

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

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*

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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.

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

NOVEMBER 13, 2022 - THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 11/14	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Sophia's Circle SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
Tue. 11/15	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6
	6:00 p.m.	New SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
Wed. 11/16	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. 11/17	12:00 p.m.	Jesus Today Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 11/18	10:00 a.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
Sat. 11/19		Gr. 9 Rite of Acceptance at All Weekend Masses
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 11/20		Gr. 9 Rite of Acceptance at All Weekend Masses
	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr. K-2
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	12:00 p.m.	Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event
	5:00 p.m.	Gr. 10 & 11 Candidate & Sponsor Evening of Reflection
	7:00 p.m.	HC Thanksgiving Service @ Grace Harborcreek

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of November 6, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	77	\$ 3,970.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,636.95
Loose Change:		\$ 166.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 7,867.00

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. 11/14	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5	/ Lk 18:35-43
Tue. 11/15	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22	/ Lk 19:1-10
Wed. 11/16	Rv 4:1-11	/ Lk 19:11-28
Thur. 11/17	Rv 5:1-10	/ Lk 19:41-44
Fri. 11/18	Rv 10:8-11	/ Lk 19:45-48
Sat. 11/19	Rv 11:4-12	/ Lk 20:27-40
Sun. 11/20	2 Sm 5:1-3 / Col 1:12-20	/ Lk 23:35-43

THIS SUNDAY'S

REFLECTION

LUKE 21:5-19

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Wars, earthquakes, famines and plagues have been a reality in every historical age. And yet, whenever they occur, people begin to predict and worry about "the end time."

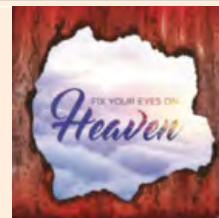
This gospel makes it clear that Jesus does not want us to dwell in fear on "signs" of the final times. Instead he deflects attention to "now." How well are we persevering until the time that God's Kingdom is completely fulfilled? The truth is that signs of the Kingdom already are visible.

The people I admire most are those who recognize and talk about those signs. (Jesus has given them "wisdom in speaking.") The people I mean are those who see and talk about the best in others, who see and talk about the beauty in nature, who expect positive outcomes, who laugh and find joy in all kinds of things.

These people persevere every day in looking for the signs of the Kingdom, sharing them, dwelling on them. In this, Jesus says, they are securing their lives. I rely on their example. Because of them, I am more able to persevere, to shake off my fears and to believe in the promise of security that we hear in today's gospel.

For Reflection: Do I recognize the signs of God's Kingdom in my daily routine? Do these signs fill me with fear or with hope?

Judy Hoelzeman



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. 11/14	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Tue. 11/15	8:30 a.m.	Robert Jones (Barb Jones)
Wed. 11/16	8:30 a.m.	Analida Braeger (Tom Braeger)
Thur. 11/17	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (The Morning Mass Group)
Fri. 11/18	8:30 a.m.	Gerald Stauffer (Prayer Shawl Ministry)
Sat. 11/19	6:00 p.m.	George & Betty Dietrich (Fred & Kay Kaeberlein)
Sun. 11/20	8:30 a.m.	John Bailey (Linda & Frank Kaleta)
	11:00 a.m.	For The People of OLM

Sunday Morning CAFÉ

Join us TODAY, Nov. 13 from 9:45-10:45 at the Sunday Morning CAFÉ in Sperry Hall. "The Synod: What Did It Reveal and How Will the Church Respond". Bob Cline served as the representative from OLM to the diocese for the synod listening sessions. This is an opportunity to learn what came from the synod listening sessions around the diocese, what was heard in listening sessions in the wider Church and what will come next.



FORMED.ORG



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Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Nov. 1 was Carson Shamburg, grade 1, who knew that prayer is "talking to and listening to God".

We Remember...

Sarah Selleny
Daughter of Suzanne Selleny;
Ronald Voelker
Son of Flo Voelker;
& Elizabeth McGallis,
Sister of Tom Eckendorf;
who passed away recently.



Please hold them and their families in prayer during this difficult time.

KofC Supports The Mercy Center

As part of our Community Outreach the OLM Knights of Columbus have joined the efforts of the Knights from St. Luke and Holy Rosary to provide needed OTC supplies for the women at the Mercy Center. We would like your help. Boxes for donations are in the gathering space. The Mercy Center for Women located at 1039 East 27th Street, Erie is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and is committed to enhancing the dignity of each person it serves through the healing of body, mind, and spirit.



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.



Book Group

Join us on November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss Have you Seen Luis Velez by Catherine Ryan Hyde. In December, we will watch and discuss Father Stu. For anyone who wants to read ahead, our January title will be Elizabeth Is Missing by Emma Healey.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20, 7:00 p.m. at Grace Harborcreek, 2420 Cumberland Road, with Rev. Tim Hoover (South Harborcreek UMC) preaching and Linda Peters (Director of Music at Our Lady of Mercy) leading music. The offering and a special collection of canned goods will support the Ella Cochran Food Pantry. Sponsored by the Harborcreek Ministerium.



Join the Christmas Choir!

Linda Peters, our music director, would like to invite you to sing at our Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. This will be multi-generational! All ages are welcome. Only 4 rehearsals on 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20, Tuesdays from 5:30-6:00 p.m., in the church. Come and enjoy making music with us! Email Linda at: lspecters001@gmail.com, or call 607-731-5908 and let her know you'll be there!

Ella Cochran Food Pantry Caring Tree

The Ella Cochran Food Pantry's "Christmas Caring Tree" will be in the Gathering Space this weekend, Nov. 12-13. If you would like to brighten a child's or senior's Christmas, please take a name from the tree and return a wrapped gift by December 3 and 4. If you have any questions, contact Aimee McKinney at 814-899-1361 or 814-460-9660.



Parents of Toddlers - Children Welcome

At Our Lady of Mercy, our ideal is that families come to Mass together, with their children of all ages. If they are just learning how loud their voices are, don't be embarrassed, we consider it praise of God. If you have a runner - there are speakers in the gathering space so you can listen as you chase. If you need a contained room, try the nursery (the second room down the hall from the Bartlett St door) which also has closed circuit TV of the worship space. If you are sitting next to a family with children, smile a lot.



Synod News

The national synthesis, a culmination of ten months of intentional listening throughout the church in the U.S., is now available on the diocesan website at: www.eriercd.org/synodregionIII.html.
For the results from Our Lady of Mercy and the Erie Diocese check on our parish website: www.ourladyofmercychurch.org



AROUND THE DIOCESE OF ERIE



Annual feather party scheduled Nov. 19

The 62nd Annual Our Lady of Mount Carmel feather party will be held on Nov. 19 at Scheffner Hall, 1531 East Grandview Blvd., Erie. The event will run from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Doors open immediately following the 4:15 p.m. Mass. Admission is free. The evening will feature free refreshments, tips, instant, bottle raffles, a wine booth, fruit basket raffles and the opportunity to win your Thanksgiving turkey. The evening will conclude with a cash raffle with three prizes awarded: \$1500, \$250 and \$100. For more information, visit www.OLMC-erie.org or contact the OLMC Parish Office at SBerdis@olmc-erie.org.

Clothing Distribution Party

The Community Outreach Group will host their annual Clothing Distribution Party on the first Saturday in December (12/3/2022) from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Center @ 453 West 16th Street 16502 (near West 16th & Walnut Streets, Erie). Free clothing, free toys, and a free lunch will be shared with patron in need. For more information on how to become involved with this ministry, please e-mail Tim Nowakowski at TimNow.CommOutrchGrp@gmail.com, or text/call 814.566-6435.

Christmas garage sale at Our Lady of Peace

The Boy Scouts, sponsored by Our Lady of Peace in Erie, is hosting a Christmas garage sale on Dec. 3 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Dec. 4 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace School cafeteria, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie. Donations of Christmas decorations can be dropped off on Nov. 21 and Nov. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. Proceeds from the sale will benefit OLP Troop 59's activities. Please call Alyson Dana at 814-490-3493 or alysondana81@gmail.com with questions.

Comfort & Joy concert

Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie is hosting a Christmas concert on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. featuring Steve Angrisano and Sarah Hart. Tickets are available at www.olp.org or by calling 814-833-7701, ext. 202.

Annual Christmas market

The Holy Trinity Parish education program is hosting its annual Christmas market on Dec. 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Social Center, 650 E. 23rd St., Erie. Orders will be taken from Nov. 5 to Dec. 5.

It's Back Live!!!

The Christmas Show, "Follow the Star" is back this year after a 2 year break. Get information and tickets by going online and searching "Tennessee Backporch, Follow the Star Tickets". Only 4 performances: December 4, 5, 6 & 7. Come celebrate the spirit of Christmas!

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments



Know the Warning Signs of a Predator

Perpetrators are not waiting on the street to snatch kids; only 10% of sexually abused children are abused by strangers. 90% are abused by someone known and trusted by the child/child's family. Perpetrators integrate themselves into everyone's life, not just the child. They build relationships so that they are trusted to be alone with the child. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with a child in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows a child to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. Visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/ for more information and resources.



HARBORCREEK COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Sunday, November 20th
7:00 p.m.**

**Grace Church in Harborcreek
2420 Cumberland Rd, Erie, PA 16510**



Rev. Tim Hoover (South Harborcreek UMC) preaching and Linda Peters (Director of Music at Our Lady of Mercy) leading music. The offering and a special collection of canned goods will support the Ella Cochran Food Pantry. Sponsored by the Harborcreek Ministerium.



If you are interested in joining the combined choir, please see the following information:

- † Rehearsal will be at Grace Harborcreek on 11/20 at 5:45 p.m., dinner will be provided.
- † There will be a total of 3x hymns sung during the hour-long service.
- † There is the potential for a solo if anybody is interested.
- † No experience/skill required, just a heart to help lead the community in worship.

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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.