

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

837 Bartlett Road • Harborcreek, PA 16421 • www.ourladyofmercychurch.org



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday: 8:30 a.m.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Matthew Kujawinski, *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*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Office: 814-899-5342

Office of Lifelong Faith Formation: 814-899-6132

Fax: 814-898-3306

Email: info@ourladyofmercychurch.org

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.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, Breath of the Creator,
as advocate whom the Father sent,
fall afresh with the sparks of faith
on this community.

Ignite our hearts to give bold witness of your love;
creating a culture of belonging.

Open our eyes to the present,
enable us to see your vision for our future;
showing us the way to go.

Give us the wisdom to wait for you
as we trust you to teach us and guide us.

May we be filled with passion and desire
to intentionally and eagerly journey
the path you have laid out for us.

Amen

OCTOBER 16, 2022 - THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 10/17	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Tue. 10/18	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6
	7:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
Wed. 10/19	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	9:00 a.m.	Painting Group
	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 10/20	12:00 p.m.	Jesus Today Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 10/21	10:00 a.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
Sat. 10/22	Gr. 10 & 11 Rite of Presentation at All Weekend Masses	
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 10/23	Gr. 10 & 11 Rite of Presentation at All Weekend Masses	
	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr. K-2 & 7-8
	9:45 a.m.	First Reconciliation
		Parent Mtg.
	12:15 p.m.	Gr. 10 & 11 Candidate/Sponsor Mtg.

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 INTENTION UPDATE

We are unable to schedule new Mass Intentions at this time. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 10/17	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Tue. 10/18	8:30 a.m.	Rosemary Shaffer (Sylvia)
Wed. 10/19	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (Janet Smith)
Thur. 10/20	8:30 a.m.	Christopher Kaeberlein (Jon & Janet Sedelmyer)
Fri. 10/21	8:30 a.m.	Sr. Aloysius & Sr. Adrienne Pelkowski (The Exteins)
Sat. 10/22	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 10/23	8:30 a.m.	John Bailey (Frank & Linda Kaleta)
	11:00 a.m.	Jack Case (Family)

We Remember...

James Spiegel;
who passed away recently.
Please hold him and his family in prayer during this difficult time.

In Loving Memory

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of October 9, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	68	\$ 4,672.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	140	\$ 3,801.95
Loose Change:		\$ 110.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 8,583.95

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 10/17	Eph 2:1-10	/ Lk 12:13-21
Tue. 10/18	2 Tm 4:10-17	/ Lk 10:1-9
Wed. 10/19	Eph 3:2-12	/ Lk 12:39-48
Thur. 10/20	Eph 3:14-21	/ Lk 12:49-53
Fri. 10/21	Eph 4:1-6	/ Lk 12:54-59
Sat. 10/22	Eph 4:7-16	/ Lk 13:1-9
Sun. 10/23	Sir 35:12-18/ 2 Tm 4:6-18	/ Lk 18:9-14

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

LUKE 18:1-8

"...pray always without becoming weary."

Prayer, it seems to me, is an acknowledgement of our relationship with God, and more importantly, an acknowledgement of our dependency on God. Prayer keeps us open to the presence of God in our lives. We make time for God and spend time with God when we have come to value and appreciate God's love for us.

Prayer is what we do when we fully enter into the words and actions of the Mass. It is what we do when we let the word of Scripture address our lives. It is what we do when we speak to God about the joys and sorrows, hurts and disappointments, successes and failures we have experienced.

Each year I participate in a directed retreat where I spend time (in silence) with others who make prayer the center of their lives. It is such a support to be with people who spend their days, like you, in communication with God.

Prayer for me is like that one difficult piece of a jigsaw puzzle that pulls together the other sections. Through our daily conversations with God, we uncover meaning in the mysteries of life.

For Reflection: Am I conscious of the routine ways in which I can converse with God?

Susan McCarthy, R.D.C.



Presentation of the Gifts of Bread and Wine

We will be processing the gifts of bread and wine again at all Masses. You can sign up in advance for this ministry at the kiosk in the gathering space. The procession of bread and wine symbolizes all that we give of ourselves to God and our support to those who are in need. If you have not had the honor of bringing up the gifts at a weekend Mass please do sign up or tell an usher before Mass that you are willing.



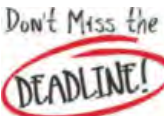
Grief Support Monthly Group

Monday, Oct 17 is the next grief support group meeting. Grief is a difficult thing to predict. One moment we are fine and then, suddenly, apparently without cause, we feel like we are falling apart. Does it help to know that this is a normal experience? To learn more about grief and how to cope come to our monthly support group or call Donna Clark in the parish office to chat.



Book Group

Join us on **October 19 at 7:00** at the home of Kay Kaeberlein 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss Thicker Than Water by Tyler Schultz and The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg. In November we will discuss Have You Seen Luis Velez by Catherine Ryan Hyde.



For Mercy Sake Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the autumn issue of the parish newsletter is **Sunday, Oct. 23**. Send items to

secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

New Housekeeper for Rectory

Our lady of Mercy needs a new housekeeper for the rectory. The job includes regular cleaning of the rectory and doing laundry for Fr. Matt. If you are interested please contact Donna Clark.



Join Our Choir

Choir practice will be every Thursday night from now on, starting at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! Please contact Linda Peters, choir director, with any questions at 607-731-5908, or you can email her at: lpeters001@gmail.com.



Harvest Fest

Let's gather to celebrate the blessings of the season. Join your parish family at **noon on Nov. 6** for some soup sampling and time with friends. Would you be willing to donate a pot of your homemade soup for our celebration? A sign-up list will be in the Gathering Space beginning next weekend.



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.

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of October 4 was **Gabby Peters, grade 4**, who knew that the Bible has two sections, the Old Testament and the New Testament.

We Have A New Pastor!

His name is **Father Matt Kujawinski**. Fr. Matt has been a priest in the Diocese of Erie since 2006. He has been a pastor in various parishes throughout the diocese, recently serving as pastor at Mt. Carmel Parish in Erie. Fr Matt also serves as the Administrator of the Office of Divine Worship at St Mark Center. He will officially begin as pastor of Our Lady of Mercy on Tuesday October 18. Let us welcome Fr. Matt with open arms as he transitions to our parish.



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.

Celebrating The Day of the Dead

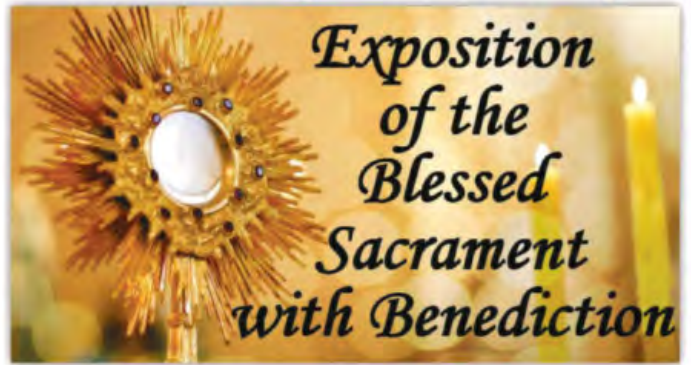
Let's share in solidarity with our sister parish this **Nov. 1**. The Sister Parish Committee will be setting up an altar in the Gathering Space the weekend of **Oct. 22-Nov. 6** to remember and honor the loved ones of our community. All are invited to bring in a picture and/or memento of someone in your family to be placed on the altar. (Please nothing large or irreplaceable.) Watch for the flier in next week's bulletin for more details.



Eucharistic Revival at Our Lady of Mercy

What Does The Eucharist Mean To Me?

What Does The Eucharist Mean to You? Many Catholics were shocked when a national survey revealed that most Catholics have a limited understanding of the Eucharist and a tenuous connection to this central Mystery of our faith. As the Bishops of the U.S. launch a two year Eucharistic Revival, OLM is taking a moment to reflect on what the Eucharist means to each of us. The most significant way to influence others is by sincerely sharing from the heart. Therefore, each of us is invited to make a short 2 to 3 minute video witnessing to what the Eucharist means to each one of us personally. These videos will be posted on the parish Facebook and webpage in October and November. If anyone needs help making the recording, just visit the parish office and Katie will record you on her phone. Willing to write but not willing to speak on camera? Submit your reflection in writing and a volunteer will record it for you. Feel free to find a format that feels comfortable to you. Interview your child or grandparent about the meaning of the Eucharist in their life, share a meaningful quote, describe a moment when your connection to the Eucharist got you through a painful time or when the Eucharist finally made some sense to you, tell us what you wish your grandchild or other Catholics could feel about the Eucharist. Your approach is as personal as your connection to the Eucharist. There are sign-up lists and instructions in the Gathering Space. Remember to record your reflection in landscape mode.



**Monday October 17,
2022
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**



This is an opportunity for us to come together as a community and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

World Mission Sunday Collection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On **October 23**, World Mission Sunday, we join Catholics across the globe for the annual Eucharistic Celebration of the missions of the Church.

Reflecting on this year's theme: "You shall be My witness" (Acts 1:8), Pope Francis emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Since 1822, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has raised millions of dollars to support new and growing dioceses in the United States and throughout the world. When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith as they provide for the formation of seminarians and religious men and women, give financial help for the building of schools, orphanages and Churches in remote places with few resources, and help priests and religious obtain what they need to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the sacraments in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe.

Please give what you can to the Mission Sunday Collection, but most importantly, please continue to pray for those living and working in missionary territories. With gratitude for your support for the Missions in October and year-round, and with prayers for a fruitful celebration of World Mission Sunday, I remain.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
†Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

Cash bingo to benefit parish ministries

Erie's St. Mark the Evangelist and Mount Calvary parishes, and St. James Parish Youth Ministry are sponsoring a cash bingo night on **Oct. 16** at St. James Place, 2622 Buffalo Road, Erie, to benefit religious education and youth ministry and the charitable works of Knights of Columbus #13826. Doors open at noon, with bingo starting at 1 p.m. Food, water and soda are available for purchase. BYOB. There will be a basket auction and 50/50. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased in advance. Each ticket stub is entered into a \$250 cash giveaway. Tickets can be purchased at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish Office, 695 Smithson Ave., Erie. Contact the parish office at 814-899-3000, or Frank at 814-823-2528.

Día de los Muertos young adult social

St. Jude the Apostle Church in Erie is hosting a night of food, fellowship and prayer for all young adults on **Oct. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m.** at the church, 2801 W. 6th St., Erie. Father Ross Miceli, pastor, will present the Catholic perspective of *Día de los Muertos*, or Day of the Dead. Food, drinks and games will be provided. The event is free.

Health fair

The Mercy Center for Women and the Primary Health Network will be holding their "Harvest Your Health Fair" on **Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the Mercy Anchor Community gymnasium, 1012 E. 28th St., Erie. More than 25 vendors will be on hand to administer flu and COVID-19 shots, and share employment opportunities as well as housing and support services information available in the Erie area. The fair is free and open to the public.

Supporting Eucharistic Renewal in the Erie Diocese Six Opportunities to “Explore the Eucharist”

Opportunity One

A time of silence before Mass

If Eucharist means “giving thanks,” what are we thankful for? Take a few minutes before Mass to review your week and identify what you are grateful for. Make that your offering of thanks at this Mass.

Opportunity Two

Express your thanks in adoration.

Our God gives us everything! What is our response? Spend a few minutes before the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel during the week or before or after Mass.

Opportunity Three

Parishioners share reflections on the Eucharist

Parishioners record two- to three-minute videos reflecting on what the Eucharist means to them. Videos posted on parish FaceBook and website.

Opportunity Four

Share a meal with someone.

Eucharist is structured on hospitality and the sharing of a meal, much like the Jewish Passover. Who could you invite to share a meal with you or your family?

Opportunity Five

Extend the O.L.M. Community.

Eucharist depends on community. Spend time with a member of the OLM community who cannot come to Mass. Share what you are grateful for or your thoughts on the homily.

Opportunity Six – OCTOBER 17, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

Celebrate the Liturgy of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament!

Participate in the Catholic ritual tradition that honors Christ in the Blessed Sacrament through Scripture, Song, Silence, and Prayer.

EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL IN THE DIOCESE OF ERIE

At the urging of Pope Francis, all parishes are encouraged to engage in a time of Eucharistic Renewal, which for us in the Erie Diocese, began in June with a Eucharistic Procession at St. Peter Cathedral.

This Sunday, October 16th, all of the parishes of the diocese will celebrate a special Mass with selected prayers and Scriptures to help us focus on the Eucharist. Each parish is then to sponsor events to assist parishioners further ponder this great Eucharistic mystery.

To assist you in this endeavor, Our Lady of Mercy Parish offers “Six Opportunities to Explore the Eucharist.” Some are private actions, others are communal. Choose ones that feel right to you.

One action for us as a community is to become more aware of “giving thanks,” at the beginning of Mass. “Opportunity One” on the left explains how this will be done. Please “think about it” and give it a try.



HARBORCREEK AUTO Gallery LLC

www.harborcreekautogallery.com

6850 Buffalo Rd. 85 West Main
814-315-4051 Harborcreek, PA 814-347-9090 Northeast, PA

• Sales • PA Inspections
• Notary • Detailing



*Where There's Always
Something GROWING On!*

Stan's GARDEN CENTER

Josh Skarzenski – 3rd Generation Owner & Parishioner

East 5001 Buffalo Road Erie, PA 16510 **899.5424**

West 5341 West Lake Road Erie, PA 16505 **835.6960**

**William D. Elkin
Funeral Home**

65 South Lake St. • North East
725-4511

Timothy P. Elkin, F.D.
William D. Elkin, F.D.
Pre-Arrangements Available

**SUPPORT OUR
ADVERTISERS!**

Brevillier Village

Ball Pavilion
Short Term Rehab
Long Term Nursing
Care

Barnabas Court
Licensed Personal
Care, Residency &
Independent Living.

5416 East Lake Road
Erie, PA 16511
814-899-8600
www.brevillier.org

Conrad House
Independent Living

*"Your Computer
Professional"*

JDL Computers

**NEW SYSTEMS
USED • REPAIRS**

"WE SERVICE ALL BRANDS"

898-8300
Jerry & Dee Law - Parishioners

JDLCOMPUTERS.COM

**OLLINGER
PLUMBING, HEATING
& AIR CONDITIONING**



Residential • Commercial
Quality Installations & Service
899-2809

FIDDLE INN
HARBORCREEK, PA

"Home of the EVERYTHINGS"

6615 Buffalo Road
814-899-9005
www.diningverse.com/fiddleinn


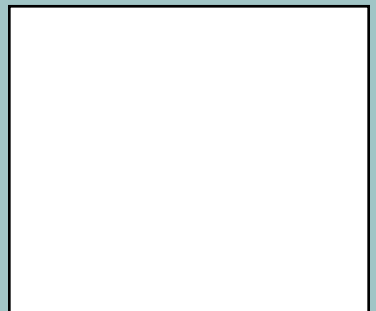
**Place Your Ad Here and
Support our Parish!**

Instantly create and purchase
an ad with

**AD
CREATOR
STUDIO**



4lpi.com/adcreator

DUSCKAS - TAYLOR
FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC.



5151 BUFFALO RD.
ERIE, PA 16510

ROBERT D. TAYLOR, SUPERVISOR
814-315-0911

WWW.DUSCKAS-TAYLORFUNERALHOME.COM

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here and Support
Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Timothy Weir

tweir@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6568

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH
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.