

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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JANUARY 30, 2022 - THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 01/31	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
Tue. 02/01	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Gr. 3-6 Religious Ed.
	6:30 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council
Wed. 02/02	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
Thur. 02/03	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	9:00 a.m.	Angels in Training SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 02/04		
Sat. 02/05	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 02/06		Casserole Club Drop Off
		Monthly Food Pantry Collection
	9:30 a.m.	Gr. K-2&7-8 Religious Ed.
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	12:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of January 23, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	54	\$ 3,238.10
Faith Direct Deposits:	139	\$ 3,511.70
Loose Change:		\$ 42.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,791.80

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 01/31	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13	/ Mk 5:1-20
Tue. 02/01	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25, 30-19:3	/ Mk 5:21-43
Wed. 02/02	Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18	/ Lk 2:22-32
Thur. 02/03	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12	/ Mk 6:7-13
Fri. 02/04	Sir 47:2-11	/ Mk 6:14-29
Sat. 02/05	1 Kgs 3:4-13	/ Mk 6:30-34
Sun. 02/06	Is 6:1-8 / 1 Cor 15:1-11	/ Lk 5:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 01/31	8:30 a.m.	Barbara Schlosser (Janet Smith)
Tue. 02/01	8:30 a.m.	Karl Nagorski (Joe & Rose Tarquinio)
Wed. 02/02	8:30 a.m.	Leo Brooks
Thur. 02/03	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (Linda & Family)
Fri. 02/04	8:30 a.m.	Melanie Bryant
Sat. 02/05	6:00 p.m.	Millie Herrmann (Delores Carpezza)
Sun. 02/06	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Chris Plonski (Barb Jones)

We Remember...

Sr. Mary Rose Romeo SSJ, and John Bailey, husband of Linda Bailey; who passed away recently.

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

In Loving Memory

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.

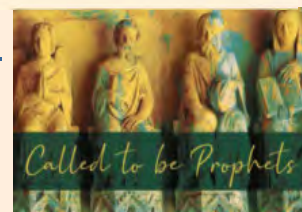
Call Gerri Extein at 814-490-9681



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

LUKE 4:21-30

"...no prophet is accepted in his own native place."



All of us are proud of our heritage, but we must question, on occasion, just how far to carry this pride. Do we use it to exclude others from our circle of acquaintances because of skin color, ancestry or religious tradition? Jesus confronted this issue with a group in the synagogue in today's narrative.

The Israelites were the chosen people of God. To many Jews this was the core belief of their tradition. Any rewards in this life or the next were reserved to them, to the exclusion of all others. This appears in total disregard to the teaching of the prophets or the writer of many of the Psalms. God had opened the kingdom to all nations, but many of the Jewish faith tradition would have no part of it.

When Jesus, a hometown boy, spoke the truth, it was a message the listeners didn't want to hear from this young rabbi. There could be a simple solution - kill the messenger, as had been done to many prophets.

As he did at the end of his earthly life, Jesus passed through death. "He passed through the midst of them."

For Reflection: When I participate in liturgy, how am I open to the message being preached? Is it possible to change preconceived notions regarding the message or the messenger?

Frank Zanolfo

Gift Basket Auction

A gift basket auction will accompany the spaghetti dinner fundraiser for religious education. Gift basket auction tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekend of Feb. 6, during the spaghetti dinner and on Friday, Feb. 4 between 9:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.



For Mercy Sake Mailing Party

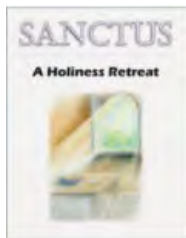


We will be preparing the newsletter for the mail at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 7. If you can lend a hand, contact Irene at lucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

or call 814-899-6132. Please wear a mask.

Sanctus: A Holiness Retreat

Let your New Year's resolution be a deeper connection with Christ, a greater life of faith. Join other parishioners on a one day retreat on Feb. 19. All meals are included. There is no cost. Register by Feb. 1. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin tables or the parish website. Questions, contact Irene Lucas.



Just 2 more weeks until 22:32 Men – Register Now!

Join men from across the Diocese of Erie and beyond for the Ninth Annual 22:32 Men's Conference. This day of inspiration and spiritual growth, open to men of all faiths, will feature

national speakers – Including Bear Woznick from Hawaii and Fr. Anthony Baetzold, CFR, from Texas. The 9th annual 22:32 Men's Conference will be held on Saturday February, 12th, from 8:30 a.m. to noon and you may attend as follows: •Live in-person at St. Jude's Parish in Erie; •Virtually at hosting parishes via YouTube, participating parishes listed on our website www.2232men.com; •Virtually via YouTube in your home. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring national speakers and opportunities for prayer, and reconciliation as well as Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico. All you need to have is an open heart! The event is \$20. For more information and to register visit www.2232men.com or call 814-455-7364.

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 Jan. 23 was Maceio Pearson, gr. 3, who knew that the Church uses the color green during the season of Ordinary Time.

Book Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Feb. 16 at the home of Marilyn Garwig to discuss My Antonia by Willa Cather. Want to read ahead? Our March title will be The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles. Unvaccinated members, PLEASE wear masks.



Need someone to talk to about experiencing abuse?

Reach out to PurpleOne. Services provided are not only for crisis situations but also for those currently living in domestic violence, or those who have experienced it in the past. We have a 24-hour hotline.(814) 438-2675

Grief Support available

In grief, God can seem far away. Perhaps you experience anger with God because your loved one has died. Advice from Ken Haugk (Journeying Through Grief Series) can help: It is OK to be yourself with God, even angry. Tell God what you truly feel; feeling abandoned by God and being abandoned by God are different. (God does not abandon us); Imagine that God grieves and suffers with you. Eventually the relationship with God is felt as real again. For more information on this or other grief issues contact Donna Clark in the Parish Office.



Cursillo

Men's Cursillo 251 is February 11-13th at Our Lady of Mercy. Applications can be obtained at eriecursillo.org. Make time for yourself and God. He is waiting for you!



Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Parish



Significant in Fr. Ritchie's first term was the evolution of the parish council into a pastoral council which came into being in April 1992. Unlike a parish council, the pastoral council is concerned with more than the practical details of parish life. It is to provide a vision of where and how and in what way the parish can advance itself spiritually, strengthening the bonds of unity and building up the faith of the people.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Feb 9 Cooper Benson 12
 Feb 10 Hunter Shoop 17
 Feb 10 Brennan Murphy 17
 Feb 11 Samuel Massella 6
 Feb 11 Dean Massella 6
 Feb 18 Sydney Kisiel 16

Feb 19 Jaden Rocco 18
 Feb 21 Calum Baker 3
 Feb 26 Blake Nguyen 12
 Feb 28 Kinsley Durst 3
 Feb 28 Zoe Maldonado 15



For the
Religious
Education
Ministry

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

- Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Refreshments
- Salad
- Italian Bread
- Cookies
- Chinese Auction

Sit down and take-out options are available

\$10 for Adults
\$5 for Children 10 and under

Our Neighbors' Place

Shelter for the homeless during the winter months is supported by the community. The Eastside Catholic Churches support this ministry under the guidance of Erie United Methodist Alliance (EUMA). For the March shelter weeks (Mar 9-22, 2022), there is a need for volunteers willing to pack 35 "heavy snack" bags for the guests. If you can help please contact Mary Ellen Lieb melieb4@gmail.com, 814-873-1284 to sign up. A snack bag can include a sandwich, fruit or veggies, cheese & crackers, cookies, a drink & napkin. Bags need not be huge, just enough to tide guests over until morning. Monetary donations to EUMA are appreciated.



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.



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.

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Gr. K-2 9:45 AM Sunday CAFE 10:30 AM 6th Grade Practice 11:00 AM Gr. 6 Class Mass 12:00 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event	31 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias	1 8:30 AM Mass 11:30 AM Potters Clay SCC 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Gr. 3-6 Rel. Ed. 6:30 PM Roman Candles 7:30 PM AA	2 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough	3 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Angels in Training 12:00 PM Midday Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Prayer Shawl	4 8:30 AM Mass	5 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
6 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club Drop Off Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Gr. K-2 & 7-8 Rel. Ed. 12:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	7 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias 5:30 PM Sisters of Scripture 6:30 PM Fireside Chatters	8 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Gr. 3-6 Rel. Ed. 7:30 PM AA	9 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	10 Cursillo 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 12:00 PM Midday Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl	11 Cursillo 8:30 AM Mass	12 SCC Sign Up Weekend Cursillo 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
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20 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 10:30 AM Gr. 11 Retreat 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Gr. K-2 & 7-8 Rel. Ed. 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 11:00 AM Gr. 5 Class Mass	21 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias 5:30 PM Sisters of Scripture SCC 6:30 PM Fireside Chatters SCC	22 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay SCC 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Gr. 3-6 Rel. Ed. 5:30 PM OLM Youth Open Gym 7:30 PM AA	23 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough	24 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 12:00 PM Midday Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM Synod Meetings	25 8:30 AM Mass	26 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
27 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Gr K - 2 Family Faith Event 12:00 PM Jr. High Retreat	28 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC	1 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay SCC 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Gr. 3-6 Rel. Ed. 6:30 PM Roman Candles 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting 7:30 PM AA	2 Ash Wednesday 8:30 AM Ash Wednesday Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Mass	3 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Angels in Training 9:00 AM Painting Class 12:00 PM Midday Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM Synod Meetings	4 8:30 AM Mass	5 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass

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Change of Address Moving out of the Parish

New Parishioner

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