#### THE CHURCH BULLETIN

August 31, 2025 –22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Our Lady of Mercy Church

#### MASS TIMES

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Weekday:
8:30 a.m.

Tuesday-Friday

Confessions:
3:45 p.m.

#### OFFICE AND CHURCH HOURS

837 Bartlett Rd. Harborcreek, PA 16421 Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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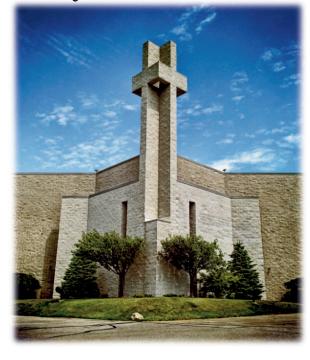
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The Week Ahead

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

**Labor Day** Mon. 09/01

**Parish Office Closed** 

Tue. 09/02 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club

6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club

6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council

Wed. 09/03 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club

6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation

6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club

Thu. 09/048:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club

9:00 a.m. Painting/Crafting Group

5:30 p.m. Gr 9 Candidate/Parent Mtg

6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club

Fri. 09/05

Sat. 09/0610:00 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club

3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance

Casserole Club Drop Off Sun. 09/07

8:00 a.m. Pre-Cana

10:30 a.m. Gr K-2 Family Faith Event

10:30 a.m. Gr 7-8 Parent/Youth Event

10:30 a.m. Gr 9 Confirmation Session

10:30 a.m. Healing Ministry

Mass Intentions

Mon. 09/01 8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Tue. 09/02 8:30 a.m. Robert Jones

(Barb Jones)

Wed. **09/03** 8:30 a.m. **Edward C. Spellman** 

(Family)

Thu. **09/04** 8:30 a.m. **Lewis Peters** 

(The Peters Family)

09/05 8:30 a.m. Tom Rzodkiewicz Fri.

(John Abbate)

09/06 4:30 p.m. Frank Szklenski Sat.

(The Heise Family)

**CLW** 

09/07 9:30 a.m. For the People of OLM

From the (1) ffice

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

Regular office hours of Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for your understanding.

We Remember

Joanne Fournier,

who passed away recently. Please hold her and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

If you cannot make your scheduled Mass, please contact another minister to sub for you & notify the Parish Office of any schedule changes.

Saturday, September 6th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector Glory Piovarcy Bowl 1 Jim Peters Altar Server Bill Matrogran Greeter Lisa Spelling Greeter Christine Stroker

Sunday, September 7th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1	Karen Sweeney
Lector 2	Rachel Still
Bowl 1	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2	Steve Brainard
Cup 1	Carole Peters
Cup 2	Lorraine Bucklin
Cup 3	Tim Lynch
Cup 4	Ginny Fuhrman
Altar Server	Makayla Inthavong
Greeter	Gary Smith
Greeter	Mary Beth Smith
AV Ministry	Ken Marshall

# Women of Light

On Thursday, September 11th, Lindsey Scott, a retired and disabled military vet will share her compelling story of resilience and survival. Lindsey signed up to serve in the military after 9/11/01. The challenges she encountered as a woman in the military, during wartime, will inspire you and give testimony to FAITH.

olm book group

Join us on September 17 @ 7:00 at the home of Bunny Weber, 3752 Harbor Ridge Trail, to discuss James by Percibal Everett. Our October title will be The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin.



#### Eucharist to the Homebound

If you are unable to join us on Sunday morning, let us bring the eucharist to you. Contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132** to let us know of your need.



#### **ENCOUNTERING THE GOD OF** FAITH HOPE AND LOVE

As we continue through this holy year of hope, we will reflect on our encounter with the God who is revealed to us through faith, in hope and by love. The study will run Mondays from Sept. 29 thru Nov. 3. Two time slots will be offered, 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The book that will guide our study goes by the same title. It costs \$12 on bulk discount. If you would like a copy of that book, please add your name to the list in the Gathering Space by Sept. 14.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Through our baptism and confirmation, we have all been called and equipped to proclaim the Good News to others. Catechasts fulfill this commission in a powerful way. If your children are grown, would you consider supporting young families by volunteering to teach religious ed? If you are a parent with a child in the program, would you share the experience with your child? Clearances are required on all religious education volunteers. You do not need to be a trained teacher, just a person who loves God.

#### The following volunteers are needed for the coming year:

- Kindergarten Sunday morning
- Grade 2/First Reconciliation Sunday morning

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

It's that time of year, time to think about the start of another school year. All children who will be participating in the 2025-2026 year of religious education at OLM need to be registered. This can be completed on-line or in person by signing the paperwork. Stop by the Faith Formation Office after any weekend Mass or during working hours.

#### Important Dates As We Begin the Rel. Ed. Year:

#### Confirmation:

Sept. 4 at 5:30 is an important meeting for all youth and their parents who are beginning the preparation for Confirmation.

#### **Grades K-2**:

Our year begins with a Family Faith Event on Sept. 7. Every child should be joined by a parent (siblings are welcome) for a faith-filled event to kick off the year. We will meet immediately after Mass in the large classroom. The morning will also include time for the children to be with their catechists and the parents to have an orientation meeting.

#### Junior High Edge:

Our first session for grade 7 & 8 religious ed will be on September 7 immediately after Mass in the gym. This will be a shared event for parents and teens. It will be part informational session and part faith formation.







#### From the Diocese

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
The humanitarian crisis in Gaza prompts
concern from all people of goodwill. As
Catholics, we especially are called by Christ to
care for the suffering and the needy. Pastoral
concern has prompted the bishops of the
United States to take up a collection for the
assistance of Christians and other innocent
victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding
areas. Many are struggling to survive, protect
their children, and live
with dignity in dire conditions.

I ask you to give generously to this special collection, held in our parishes on the weekend of September 6-7, 2025. Funds received will be passed on to Catholic Relief Services. This group has a long-standing relationship with the Catholic Church in the region, which allows them to provide humanitarian relief and medical assistance quickly and efficiently. Thank you for doing what you can to support our suffering brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas. I join with you in praying for peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

### SAVE THE DATE

Eucharistic Adoration
Women of Light Event
Pancake Breakfast
Parish Feast Day
Women of Light Event
Eucharistic Adoration
Pancake Breakfast
Women's Cursillo Weekend
Trunk or Treat
Women of Light Event
Blood Drive
KofC Dance w/ The Groove
Pancake Breakfast
A Merry Mercy Christmas

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry is in need of new leaders. If you would be willing to help our young children to hear and reflect on the Word of God during the 9:30 Mass, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or

**814-899-6132**. CLW leaders need state clearances.

Training will be provided.

## **FEATURED EVENT**

# THE FEAST OF Our Lady of Mercy SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - 9:30 A.M.

A time to celebrate being the faith community of Our Lady of Mercy!
Join us for Mass followed by a pot-luck meal in Sperry Hall.

Please bring a dish to share for the luncheon according to your last name:

A-G Casserole or Fruit

H-O Salad or Appetizer

P-Z Dessert or Snack

# Music for Mass

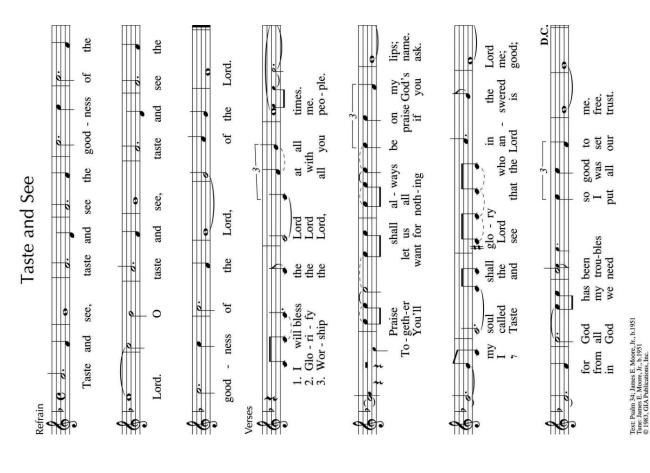
August 31

Gathering: #761 Table of Plenty

Offertory: #761 To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul

Communion: Taste and See

Recessional: #609 For the Beauty of the Earth



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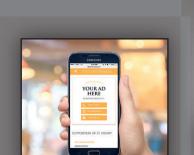


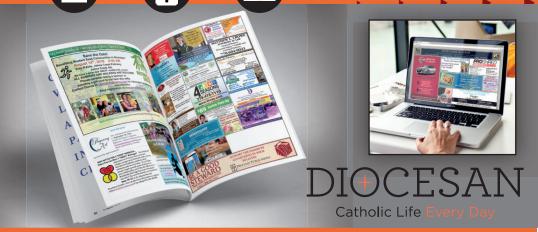




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