:15 and Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday May 31—July 26

Conference Room

There is no need to commit to every week.

Coffee and sweets provided. All Welcome!

No cost except if you want a workbook.

Contact Irene at 899-6132 by May 25,  
if you want a workbook ordered for the first class.



## FAMILY PANCAKE BRUNCH

Sunday, June 3

9:45-10:45

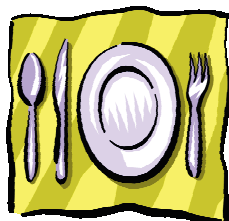
FOR THE WHOLE PARISH FAMILY

DONATION

\$1.00 per person

Please RSVP by May 29

**GRADS FREE**



**LYNCH**  
Home Medical Supply  
TIMOTHY P. LYNCH  
Parishioner, Owner, Certified Orthotic Fitter  
Lift Chairs & Scooters • Wound Care • Walkers  
Wheelchairs • Commodes & Much More  
4020 Main St. • Lawrence Park  
899-3636  
www.lynychmedical.com

**Stans**  
Where There's Always Something GROWING on!  
Jim Skarzenski & Bob Rocky - Parishioners  
East: 5001 Buffalo Road, Erie, PA 16510, 899.5424  
West: 5341 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505, 835.6960

**HEISE REBUILDING**  
Starters • Alternators • Electrical  
Rewiring • Mechanical Repairs  
PA Inspections  
**899-8186**  
1291 Walbridge Rd. • Erie, PA 16511  
heiserebuilding.com  
~ Parishioner ~

**OLLINGER**  
PLUMBING, HEATING  
& AIR CONDITIONING  
Residential • Commercial  
Quality Installations & Service  
**899-2809**

Andy says ...  
**"Write it Up!"**  
LAKESIDECHEVYBUICK.COM  
-Andy Gabler  
President  
LAKESIDE CHEVROLET BUICK

**NORTHERN PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL COLLEGE**  
An Open Enrollment College: Requires a H.S. Diploma/GED  
Started College but never finished? \$180/credit hr - Adult  
Want to advance your career? \$60/credit hr - Eligible H.S. Juniors/Seniors  
Thinking of trying college?  
College student home for summer?  
www.regionalcollegepa.org  
814-230-9010 admissions@rrcpa.org

**PRICHARD**  
CHIROPRACTIC OFFICES  
6095 Buffalo Road  
Harborcreek, PA  
**899-1966**  
DR. LOREN J. PRICHARD  
DR. SCOTT V. PRICHARD

**FIDDLE INN**  
HARBORCREEK, PA  
"Home of the EVERYTHINGS"  
6615 Buffalo Road  
**814-899-9005**  
www.diningverse.com/fiddleinn

**SUL FARMS & TRUCKING**  
12050 Kerr Rd • Northeast  
**(814) 882-3320**  
Custom Farming • Pick Your Own  
24 Hr. Snow Plowing • Detachable Low Boy  
Trailer with Winch • Salt and Ice Control  
Trucking & Dumping

**Howard Hanna**  
Real Estate Mortgage Title Insurance  
**Cindy Fabin, Realtor, GPA, RRS, CNHS**  
Multi Million Dollar Producer, PARISHIONER  
FOR OUTSTANDING RESULTS, YOU NEED AN OUTSTANDING AGENT!  
Cell: 814-881-1087 • Office: 814-899-3005  
Email: cFabin@howardhanna.com | Erie, PA, 16510

**Widget Financial**  
widgetfinancial.com

Please support our advertisers and mention you saw their ad here.

**William D. Elkin Funeral Home**  
65 South Lake St. • North East  
**725-4511**  
Timothy P. Elkin, F.D.  
William D. Elkin, F.D.  
Pre-Arrangements Available

**DUSCKAS - TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC.**  
5151 BUFFALO RD. ERIE, PA 16510  
ROBERT D. TAYLOR, SUPERVISOR  
814-315-0911  
WWW.DUSCKAS-TAYLORFUNERALHOME.COM

**Foster's Rose of Sharon Floral & Gift Shop**  
Savings of Up To 25% On Any Silk Items  
2703 Buffalo Rd • 814-899-5071

**Erie City MEMORIALS** by Ericson  
Because Every Life is Worth Remembering  
Located just down the road  
2515 Buffalo Rd • Erie, PA 16510  
(Across from St. James School)  
**814-898-0709**  
Indoor and Outdoor Showrooms  
Cemetery Memorials • Bronze Markers  
Vases • Candles • Pet Urns

**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME** ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE  
Contact **Tim Weir** to place an ad today!  
tweir@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6568

**JDL Computers**  
"Your Computer Professional"  
NEW SYSTEMS USED • REPAIRS  
"WE SERVICE ALL BRANDS"  
**898-8300**  
Jerry & Dee Law - Parishioners  
JDLCOMPUTERS.COM

**RUSSELL C. SCHMIDT & SON FUNERAL HOME, INC.**  
5000 Wattsburg Road • Erie, PA 16504  
(814) 824-5000 • Fax (814) 824-5006  
www.SchmidtFuneralHomeErie.com  
Dennis D. Schmidt, President/Supervisor  
Pre-Arranged, Pre-Financed, and Cremation Funerals Available

**catholicmatch® Pennsylvania**  
CatholicMatch.com/PA

**A Deli and So Much More**  
Harborcreek Marketplace Deli  
**814-899-3671**  
6992 Buffalo Road Harborcreek  
**Shur Fine**

**PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM**  
**\$29.95/MO** PLUS SPECIAL OFFER  
BILLED QUARTERLY  
CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772  
WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM