

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

Parish Office: 814-899-5342

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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 29, 2022 - THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 05/30	Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed	
Tue. 05/31	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Ministry Committee Meeting
Wed. 06/01	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Thur. 06/02	12:00 p.m.	Jesus Today Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Music Rehearsal
Fri. 06/03		
Sat. 06/04	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	7:00 p.m.	Pentecost Party
Sun. 06/05	PENTECOST	
	Casserole Club Drop-Off	
	Monthly Food Pantry Collection	
	9:30 a.m.	Pentecost Party
	12:00 p.m.	Pentecost Party

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of May 22, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	43	\$ 4,226.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	143	\$ 3,697.45
Loose Change:		\$ 80.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 8,003.45

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 05/30	9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Armed Forces
Tue. 05/31	8:30 a.m.	Jack Case (Family)
Wed. 06/01	8:30 a.m.	Analida Braeger (Tom Braeger)
Thur. 06/02	8:30 a.m.	Frank Yeane (Angels In Training)
Fri. 06/03	8:30 a.m.	Bea Martin (Katie & Bailey)
Sat. 06/04	6:00 p.m.	Gertrude Peters (Ross Peters)
Sun. 06/05	8:30 a.m.	Suzanne Wieman (Mike & Jan Brown)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

We Remember... *In Loving Memory*

Christopher Kaeberlein, son of Fred Kaeberlein; who passed away recently.

Please hold him and his family in prayer during this difficult time.

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



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 05/30	Acts 19:1-8	/ Jn 16:29-33
Tue. 05/31	Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16	/ Lk 1:39-56
Wed. 06/01	Acts 20:28-38	/ Jn 17:11-19
Thur. 06/02	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11	/ Jn 17:20-26
Fri. 06/03	Acts 25:13-21	/ Jn 21:15-19
Sat. 06/04	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31	/ Jn 21:20-25
Sun. 06/05	Acts 2:1-11 / Rom 8:8-12	/ Jn 14:15-26

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

JOHN 20:19-23



Jesus came and stood in their midst.

The disciples had locked themselves in, hoping to be protected from any who would do them hard after the death of Jesus. Surely they were pondering all that had happened, maybe even commiserating together about all they had given to the cause, only to have it end in defeat. And Jesus simply came and stood in their midst.

Such simplicity to describe a profound moment. There was little need to adorn the story with details - no detail could add to the wonder of his presence in the midst of the fear and confusion that the disciples were experiencing.

Jesus was in their midst physically for a time, but through the Spirit is present throughout all time. He did not abandon the disciples to their fears, nor did he bolster them with only words of encouragement as if that would be enough to sustain them.

Jesus' gift of the Spirit is his way of remaining with his followers, even today, in every moment of our lives. The Spirit is Jesus standing in our midst, and walking with us, directing and gifting us, equipping us for the word of the kingdom.

Reflection: In what ways is God standing with me even when I have "locked the doors"? How is the Spirit helping me to step out in faith?

Cackie Upchurch

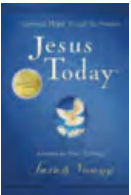


Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. Regular office hours of Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, May 31st.



Spirituality Boost



We can boost our credit and we can boost our protein intake, but did you ever consider a boost to your spirituality? Join us on **Thursdays at noon** for a short reflection taken from the book *Jesus Today*. Share your thoughts on the uplifting words and listen to input from others about how God is moving in their lives. Guaranteed to help lift your spirits. Questions contact Donna Clark in the parish office.

Pentecost Party

Fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead, he sent His Holy Spirit upon a frightened and confused group of His disciples. It looked like burning fire, sounded like rushing wind and felt like the birth of the Church. Pentecost is our birthday, the birthday of we who are the Church. Birthdays need to be celebrated with cake and balloons and pop. Let's gather in Sperry Hall **after each Mass June 4 & 5** for cupcakes or muffins, pop or coffee and the chance to celebrate our birthday.



Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School registrations are now being accepted. Fliers and forms can be found on the bulletin tables, in the current issue of For

Mercy Sake and on the parish website. Children age 3 to 6th grade are invited to a week of fun, faith and friends. And it is all free. Non-parish members are welcome. We are also looking for volunteers to help with that week. You can volunteer for the entire week or just a day or two. Questions, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.

Book Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on **June 15** to discuss *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes. Our July title will be *The Guardian* by John Grisham.



Help Needed With Pick-Up & Drop-Off At the Buffalo Airport

A consultant, paid for with grant money, will be working with the parish staff in early June. We are looking for someone to pick him up at the Buffalo Airport at 6:00 p.m., Friday, June 3 and someone to drop him off at the Buffalo Airport at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, June 5. If you can help, please contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.



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.



Pastoral Music Minister Update

Guided by the Holy Spirit, our search for a pastoral music minister for our Lady of Mercy continues. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to the best music minister for our parish and please hold Adrianna McCaw in prayer as she makes her discernment about our music ministry position. Adrianna auditioned with us last weekend and played for our Masses. As in the past, some candidates may need assistance finding an apartment. If this candidate were to be hired, she would need to relocate, and we would like to make it easier for her to live in or near Harborcreek. Do you know of an in-law apartment or small efficiency or other rental in the area? Please contact the OLM office and let Katie or Donna know. Thank you for your gracious hospitality.

Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Fundraiser Update



Country Fair is participating in the Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle fundraiser. The Country Fair's in our area have 1-2 pumps clearly marked "Pump for Charity" specifically for donations. From **now until 10/31/22**, two cents a gallon will be donated to five charities selected by Country Fair that will share in the money collected.

**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.



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.



**SUMMER
FESTIVAL 2022**



**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 – Adult Outdoor Games - Children's Area – Pony Rides

Raffles: \$1000 Grand Prize, Lottery Tree, 55 inch TV, Quilt, 50/50, Restaurant Gift Cards, Wine Basket & Craft Beer Basket!

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

We are still in need of:

- 2 co-chairs or people who would be willing to act as a liaison between Outdoor Activities and Chair Karen Sweeney & Gym Activities and Chair Karen Sweeney.
- Someone to handle publicity

Calling all Bakers: We will need cookies to be used as desserts this year in place of sweet breads! We will have 1600 dinners this year, so we need 3200 cookies!!!

WANTED: Crafters, Gardeners, Sewers, Painters, Woodworkers, Metal workers, and any other Hand Crafted Items that you can donate to Summer Festival 2022 for sale at the Craft Table Sales!

**ANYONE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER
FOR THESE POSITIONS:**

PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE GIVEN MUCH SUPPORT FROM ANY AND ALL WHO ALREADY HAVE VOLUNTEERED AND FROM THE STAFF AT OUR LADY OF MERCY.

Now Accepting Auction Items!

Auction items can be dropped off in the Parish Office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Thank you for your generosity!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 3	Sarah Sweet	18	June 18	Sophie Bleil	15
June 4	Bella Infantino	16	June 20	Hannah Damond	16
June 7	Jacob Traphagen	12	June 20	Nathan Ford	11
June 7	Jonathan Traphagen	12	June 21	Addison Kelly	6
June 9	Amelia Bernatowicz	12	June 23	Kaden Pinetti	14
June 12	Natalie Gunther	18	June 25	Noah Skarzenski	15
June 12	Benjamin Vahey	13	June 25	Colton Catrabone	12
June 12	Estella Beckman	10	June 26	Sarah Dorosch	16
June 14	McKenzie Skarzenski	17	June 27	Joel Skarzenski	14
June 15	Kaylyn Still	11	June 29	David Parente	12



JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS	30 Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed 9:00 AM Mass	31 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay 5:30 PM Youth Ministry Committee Meeting 7:30 PM AA	1 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 1:00 PM Legion of Mary	2 8:30 AM Mass 12:00 PM Midday Prayer 6:00 PM Music rehearsal	3 8:30 AM Mass	4 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass 7:00 PM Pentecost Party
5 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection Pentecost 9:30 AM Pentecost Party 12:00 PM Pentecost Party	6 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 10:00 AM Sisters of Scripture 6:30 PM Pastoral Facilitator Meeting	7 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Pastoral Council 7:30 PM AA	8 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 1:00 PM Pastoral Facilitator 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	9 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Angels in Training 12:00 PM Midday Prayer 6:00 PM Music rehearsal	10 8:30 AM Mass	11 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM <u>Mass</u>
12 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS	13 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters	14 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Lifelong Faith Formation Meeting 7:30 PM AA	15 8:30 AM Food Pantry 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	16 8:30 AM Mass 12:00 PM Midday Prayer 6:00 PM Music rehearsal	17 8:30 AM Mass	18 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM <u>Mass</u>
19 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Father's Day 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	20 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 10:00 AM Sisters of Scripture 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	21 8:30 AM Mass 7:30 PM AA	22 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 1:00 PM Legion of Mary	23 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Angels in Training 12:00 PM Midday Prayer 6:00 PM Music rehearsal 7:00 PM Summer Scripture Study	24 8:30 AM Mass	25 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM <u>Mass</u>
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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.