

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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JUNE 12, 2022 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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| Mon. 06/13 | 9:00 a.m. | Quilters |
| | 5:30 p.m. | VBS Planning Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Continuum Meeting |
| Tue. 06/14 | 7:00 p.m. | Lifelong Faith Formation |
| Wed. 06/15 | 8:30 a.m. | Food Pantry Distribution |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Diamonds in the Rough |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary |
| | 7:00 p.m. | OLM Book Group |
| Thur. 06/16 | 12:00 p.m. | Jesus Today Prayer |
| Fri. 06/17 | | |
| Sat. 06/18 | 4:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Penance |
| Sun. 06/19 | | FATHER'S DAY |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Eucharistic Procession |

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| Mon. 06/13 | 1 Kgs 21:1-16 | / Mt 5:38-42 |
| Tue. 06/14 | 1 Kgs 21:17-29 | / Mt 5:43-48 |
| Wed. 06/15 | 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 | / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thur. 06/16 | Sir 48:1-14 | / Mt 6:7-15 |
| Fri. 06/17 | 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 | / Mt 6:19-23 |
| Sat. 06/18 | 2 Chr 24:17-25 | / Mt 6:24-34 |
| Sun. 06/19 | Gn 14:18-20 | / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Lk 9:11-17 |

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 5, 2022

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| Envelopes sent: | 357 | |
| Envelopes returned: | 61 | \$ 3,932.00 |
| Faith Direct Deposits: | 145 | \$ 3,705.45 |
| Loose Change: | | \$ 99.00 |
| TOTAL OFFERTORY: | | \$ 7,736.45 |

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

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| Mon. 06/13 | 8:30 a.m. | Dr. Loren Prichard (Patchwork of Friends) |
| Tue. 06/14 | 8:30 a.m. | Theodore Ritchie |
| Wed. 06/15 | 8:30 a.m. | Martha & Izador Bargiolski (The Exteins) |
| Thur. 06/16 | 8:30 a.m. | John Covely |
| Fri. 06/17 | 8:30 a.m. | Gerald Stauffer (Sandy Emling) |
| Sat. 06/18 | 6:00 p.m. | For All Fathers Living & Deceased |
| Sun. 06/19 | 8:30 a.m. | For All Fathers Living & Deceased |
| | 11:00 a.m. | For All Fathers Living & Deceased |

We Remember... *In Loving Memory*

Evelyn Polatas; who passed away recently.
Please hold her and her family in prayer
during this difficult time.

Go with God! A Summer Blessing

Go with God! This is a summer prayer for you. Take it with you and keep it in your mind and heart. As you leave school for the summer, and you lay aside textbooks and notebooks and devices and pencils, Go with God, for God goes with you.

As you begin new projects, Or a well deserved family vacation, As you meet and make new friends, go with God, God will guide you.

As you enjoy the summer sun and the summer's cool blue waters, Be wise and safe. Respect the beauty of the earth as God's gift to you, And go with God, for God has created you.

As you go to quiet places to reflect and to pray, To enjoy the peace, And the beauty of private space And time off, Go with God, for God always goes with you

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

JOHN 16:12-15



This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity— one God in three persons.

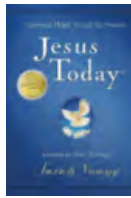
The verses of today's Gospel come near the end of Jesus' long discourse at the Last Supper. In the early part of this discourse, as we saw last week on Pentecost, Jesus offers assurances to the disciples. Even though he must leave the disciples, he tells them that they will have a future because of the help he will send them in the Holy Spirit. In this section he focuses more on the shape of the future, which will include Jesus' victory over the world that they will share in. The disciples of Jesus cannot know the future. They can only know that, whatever shape the future takes, they will not have to face it alone. They have the Spirit of Truth, who will continue to provide the teaching of Jesus in the future.

Reading this passage on Trinity Sunday reinforces our understanding of the unity shared by the members of the Trinity. Although the idea of one God in three persons remains a mystery, we have the assurance that, as Jesus and the Father share all, Jesus and the Spirit share all.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

How can I deepen my relationship with Jesus?

Try a midday spiritual boost on Thursdays at Noon. This small group of people shares their thoughts on a reading from the book Jesus Today. Through the dialogue we encourage each other and grow in our understanding of how Jesus' life and ministry can guide us to joy. Join us.



Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Fundraiser Update

A reminder that baby bottles are due to be returned at Father's Day weekend masses, June 18th & 19th. Return bins will be available during masses in the gathering space beginning that weekend. Returns can also be made at our parish office. Our K of C thanks you for participating in this life saving fundraiser.

Grief support

Feeling alone in grief is a common experience. Participating in the grief support group on Monday June 20 at 7 p.m. can help ease the burden that often comes with feeling alone on the grief journey.



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 4 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.



"Pump for Charity" Fundraiser

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. The Women's Care Center's funding for the ultrasound van is one of them! Please patronize Country Fair as often as possible and watch for the specially marked pump. If you purchase a Country Fair gas card, it gives you a discount at the pump of anywhere from five to ten cents off per gallon. With gas prices as high as they are, every little bit helps, and it provides an additional incentive to frequent them.



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.

Book Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on June 22 at the home of Kay Kaeberlein to discuss The Girl Who Wrote in Silk by Kelli Estes. Our July title will be The Guardian by John Grisham.



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 should feel free to purchase the study guide on their own or to attend without a book. This study will meet 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.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS



Listen

This summer, when children are out of school, meeting new people and going to new places, make sure that you talk to them often about their experiences and the people they've met. Listen carefully to your children. If possible, observe and get to know the other children and adults who are part of your children's summertime fun. Above all, communicate your safety concerns to your children. Make sure your children know they can come to you with any concerns they may have about the people they interact with. And if you hear of or observe behaviors that may be inappropriate, make sure to communicate your feelings to people who are in a position to intervene. Communication is key in creating and maintaining a safe environment all year round. For additional resources visit: www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

**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. 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.

PRAYING FOR UVALDE

Helping the People of Uvalde

The Catholic parish in Uvalde is collecting notes of support and gift cards and distributing them to the families who lost children in the recent school shooting. Cards can be sent to: Sacred Heart Parish-408 Fort Clark Road-Uvalde, TX 78801

Gift card Ideas: - Amazon - Visa - Starbucks - HEB - Walmart

Erie For Ukraine

Mission: To provide our city a means to supply humanitarian aid to those affected by the war.

Contact Information: Grace Slavic Pentecostal Church
5865 Carriage Hill Drive - Erie, PA 16509
Gennadiy Bogdanets - 814-392-6527

Most Needed Items: Kids diapers, baby formula, hygiene products, feminine products, rice, dry soups.



HELP STAN'S GARDEN CENTER MAKE A DONATION TO OUR LADY OF MERCY

During the month of June, Stan's Garden Center will donate 10% of your total purchase back to OLM (excludes gift certificates and is not a discount). You can shop either location, 5001 Buffalo Rd. or 5341 West Lake Rd. All you have to do is let the cashier know that you're a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy.

SUMMER FESTIVAL

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 – Book Sale – 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!

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!

OLM Book Sale

The OLM Book Sale will be July 8th-10th. We are looking for donations of books, CD's, DVD's and puzzles. Please NO Reader Digest, VHS tapes, magazines, encyclopedia's, and old/ripped books. Starting June 18th, you can drop off your books in Classroom 5. Anyone who would like to help, please call Jan Brown at 814-790-3115 or 814-899-8974.

Festival Bake Sale

We will be having a bake sale at this years Parish Festival on July 10th. Which means we will be needing the help of our wonderful bakers. Please mark your calendars, and get ready to bake. More information will be provided as the festival gets closer.

Chinese Auction Help Needed

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the Chinese Auction for the festival. If you are interested in helping piece the baskets together, please contact Carole Peters.

OUR LADY OF MERCY PRESENTS... VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022



JULY 25-29, 2022

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

All travelers - age 4 thru entering 6th grade

For more information call:

Irene Lucas 814-899-6132 or the Parish Office 814-899-5342

Or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Registration Deadline is July 17th

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Parish: _____

Phone #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Email Address: _____

| Child's Name | Age | Grade 2022/2023 | Special/Dietary Needs |
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Adult & Teen Volunteers

(Teens must be entering 9th Grade or above - Adults MUST provide current clearances)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate which area you would like to help out:

Teacher: ____ Story Time: ____ Craft: ____ Games: ____ Music: ____

Aide: ____ Kitchen: ____ Set-Up: ____ Other: ____

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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.