

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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## 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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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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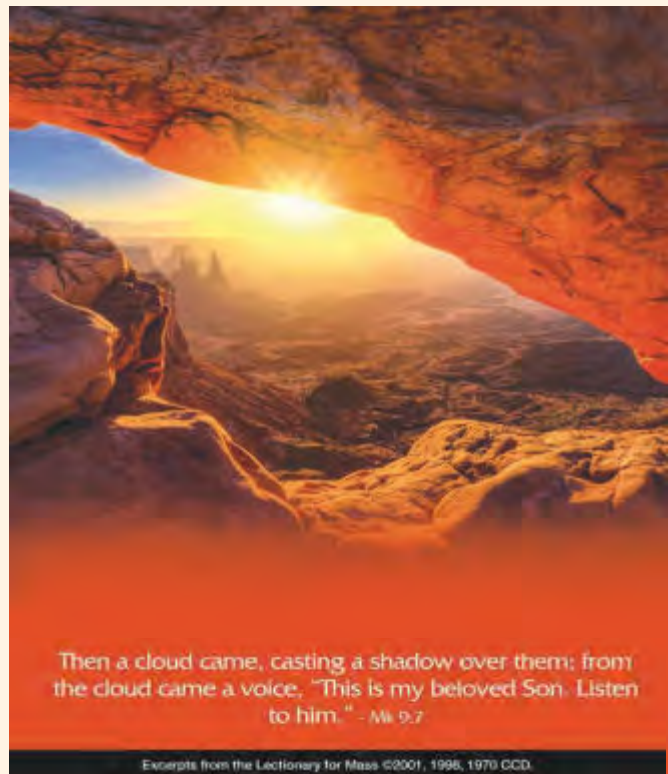
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## MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." - Mt 9:7

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## February 28th, 2021 - Second Sunday of Lent

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

<b>Mon. 03/01</b>	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Catholicism - Zoom
<b>Tue. 03/02</b>	11:00 a.m.	Catholicism - Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	HOPE
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	2:00 p.m.	Hallelujah Girls SCC
	3:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
<b>Wed. 03/03</b>	6:15 p.m.	Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Pastus Speaker
<b>Thur. 03/04</b>	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
<b>Fri. 03/05</b>	5:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
<b>Sat. 03/06</b>	1:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 03/07</b>		<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
		<b>Casserole Club Drop Off</b>
		<b>Monthly Food Pantry Collection</b>
	9:45 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr. K-8
	12:15 p.m.	First Eucharist Parent Meeting

## 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



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of February 21, 2021

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	51	\$ 3,347.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	133	\$ 3,460.33
Loose Change:		\$ 70.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 6,877.33</b>

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Mon. 03/01</b>	Dn 9:4b-10	/ Lk 6:36-38
<b>Tue. 03/02</b>	Is 1:10, 16-20	/ Mt 23:1-12
<b>Wed. 03/03</b>	Jer 18:18-20	/ Mt 20:17-28
<b>Thur. 03/04</b>	Jer 17:5-10	/ Lk 16:19-31
<b>Fri. 03/05</b>	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	/ Mt 21:33-46
<b>Sat. 03/06</b>	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Sun. 03/07</b>	Ex 20:1-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25	

## We Remember...

Marie Morealli, mother of Greg Morealli  
& Betty Dietrich, sister of Fred  
Kaeberlein; who passed away recently.



Please hold them and their families in prayer during this difficult time.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 03/01</b>	8:30 a.m.	George Ritchie
<b>Tue. 03/02</b>	8:30 a.m.	Joyce Baum (Loren & Linda Prichard)
<b>Wed. 03/03</b>	8:30 a.m.	Thomas Smith
	6:15 p.m.	Special Intention for Patrick Lewis (Kathleen Hughes-Luzik)
<b>Thur. 03/04</b>	8:30 a.m.	Irene Kobielski (Don & Jane Mallin)
<b>Fri. 03/05</b>	8:30 a.m.	Chet Szymecki (Harry Izbicki Sr.)
<b>Sat. 03/06</b>	8:30 a.m.	<del>No Mass-</del>
	6:00 p.m.	John Eckendorf (Dorothy & Cindy Snider)
<b>Sun. 03/07</b>	8:30 a.m.	Mary Simonian (Sherry Tyzinski)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### MARK 9:2-10

"He was transfigured before their eyes."

Mountains in Scripture are often a symbol for life-changing prayer and decision-making for the people of God. Peter, James and John do not totally comprehend the mystery of the mountaintop. They are overcome with awe, yet they recognize "How good it is for us to be here!" The presence of God overshadows them and the voice commands, "This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him."

As we reflect on this passage of Scripture we might ask ourselves if we are ready to be transformed. Lent is meant to be a season of transformation, a time to let the grace of God do its work in us, gradually transfiguring us into the image of Jesus Christ. It is a time to respond more deeply to the call of God to be holy. Perhaps the challenge for us is to see the Transfiguration, not as an event that occurred high on a remote mountain two thousand years ago but rather as a call to be aware of and present to the moments of transformation in our lives today.

**For Reflection: Where have I felt the power of transformation in my own life?**

Mary Glynn, S.J.C.



### Winter Study – Catholicism with Bishop Robert Barron

Our presentation of “Catholicism: The Mystery and Majesty of the Church” continues with episode 8 during which we will spend time with the Communion of Saints.



### Daytime Grief Support Group



The daytime session of the grief support group is Tuesday March 2 at 3:00 p.m. It seems that grief is always sad – yet at these support group meetings we do some laughing too. As people share their experience

sometimes it is through a comical story that makes the group erupt in laughter. We have some serious moments and sometimes tears, but we always have prayer and leave with a lighter spirit. Join us in person or on zoom. Contact [dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org) for the zoom link. Or check our parish website. Questions – call Donna in the parish office.

### Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2. You were recently mailed a Confirmation Prayer Pal booklet with your copy of For Mercy Sake. Please support these young people with your prayers and notes of encouragement, especially the candidate whose name appears on the front page of your Prayer Pal booklet.



### Need to talk?



When things become overwhelming it can help to share what is making your heart heavy. With prayer and sharing we can help to lighten each other’s loads. The next HOPE meeting is Tuesday March 2 at 12

Noon. We meet in person and on Zoom. Check the parish website for the link. For one-on-one meetings contact Donna Clark in the parish office. Or call 814-303-9282

### Lenten Pastus

Our Lenten Pastus series will continue on March 3 with Mass at 6:15 and a speaker at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Jim Piszker will introduce us to the fascinating and inspiring life of St. John Henry Newman. A convert to the Catholic faith, Newman rose to become a cardinal. Through his life of holiness, his great theological writings, his witness to the spiritual life and his love of the Catholic Church, St. John Henry Newman is a man for our time.



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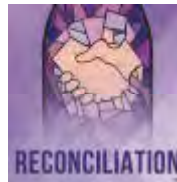
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### Stations of the Cross for Lent

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Space. It will be live streamed on the parish Facebook page. Please join us in prayer in person or by the live stream.



### First Reconciliation



First Reconciliation will be celebrated at 1:00 on Saturday, March 6. The young people will prepare for their special celebration with a retreat at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28 and with practice at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5. Please hold these young people in your prayer.

### Book Group

We will be discussing The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See on Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. Our April title will be The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate.



### Baptismal Preparation Session for Parents



The Diocese of Erie asks that all parents requesting to celebrate Baptism with their child attend a preparation session. These are held semi-annually at OLM. The next Baptismal Preparation Session for

Parents at OLM will be held Sunday, March 21 at noon. Please register prior to attending by calling the parish office at 899-5342.

**Register Today For 1:38 Women, A Catholic Women’s Conference Based on the Theme of “BEE the ATTITUDE”**  
The 6<sup>th</sup> annual 1:38 Women’s Conference will be held on Saturday, March 20, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 and you may attend as follows: 1. Live in-person at Our Lady of Peace Parish which is limited to 250 people and following all CDC guidelines for responsible social distancing; 2. Virtually at satellite parishes via Zoom at participating parishes to be announced on the website at [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com); 3. Virtually via Zoom at your own home. Don’t miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring national speakers and opportunities for prayer, and reconciliation as wells as Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico. All you need to have is an open heart! The event is free, and donations are accepted. For more information and to register visit [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) or call 814-455-7364.

## Social Justice

“Work for peace starts when we listen to the urgent call of Christ; “Repent and believe in the gospel”> Pope John Paul II



### Give Your Marriage a Gift

The *Marriage in Christ At Home Seminar* is a 5-week couple’s experience that consists of streaming videos, downloadable activity packets, and easy instructions to help couples pray, talk, and act together. The cost for this program is normally \$40, but for a limited time, Communication Center is offering it to couples in parishes for FREE! Details about the program including endorsements by Catholic bishops, priests, and couples can be found at [www.marriageinchrist.com](http://www.marriageinchrist.com). To take advantage of this offer, couples simply need to register on the website anytime before March 31, 2021 (with access available until May 31, 2021). This is an amazingly easy way for couples to make their marriages stronger and happier in just five weeks.



## Prayer For A New Director of Music & Liturgy

Ever-constant God,  
You remain eternal and unchanged while the earth spins us each day toward a new sunrise and a new reality.

Help us as we search  
for a minister of music and liturgy.

Strengthen us to live for a time within the haze of uncertainty assured that you are present with us and already acting to provide for our needs.

Open our hearts and minds to recognize and welcome into our midst a new guide to engage our spiritual imagination, touch our hearts and form us ever more deeply in the spirit of the liturgy.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church, Harborcreek, PA is seeking a Director of Music and Liturgy. The full-time Director of Music and Liturgy is actively engaged in the worship life of the parish and leads a music

*New Hiring*



ministry program that includes a mix of cantors, a 20+ voice choir and various instrumentalists to support three liturgies a weekend. Candidates must possess a bachelor’s degree in music or equivalent experience; strong keyboard skills; vocal skills; and be open to different styles of music; knowledge and understanding of Catholic liturgy and the ability to plan liturgies; excellent organizational and communication skills. For the complete ad for this full-time position check our parish website. Applicants should send a cover letter and resume with salary requirements and three named references to [info@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:info@ourladyofmercychurch.org). Applicants are encouraged to include a link demonstrating their musical proficiencies and to visit <https://www.ourladyofmercychurch.org/> to learn more about Our Lady of Mercy.

## March Birthdays

Mar. 2	Sage Skarzenski	1
Mar. 3	Dominick Scarpino	15
Mar. 3	Milena Laskey	4
Mar.4	Cain Rozenek	11
Mar. 5	Thomas Pohl	14
Mar. 5	Sophia Sartori	7
Mar. 6	Bailey Haislip	10
Mar. 7	Claire Stauffer	3
Mar. 9	Hannah Bradley	9
Mar. 9	Noah Sacco	17
Mar. 9	Nicholas Sacco	17
Mar. 9	Lynzey Reinsel	15
Mar. 16	Oliver Beckman	7
Mar. 16	Will Lunger	12
Mar. 17	Leah Corey	15
Mar. 18	Eric Morris	18
Mar. 24	Tyler Bryan	5
Mar. 31	Angelina Carideo	10



# MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:00 AM Jr.High Retreat 9:45 AM First Reconciliation Retreat 9:45 AM Rel Ed Gr K-6 1:00 PM Confirmation Practice	<b>1</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 7:00 PM Catholicism	<b>2</b> 8:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Catholicism 12:00 PM HOPE 2:00 PM Hallelujah Girls 3:00 PM Prayer Shawl 3:00 PM Grief Support Group 7:00 PM Confirmation 7:30 PM AA	<b>3</b> 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 6:15 PM Mass 7:00 PM Lenten Pastus	<b>4</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl	<b>5</b> 8:30 AM Mass 5:00 PM First Reconciliation Practice 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM AA 1:00 PM First Reconciliation 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
<b>7</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:45 AM Rel Ed Gr K-8 12:15 PM First Eucharist Parent Mtg	<b>8</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 7:00 PM Catholicism	<b>9</b> 8:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Catholicism 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting 6:45 PM Roman Candles SCC 7:30 PM AA	<b>10</b> 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 6:15 PM Mass 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus 7:00 PM Lenten Pastus	<b>11</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl	<b>12</b> 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
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<b>21</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:45 AM Rel Ed Gr K-8 12:00 PM Baptismal Prep Class	<b>22</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC	<b>23</b> 8:30 AM Mass 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:45 PM Roman Candles SCC 7:30 PM AA 7:30 PM Conversation on the History of the Erie Diocese	<b>24</b> 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 7:00 PM Penance Service	<b>25</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl	<b>26</b> 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross	<b>27</b> 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
<b>28</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Palm Sunday 9:45 AM Rel Ed Gr K-8 12:00 PM Gr 7 & 8 Youth Event	<b>29</b> 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 5:30 PM Sisters of Scripture SCC	<b>30</b> 8:30 AM Mass 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM Holy Week Meditation Video 7:30 PM AA	<b>31</b> 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough	<b>1</b> Holy Thursday 9:00 AM Painting Class 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 3:00 PM Holy Thursday: Liturgy of the Lord's Supper	<b>2</b> Good Friday Parish Office Closed 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 3:00 PM Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	<b>3</b> Holy Saturday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA 11:30 AM Blessing of Easter Food 9:00 PM The Great Easter Vigil

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