

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH



## *VISION STATEMENT*

Encountering Christ,  
Growing in His love,  
Serving in His name.

## Discipleship Pathway

Listening to our hearts, we respond to the Lord's invitation to journey together on the path of discipleship.



## Parish Staff

Fr. Matthew Kujawinski, Pastor  
Deacon Paul Barko, Deacon Assistant  
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Katie Stephenson, Administrative Assistant  
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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

## 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

# June 4, 2023 - The Most Holy Trinity



### Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, June 21 @ 7:00** at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss Rainwater by Sandra Brown.



### Wild About Jesus!

Mark your calendar for **July 31-Aug. 4** for a week of Vacation Bible School fun. Registration forms are available on the bulletin tables and at the parish website. All children age 4 years through 6th grade are welcome. The event is free.

### VBS Needs You!

Vacation Bible School succeeds because of the many adults willing to give a week of their summer to create a fun and inviting experience for the children. We need adults and teens who can work with the children. If you can help **July 31 to Aug. 4 from 9:00 -noon**, contact Irene at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or call **814-899-6132**.



### Can you help with religious education next school year?

We are looking for a 5th grade catechist Tuesday afternoons, Confirmation catechist Sundays and volunteers to work with the new Jr. High ministry. If you would like more information, contact Irene at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or call **814-899-6132**.

### Women's Summer Scripture Study

All women, parishioners and friends, are invited to a casual Scripture Study on **Thursday, July 6, 13 & 20**. We will meet on the patio of Irene Lucas 1019 Bartlett Rd at **7:00**. Sacred Strangers by Nancy Haught will guide our conversation. The book is \$8.40 if ordered in bulk. If you would like Irene to order you a copy, contact her by **June 20**.



### Witnessing to your Discipleship Journey

Our Lady of Mercy is a strong community because people have been sharing their faith with one another for decades. Where have you encountered God on your discipleship journey? Will you share your story at Mass after communion? Will you write your story for publication in our bulletin or newsletter or website/Facebook? Let us know; contact any staff member.



### 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**.

## FORMED.ORG

If you are new to the parish, you can enjoy [formed.org](http://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.

### CAFE June 11 - CPR and Defibrillator Training

You have all heard the story of Damar Hamlin the Buffalo Bills football player who suffered sudden cardiac arrest and whose life was saved by timely CPR and Defibrillation. Our church has a Defibrillator located in the hallway leading to Sperry Hall and we had a training class on how to use the machine a number of years ago. It's time to refresh ourselves on its use and we will also have a class on CPR training. The class will be conducted by Chris Morealli, who is a certified EMT with the Fairfield Hose Co, on **Sunday June 11 at 9:45** in Sperry Hall.



### VBS Fleece Material Needed

If you have any extra fleece material lying around, the VBS staff could use it! We are searching for scrap fleece big enough to cut 12 inch circles out of. Please drop any scrap donations off in the Parish Office. Thank you for your help!



### Mission Cooperative Weekend

A missionary from the Sisters of Charity of Seaton Hill will visit us the weekend of **June 24/25**. This group has missions in Ecuador, China & Korea. Much of their ministry is to children. They are sending a representative from Bethel Park PA and their main office is in Greensburg, PA. Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill serve primarily in the areas of education, health care, pastoral care, and social services and have facilities in multiple places. As always, we will be offered an opportunity to support their ministries. You can give the weekend of June 24/25 or use our Faith Direct text to give or set up something in your Faith Direct account.



### Food Pantry Donations Needed

The Ella Cochran Food Pantry is in need of canned fruits for our June distribution. Donations are very much appreciated and can be placed in the collection boxes by the entrances and Gathering Space.

### Graphic Design and Marketing Team

Our Lady of Mercy is looking to put together a Graphic Design and Marketing team composed of volunteers who have been blessed with the passion and talents for creating content and putting it out to our parish community. If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to Katie in the Parish Office.



# SUMMER FESTIVAL

Chinese Auction – Bake Sale – Bingo  
Children’s Area – Book Sale – Craft Sale

Raffles: \$1000 Grand Prize, Quilt, 50/50, 4 Hr. Party Bus Rental for 20 Guests, Restaurant Gift Cards, Lottery Tree, Wine Basket & Craft Beer Basket!

The Book Sale is BACK!  
July 6th - 9th

We need donations of books, cd's, dvd's and puzzles, no reader digest, magazine

Calling all Bakers:

We need donations of freshly made, sweet treats for our bake sale! **We are no longer in need of bagged cookies for dinner**, but would appreciate donations of baked goods to help our bake sale!

WANTED:

Crafters, Gardeners, Sewers, Painters, Woodworkers, Metal workers, and any other Hand Crafted Items that you can donate to Summer Festival 2023 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!

Festival Raffle Tickets Available

Festival raffle tickets will be available for pick up **THIS WEEKEND!** Festival raffle tickets can be mailed to homebound parishioners. Please contact the office with ticket requests. Please return any unused tickets to the baskets in the Gathering Space.

## JOIN US!

**Eucharistic  
Procession on the  
Solemnity of the  
Most Holy Body and Blood  
of Christ**



**“Corpus Christi”**

**Sunday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m.  
St. Peter Cathedral.**

## Lets Keep Talking!

Our Lady of Mercy is continuing what it started back in 2022 with the Synod listening sessions.

Join us on  
**Monday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m.**  
in Sperry Hall as we  
keep the conversations going.

All are welcome, even if you didn't participate in the Synod listening sessions last year.

Your voice still matters and we would love to hear from YOU!

### Knights of Columbus- 2023 Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Our Knights Council has joined together with 23 other Knights Councils in Erie and Crawford Counties to conduct our annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. It will benefit the Women's Care Center of Erie's goal of purchasing a new, state of the art Ultrasound Machine to replace an older unit at one of their other locations. Your donations will also be used to offset the operating costs of the ultrasound van that was purchased from the 2022 fundraiser. Last year through your contributions, \$119,000 was collected toward the cost of the ultrasound van. The Knights of Columbus Supreme based in Connecticut donated an additional \$59,000 to cover the entire cost of the ultrasound machine for the van. We will be distributing baby bottles and optional donation envelopes as you leave church Mother's Day weekend, **May 13-14**. Bottles and envelopes will still be available in the Gathering Space following that weekend. We ask that you fill the bottles with your coins, cash, or checks and return them Father's Day weekend, **June 17-18**. Paper currency or checks may be put in the envelopes that can be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off at the Parish office. Please make all checks payable to the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your time and we pray that you will join us in our continuing efforts in saving the lives of the unborn.



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
COLLEGE KNIGHTS: LEADERS FOR LIFE.



# Women's Summer Scripture Study

7:00 PM  
Thursday  
July 6, 13, 20

The Bible contains many "sacred strangers", men and women who do not belong to the Israelite community yet still reveal God in a profound and striking way. In Sacred Strangers, Nancy examines six of these figures. Most receive little attention but all have significant lessons for us.

## Sacred Strangers

*by Nancy Haught*

Cost of book is \$8.50 if purchased in bulk.  
Contact Irene at 814-899-6132 by June 20  
if you want her to order a book for you.

Home of  
Irene Lucas  
1019 Bartlett Rd.  
Patio if weather permits  
(extra lawn chairs appreciated)  
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summer evening and laughter  
with sisters in faith.

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**OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
*Membership Form*

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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.