

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*

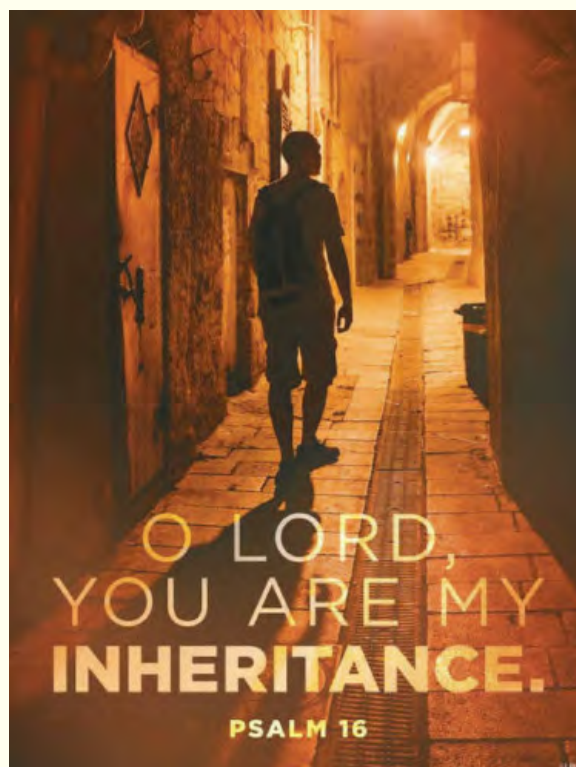
CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Office: 814-899-5342

Office of Lifelong Faith Formation: 814-899-6132

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Email: info@ourladyofmercychurch.org



JUNE 26, 2022 - THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 06/27	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
Tue. 06/28		
Wed. 06/29	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
Thur. 06/30	12:00 p.m.	Jesus Today Prayer
Fri. 07/01		
Sat. 07/02	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/03		Casserole Club Drop Off Monthly Food Pantry Collection

We Remember... In Loving Memory

Rosemary Shaffer; who passed away recently.
Please hold her and her 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



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 19, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	65	\$ 3,771.10
Faith Direct Deposits:	143	\$ 3,701.70
Loose Change:		\$ 73.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 7,736.45

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 06/27	Am 2:6-10, 13-16	/ Mt 8:18-22
Tue. 06/28	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12	/ Mt 8:23-27
Wed. 06/29	Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8	/ Mt 16:13-19
Thur. 06/30	Am 7:10-17	/ Mt 9:1-8
Fri. 07/01	Am 8:4-6, 9-12	/ Mt 9:9-13
Sat. 07/02	Am 9:11-15	/ Mt 9:14-17
Sun. 07/03	Is 66:10-14 / Gal 6:14-18	/ Lk 10:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/27	8:30 a.m.	Marsha Rzodkiewicz (Joe & Rose Tarquinio)
Tue. 06/28	8:30 a.m.	Lewis Peters (Carole Peters)
Wed. 06/29	8:30 a.m.	Jack Case (Family)
Thur. 06/30	8:30 a.m.	Ted Nowak Jr. (John Abbate)
Fri. 07/01	8:30 a.m.	Peter Jacquell (The Perrotto's)
Sat. 07/02	6:00 p.m.	Bill Spring (Ross & Dianne Owens)
Sun. 07/03	8:30 a.m.	Jim Bucklin (Lorraine Bucklin)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

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.



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

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

LUKE 9:51-62

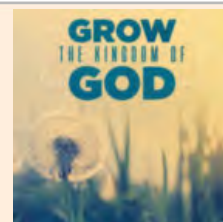
He resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.

Through our baptism each of us has been called to follow Jesus every day of our lives. Sometimes that road leads to a glorious place, like the mountain of the Transfiguration; other times it takes us to a difficult and painful situation, like to Calvary.

In today's gospel, we have three examples of persons who seemingly desired to follow Jesus. To the first one, Jesus responds that it will not be easy, but does not pressure him to follow. The second person did not yet feel ready. Jesus responds commanding him to "go and proclaim the kingdom of God." The tired one wants to follow Jesus but needs to take care of other things. Jesus clearly expresses the need of a firm decision: "No one who...looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." There is a popular maxim which says that "our good desires do not accomplish anything, we need to follow them to the end." Jesus knew that suffering was awaiting in Jerusalem yet he resolutely determined to journey there. This was not an obstacle but an opportunity to meet other persons willing to follow him.

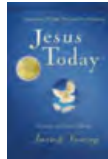
For Reflection: How do we see the situations in our lives, as obstacles or as opportunities?

Rose Maria Icaza, C.C.V.I.



How do I know if God is trying to get a message to me?

We often have to practice listening to God to discern if God is speaking to us. It is different than listening to our best friend because we don't hear God's voice in the same way as our friend. Reading scripture or a spiritual book, then taking time to contemplate is one way to practice. Join this small group on **Thursdays at Noon**. We read from the book *Jesus Today*. Through the dialogue we encourage each other and grow in our understanding of how to listen to God's voice. Questions call Donna Clark.



Summer Scripture Study



Our Summer Scripture Study continues each **Thursday evening at 7:00** on the patio of Irene Lucas, 1019 Bartlett Rd. All are welcome. On June 30, we will be looking at the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Book Group

Join us on **July 20 at 7:00** to discuss *The Guardian* by John Grisham.



For Mercy Sake Deadline



The deadline to submit items for the summer issue of For Mercy Sake newsletter is **Sunday, July 17**. Please send items to ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

Vacation Bible School

All Aboard! We are off to explore the many places and meet the many people of the Bible. Our adventure is open to children age 4 through grade 6. Children do NOT need to be a member of the parish. Join us for a week of fun, friends and faith **July 25-29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. The week is free, but children need to be registered to ensure there is ample supplies. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin tables, on the parish website or requested by email. We are also looking for high school and adult volunteers to help with this week of summer fun. For more information, call Irene at **814-899-6132**.



Hospital Report

If you know of a parishioner in the hospital please let us know. We do not get reports from the hospitals.

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.



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.

Knights to sponsor 10K/5K race and walk on Fourth of July



Attention, all runners and walkers! Knights of Columbus Council #4071 is sponsoring a Liberty 10K/5K race and walk on Monday, July 4, at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m., with the race starting promptly at 8 a.m. Register at www.runsignup.com or www.rierunners.club or you may register the day of the race in person. The fee on race day for the walk and race is \$30 and \$35, respectively. A free T-shirt will be given to the first 100 participants. Trophies will be presented to the first- and second-place finishers, and medallions will be awarded to all finishers. Refreshments will be provided. Ten percent of all profits benefit the St. Paul Soup Kitchen in Erie. Call Greg at 814-450-4298 for details or questions.

An Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith



Some days, the world feels as if it is spinning out of control. Natural disasters, international crisis, political discord, economic uncertainty, ecological threat, we often find ourselves grasping for an anchor to steady our lives. God

is the one anchor that remains sure and stable, no matter what troubles shake the ground under our feet. A relationship with God, our Creator, our Savior, our Advocate lived in the supportive arms of the Church family and nourished by the grace of the sacraments can help us live with peace and joy no matter what life throws at us. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Have you toyed with the idea of being baptized? Would you like to explore your questions about what life as a Catholic Christian would mean? If you would like to start a conversation or learn more about the process of preparing to join the Catholic faith, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.

A Special Thank You

Sending a warm thank you to our OLM family for your prayers, sympathy and support with the passing of Bill. The Bereavement Committee and all those who prepared the luncheon went above and beyond. The liturgy and music were perfect. We are truly blessed. Love, The Spring Family



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

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

Baked goods for the Festival can be dropped off in the Conference Room on Saturday June 9th and at the Bake Sale table on Sunday June 10th. Lets make this a great “Bake Sale.”

Chinese Auction Help Needed

We are in need of helping hands to put raffle baskets together. If you are able to help, please contact Carole Peters at (814)899-4470 or Bunny Weber at (814)602-8700.

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.

July Birthdays



July 2	Landon Stephenson	10	July 11	JT Parente	14
July 3	Arianna Kelley	12	July 12	Connor DeVore	17
July 4	Chloe Knepper	14	July 14	Liam Burick	5
July 7	Laina Drabic	12	July 15	Avora Flaherty	7
July 7	Falynn Baker	8	July 16	Jamieson Forrester	9
July 7	Adaleen Mikolajewski	15	July 18	Louis Beckman	3
July 7	Samuel Martin	6	July 26	Vivian Flaherty	5
July 8	Abigail Nguyen	18	July 27	Lucy Vahey	10
July 8	Kami Kinter	14	July 28	Joseph Lewandowski	8
July 9	Leeha Weigner	8	July 29	Thomas Gunther	15
July 9	Brielle Heitzenrater	8			

JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS	27 8:30am Mass 9:00am Quilters	28 8:30am Mass 7:30pm AA	29 8:30am Mass 1:00pm Diamonds in the Rough 7:00pm Lifelong Faith Formation Meeting	30 8:30am Mass 12:00pm Midday Prayer 7:00pm Summer Scripture Study	1 8:30am Mass	2 10:00am AA 4:30pm Sacrament of Penance 6:00pm Mass
3 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection	4 Independence Day - Parish Office Closed 6:00am KoC 10k 9:00am Mass	5 Festival Set Up 8:30am Mass 7:30pm AA	6 Festival Set Up 8:30am Mass 1:00pm Diamonds in the Rough 5:30pm VBS Planning Meeting	7 Festival Set Up 8:30am Mass 9:00am Angels in Training 12:00pm Midday Prayer 7:00pm Summer Scripture Study	8 Festival Set Up 8:30am Mass	9 Festival Set Up 10:00am AA 4:30pm Sacrament of Penance 6:00pm Mass
10 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 12:00pm Parish Festival	11 8:30am Mass 9:00am Quilters	12 8:30am Mass 11:30am Potter's Clay SCC 7:30pm AA	13 8:30am Mass 1:00pm Diamonds in the Rough 6:30pm AGIFT Meeting 7:00pm Knights of Columbus	14 8:30am Mass 12:00pm Midday Prayer 7:00pm Summer Scripture Study	15 8:30am Mass	16 10:00am AA 4:30pm Sacrament of Penance 6:00pm Mass
17 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Newsletter Deadline	18 8:30am Mass 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Sisters of Scripture 7:00pm Grief Support Group	19 8:30am Mass 7:00pm LFF Mtg. 7:30pm AA	20 8:30am Food Pantry Distribution 8:30am Mass 1:00pm Diamonds in the Rough 7:00pm OLM Book Group	21 8:30am Mass 9:00am Angels in Training 12:00pm Midday Prayer 7:00pm Summer Scripture Study	22 8:30am Mass	23 10:00am AA 4:30pm Sacrament of Penance 6:00pm Mass
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Membership Form

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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.