

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*

Linda Peters, *Director of Music*

Matthew Clark, *Director of Liturgy*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

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AUGUST 7, 2022 - THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 08/08	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Mailing Party
Tue. 08/09	5:30 p.m.	Youth Ministry Committee Meeting
Wed. 08/10	6:30 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 08/11	12:00 p.m.	Jesus Today Prayer
Fri. 08/12		
Sat. 08/13		Religious Ed. Registration Weekend
Sun. 08/14		Religious Ed. Registration Weekend
	4:00 p.m.	Blessing of Athletes

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of August 1, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	62	\$ 2,733.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	141	\$ 3,763.70
Loose Change:		\$ 70.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,566.70

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



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MASS INTENTION UPDATE

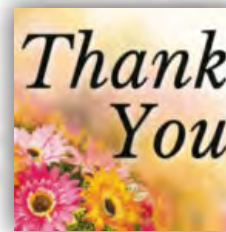
We are unable to schedule new Mass Intentions at this time. Due to the limited weekday Mass schedule, the rescheduling of missed Mass Intentions will take top priority. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 08/08	8:30 a.m.	Chris Plonski (Barb Jones)
Tue. 08/09	8:30 a.m.	Margaret Stoner (Dorothy Snider)
Wed. 08/10	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS - COMMUNION SERVICE
Thur. 08/11	8:30 a.m.	Frank Gerlach (Elizabeth Gerlach)
Fri. 08/12	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS - COMMUNION SERVICE
Sat. 08/13	6:00 p.m.	Gerald Stauffer (The Hallelujah Girls)
Sun. 08/14	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Lewis Peters (Family)

To the loving parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,

We thank you for offering your time and talents to Fr Ritchie's celebration of Life. There was no hesitation from any one about doing what was asked and even doing things that were not asked but needed to be done. The outpouring of love and generosity speaks to the movement of God in our midst. Fr Ritchie's family expressed their deep gratitude many times for the care and support we gave them. Our profound and humble thanks.



-The Staff

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 08/08	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28	/ Mt 17:22-27
Tue. 08/09	Ez 2:8-3:4	/ Mt 18:1-14
Wed. 08/10	2 Cor 9:6-10	/ Jn 12:24-26
Thur. 08/11	Ez 12:1-12	/ Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri. 08/12	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63	/ Mt 19:3-12
Sat. 08/13	Ez 18:1-10, 13, 30-32	/ Mt 19:13-15
Sun. 08/14	Jer 38:4-10 / Heb 12:1-4	/ Lk 12:49-53

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

LUKE 32-48

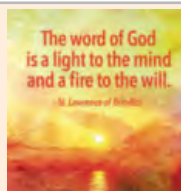
"Be prepared."

Recently I was out with my youngest daughter who is a new driver. She was behind the wheel and doing a good job. Suddenly another car ran a stop sign and was right in front of us. I quickly reached across and turned the steering wheel, barely avoiding hitting the other car. My daughter was totally shocked about what just happened and was visibly shaken. I explained to her that just because she drives safely it doesn't mean others always do. I pointed out that she constantly needs to be watching and preparing for some unforeseen event because we don't know when we will need to be ready.

In our Gospel today Jesus reminds us of the same thing. He tells us that we need to be watchful and we need to be prepared. He tells us about the slaves who were ready for their master's return. He says, these slaves will be blessed. Then Jesus tells another parable about another set of slaves who aren't ready when their master returns. He says these slaves will be put with the unfaithful. Jesus is giving us a warning that new need to be prepared because we know not when our Master will return for us.

For Reflection: How much attention do I give the Lord in my daily life?

Bud Baldwin



For Mercy Sake Mailing Party

Can you lend a hand? We will be folding the newsletter and stuffing envelopes at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, Monday August 8 in Sperry Hall.



Blessing Our Athletes

Blessing Our Athletes: Another season of youth sports is about to get underway. We are grateful to God for the gift of our physical abilities, the chance for healthy competition, the opportunity to push our bodies and achieve greater things. We will hold a Blessing of Youth Athletes on Sunday, Aug. 14 at 4:00 p.m. This prayer service is open to all youth, families, coaches and fans from every religious group in our community. We ask God to protect our young people from injury and to grant them a spirit of reverence for their teammates, their competition and themselves during the coming year. The prayer service will be followed by refreshments.

Book Group

Join us on August 17 at 7:00 at the home of Cherri Longua, 4512 N. Woods Dr., to discuss The Next Ship Home by Heather Webb.



Technician needed



We are looking for one or two people willing to learn how our livestream and sound systems work. At the minimum learn how to set up the computer and start the livestream. Complete step by step instructions provided. See Donna Clark.

Playmates for your kids – community with other parents

Little Hearts, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church invites children up to age 10 with their parents to attend a Chalk Mural Fest at , 816 W 26th St, Saturday, August 13 from 9-11:30am. RSVP by Aug 6 to jessiesacredheart@gmail.com or text 814-392-5377. Also coming up Social Night for Parents Oct 6 and 13. Questions – jessiesacredheart@gmail.com or text 814-392-5377



Rosary March



The Erie Curia of the Legion of Mary is sponsoring a Rosary March on Saturday August 13 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 1553 Grandview Blvd. Street, Erie. Mass with Bishop Lawrence T. Persico

begins at noon with the March to follow. The Rosary will also be recited in the church at the same time. Light refreshments will be served following the Rosary.

Thank you,
Andrea Maille
Legion of Mary

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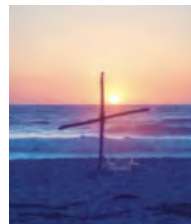
If you are new to the parish, you can enjoy formed.org for free by signing up as part of the parish subscription. All you need is your email, then select the option for an “institution or parish” subscription and search for Our Lady of Mercy Harborcreek.

Grief Support

On Monday August 15 our grief support group will gather in the parish parlor. Share your thoughts and experiences or just listen to others. Then we close with prayer and song. Questions call Donna Clark in the parish office.



Sunset Mass



As we bring another summer season to a close, we gather to give thanks to the God who created the beauty of the world we live in. We will celebrate our annual Sunset Mass on Sunday, Aug. 21 at 7:00 p.m. on the grounds of Faith Lutheran Church. This is the Mass of the day. There are benches at the site, but you may want to bring additional chairs. Please bring cookies to share. And, don't forget the bug spray.

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.



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Search for Harborcreek, PA and select Our Lady of Mercy. You can select the option to receive an e mail notice when there is a new publication.

Remembering Fr. Ritchie

The celebration of the life of Fr. Ritchie needs to continue.

There are memories that beg to be shared.

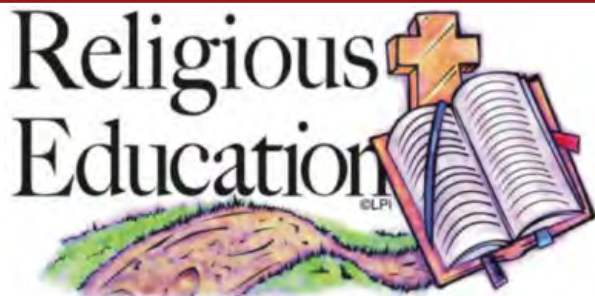
All are invited to gather

**this Sunday, Aug. 7 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Worship Space**

to share the memories we hold so dear.

For like that newly engaged girl that he included
in every funeral homily,
we can't stop talking about this man.

It is the memories that bring a tear to our eye and a smile to our cheek.
And it is the memories that will keep us aware of his presence among us,
always inspiring us to live the Gospel.



Religious Education Registration

Another summer is flying by. It is time to register children for the 2022-2023 year of religious education. Registration will take place after all Masses the weekend of Aug. 13-14. All children need to be registered each year that they participate in the parish program.

Catechist Needed

The ministry of the catechist is one of the oldest and most revered ministries in the history of the Church. It is a privilege and an honor to be able to pass along the gift of our faith to a new generation of believers. We are looking for a few faith-filled people to share in this ministry. Training will be provided. In particular, we are looking for

- Grade 2 Sunday morning
- Grade 6 Tuesday afternoon
- Grade 7/8 Sunday Morning
- Grade 9 Home Session Leader.

For more information, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.

Harborcreek Youth Ministry

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Food
Music
Games
Tie-Dye

Friday August 19
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

@ Our Lady of Mercy
837 Bartlett Road
HC, PA 16421

RSVP to Katie:
Youthminister
@ourladyofmercychurch
.org
by August 16th

Erie Gives Day is this Tuesday, August 9!

Please consider Erie Catholic School System as part of your Erie Gives Day contributions. Funds raised this year will support the Teacher Appreciation Fund, creating additional opportunities for our Erie Catholic educators. Visit eriegives.org on Tuesday to make your tax-deductible donation. Thank you for your support.



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.



Blessing of Athletes

Our Lady of Mercy Church

837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek

Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 4pm

"...they shall run and not grow weary,
They shall walk and not faint."

Isaiah 40.28-31

All youth athletes, parents, coaches, referees, umpires, etc. are welcome and encouraged to attend this ecumenical prayer service to bless our community athletes before their seasons begin. Athletes are encouraged to wear jerseys or something representational of their sport.

Refreshments will be served after the prayer service...**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

For more information, please contact Irene Lucas at 814-899-6132.

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Membership Form

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Address _____

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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.