

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.

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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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.



MAY 8, 2022 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 05/09	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Mailing Party
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
Tue. 05/10	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Hallelujah Girls SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Wed. 05/11	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	6:30 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 05/12	9:00 a.m.	Angels In Training SCC
	12:00 p.m.	Jesus Today Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Music Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Fri. 05/13	6:00 p.m.	KoC Golf & Sports Raffle
Sat. 05/14	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 05/15		

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of May 1, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	54	\$ 2,875.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	143	\$ 3,685.95
Loose Change:		\$ 62.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,622.95

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 05/09	Acts 11:1-18	/ Jn 10:1-10
Tue. 05/10	Acts 11:19-26	/ Jn 10:22-30
Wed. 05/11	Acts 12:24-13:5a	/ Jn 12:44-50
Thur. 05/12	Acts 13:13-25	/ Jn 13:16-20
Fri. 05/13	Acts 13:26-33	/ Jn 14:1-6
Sat. 05/14	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26	/ Jn 15:9-17
Sun. 05/15	Acts 14:21-27 / Rv 21:1-5	/ Jn 13:31-35

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. 05/09	8:30 a.m.	Rich DiPlacido (Maxine & Jim Tonks)
Tue. 05/10	8:30 a.m.	Sandy Verbish
Wed. 05/11	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Thur. 05/12	8:30 a.m.	Margaret Irene Ritchie
Fri. 05/13	8:30 a.m.	Gerald Stauffer (Dave & MaryAnn Hardner)
Sat. 05/14	6:00 p.m.	George & Betty Dietrich (Fred & Kay Kaeberlein)
Sun. 05/15	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Betty Weber (Jim & Bunny Weber)

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!

The Book Sale is BACK! July 7th - 10th

Thank you to all who volunteered. We are still in need of someone to handle publicity, organizer for adult outdoor games, refreshment stand coordinator, 2 co-chairs.

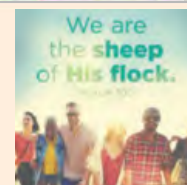
Please contact Karen Sweeney with any questions or concerns 814-323-1890.



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

JOHN 10:27-30

"My sheep hear my voice."



My wife tells a story about our son during his first semester of college at a school 1,200 miles away. He called home one morning, very tired, down with a bad cold, and feeling homesick. "He knew there was nothing I could do for him," she says, "but he wanted to hear my voice."

Today's Gospel is brief, but not simple. In a few short lines, Jesus addresses our longing for belonging, promises eternal life, describes the power of God, and confounds us with the statement, "The Father and I are one." Wow! There is a lot going on here. But it begins with hearing.

Hearing can mean both receiving sound and understanding sound. We cannot fully understand the power of God, or the mystery of God, or the nature of eternal life. But we can understand the voice of Jesus in the same way that sheep hear the voice of their shepherd, or a child hears his mother's voice. We feel comfort and protection and a sense of belonging.

Reflection: Do I recognize the voice of Jesus? Am I prepared to listen?

Peter Dwyer

Chinese Auction Baskets & Items Needed!

The Knights of Columbus are collecting auction baskets and items for the upcoming Golf and Sports Raffle. Please bring all auction baskets and items to the Parish Office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This event continues to be successful because of your generous donations. Thank you!



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 or 814-899-6132.



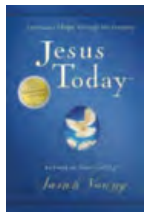
Grief Support Group

May 16 at 7:00 p.m. we gather to share our experiences of losing someone we love. Sometimes we have unexpected experiences. It is helpful to share those experiences so that we know we are not alone in our struggle. For one-on-one meetings contact Donna Clark in the Parish Office.



Heard from Jesus Lately?

Join us on Thursdays at Noon as we read from the book Jesus Today. Sometimes we need to hear an encouraging word to enliven our spirit. Join this small group in the parish parlor to read a short spiritual reflection from the book then share the message or the challenge you received. Questions – contact Donna Clark.



HEALING MASS

WITH:
Father Joe Petrone | Father Jerry Priscaro

FAITH ON FIRE! CCRC and Son God Prayer Group invites you to celebrate with us

JOIN US AT:
Holy Rosary Church 2701 East Avenue and 28th St. Erie PA 16504 (Side entrance)

Tuesday, May 10th 2022 at 6:30 PM
Worship Music by Harmony's House. Starting at 6:15 PM
Doors open at 5:30 PM

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING FOLLOWING THE MASS.
QUESTIONS: CALL PAT 814-823-3968

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.

Summer Scripture Study

Have you ever wondered how the parables of Jesus would have been heard and understood by the Jewish audience who listened to Jesus in real time? The Prodigal Son, The Good Samaritan, The Lost Sheep, these stories are as familiar as our own names. They have been explained to us from childhood. We know what they mean. But do we know what they meant? In our Summer Scripture Study, we will try to hear these stories with the ears of a first century Palestinian Jew. Our study guide will be "Short Stories by Jesus: Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi" the Study Guide by Amy-Jill Levine. Levine is a highly respected Scripture scholar and a Jewish theologian. Participants who would like to order the guide for \$10 should contact Irene Lucas by June 10 at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132. Participants should feel free to purchase the study guide on their own or to attend without a book. This study will meet Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. June 23 - July 28 on the back patio of Irene Lucas 1019 Bartlett Rd. Each week will look at a different parable, so there is no need to commit to attend every week.



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 this weekend.



Book Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on May 18 at the home of Sue McCreary to discuss Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewell. Our June title will be The Girl Who Wrote in Silk by Kelli Estes.



Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Parish
On Christmas Eve 1999, between 850-900 people attended the First Mass celebrated in the new worship space.



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.

Happy Birthday to
Levi Gilchrist
 who turns 8 on
 May 19th!



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.



NEED A SUMMER JOB?

If you are a High School or College student looking for a summer job, Our Lady of Mercy is looking for summer help with maintenance and landscaping. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 814-899-5342.

JOB OPENING FOR PART-TIME DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

**WE'RE
 HIRING**

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. 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.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Bullying



The Centers for Disease Control and Department of Education define bullying as: any unwanted aggressive behavior(s) by another youth or group of youths, who are not siblings or current dating partners, that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of students ages 12-18 experienced bullying nationwide. 19% of students in grades 9-12 report being bullied on school property. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that it is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents should educate themselves on the signs that a child has been bullied or is a bully. They should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Parents can encourage their child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit www.stopbullying.gov For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

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
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

**CASH PRIZES AWARDED
FOR THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

All prizes must be claimed by August 31, 2022

Tickets Courtesy Of

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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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OR
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Membership Form

Name _____

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.