

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*

Patti Reavel, *Music Director*

Katie Stephenson, *Administrative Assistant
& Youth Minister*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

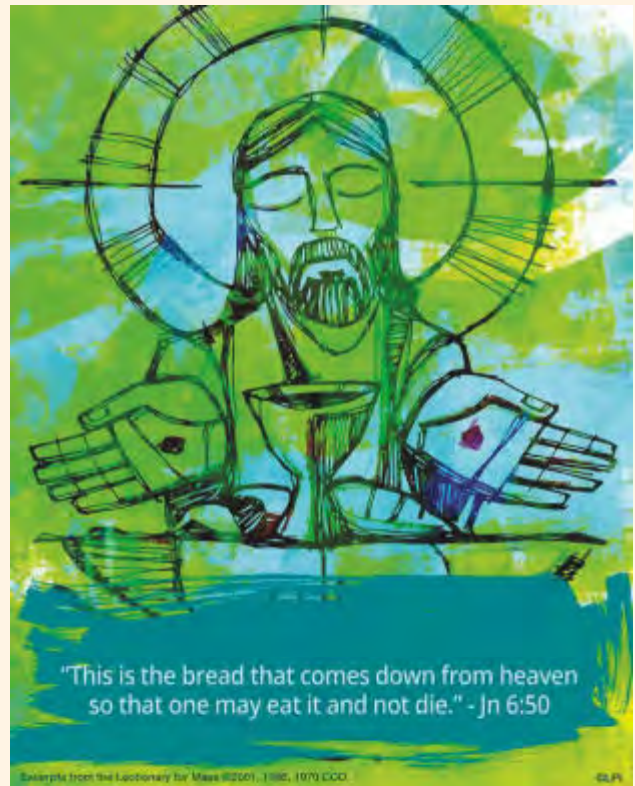
CONTACT INFORMATION

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AUGUST 8, 2021 - THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 08/09	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Mailing Party
	5:30 p.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
Tue. 08/10	1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Core Team Mtg.
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry
		Core Team Mtg.
Wed. 08/11	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 08/12	12:00 p.m.	Midday Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Fri. 08/13	6:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry
		Back to School Bash
Sat. 08/14	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	7:00 p.m.	Religious Ed. Registration
Sun. 08/15		Assumption of the BVM
	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. Registration
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	12:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Registration

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of August 1, 2021

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	63	\$ 3,940.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	141	\$ 3,615.83
Loose Change:		\$ 41.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 7,596.83

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 08/09	8:30 a.m.	Joseph MacKrell
Tue. 08/10	8:30 a.m.	Jack Case (Family)
Wed. 08/11	8:30 a.m.	John & Cecelia Turner
Thur. 08/12	8:30 a.m.	John Oregia (John Abbate)
Fri. 08/13	8:30 a.m.	Michael Flanders (Dan Ott)
Sat. 08/14	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
	6:00 p.m.	Carrie Bonjorno (Todd Beckes)
Sun. 08/15	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Edward C. Spellman (Family)

YOU ARE
Welcome Here

Sign-up Now...
...and get ready to SMILE!

OLM Photo Directory Pictures
will be taken



September 15

through

September 18, 2021

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

If you have any questions,
please call Katie in the Parish Office 814-899-5342



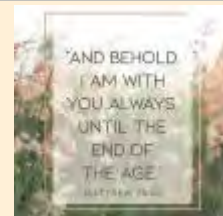
SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 08/09	Dt 10:12-22	/ Mt 17:22-27
Tue. 08/10	2 Cor 9:6-10	/ Jn 12:24-26
Wed. 08/11	Dt 34:1-12	/ Mt 18:15-20
Thur. 08/12	Jos 3:7-17	/ Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri. 08/13	Jos 24:1-13	/ Mt 19:3-12
Sat. 08/14	Jos 24:14-29	/ Mt 19:13-15
Sun. 08/15	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10	
	1 Cor 15:20-27	/ Lk 1:39-56

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

JOHN 6:41-51

"Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?"



Those who knew Jesus as that villager who lived just down the lane were hard pressed to count his words as the teaching of God. What could he say that hasn't been said before? But, then, he tells them he is the bread that comes down from heaven. What kind of talk is that coming from a child of that Joseph and Mary?

It was entirely possible to be too familiar with Jesus. Those who knew Jesus from childhood knew too much about him to have any need for what he said, let alone to drop their livelihoods and follow him. They were not hungry enough to recognize the aroma of fresh baked bread.

Today Christians who have frequently pondered the message of chapter 6 of John argue whether Jesus was referring to the Eucharist or his teaching when speaking of himself as bread. And the answer, of course, is that we are wrong. If we are hungry enough for the bread of which he spoke, we would recognize it whenever, wherever it was offered. Our mouths would be full of bread, who would have time to argue?

For Reflection: How hungry am I for what Jesus offers me in word and sacrament?

Clifford Yearly

For Mercy Sake Mailing Party

There will be a mailing party tomorrow **Monday, Aug. 9 at 9:00 a.m.** to prepare the summer issue of For Mercy Sake for the mail. If you can give an hour, please let Irene know by calling 814-899-6132 or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org



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.



Kids' Summer Challenge

If you were participating in the Kids' Summer Challenge, it is time to turn in your "bingos". The deadline to submit your completed tasks is **Aug. 15**. Send completed "bingos" to ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org



Evening Grief Support

Monday Aug 16 at 7:00 p.m. To attend this meeting by Zoom contact Donna Clark. Sometimes as summer approaches there are more events to distract us. This can be a healthy way of processing the grief. However, there are times when the grief becomes more intense because of summer memories with your loved one. Take some time to share these memories with others who can support you through the sadness to joy.



Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, Aug 18 @ 7:00** to discuss *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. We will gather at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 190 Kraus Drive. Our September title will be *Woman 99* by Greer Macallister.



Rosary March

The Erie Curia of the Legion of Mary is sponsoring a Rosary March on **Saturday August 21** at St. George church, 5145 Peach Street, Erie. Mass with Bishop Lawrence T. Persico begins at noon with the March to follow. The Rosary will also be said in the church at the same time.



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.

Religious Education Registration

Registration for this year of religious education will take place after all Masses the weekend of **Aug. 14-15**. All youth who will participate in religious education at OLM this academic year need to be registered by a parent or guardian prior to attending class.



Volunteers Needed

The religious education ministry at OLM needs faith-filled parishioners to share our Catholic faith and the love of God with our youth. In particular, we need a volunteer catechist for 1st grade and 9th grade. We also need volunteers to support the program by supervising the students who arrive by bus 45 minutes before the start of class on Tuesday afternoons. Substitute catechists and aids are also needed. If you are interested, contact Irene at 814-899-6132 or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

Sunset Mass

The summer is quickly coming to an end. Our annual end of the summer Sunset Mass will be **Sunday, Aug. 22 at 7:00 p.m.** It will be held on the grounds of Faith Lutheran Church 5414 East Lake Road. There are some benches at the area, but additional chairs may be needed.



We need your stories and photos to celebrate our 75th anniversary.

Do you have some picture of the old church or pictures of when the community met at the Harborcreek Training School for Boys? What about pictures of various parish activities and events? We hope to put together a timeline to include in our new picture directory. We also would like to collect stories from people who attended Mass at the boy's home and from the early years after the parish moved to Bartlett Road. Contact Donna Clark, and look for more information in the parish e mail blast and in the bulletin.



Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Parish



To provide a more spacious site for the parish complex, property on Buffalo Road was sold and property Bartlett Road was purchased from Albert and Ida Hadberg in 1952. The first building constructed was a catechetical center with attached chapel which would allow for weekday Masses and a place for the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament.



Social Justice

"We die on the day when our lives cease to be illumined by the steady radiance renewed daily, of a wonder, the source of which is beyond reason."

Dag Hammarskiold

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Fish & Pierogi Dinner

The people of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish announces a new tradition: our fall Fish and Pierogi Dinner on Friday, September 17 serving from 4-7 p.m. The menu is the same as our Lenten Dinners, including all of our homemade sides. Prices unchanged: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, children under 6 are free. Take-outs are available for no extra charge. Come and join us in Scheffner Hall and celebrate halfway to Holy Week!



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.

"Bless the LORD, my soul; all my being, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, my soul; and do not forget all his gifts..."
Psalm 103: 1-2

"Then let us Celebrate with a feast..." Luke 13:29

The Son of God Prayer Group invites you to celebrate with us at a Healing Mass with:

Rev. Jerry Piscarro

Join us at Holy Rosary Church
2701 East Ave. at 28th St., Erie, PA 16504
for a **Healing Mass**

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Music by ~ Jaci Phillips Sabol, starting at 6:15

Doors open at 5:30 P.M.

Individual prayers following the Mass.


QUESTIONS? Call: Pat - 814-823-3968

"as you go!" Matthew 10:7

Saturday
August 21, 2021 - 9:30-1:00


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 Fr. Joe is Parochial Vicar at Epiphany of the Lord Parish in Meadville, Pa. Catholic priest, active in the Charismatic Renewal who desires to bring the Holy Spirit to the Church! He is excited to share the ways God uses us and how we can be filled with the Holy Spirit "As We Go" about our lives.

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OR Call T.A. Walkiewicz at 814-933-9717 to register by phone

By mail: Send contact information and enclosed event fee (check payable to Word of Life CCRC) to:
Word of Life Charismatic Renewal Center
St. Mark Catholic Center
429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16514

\$10 EARLY REGISTRATION BEFORE AUG 14. FEE INCREASES TO \$12.50 BETWEEN AUGUST 14-18. REGISTER AT DOOR ON DAY OF EVENT FOR \$7.50 WITH NO LUNCH INCLUDED.

*If registration fee is a hardship or for questions, please contact T.A. at 814-933-9717



OLM Youth Ministry

For all youth entering 7th-12th grades!

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Mark Your Calendar!

Friday August 13th
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



St. Mark the Evangelist
Annual Garage Sale
695 Smithson Ave
Erie, PA 16511
814-899-3000
August 11-14 2021

Garage Sale Times
Wednesday, August 11: 2:00pm-7:00pm
Thursday-Friday, August 12-13: 8:30am-4:00pm
Saturday, August 14: 8:30am-1:00pm

Sunset Mass

Sunday, August 22 @ 7:00 PM

This Mass will count for your Sunday commitment



Faith Lutheran Church

5414 East Lake Road

Because of concerns about Covid, we were asked to move the location of our annual outdoor Mass last year. Faith Lutheran graciously offered to host us. The location worked so well, that we were asked to return there again this year.

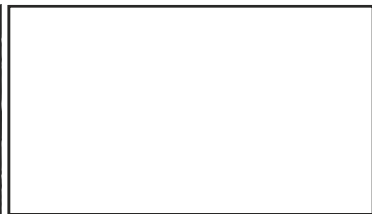
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