

# 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*

Katie Stephenson, *Administrative Assistant*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 25, 2021 - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 04/26	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:30 a.m.	Steal Magnolias SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
Tue. 04/27	1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	2:00 p.m.	Hallelujah Girls SCC
	6:45 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
Wed. 04/28	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough SCC
Thur. 04/29	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 p.m.	Easter Prayer - Zoom
Fri. 04/30		
Sat. 05/01		<b>First Eucharist Weekend</b>
	9:00 a.m.	First Eucharist Practice
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 05/02		<b>First Eucharist Weekend</b>
		Casserole Club Drop Off
		Monthly Food Pantry Collection

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of April 18, 2021

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	46	\$ 2,943.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	133	\$ 3,511.58
Loose Change:		\$ 89.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 6,543.58</b>

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 04/26	Acts 11:1-18	/ Jn 10:1-10
Tue. 04/27	Acts 11:19-26	/ Jn 10:22-30
Wed. 04/28	Acts 12:24-13:5a	/ Jn 12:44-50
Thur. 04/29	Acts 13:13-25	/ Jn 13:16-20
Fri. 04/30	Acts 13:26-33	/ Jn 14:1-6
Sat. 05/01	Acts 13:44-52	/ Jn 14:7-14
Sun. 05/02	Acts 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8	

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 04/26	8:30 a.m.	Carlton Ritchie
Tue. 04/27	8:30 a.m.	Tom Ulrich (Maryann Hannah)
Wed. 04/28	8:30 a.m.	Charles Krah (Doris Krah)
Thur. 04/29	8:30 a.m.	Rita Desser (Family)
Fri. 04/30	8:30 a.m.	Mark Kubeja
Sat. 05/01	8:30 a.m.	<del>NO MASS</del>
	6:00 p.m.	Betty Dietrich-Kaeberlein (Gerri Extein)
Sun. 05/02	8:30 a.m.	Frank Szklenski (The Heise Family)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

## We Remember...

Dr. Jack Kraus - father of Janet Sedelmyer and Jack Kraus; and Barb Payne who passed away recently.



Please hold him and his family in prayer during this difficult time.

## 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.

## 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



## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

JOHN 10:11-18

"A GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP."



Scripture gives us many images of God and perhaps none so dear as that of the Good Shepherd. Just as Jesus is the Good Shepherd, we, too, can find in our lives these shepherd-like qualities. Each of us has the potential to cherish, nurture, and protect. In addition to being a shepherd we are good. Underline the word good. Even though we are created with the seed of sin in us we are good. God's creation is good.

Ask Jesus to make of you a good shepherd. You can nurture your shepherd traits by finding small ways to lay down your life for others each day.

And let us not be as those who work only for pay. If one works only for money there is the temptation to forget about the heart. Those who are volunteers may be the true good shepherds of today. A volunteer works for love, not money. Just think - when you retire you can be a good shepherd permanently.

For Reflection: When have I lived my life as a good shepherd? Do I know of a place that might need me as a volunteer - a good shepherd?

Macrina Wiederkehr, O.S.B.

### Attention Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

The schedule for May 1-August 1 is now live on Ministry Scheduler Pro. Instead of sending in your conflicts, we are now asking for you to volunteer your time when you are available. Please take a second to look at your calendar and sign up for your appropriate ministry when you are available. Please call Katie in the Parish Office at 814-899-5342 with any questions. As always, thank you for your service to our parish community.



### Daytime Grief Support Group

Tuesday, May 4 at 3 p.m. the grief support group will meet in the parlor. Many normal activities can affect our grief. Usually there is a connection to the person we lost. It could be seeing their favorite food in the grocery store and then being overcome with a wave of sadness. It could be driving by a restaurant that you used to visit often. It is hard to predict what will affect us but the pain is diminished by sharing with others. If you would like to connect by Zoom please contact Donna Clark [dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org)



### 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. On Thursday April 29 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom and on Thursday May 6 at 9:15 a.m. in person. Contact Donna Clark for the Zoom link at [dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or check our parish web site.



### Book Group

We will be discussing This Is Happiness by Niall Williams on May 19 at 7:00 p.m.

### 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.



### Looking for assistance with housing maintenance?

Up to \$3,000 in assistance is available to low income homeowners in the form of mini grants. Assistance can include emergency repairs or necessary housing maintenance needs. For further questions, contact Theresa Walsh, assistant grant administrator, at 814-870-1262 or [twalsh@erie.pa.us](mailto:twalsh@erie.pa.us) or see the flyer on the bulletin boards in the Gathering Space for more information.

## 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.



### Year of St Joseph Raffle

Check out the information about St Joseph on our Facebook page and on our website. These are interesting and enlightening. This trivia raffle will close on May 1. If you have found something interesting about St Joseph please submit it to [secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or stop in the office with a written copy. There are multiple gift certificates to give away.



### 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.



### Free Anderson Casement Storm Windows

Call the Parish Office at 814-899-5342 to schedule a pick up time.

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## OUR LADY OF MERCY IS 75 YEARS OLD!



Weather permitting, we will have our first celebration of our 75th anniversary as a parish with a picnic in our pavilion after the 11:00 Mass on May 16. We need help with set up and clean up. If you can help, sign up on the easel in the Gathering Space. If you will be joining us for the picnic, please let us know by signing up in the Gathering Space or by calling the parish office by May 10.

### Social Justice

April 22 was Earth Day. Do something this weekend to celebrate God's beautiful gift of creation.



"Bless God, all you works of God; Praise and exalt God above all forever. Let the earth bless God; Praise and exalt God above forever. Mountains and hills, bless God; Praise and exalt God above all forever. Everything growing from the earth, bless God; Praise and exalt God above all forever. You springs, bless God; Praise and exalt God above all forever. Seas and rivers, bless God; Praise and exalt God above all forever." (Daniel 3: 57, 74-78)

### Walk to end homelessness in Erie.

EUMA and Highmark are teaming up for a 5K walk on May 29 to raise money to house those in need locally. You can participate in 3 ways:

1. Join the walk at 10:00 a.m. on May 29 from The Refuge to Liberty House.
2. Walk on your own at any time during the month of May and send your contribution to EUMA.
3. Support a walker. Members of the Social Justice Committee will be walking. You can make a financial contribution by giving it to Irene Lucas at the parish.

### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments



#### Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mandated Reporters in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are considered mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.



### 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.

Save The Date  
Vacation Bible School:  
Treasure Island  
July 26-July 30  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Age 4 thru entering 6th grade.  
Stay tuned to the bulletin and newsletter for more information.  
Have Questions?  
Contact Irene Lucas at 814-899-6132  
or the Parish Office at 814-899-5342

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## July 31

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### Registration Contacts:

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