

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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October 18, 2020 - The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday and Weekend Mass has resumed with the following schedule and covid-19 protocols in place:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

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

Weekday: 8:30 a.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*

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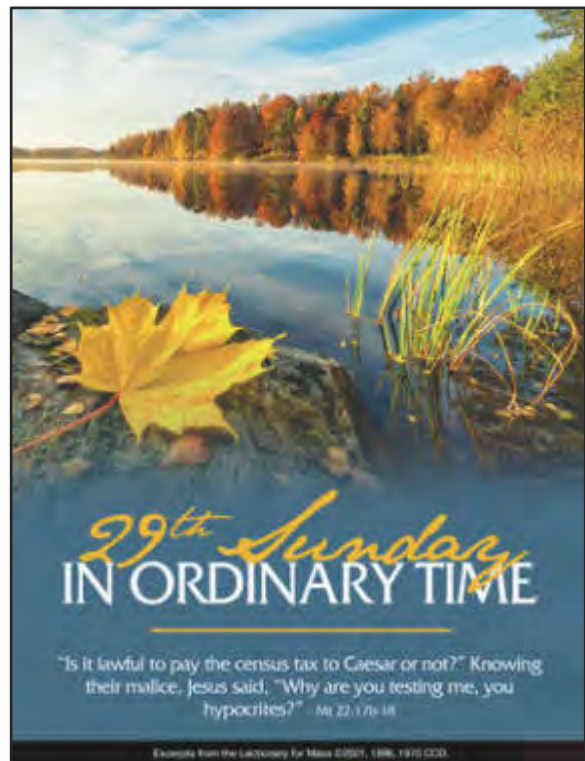
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MISSION STATEMENT

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

Mon. 10/19	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	4:00 p.m.	Community Connection
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Tue. 10/20	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 p.m.	CORE Team - Virtual
	7:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
Wed. 10/21	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough SCC
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 10/22	9:15 a.m.	Painting Class
	9:30 a.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 p.m.	Scripture Study - Zoom
Fri. 10/23		
Sat. 10/24	9:00 a.m.	Angel's In Training SCC
	3:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 10/25	9:45 a.m.	Gr. K-8 Religious Ed.
	12:00 p.m.	Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event
	12:15 p.m.	Gr. 11 Candidate /Sponsor Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat Rain Date

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 490-9681



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 10/19	8:30 a.m.	Dick Meyer (Dave & Marge LeFaiver)
Tue. 10/20	8:30 a.m.	Sister Aloysius & Sister Adrienne (The Extein Family)
Wed. 10/21	8:30 a.m.	Dan Sweeney (Morning Mass Group)
Thur. 10/22	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Fri. 10/23	8:30 a.m.	Antoinette Miller
Sat. 10/24	8:30 a.m.	-No Mass-
	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 10/25	8:30 a.m.	Joyce Olszweski (Family)
	11:00 a.m.	William Heintz (John & Irene Abbate)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 10/19	Eph 2:1-10	/ Lk 12:13-21
Tue. 10/20	Eph 2:12-22	/ Lk 12:35-38
Wed. 10/21	Eph 3:2-12	/ Lk 12:39-48
Thur. 10/22	Eph 3:14-21	/ Lk 12:49-53
Fri. 10/23	Eph 4:1-6	/ Lk 12:54-59
Sat. 10/24	Eph 4:7-16	/ Lk 13:1-9
Sun. 10/25	Ex 22:20-26	/ 1 Thes 1:5-10 / Mt 22:34-40

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of October 11, 2020

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	55	\$3,419.50
Faith Direct Deposits:	133	\$3,432.70
Loose Change:		\$ 60.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$6,912.20

For Mercy Sake Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the November issue of *For Mercy Sake*, the parish quarterly newsletter, is **TODAY, Sunday, Oct. 18**. Send items to ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

MATTHEW 22:15-21

"Repay...to God what belongs to God."

How in the world could we possibly obey the command that Jesus uttered when responding to a question about tax payment? The repayment to "Caesar" would be easy enough. It would require only an accurate accounting of our financial assets and earnings, and then paying the necessary portion to the state.

But repaying to God what belongs to God? It's overwhelming.

Every breath we take, every accomplishment, every idea and discovery - it all belongs to God. Repayment in full is not possible through our own efforts, but as we surrender more and more to our Creator, we may find that the impossible becomes possible. That image of God in which we were created becomes more apparent, and it begins to shape our wills and imaginations.

We hear Jesus' words to the Pharisees and Herodians and we begin to realize that it's all about surrender. Legalism can be transformed into loving obedience, and greed into generosity. Through God's grace we in fact become aware that our belongings themselves cannot begin to rival belonging to God

Reflection: In what way can I grow in my awareness of all that belongs to God in my life?

Cackie Upchurch



Harvest Soups

COVID has cancelled our annual Harvest Fest, but we are adapting. If we can't gather to sample soups, we can gather soup recipes to sample.



Send your favorite soup recipe to ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org TODAY, Oct. 18. We will compile the submissions and share them with members of the parish.

Connecting with the Community -A Reflective



Process on Our Covid Experience

Many have experienced the ups and downs of the last 7 months including myself. If you would like to process these experiences in a reflective prayerful session you can attend in person or on zoom at either of these

times: Sunday Oct 18 at 6:00 p.m. or Monday Oct 19 at 4:00 p.m. We will meet in the large classroom. For more information or for the zoom link contact Donna Clark – 899-5342 or dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Evening Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group will meet on Monday, Oct 19 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Donna Clark. Sharing our struggle helps to heal. There will also be a monthly daytime support group as well. Regular time will be announced in upcoming bulletins.



OLM Book Group



Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 21 @ 7:00 p.m. at the home of Florence Voelker, 2406 Cumberland Rd., to discuss Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty. In November we will share In An Instant by Susan Redford.

Ladies' Lunch

For women who live alone we will gather on Thursday Oct 22 at 1 p.m. in Sperry Hall. Please RSVP to Donna Clark.



Question & Answer With the Pastor



We all miss our conversations with Fr. Ritchie, the opportunity to ask him all the burning questions about our spiritual life. If we can't gather in person just yet, we can gather through the

magic of technology. You are invited, along with your questions, to a virtual Question & Answer w/t Pastor at 7:00 on Thursday, Oct. 29. To get the link for the Zoom session, email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org by noon on Oct. 27.

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If you are new to the parish subscription, you can enjoy formed.org for free by signing up as part of the parish subscription. All you need is your email, then select the option for an "institution or parish" subscription and search for Our Lady of Mercy Harborcreek.

OLM Wreath

Two hand-made wreaths donated by Marty Eisert are being raffled and the proceeds donated for the livestream equipment costs. Chances are \$2.00 each or 3 chances for \$5.00. In addition people can order a personalized wreath from Marty at a discounted price and she will donate 10% of the sale to the church. Contact Marty at: eiserthaus@roadrunner.com No email? Call Donna in the Parish Office.



Puzzle Exchange

Puzzles are coming in so if you need a new puzzle stop by classroom # 5 (the Kindergarten room – just beyond the nursery). Drop off puzzles that you want to share with others and pick up a new puzzle for fun and entertainment.



Look for the "Silver Lining"

In an effort to help people connect we are collecting your "silver lining" stories. Have you had any blessings in the past few months? Have you done something during the pandemic that you never used to do, and you found it uplifting? Can you share one positive thing that has happened since March? Tell your stories to us, Katie or Donna in the parish office, by phone, in person, or by e mail. We will share these stories with the community, at mass, in the bulletin or in our email blasts and on Facebook. dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org or call 899-5342.



Ink Jet Fundraiser



Please donate used black or color ink jet cartridges to the Religious Education ministry. Previously refilled and remanufactured cartridges can not be redeemed, nor can laser toner cartridges.

Smile for Our Lady of Mercy

To link to our Amazon Smile charity listing visit: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1563277>. If you



shop Amazon please consider using Amazon Smile and naming "Our Lady of Mercy – Harborcreek" as your charity.

Our Lady of Mercy
is hosting
Trunk or Treat
on Saturday October 24
From 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office by October 21st
by calling 899-5342 or sending an email to
secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Weather make-up date is Sunday, October 25 @ 3 p.m.

Social Justice



Fr. Frank DiSiano, CSP who preached the Mission at Our Lady of Mercy commented one evening that on a walk Harborcreek he noticed many yard signs and wondered if the neighbors with different political signs talked with each other. No matter your source for news, you see daily reports of rancor and even violence in our streets as we approach Election Day. Disagreements on social media are becoming more and more nasty, revealing deep hostility towards those with whom we disagree.

What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a divisive climate? Catholics are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with anger and harsh language, often directed at peoples themselves. As Catholics, we must model a better way. We invite you to model love for neighbor by pledging to *Civilize It* and committing to civility, clarity, and compassion this election year.

Civility: Recognize the human dignity of those with whom you disagree, treat others with respect, and rise above attacks when directed at me.

Clarity: Root your political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study and listening. Stand up for your convictions and speak out when you witness language that disparages others' dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others' experiences.

Compassion: Encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that you honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. Presume others' best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. Strive to understand before seeking to be understood.

Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even those with whom we disagree, and to put faith in action. Make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree and pledge dignity beyond the debate today at CivilizeIt.org!

A Celebration of Ministries

Did you know there are 405 parishioners involved in ministries at Our Lady of Mercy? That is impressive! The Stewardship committee offers a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has given of their time and talent.



This weekend, we celebrate those involved in our 50 ministries at all the weekend masses.



Since we can't have people leafing through pages of ministry lists we are sending a card to each person involved in ministry. If you would like to make any changes please contact Donna or Katie in the parish office. 899-5342 or dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org, or send back your card with the correct changes.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This inspiring feature film tells the whole life story of Pope Saint John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope.



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