

# 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*

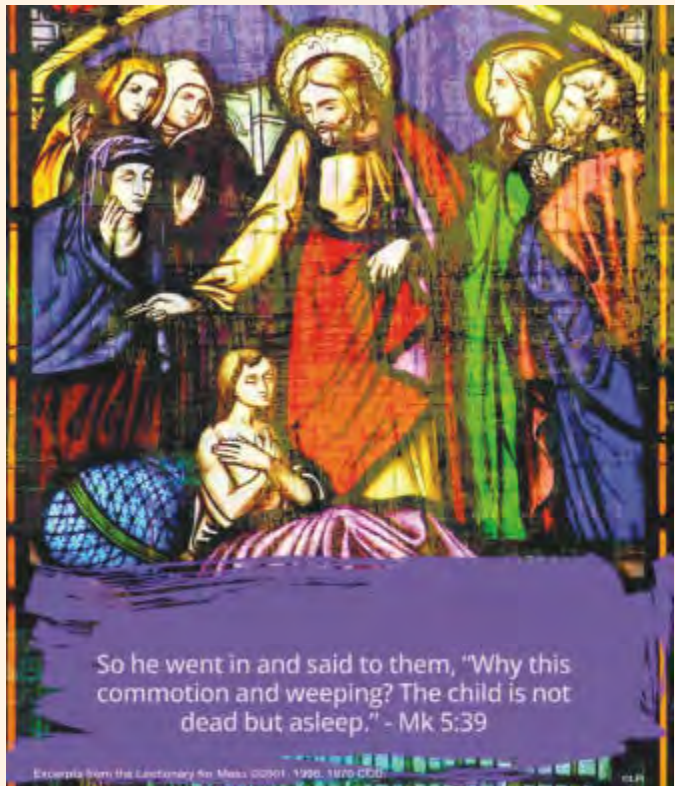
## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# JUNE 27, 2021 - THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 06/28	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Summer Study
Tue. 06/29	11:30 a.m.	Potters Clay SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Jacquel Continuum Mtg.
Wed. 06/30	6:00 p.m.	Festival Planning Mtg.
Thur. 07/01	12:00 p.m.	Midday Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Fri. 07/02		
Sat. 07/03	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/04		<b>Fourth of July</b> Casserole Club Drop-Off Monthly Food Pantry Collection

## 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. 06/28	Gn 18:16-33	/ Mt 8:18-22
Tue. 06/29	Acts 12:1-11	
	2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18	/ Mt 16:13-19
Wed. 06/30	Gn 21:5, 8-20a	/ Mt 8:28-34
Thur. 07/01	Gn 22:1b-19	/ Mt 9:1-8
Fri. 07/02	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67	/ Mt 9:9-13
Sat. 07/03	Eph 2:19-22	/ Jn 20:24-29
Sun. 07/04	Ez 2:2-5 / 2 Cor 12:7-10 / Mk 6:1-6a	

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/28	8:30 a.m.	Sr. Aloysius & Sr. Adriane Pelkowski (The Extein Family)
Tue. 06/29	8:30 a.m.	Norman Schlosser (Barbara Schlosser)
Wed. 06/30	8:30 a.m.	John Nowakowski
Thur. 07/01	8:30 a.m.	Angeline Scolio
Fri. 07/02	8:30 a.m.	Betty Kaeberlein-Dietrich (Dick & Ann Nagosky)
Sat. 07/03	8:30 a.m.	<b>-NO MASS-</b>
	6:00 p.m.	For The People of OLM
Sun. 07/04	8:30 a.m.	For Our Nation
	11:00 a.m.	For Our Nation

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 20, 2021

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	59	\$ 4,020.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	141	\$ 3,618.95
Loose Change:		\$ 60.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 7,698.95</b>

## Change to Livestream Masses

We will begin livestreaming only the 8:30 a.m. Mass starting July 4.

This Mass will be available for those who wish to watch later. Part of the reason is that we do not have enough people to work the livestream camera at both the 11 a.m. and the 8:30 a.m. Masses. If you have a concern about accessing the livestream mass at 11 a.m. please contact Donna Clark.

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### MARK 5:21-43

**"FEAR IS USELESS; WHAT IS NEEDED IS FAITH."**



Mark depicts Jesus as a human being with unaffected, natural reactions to human encounters. When the woman with the hemorrhage touches Jesus, he quickly turns around, naturally wanting to see who touched him. To Jairus, Jesus reacts with sympathy, responding at once to his plea.

Mark uses two characters to hammer home his message: "Fear is useless; what is needed is faith." The woman who approaches Jesus has already tried everything else. And yet, keeping hope alive, she reaches out in faith to touch Jesus. Jairus takes a big risk to approach Jesus. Jairus held a high position at the synagogue, where traditions was the rule. And yet, risking his position, he reaches out in faith to ask Jesus to heal his daughter. In both cases, faith is rewarded; Jesus heals the physical ailments of both the woman and Jairus' young daughter.

Many of us find fear and worry to be unwelcome companions. This Gospel tells us that Jesus' human nature would understand. Mark has shown us that Jesus truly cares about what concerns and frightens us. Mark would urge us to take a risk today - of placing even one of our fears into the human, sympathetic, and compassionate hands of Jesus.

For Reflection: Which fear will you place in Jesus' hands today?

Judy Hoelzeman



### 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



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). June 28 we discuss chapter 5 & 6.

### Book Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. July 21 to discuss West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge. Our August title will be Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger.



### Plants for Worship Space

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).



### 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.



### 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)

### 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.



### 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.



### *A Special Thank You*

I would like to thank the wonderful people who noticed that I was having a problem at last Sunday’s 8:30 Mass. I am not one who cares to be the center of attraction, but that is exactly what I felt as people came to my aid from all directions, even the Harborcreek Fire Department EMTs. Everyone showed concern in some way, even wished me well as I left on a stretcher. My first emotion was embarrassment – for causing a commotion in the middle of Mass near the center aisle, second pew back with all eyes on me. That feeling went away as I felt the warmth and concern of those working on me and the prayers of everyone present. I am feeling better now, thanks to Our Lady of Mercy at its finest – the church we love so much and are blessed to be part of. Thank You and God Bless, John Skuce



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

On August 23, 1939 Fr Conway wrote to Bishop Gannon requesting that Our Lady of Mercy Chapel be established “as an independent Mission with parochial rights.” In his letter he noted that there were sixty-four families attending Mass and he was often called upon to perform baptisms, weddings and funerals.





**Social Justice**

“These labourers [migrant workers] cannot be considered as a commodity or a mere workforce. They must not, therefore, be treated like any other factor of production. Every migrant is a human person who, as such, possesses fundamental, inalienable rights that must be respected by everyone and in every circumstance.” *Pope Benedict XVI*

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**August 3rd**

through



**August 7th, 2021!**

**\*\*SIGN-UP NOW\*\***

*Vacation Bible School*

VBS is only one month away! 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.

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.



**JULY BIRTHDAY'S**

- July 2 Landon Stephenson 9
- July 3 Arianna Kelley 11
- July 4 Chloe Knepper 13
- July 7 Laina Drabic 11
- July 7 Falynn Baker 7
- July 7 Adaleen Mikolajewski 14
- July 7 Samuel Martin 5
- July 8 Abigail Nguyen 17
- July 8 Kami Kinter 13

- July 9 Leeha Weigner 7
- July 9 Brielle Heitzenrater 7
- July 11 JT Parente 13
- July 12 Connor DeVore 16
- July 14 Liam Burick 4
- July 15 Avora Flaherty 6
- July 16 Jamieson Forrester 8
- July 18 Louis Beckman 2
- July 19 Micah Laskey 2
- July 23 Ella Hamilton 12
- July 26 Vivian Flaherty 4
- July 27 Lucy Vahey 9
- July 28 Joseph Lewandowski 7
- July 29 Thomas Gunther 14



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- All equipment will be disinfected between sittings
- Utilizing larger lobby rooms for safe social distancing
- Staff will be utilizing hand sanitizer between sittings

Join us for this "Family Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at your church!



## Family Connections Event

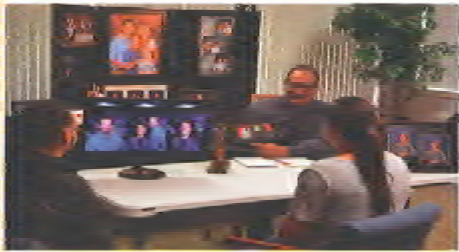
*Our church directory will not be complete without you. Please join us and help celebrate faith and family with our new church family directory.*

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
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Directory Committee

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# Aug. 3 - Aug. 7      Sep. 14 - Sep. 18

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2020 Dear Family Letter

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