

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

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

Weekday: 8:30 a.m.

## 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.*

## PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie, *Pastor*

Deacon Paul Barko, *Deacon Assistant*

Donna Clark, *Pastoral Minister*

Irene Lucas, *Director of Lifelong Faith Formation*

Katie Stephenson, *Administrative Assistant  
& Youth Minister*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

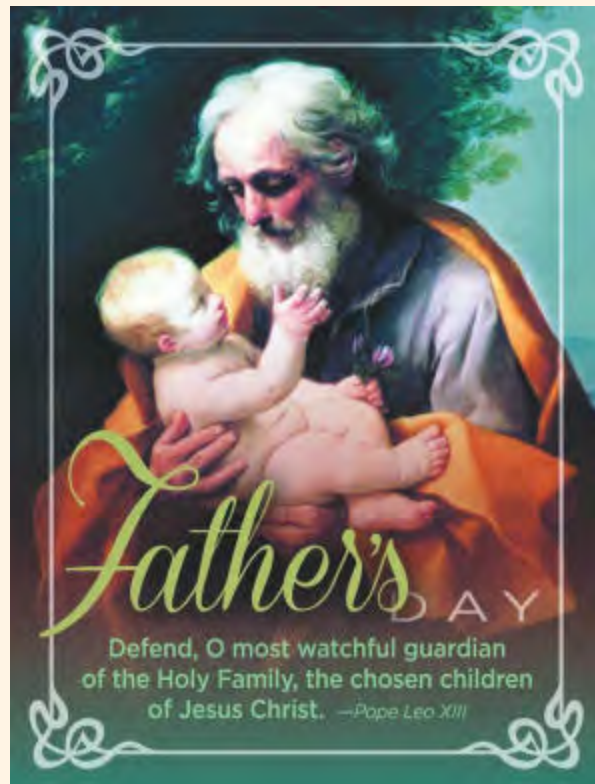
## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# JUNE 20, 2021 - THE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 06/21	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Summer Study
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Council
Tue. 06/22	1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
Wed. 06/23	6:00 p.m.	Festival Planning Mtg.
Thur. 06/24	9:00 a.m.	Angels in Training SCC
	12:00 p.m.	Midday Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Fri. 06/25		
Sat. 06/26	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 06/27		

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 13, 2021

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	54	\$ 2,740.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	141	\$ 3,626.45
Loose Change:		\$ 65.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 6,431.45</b>

## PRAYER LINE

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Call Donna Smicker at 814-899-9108

4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Call Gerri Extein at 814-490-9681



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 06/21	Gn 12:1-9	/ Mt 7:1-5
Tue. 06/22	Gn 13:2, 5-18	/ Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wed. 06/23	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18	/ Mt 7:15-20
Thur. 06/24	Is 49:1-6	
	Acts 13:22-26	/ Lk 1:57-66, 80
Fri. 06/25	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22	/ Mt 8:1-4
Sat. 06/26	Gn 18:1-15	/ Mt 8:5-17
Sun. 06/27	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24	
	2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15	/ Mk 5:21-43

## MASS INTENTIONS

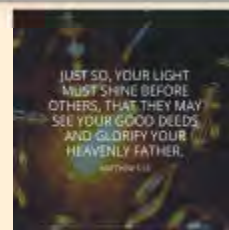
Mon. 06/21	8:30 a.m.	Leo Kosobucki (The Extein Family)
Tue. 06/22	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Wed. 06/23	8:30 a.m.	Helen Hollister (Bill Fischer)
Thur. 06/24	8:30 a.m.	Eileen Cunningham
Fri. 06/25	8:30 a.m.	Our Lady's Intentions (Todd Beckes)
Sat. 06/26	8:30 a.m.	<del>NO MASS</del>
	6:00 p.m.	John Eckendorf (Rosan Radach)
Sun. 06/27	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Spring (The Tyzinski Family)



## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

MARK 4:35-41

**"JESUS WAS IN THE STERN, ASLEEP ON A CUSHION."**



One night last November a 97-year-old woman was on her deathbed with her family gathered around. She had been a woman of faith and prayer all her life. She asked, "what is that light?" They thought she meant the light at the head of her bed. "No, that one over there by the door." They turned off the light. The room was dark. "Is the light still there, Mother?" "Yes." "Does it bother you?" She smiled: "No, not at all." Not many hours later, she died.

Unlike the dying woman who found peace I what might have been frightening, the disciples were terrified because of a wild sea. They were shocked and angry that Jesus slept peacefully in the midst of it all. "Do you not care that we are perishing?" But he had a different question: "Do you not yet have faith?"

Jesus was confident that his Father was with him at all times, and even in extreme danger, he knew that the Father's eyes were looking on him with love. Whatever might happen, even death, that light would not go out.

For Reflection: Where do I need faith to see the light in the darkness or the calm beyond the stormy sea?

Jerome Kodell, O.S.B.

### Midday Spiritual Boost

Pause for a moment . . . sometimes that is just what we need to hear the word of God. **Thursdays at Noon** join a group small group in the parish parlor to read a short spiritual reflection from the book *Jesus Today*. Share the message or the challenge you receive if you are comfortable. Questions – contact Donna Clark.



### FORMED.ORG

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If you are new to the parish, 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.

### Women’s Summer Study

What could be better than a summer evening with friends enjoying a cold drink and some talk about God? All women of the parish are invited to join us **June 14, 21, 28, July 12 & 19** at 7:00 at the home of Irene Lucas 1019 Bartlett Rd. We will be outside as long as the weather permits.

We will be discussing “Between Heaven and Mirth” by Fr. James Martin, S.J. (2 chapters each week). After a year of so much loss, stress and fear, it is time to reclaim the importance of joy and laughter in the spiritual life. **June 21** we discuss chapter 3 & 4.



### Gardeners Club

Help provide flowers and plants for our worship space. Do you have flowers or plants that we could use for the worship space? Homegrown or purchased. This summer we are asking our gardeners to bring in a vase of cut flowers or loan us a potted plant (preferably flowering) for a week or two. You would sign up for a particular weekend on a communal calendar then bring your flowers or plant it on Friday or Saturday of that weekend. Touch base with one of the environment committee members who will show you where to place the flowers. Call Donna or Katie in the parish office for contact information. [dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org).



### Evening Grief Support

**Monday June 21, at 7:00 p.m.** is the monthly evening grief support (the third Monday of the month). Grief affects everyone differently. Although there are no rules about grief it can seem as though there are unspoken pressures from society. For example: that we are supposed to cry; that we can only grieve for a year; that grieving for a person who is in their 90’s should be easier than grieving for someone who is in their 40’s. But really, there are no rules. Join us on Monday evening if you need a safe place to share your experience, where everyone will understand. Questions? Call Donna Clark.



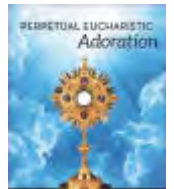
### Stay in Touch



Never miss a bulletin, even when you are traveling. You can get a bulletin notice to your e mail each week. Sign up at <https://parishesonline.com/> Find *Our Lady of Mercy Harborcreek* and subscribe.

### Adorers are needed for Perpetual Adoration

The only Perpetual Adoration Chapel in the diocese of Erie is in need of adorers to fill one hour time slots. The chapel is located in the St. Joseph Church Bread of Life Community Center at 147 W 24th St, Erie, PA. We have committed adorers from all over Erie County. There is no need to have any previous or current association with St. Joseph parish. Spend some quiet time with the Lord. To get on the schedule please contact: **Geoffrey Dietz** Cell 814-403-3921 [gdietz526@gmail.com](mailto:gdietz526@gmail.com)



### Book Group

Our July title will be *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge.

### 2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations

The 2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: **Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** at Immaculate Conception in Clarion and **Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m.** at St. Jude in Erie. To register, please go online to <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1261.



### 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.



### Kids’ Summer Challenge

The Summer challenge is underway. Game boards and directions are available on the bulletin tables or can be downloaded from the parish website. Be the first to send Irene a bingo and get your name entered in the drawing twice. Watch the weekly eBlast and FB page for additional pop-up incentives.





## Social Justice

"Kindness in words creates confidence.  
Kindness in thought creates profoundness.  
Kindness in giving creates love." Lao-tzu

## Vacation Bible School

VBS is next month! Mark your calendars for July 26-30 and join us at Treasure Island.

Registration forms are on the table in the Gathering Space or can be downloaded from the webpage. Please register your child by July 12. We are looking for adult volunteers to help us with this week of fun and faith. If you want to get involved, you can use the registration form to sign up or call Irene at 814-898-6132. Registration forms can be dropped off at the parish office.



**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.

## The Peter's Pence Collection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who shed their blood for Christ in Rome. The Peter's Pence Collection occurs yearly on the Sunday closest to the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, as a sign that Catholics around the world are joined together in support of the charitable work of the Holy Father, the Successor of St. Peter. This year Peter's Pence Collection will be taken in our parishes on the weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Peter's Pence Collection helps our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the successor of St. Peter, respond to some of the most urgent needs of the people throughout the world, including relief to victims of natural disasters such



as earthquakes and floods. Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, and medical facilities in developing nations, as well as many other charitable works.

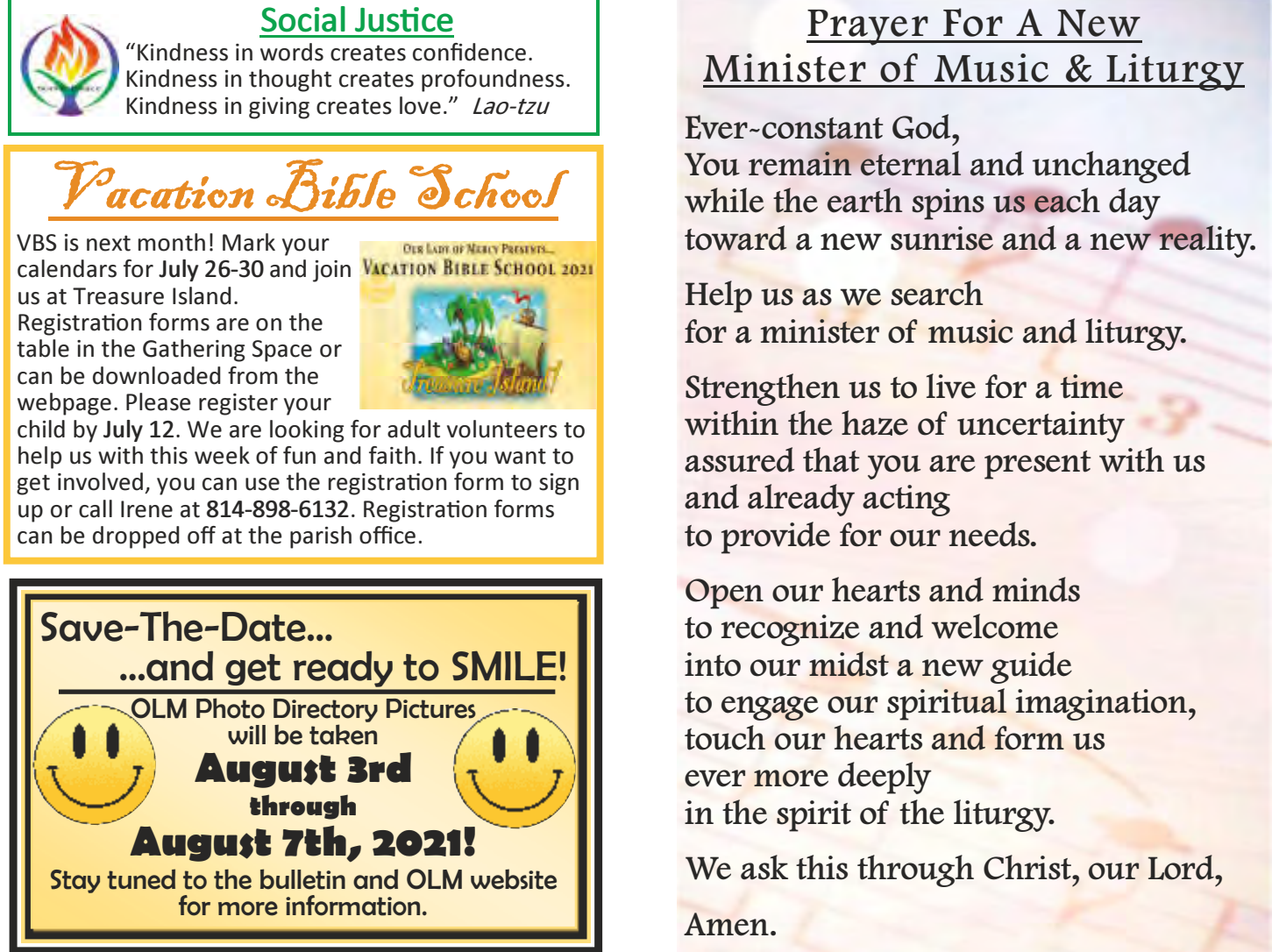
Donations and prayers by the individual faithful or entire local churches raise awareness that all the baptized are called to spiritually and materially sustain the work of evangelization and, at the same time, to help the poor in whatever way possible. By doing so, they build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.

Your prayers and contributions will allow this important work to continue. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*†Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie



## Prayer For A New Minister 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.



## Celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

The first marriage at Our Lady of Mercy was on June 22, 1929. William E. Boniger and Margaret Whitford were united in Holy Matrimony by Fr Walter Conway.



OUR LADY OF MERCY PRESENTS...  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021**  
**JULY 26-30, 2021**  
**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

All adventurer's - age 4 thru entering 6th grade are invited!

For more information call:

Irene Lucas 814-899-6132 or the Parish Office 814-899-5342

\*Registration Deadline is July 12, 2021\*

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name	Age	Grade 2021/2022	Medical/Dietary Needs

**Adult & Teen Volunteers**

(Teens must be entering 9th Grade or above - Adults MUST provide current clearances)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which area you would like to help out:

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Story Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Craft: \_\_\_\_\_ Games: \_\_\_\_\_ Music: \_\_\_\_\_

Aide: \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen: \_\_\_\_\_ Set-Up: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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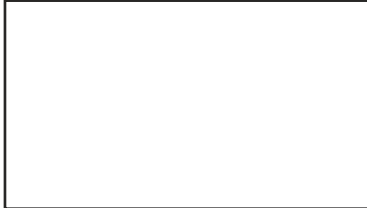
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