

# 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*

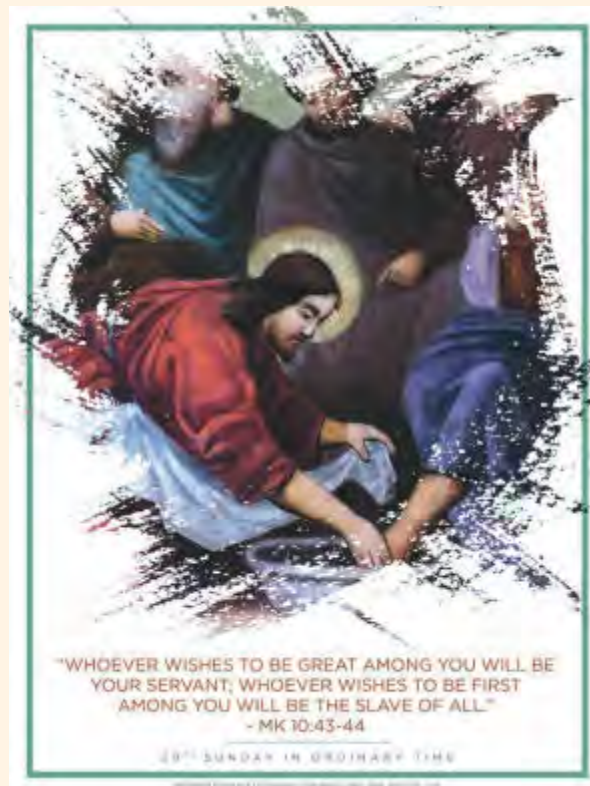
## CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Office: 814-899-5342

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**OCTOBER 17, 2021 - THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

<b>Mon. 10/18</b>	<b>75th Anniv. Directory Photo Sessions</b>
	9:00 a.m. Quilters
	9:30 a.m. Steel Magnolias
	5:30 p.m. Sisters of Scripture SCC
	6:30 p.m. AGIFT
	7:00 p.m. Fireside Chatters SCC
	7:00 p.m. Grief Support Group
<b>Tue. 10/19</b>	9:00 a.m. Creative Writing Group
	1:00 p.m. Potters Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m. Gr. 3 Religious Ed
	4:00 p.m. Gr. 4-6 Retreat
	6:30 p.m. Roman Candles SCC
	7:00 p.m. Lifelong Faith Formation
<b>Wed. 10/20</b>	8:30 a.m. Food Pantry Distribution
	9:00 a.m. Angels in Training SCC
	9:15 a.m. "The Creed"
	1:00 p.m. Diamonds in the Rough
	7:00 p.m. "The Creed"
<b>Thur. 10/21</b>	9:00 a.m. Painting Class
	12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer
	1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary
	6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl
	6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m. OLM Book Group
<b>Fri. 10/22</b>	
<b>Sat. 10/23</b>	4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 10/24</b>	9:30 a.m. Religious Ed Gr. K-2 & 7-8
	12:00 p.m. Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event
	3:00 p.m. Gr. 9-12 Haunted Horse Trailer Prep

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Mon. 10/18</b>	2 Tm 4:10-17b	/ Lk 10:1-9
<b>Tue. 10/19</b>	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-21	/ Lk 12:35-38
<b>Wed. 10/20</b>	Rom 6:12-18	/ Lk 12:39-48
<b>Thur. 10/21</b>	Rom 6:19-23	/ Lk 12:49-53
<b>Fri. 10/22</b>	Rom 7:18-25a	/ Lk 12:54-59
<b>Sat. 10/23</b>	Rom 8:1-11	/ Lk 13:1-9
<b>Sun. 10/24</b>	Jer 31:7-9 / Heb 5:1-6 / Mk 10:46-52	

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 10/18</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Dan Sweeney</b> (Sandra Jordan)
<b>Tue. 10/19</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Leo Kosobucki</b> (Carole Peters)
<b>Wed. 10/20</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Cpt. Norman Schlosser</b> (Morning Mass Group)
<b>Thur. 10/21</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Tom Smith</b> (Janet Smith)
<b>Fri. 10/22</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Mary Ellen Ferrick</b>
<b>Sat. 10/23</b>	8:30 a.m.	<del>NO MASS</del>
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Gertrude Peters</b> (Ross Peters)
<b>Sun. 10/24</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Josephine Federowicz</b> (Mary Lou Osiecki)

## We Remember...

Helen "Emily" Pohl, and Gretchen Schofield, sister of Dave Behringer; who passed away recently.



Please hold them and their families in prayer during this difficult time.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of October 10, 2021

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	65	\$ 3,994.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	138	\$ 3,507.08
Loose Change:		\$ 40.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 7,541.08</b>

## PRAYER LINE

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

Call Joanne Cargioli at 814-898-1068

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

Call Gerri Extein at 814-490-9681



## THIS SUNDAY'S

### REFLECTION

#### MARK 10:35-45

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant."



"Be careful what you wish for" is a fitting lesson for these sons of Zebedee. They discover that in the kingdom Jesus establishes, their wish for power will not lead to honor and glory. True greatness is manifest in service.

The Son of God himself was a model of service - coming not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45), identifying himself as one who serves at table (Luke 22:27), and washing the dirty feet of his followers (John 13:1-20). Followers of Jesus are to be shaped in his image.

True greatness, then, is found in feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the ill, and visiting the imprisoned (see Matt 25:31-46). Do we wish for these opportunities in our heart of hearts? Are we prepared to feed and welcome and clothe those who may never find a voice for themselves in our halls of power? Those with whom "rubbing elbows" would bring no prestige?

In the midst of the church's "ordinary time" we are asked to see greatness in ordinary people and ordinary actions.

**For Reflection: What is my deepest desire? Can I ask God to continue transforming me and my desires?**

Cackie Upchurch

### Advent Reflection Book

This week you are invited to choose a daily reading for Advent, write a reflection for our booklet and turn in the reflection preferably by e-mail to Janet Smith at [refereesmith@roadrunner.com](mailto:refereesmith@roadrunner.com) by Oct. 25. Hard copies may be brought to the office.



### For Mercy Sake Deadline

The deadline for the November issue of For Mercy Sake newsletter is TODAY Oct. 17. Please send items to [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org).

### Monthly Grief Support

Monday Oct 18 at 7 p.m. Every Third Monday of the month we host an evening grief support group at 7 p.m. This is open to anyone, even if they don't belong to the parish. The gathering is an opportunity for people to share their experience or listen to others. This exchange of experiences helps in the healing process. To arrange a one-on-one meeting please contact Donna Clark in the parish office.



### Book Group

Join us on Thursday, Oct. 21 @ 7:00 at the home of Donna Huff to discuss The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by Robert Dugoni. Our November title will be The Mountains Sing by Nguyễn Phan Quế.

Unvaccinated members, PLEASE wear masks.

### Mission of Friendship 50th Anniversary Celebration

Our Lady of Mercy is honored to be asked to host the diocesan celebration of 50 years of partnership with the Diocese of Merida. All are invited to join Bishop Persico for a Mass at 5:00 on Friday, Nov. 12 followed by an authentic Mexican dinner and a fashion show. Please RSVP by Nov. 1 to [isuares@erieRCD.org](mailto:isuares@erieRCD.org) if you plan to join this celebration.



### Parish Stories



We are still collecting stories about parish life. Please contact Donna Clark in the parish office to share your experience. Is there some experience that made an impression on you or

changed your understanding of God? Something that helped to give you a sense of community, prayer, service, or care?

## 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.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Question-of-the-Week Winner for the week of Oct. 4 was Addison Matusiak, grade 6, who knew that Moses received the 10 Commandments from God.

### 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 Jr. High which meets on Sunday between the two Masses. We also need volunteers to serve as substitute catechists. If you are interested, contact Irene at 814-899-6132 or [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org).



### Grade 4, 5, 6 Retreat

The annual retreat for youth in grades 4-6 will take place Tuesday, Oct. 19. It will begin at the normal class time and extend to 7:00. Supper will be provided. Our theme will be "PRAYER".

### Family Faith Event

Oct. 31 is a special celebration for families with children enrolled in Kdg.-Gr. 2 religious education. It will take place at the regularly scheduled religious education time. Children, parents, siblings should gather in Sperry Hall for a time of family faith and fun.

### Halloween Decorations Needed

Our Lady of Mercy Youth Ministry is decorating a "Haunted Horse Trailer" for the OLM Trunk or Treat event this October. We will be decorating the trailer on Sunday, October 24 and we are in need of decorations. If you have Halloween decorations you are willing to let us borrow, please drop them off in the Parish Office before Sunday, October 24 with your name on them so we know who to return them to. We are also making our own decorations, so we are accepting donations of Halloween crafting materials. Thank you in advance for your generous contribution to the OLM Youth Ministry Program.



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

In September of 1965 a parish committee composed of William Meyers, Robert Liebel, Joseph Varo, Floyd Clougherty and Raymond Peck along with Fr. Sperry wrote to Archbishop Gannon requesting permission to build a rectory.





## Social Justice

No one may claim the name of Christian and be comfortable in the face of hunger, homelessness, insecurity, and injustice found in this country and the world.

*Economic Justice for All,  
U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1986, #27.*

### Attention Lectors

Your Lector Workbooks for 2022 are in the Sacristy! Please make a point to pick them up at your earliest convenience. Thank you.



### Puzzled?

Need a new puzzle to work on? There are some available in the parlor on the bottom shelf of the bookcase.

### AV Ministry

We are looking for a few more people to learn how to work our livestream camera. Please contact Donna Clark.



### Cathedral Prep's Open House Save the Date

For middle school boys and girls, will be held on Sunday, October 31 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. There is an optional Mass beforehand at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Cathedral Prep is located at 225 West 9th Street, Erie, PA. Please call 814-453-7737 ext. 3 with questions.

## Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

### Bullying Prevention Month

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place over digital devices like cell phones, computers, and tablets. Cyberbullying can occur through SMS, Text, and apps, or online in social media, forums, or gaming where people can view, participate in, or share content. Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation. Some cyberbullying crosses the line into unlawful or criminal behavior. The most common places where cyberbullying occurs are: Social Media, such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and Tik Tok; Text messaging and messaging apps on mobile or tablet devices; Instant messaging, direct messaging, and online chatting over the internet; Online forums, chat rooms, and message boards, such as Reddit; Email; and online gaming communities. Adults should take the same approach to address it: support the child being bullied, address the bullying behavior of a participant, and show children that cyberbullying is taken seriously. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>



### Junior High Youth Event

All 7th and 8th graders are invited and encouraged to attend the Youth Event on **Sunday, October 24th from noon to 3 p.m.** We will take this time together to learn more about the Mexican tradition of Dia De Los Muertos. A taco bar lunch will be provided, so come with an empty stomach. Please RSVP to Katie by Oct. 20 at [youthminister@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:youthminister@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

### Senior High Trunk or Treat Prep Event

All students in grades 9 through 12 are invited to Sperry Hall on **Sunday, October 24th from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.** to help us prep for our Trunk or Treat Haunted Horse Trailer. A taco bar meal will be provided. Many hands make light work and we need your help. Please RSVP to Katie at by Oct. 20 at [youthminister@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:youthminister@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

### OLM Youth Ministry's Haunted Horse Trailer

The OLM Youth Ministry Program is putting together a Haunted Horse Trailer for the upcoming Trunk or Treat event on Saturday October 30th beginning at 3 p.m. We need the help of our Youth Ministry Program to run the horse trailer. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: cosplay, guides, and candy. Please sign up to volunteer in any of these departments to Katie at [youthminister@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:youthminister@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

## GREATER IS HE!

Annual 'Greater Things' Conference



**Date & Time: Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 9am to 3:30pm**

Location:  
Our Lady Of Peace Parish, 2401 West 36th Street, Erie PA

Sponsored by:  
Word of Life Center Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center

Registration online here: <https://bit.ly/event-registration/#14013916>

Call TA Walkiewicz at 814-833-9717 to register by phone

Early Registration Fee \$20 prior to October 16th (Lunch Provided)  
\$25.00 Regular Registration fee from October 16-20 (Lunch Provided)  
\$15.00 walk-in fee for registration the morning of the event (Lunch not included)

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



Come and discover the powerful reality of knowing the effect of truly understanding that "greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world" (1 JN 4:4). Comprehension of the deep deep love of God for us through Jesus leads the way to restoration, healing, confidence in Christ, and boldness: "Perfect love casts out".... things that bind you!

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There are 2 ways to schedule your appointment:

1.) To schedule your photography appointment online,  
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2.) Give Katie a call in the Parish Office Monday-Friday  
from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The phone number is 814-899-5342.

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come together as a community to produce an updated  
directory with EVERYONE in it?



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# Murder at the Juice Joint

Murder Mystery Party  
Friday, October 29, 2021 - 6p-10p  
Saint George Church  
5145 Peach St, Erie, PA 16509  
[aboyd@eriercd.org](mailto:aboyd@eriercd.org)  
(814) 864-0622 ext. 354

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://ERIEYA.ORG/MURDERMYSTERY](https://erieya.org/murdermystery)

OUR LADY OF MERCY  
PRESENTS...

# TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 30  
@ 3:00 P.M.

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EVENT PAGE, OR TO THE PARISH  
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**Membership Form**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Address     Moving out of the Parish

New Parishioner  
 To start the new member process please call the parish office at 899-5342; or request a phone call by filling out this form and returning it to the office by mail or collection basket.