

# 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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**APRIL 24, 2022 - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 04/25	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council Information Session
Tue. 04/26	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Hallelujah Girls SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Gr. 3-6 Religious Ed.
	5:30 p.m.	OLM Youth Open Gym
Wed. 04/27	7:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Thur. 04/28	4:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council Information Session
	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	9:00 a.m.	Angels In Training SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Ministry Committee Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Fri. 04/29	<b>CURSILLO WEEKEND</b>	
Sat. 04/30	9:30 a.m.	First Eucharist Practice
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	6:00 p.m.	First Eucharist
Sun. 05/01	<b>Casserole Club Drop Off</b>	
	<b>Monthly Food Pantry Collection</b>	
	11:00 a.m.	First Eucharist

## We Remember... *In Loving Memory*

Bill Spring & Fr. James Kennelley, a priest who served in the Diocese of Erie; who passed away recently.

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

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 04/25	1 Pt 5:5-14	/ Mk 16:15-20
Tue. 04/26	Acts 4:32-37	/ Jn 3:7-15
Wed. 04/27	Acts 5:17-26	/ Jn 3:16-21
Thur. 04/28	Acts 5:27-33	/ Jn 3:31-36
Fri. 04/29	Acts 5:34-42	/ Jn 6:1-15
Sat. 04/30	Acts 6:1-7	/ Jn 6:16-21
Sun. 05/01	Acts 5:27-41 / Rv 5:11-14	/ Jn 21:1-19

## SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady of Mercy has a reason to celebrate. Someone we love is turning 80 before the month ends. And we want to make his birthday as joyful as possible. Mark your calendar for Saturday evening, May 7. Join us for the 6:00 Mass followed by a birthday reception for Fr. Ritchie in Sperry Hall. Bring a finger food to share. All are welcome.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of April 17, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	74	\$ 3,607.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	143	\$ 3,685.04
Loose Change:		\$ 70.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 7,362.04</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



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 04/25	8:30 a.m.	Donna Charles
Tue. 04/26	8:30 a.m.	Msgr. Carlton Ritchie
Wed. 04/27	8:30 a.m.	Marlene Calder (Mary Ann Brugger)
Thur. 04/28	8:30 a.m.	Marsha R zodkiewicz (Joe & Rose Tarquinio)
Fri. 04/29	8:30 a.m.	Bryan Sylvester (The Bucklin Family)
Sat. 04/30	6:00 p.m.	Gertrude Peters (Ross Peters)
Sun. 05/01	8:30 a.m.	For the People Of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Mary Ella Eaglen (Maureen Koseff)

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### JOHN 20:19-31

These are written that you may come to believe. Thomas is not the only apostle to have doubted. Matthew tells us that all eleven doubted, even as they gathered around the risen Christ and worshiped (Mt 28:17).

Easter brings us Good News beyond comprehension. It wasn't enough to be there to believe it. Even seeing wasn't believing. Thomas could doubt his eye, he wanted to touch and feel. Maybe that would make it seem more real. But John the Evangelist knows what finally clinches their faith. Having been given Jesus' gift of the Spirit, when they hear his words, the Spirit will respond in their own hearts: This is he; this is the Christ, risen from the dead! We believe because of the words he speaks are the words of the Spirit and life (Jn 6:63).

And that is where we too will have our faith affirmed. Are there doubts that sometimes trouble you? How like the apostles you are! Open the gospels and read. They are written that you might believe.

Reflection: Do I take time to prayerfully read the gospels?

Clifford Yeary



### Sundae Sunday

Join us after the 11:00 Mass in Sperry Hall today, April 24 for ice cream sundaes and a cake walk. All are invited. Let's celebrate all the blessings we have, all the joy that fills our hearts in this Easter season.



### For Mercy Sake Mailing Party

We will be folding newsletters and stuffing envelopes at 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 9. If you can lend a hand, contact Irene Lucas at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or 814-899-6132.

### Book Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on May 18 to discuss Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewell.



### SCC Prayer and Potluck Dinner

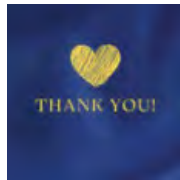


The Prayer and Potluck Dinner sponsored by the Small Christian Communities of Our Lady of Mercy will be held on **Wednesday, May 4 at 6 p.m.** We will gather for a short

prayer service in the church, followed by dinner in Sperry Hall. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share (meat and drinks will be provided), and a non-perishable food item for the Ella Cochran Food Pantry. Please RSVP to the Parish Office before April 27 by calling 899-5342 or emailing [secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

WOW ..... our Parish comes through again! Our Knights of Columbus Council is sending a total of \$6,200 to the Knights in Poland who are heading a massive effort to provide food, clothing and shelter to many of the 2+ million Ukrainian refugees entering Poland. The funds will be distributed through the Knights Supreme Council Ukrainian Relief Effort with 100 % of the money going directly to the Polish Knights. The Knights would like to thank the generous parishioners who contributed to this relief effort along with our own Council's contribution.



### 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.



## 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 April 12 was David Parente, grade 5, who knew that fire and water are blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass.

### Informational sessions for Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council is seeking new members who are willing to be part of a visioning process for our parish. We hope that this process will create a vision that will change the culture of Our Lady of Mercy to embrace our full potential as the Body of Christ – as a community of disciples, engaged in prayer, in service and in building a community of peace so we can bring God's healing love to all. If interested, please consider attending one of the informational sessions this week:



**Monday, April 25 at 7pm**  
**Wednesday, April 27 at 4pm.**

Other times can be arranged.

After this session we encourage you to take some time to discern what God is calling you to. Attending the information session does not mean that you must join the council. To sign up or for more information please contact Donna Clark in the parish office. 814-899-5342 or [dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

### Knights of Columbus Golf and Sports Raffle



The Knights of Columbus will once again host their annual Golf and Sports Raffle Casino Night at Our Lady of Mercy on **Friday, May 13, 2022**. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and include food and refreshments. All tickets are eligible for all drawings, need not be present to win. Cash

prizes will be awarded for those in attendance. Proceeds from this event will benefit youth activities at Our Lady of Mercy. For a list of prizes, please see the flyer on the bulletin boards in the Gathering Space. Tickets and posters are available in the Parish Office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and will be sold after all Masses on April 23/24 & 30, May 1, & 7/8.



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

On the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy in September 1999, parish families placed decorated stones in the ground beneath where the new altar would stand - a reminder that the Church is build of "living stones."





**JOB OPENING FOR  
PART-TIME  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC  
MINISTRIES**



Our Lady of Mercy Parish is seeking a director of music ministries who will be actively engaged in the worship life of the parish and support the song of the assembly at weekend and special liturgies. Candidates must possess a bachelor's degree in music or equivalent experience and have knowledge and understanding of Catholic liturgy. Additional requirements include the ability to plan liturgies, excellent organizational and communication skills, and adaptability. For a pastoral musician with additional skills, this part-time music director position can be expanded to full-time coordinator of liturgical ministries. Applicants should send a cover letter and resume to [info@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:info@ourladyofmercychurch.org). For more information and a complete job description, contact the parish at 814-899-5342. To learn more about Our Lady of Mercy Parish, go to [www.ourladyofmercychurch.org](http://www.ourladyofmercychurch.org).

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On May 13, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, looking to the Blessed Mother for peace and comfort in times of uncertainty.

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

Mother of all individuals and peoples,  
you know all their sufferings and hopes.  
In your motherly heart you feel all the struggles  
between good and evil,  
between light and darkness,  
that convulse the world:  
accept the plea which we make  
in the Holy Spirit directly to your heart,  
and embrace with the love of the Mother  
and Handmaid of the Lord  
those who most await this embrace,  
and also those whose act of entrustment  
you too await in a particular way.  
Take under your motherly protection  
the whole human family,  
which with affectionate love  
we entrust to you, O Mother.  
May there dawn for everyone  
the time of peace and freedom,  
the time of truth, of justice and of hope.

**The BEST FESTIVAL EVER  
is back in full swing!  
July 10, 2022  
12 to 5 p.m.**



In addition to our WORLD FAMOUS BBQ Chicken Dinner, the Festival will also offer... Chinese Auction – Bake Sale – Bingo – Children's Area – Pony Rides – Raffles: \$1000 Grand Prize, Quilt, 50/50, Restaurant Gift Cards, Wine Basket & Craft Beer Basket!

**BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

Our Knights of Columbus council has joined all the other councils in Erie and Crawford Counties to conduct a Baby Bottle fundraising drive to benefit the Women's Care Center of Erie with a goal of purchasing a mobile ultrasound van. This medically equipped vehicle will visit rural areas, as well as our five local universities to provide valuable lifesaving services. In 2021, our OLM and St. Gregory's K of C councils partnered to provide an ultrasound machine to the Care Center, and in less than a year 63 previously abortion bound women chose life for their unborn children, after viewing them on this state of the art machine. While this is certainly an achievement, we are now focusing on helping to raise \$250,000 to purchase a mobile ultrasound van. If the K of C along with other entities is able to achieve this goal, the K of C Supreme council in Connecticut will pay the entire cost of the mobile ultrasound machine, amounting to about \$50,000. Baby bottles will be distributed as you leave church on Mother's Day. If you are financially able, we ask that you fill them with change, currency or checks and return them on Father's Day. All proceeds will go to the purchase of the mobile ultrasound van.



**Child Abuse  
Prevention Month**



Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. Mandated Reporters in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit [www.erieecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.erieecd.org/childprotection/) to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

27th Annual Knights of Columbus  
Our Lady of Mercy Council 11144

# **GOLF AND SPORTS RAFFLE**

## **Casino Night**

*Benefitting Youth Activities at Our Lady of Mercy Parish*

**Friday, May 13, 2022**

**Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sperry Hall**

Bartlett and Dutton Roads, Harborcreek / Doors Open 6-11 pm

**FREE FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS**

**ALL TICKETS ELIGIBLE FOR ALL DRAWINGS  
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### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF AND SPORTS RAFFLE PRIZE LIST**

1. Bermuda 6 Night Cruise for Two - September/October - **STAN'S GARDEN CENTER**
2. \$300 Value Vehicle Services - **MCMILLEN'S CAR CARE**
3. Two Steelers Tickets / 50 Yard Line "You Pick Game" - **WIDGET FINANCIAL**
4. Four Tickets Bridgestone Sr. Tourney Akron, OH - **ROSETO-SUTER OVERHEAD DOOR**
5. Callaway Rogue ST MAX Mens Irons 4-PW - **OLLINGER PLUMBING & HEATING**
6. Garmin Golf Rangefinder - **GERY T. NIETUPSKI ESQ.**
7. 55" HDTV - **PSB INDUSTRIES**
8. Membership for One Year - **FOX RUN**
9. Callaway Rogue ST MAX Driver - **H AND H DIRECTIONAL DRILLING**
10. Golf for Four - **WHISPERING WOODS GOLF COURSE**
11. Scenic Heights Golf Course - One Year Membership - **WAC**
12. Sun Mountain Golf Bag - **JOE B'S CARPET**
13. Three Walleye Passes - **TELL NO TALES CHARTER** - **N.E. TIRE & SERVICE**
14. **GREEN MEADOWS GOLF** and **RICARDO'S** Dinner for Four
15. White Hot OG Putter - **BATES COLLISION**
16. Kellar's Magical Comedy Tickets - **LAKEVIEW MOTEL**
17. Golf for Four with Cart - **LAKESIDE GOLF COURSE**
18. Four Seawolves Tickets at 2 Games - **THE WILKINS COMPANY**
19. Ladder Tree Stand - **EAST ERIE MOOSE**
20. Two 3 Hour Sessions - **THE CLUBHOUSE INDOOR GOLF**

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*Membership Form*

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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.