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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*

Katie Stephenson, *Administrative Assistant*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Office: 814-899-5342

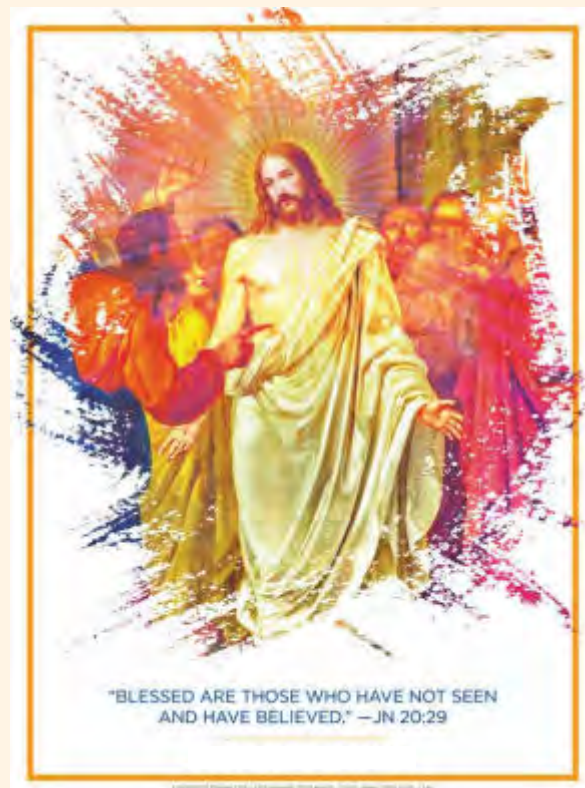
Office of Lifelong Faith Formation: 814-899-6132

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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.



APRIL 11, 2021 - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar

Mon. 04/12	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:30 a.m.	Steal Magnolias SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
Tue. 04/13	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	2:00 p.m.	Hallelujah Girls SCC
	6:45 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
Wed. 04/14	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
	7:00 p.m.	Q&A With the Pastor - Zoom
Thur. 04/15	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	9:15 a.m.	Easter Prayer
	9:30 a.m.	Social Justice - Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 p.m.	Easter Prayer - Zoom
Fri. 04/16		
Sat. 04/17	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 04/18	9:00 a.m.	High School Retreat
	9:45 a.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. K-8

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of April 4, 2021

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	71	\$ 6,381.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	133	\$ 3,478.58
Loose Change:		\$ 148.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 10,007.58

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. 04/12	8:30 a.m.	Bob Latchford
Tue. 04/13	8:30 a.m.	Jack Case (Family)
Wed. 04/14	8:30 a.m.	Hilbert Jordan (Sandra Jordan)
Thur. 04/15	8:30 a.m.	Irmina Walsh (Richard & Patricia Walsh)
Fri. 04/16	8:30 a.m.	Eleanor Boris (The Extein Family)
Sat. 04/17	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 04/18	8:30 a.m.	Glenn Merritt (The Mulligan Maidens)
	11:00 a.m.	Anthony Massaro (Joe & Laurie Mongillo)



Wishing Brandon Well - Today



Join the drive by parade after each Mass this weekend for an opportunity to say goodbye and wish Brandon well in his new job and continued ministry to the people of God.

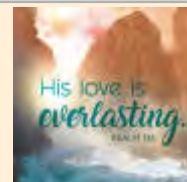
Follow the directions of the parade coordinators in the parking lot.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 04/12	Acts 4:23-31	/ Jn 3:1-8
Tue. 04/13	Acts 4:32-37	/ Jn 3:7b-15
Wed. 04/14	Acts 5:17-26	/ Jn 3:16-21
Thur. 04/15	Acts 5:27-33	/ Jn 3:31-36
Fri. 04/16	Acts 5:34-42	/ Jn 6:1-15
Sat. 04/17	Acts 6:1-7	/ Jn 6:16-21
Sun. 04/18	Acts 3:13-19 / 1 Jn 2:1-5a / Lk 24:35-48	

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

JOHN 20:19-31



Thomas is known as the doubter, and understandably so. But he is also brave, not afraid to speak up, and deadly honest.

The only other time he speaks in the gospels is after Jesus has decided to return to Jerusalem for the last time. To the other disciples, Thomas says, "Let us also go to die with him." Not a very optimistic person, this Thomas. No, he is a realist, a person who tells it like it is, and in many ways like most of us living in our modern culture, with a tendency to question everything.

Jesus has an answer for Thomas. He gives him just what he needs to have faith—an encounter with the risen Christ. Then, with the same outspoken honesty he used to express doubt, Thomas cries out in faith, "My Lord and my God."

All of us have a bit of Thomas in us, and some a lot more than others. But Jesus wants us to have faith, to believe in God. And Jesus has an answer for the Thomas within. In fact, the answer is the risen Lord himself.

For Reflection: Is there a Thomas within me? Can I surrender in faith to the risen Lord?

Gregory C. Wolfe

High School Retreat

A retreat open to all high school youth will take place on **Sunday, April 18 from 9:00-2:00**. This is an event jointly sponsored by Our Lady of Mercy and St. Mark and will be held at St. Mark parish. It will be presented by Nick Heise on the theme of "Following Jesus". The retreat is free and open to all. Because it will include lunch, we need to know who is coming. RSVP to ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org by today April 11.



Question & Answer With the Pastor

Let's gather for a conversation about faith with Fr. Ritchie before the warm weather sends us outdoors in the evening. Join us **Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00** via Zoom (hopefully this will be the last time we will have to hold it over Zoom). A special invitation is extended to members of Small Christian Communities. We might not be able to have some of the in-person gatherings that we have enjoyed in the past, but we can gather with our pastor for this evening of spiritual growth and fellowship. A prize will be given to the SFC with the most members present. To get the Zoom link, email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org by noon Tuesday.



Easter Prayer Opportunity

Pray with the resurrection stories through the season of Easter. Allow God to speak to you through a group Lectio Divina model of slow thoughtful reading interspersed with periods of silence and directed prayer. In person on **Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. or on Zoom Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. starting on April 15**. Contact Donna Clark for the Zoom link at dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org or check our parish web site.



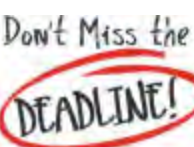
Evening Grief Support Group

On **Monday April 19 at 7 p.m.** the grief support group will meet in the parlor. As the months pass after a loved one dies we begin to slowly feel better, the pain is not so intense. Then quite unexpectedly we find ourselves in the hole of despair again and it seems worse than before. This is actually part of the normal process. Connecting with others who experience the same thing can help to heal. If you would like to connect by Zoom please contact Donna Clark dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org



Book Group

We will be discussing The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate on **April 21 at 7:00 p.m.** Want to read ahead? Our May title will be This Is Happiness by Niall Williams



For Mercy Sake Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the spring issue of *For Mercy Sake* is **April 25**. Send items to ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

FORMED.ORG



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.

First Eucharist Retreat

The First Eucharist retreat will be held **Saturday, April 24 @ 8:45**. This retreat is a requirement prior to celebrating First Eucharist. The current First Eucharist group and those children who were unable to attend the retreat in 2020 because of COVID should attend this retreat with a parent.



Meals for People in Need.

If you or someone you know could use a hot meal delivered to your house periodically, please let Donna Clark know. Residents of Harborcreek have extra food that they need to cook and give away. Perhaps you live alone and cooking for one is discouraging, so a hot meal once a week could be a great boost. Perhaps you are recovering from an illness and just do not have the energy to cook.



Year of St Joseph Raffle

Pope Francis has proclaimed a Year of St. Joseph in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. We hear so little about St Joseph in the bible. We propose a "trivia raffle" to celebrate this event. **Starting March 19, the Feast of St Joseph and ending May 1, the Feast of St Joseph the worker, submit a piece of trivia about St Joseph for posting on our website and Facebook page.** Tell us where you found the information. For every submission your name will be entered into a drawing for a Fiddle Inn gift certificate. We will have multiple winners. Send facts to secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org or stop in the office with a written copy.



Save-The-Date...
...and get ready to SMILE!

OLM Photo Directory Pictures will be taken
August 3rd through August 7th, 2021!

Stay tuned to the bulletin and OLM website for more information.

Social Justice

"The ultimate goal of human life is a community of love in the embrace of the Triune God. Any action or institution that seeks to eliminate, assimilate and dominate, or simply abandon the other, any exclusionary practice, is sinful; it transgresses against the goal for which God created humanity"



MIROSLAV VOLE

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 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. 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.



Word of Life
Greater Things Luncheon
EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES
"My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink"
Come in 'believing,' Walk out 'BELIEVING!'
Speaker: Dr Jaci Phillips Worship: Harmony's House
Saturday April 17 9:30-1:00
St Joseph Bread of Life Community Center
147 W 24th ST, ERIE
\$10 Live and for livestream
www.eriecd.org/wordoflife/miracles.html or
T.A. at Word Of Life 814-824-1286
Live registrations by 4/15 - Lunch provided for live event (proper precautions)
Mail check payable to Word of Life CCRC, 429 E Grandview, Erie, PA, 16514

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month

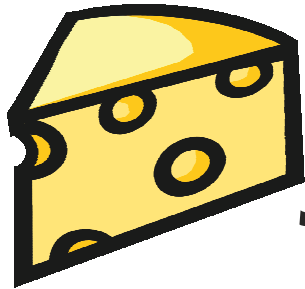
Be Vigilant- It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children. And we must always communicate our concerns to the appropriate parties. Sometimes this means communicating our safety concerns to our children. And sometimes this means communicating our concerns about seemingly inappropriate behavior to those who are in a position to intervene. Parents must also listen carefully to their children and observe both their children's activities and the behavior of older children and adults who interact with them. When children exhibit dramatic behavioral changes, adults must find out what caused the changes. Being aware of what's happening with our children means talking to, listening to, and observing them - at every opportunity. *For particular questions you may call: Cindy Zemcik, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.*



**What You Always Wanted
to Know About...**

Wednesday, April 14 @ 7:00

Join Us For A



**Q & A With
Fr. Ritchie**



Over Zoom

Bring your questions

To get the Zoom link, email

ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

by noon Tuesday, April 13.

This is your opportunity to chat with your pastor about those questions concerning the Bible, the Church, Catholic beliefs, etc. that you have never known how to answer.

Every question is worthwhile as we will learn from one another. Whether you have a specific question in mind or just want an opportunity to learn and discuss, bring a friend and join us.

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