

# 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*

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](mailto: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

**JANUARY 22, 2023 - THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit [ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

<b>Mon. 01/23</b>	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
	6:30 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
<b>Tue. 01/24</b>	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.	Diocesan LLF
	6:30 p.m.	Finance Council
	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Facilitator Mtg.
<b>Wed. 01/25</b>	9:00 a.m.	Painting Group
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	6:30 p.m.	Sister Parish Committee
<b>Thur. 01/26</b>	12:00 p.m.	Midday Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Pastoral Facilitator Mtg.
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Fri. 01/27</b>		
<b>Sat. 01/28</b>	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 01/29</b>	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 7-8
	11:00 a.m.	Gr. 6 Class Mass

## We Remember...

Justin Raydo, son of Karen Sweeney and brother of Jay Raydo; who passed away recently.

Please hold him and his family in prayer during this difficult time.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of January 15, 2023

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	53	\$ 2,472.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	138	\$ 3,417.20
Loose Change:		\$ 79.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 5,968.20</b>

## 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



## STAFF EXTENSION NUMBERS

Our new phone system allows someone to dial the staff extension directly if you get our recorded message. Here is the staff directory:

• Fr Matt.....226	• Kirk.....216
• Deacon Paul.....233	• Linda.....211
• Katie.....210	• Donna.....213
• Irene.....214	

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Mon. 01/23</b>	Heb 9:15, 24-28	/ Mk 3:22-30
<b>Tue. 01/24</b>	Heb 10:1-10	/ Mk 3:31-35
<b>Wed. 01/25</b>	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22	/ Mk 16:15-18
<b>Thur. 01/26</b>	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5	/ Mk 4:21-25
<b>Fri. 01/27</b>	Heb 10:32-39	/ Mk 4:26-34
<b>Sat. 01/28</b>	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19	/ Mk 4:35-41
<b>Sun. 01/29</b>	Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13	/ 1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 5:1-12a

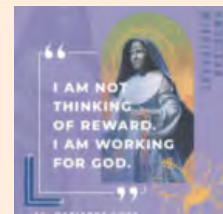
## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 01/23</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tue. 01/24</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Marty Carroll</b> (The Carroll Families)
<b>Wed. 01/25</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Denny Smith</b> (Janet Smith)
<b>Thur. 01/26</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Betty Bliss</b> (Virginia Maille)
<b>Fri. 01/27</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Sat. 01/28</b>	6:00 p.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>
<b>Sun. 01/29</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Mary Apa</b> (1950 Class of Villa Maria)
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Gertruda Wisniewska</b> (Ted Kruza)

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### MATTHEW 4:12-23

At once they left their nets and followed him.



In a minute - I'll be there shortly - Call you later - I'll get back to you - Not now, I'm too busy. In our relationships as parents, spouses, colleagues, and friends, how often do we use these phrases? It is very easy for us to act with urgency when it comes to our own concerns, while convincing ourselves that what others ask of us is just not as important or as pressing.

Imagine Simon, Andrew, James and John along the seashore working as fishermen. Jesus approaches them and says, "Come after me..." They respond, "At once" and "Immediately." Can we imagine them saying to Jesus, "I'll get back to you" or "Not now, I'm too busy"? They could not possibly have known what their decision to follow Jesus would require of them, or how it would touch their lives, but still they followed.

In the same way, we are called to put aside our own concerns to follow the Lord.

The apostles had no idea how following Jesus would change their lives, and neither do we. Our faith becomes an adventure. The Lord is always calling. Will we respond immediately and walk at his side?

**For Reflection: Is faith for me an adventure? Does it fill me with a sense of urgency and anticipation?**

Roy Goetz

### For Mercy Sake Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the February issue of For Mercy Sake newsletter is **TODAY, Sunday, January 22**. Items can be sent to [secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org).



### Grief Support



During the Winter we will meet during the day. **Monday Jan 23 at 1 p.m.** and **Monday Feb 20 at 1 p.m.** Grief is a challenging emotion because it is so unpredictable.

Sometimes sharing your experience and learning how others find hope can be helpful. To arrange a one-on-one meeting or if interested in an evening group session please call Donna Clark in the parish office, ext 213.

### Question & Answer W/T Pastor

The tradition continues! Our first Q&A with Fr. Kujawinski will be **Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 7:00 p.m.** Bring your questions about the Catholic faith, prayer, Scripture or the Church. Join us in the Conference Room for a casual conversation around the questions on your mind. Share a glass of wine and a light snack. (You are welcome to bring a snack to share, but that is not necessary.) This will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know our new pastor a bit better.



### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



Back by popular demand, the annual Religious Education Spaghetti Dinner & Gift Auction on **Feb. 5**. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of **Jan. 8**. Prices are \$10 adults and \$5 children.

Two quarts of sauce and 20 meatballs are \$30. We are collecting NEW items for the gift auction. Consider re-gifting any unwanted Christmas gifts to our gift auction. Consider grabbing those great deals after the holidays to make a basket to donate to the gift basket auction. We also need baskets, colored tissue and clear cellophane to wrap the baskets.

### Bereavement Ministry Help

Our Bereavement Ministry needs people who are willing to be present for parish funerals. (you need not be available for every funeral since there usually is enough people in the ministry to spread out the duties.) The Bereavement Ministry provides a ministry of presence, may help by being a Greeter, Lector or Eucharistic Minister. Please contact the parish office at 814-899-5342 x 213 to speak with Donna for more information.



### The Parish Picture books are here



Please stop by the parish office to pick up your Parish Photo Directory. We also wish to thank the community for their patience in waiting for these books.

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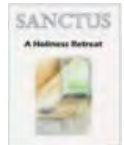


If you are new to the parish, you can enjoy formed.org for free by signing up as part of the parish subscription. All you need is your email, then select the option for an "institution or parish" subscription and search for Our Lady of Mercy Harborcreek.

### Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Jan. 10, was **Ben Danowski, grade 3**, who knew that the two parts of the Mass are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

### Sanctus Retreat



Join your parish family on **Saturday, Feb. 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Begin the Season of Lent with a day of prayer and reflection. Sign up for the Sanctus Retreat. It is free and open to all adults. For more information, see the recent issue of For Mercy Sake or contact Irene Lucas. Here is what a past participant had to say.

*"I attended the Sanctus Retreat last year, and found it to be a wonderful experience. The personal sharing by the speakers of their faith stories was very moving and inspirational. And the small group discussion at our table after each talk helped me to see that we all have experiences in our lives that can benefit from the insight and support of others. The retreat gave me an opportunity to get to know the folks at my table much better, and they are no longer just a face in the congregation to me. Now when I see them at Mass or in passing, I feel a special bond with them due to the open and honest conversation and support that we shared together. All in all, the Sanctus Retreat exceeded my expectations. And the great food and snacks were just a bonus!" - Rose Galeza*

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**Spaghetti Dinner**  
Fundraiser

For the Religious Education Ministry

**SUNDAY**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2023**

**SANCTUS**

**February 25, 2023**

Questions? Call Irene @ 814-899-6132  
or email [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

Join us for prayer, reflection, sharing and renewal.

🔒 Meals are provided 🔒 There is no cost 🔒

### 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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or 814-899-6132.



To support the  
Summer 2023 Youth Mission Trip  
**SATURDAY MARCH 11 12-4 P.M.**

St. James Place - 2622 Buffalo Rd.

For tickets call Maggie 814-490-4275

\$20 donation

- 15 Games ● Games of Chance ● Food & Drinks ●

*If you would like to leave a donation without purchasing a ticket, please drop them off in the Parish office. Thank you!*

## AROUND THE DIOCESE OF ERIE



### Our Neighbors' Place

We need your help with Season 11 of Our Neighbors' Place, a seasonal overflow shelter for adults who are homeless. This year the shelter is moving back to St. John the Baptist Church. It will be located in Pastors' Hall which is in the basement of the church. Our first session will be 1/11/23 – 1/24/23 and the second will be 3/22/23 -4 /4/23. We are in need of volunteers to work 4 hour shifts, provide bagged meals, and provide donations. For more information, ask your church for a copy of our flier or contact Mary Ellen Lieb at [melieb4@gmail.com](mailto:melieb4@gmail.com) or Mary Hoffman at [mymary14@gmail.com](mailto:mymary14@gmail.com)

### Cash bingo at Polish Falcons Club

Holy Trinity Church in Erie is hosting a cash bingo on Feb. 5 at the Polish Falcons Club, 431 East 3rd St., Erie. Doors open at 12 p.m. with bingo beginning at 1 p.m. Admission is \$25 which includes one pack. Additional packs cost \$5. Call 814.456.5300 to reserve a seat. Walk-ins are welcome. See flier for details.

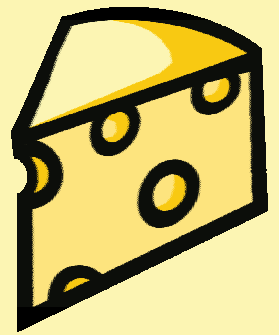
### Erie Catholic School System open house events

The Erie Catholic School System will host open house events on Jan. 22 and Jan. 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. for prospective families interested in learning more about Erie Catholic schools and enrolling for the 2023-24 school year. Visitors can attend Our Lady of Peace School, 2401 West 38th St., Erie; St. James School, 2602 Buffalo Rd., Erie; and St. Jude School, 606 Lowell Ave, Erie, on Jan. 22, and Blessed Sacrament School, 2510 Greengarden Blvd, Erie; St. George School, 1612 Bryant St., Erie; and St. Luke School, 425 East 38th St., Erie, on Jan. 29. Pre-registration is required at [www.eriecatholic.org](http://www.eriecatholic.org). Erie Catholic is open to students in preschool through eighth grade.

# What You Always Wanted to Know About...



**Wednesday,  
February 1<sup>st</sup>  
7:00 p.m.**



**Join Us For A**

## **Q & A With Fr. Kujawinski**

**Informal gathering in the Conference Room  
Wine, Cheese and Your Questions**

*(Feel free to bring a snack to share, if you wish)*

This is your opportunity to chat with your pastor about those questions concerning the Bible, the Church, Catholic beliefs, etc. that you have never known how to answer. Every question is worthwhile as we will learn from one another. Whether you have a specific question in mind or just want an opportunity to learn and discuss, bring a friend and join us.

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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.