



FOR MERCY'S SAKE

the quarterly newsletter of Our Lady of Mercy Church

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THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

~ June 8, 2025 ~

Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit,
calls up the image of wind that rushes,
flames that leap,
and disciples that are inspired to go out from
the upper room fearlessly.



Scripture tells us that this is the moment that gave birth to the Church.
Pentecost brings the Easter season to a grand and fiery close.
The Holy Spirit lavishes us with gifts which empower us as followers
of Jesus to take up his mission and make it ours.

**Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude,
Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord**
are gifts which help us to continue Jesus' work in our world.

Pentecost is our Birthday.
As part of the Universal Church, the Community of Our Lady of Mercy
will celebrate being Church.

To acknowledge our oneness in the Spirit
all parishioners are asked to wear red on the Feast of Pentecost.

As included in our Mission Statement, may we be "empowered by the Holy Spirit
to live the values of Jesus in a prayerful, welcoming, and nurturing environment."

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

With Gratitude: The parish is extremely grateful to the dedicated religious education teachers who made this past year such a success. Your prayer, witness and love of your students have had a profound impact on the youth of this parish. You will never know the effect of your ministry on the youth you taught, but God will nurture the seed you planted and produce fruit 30, 60 and 100 fold. Thank you for responding so generously to the invitation of God and to the need of this parish community. All of us are richer because of your presence.



New Catechists: The Religious Education community is in need of volunteer catechists for the coming school year. A catechist must be a person of prayer and faith who desires to form young people in the mandates of the Gospel and by the love of God. Catechists are responsible for planning and conducting scheduled

religious education lessons, supervising children and maintaining classroom records. Volunteers are provided with all necessary training as well as opportunities for on-going enrichment. Catechists must be at least eighteen years old, an active member of a Catholic parish, willing to teach in conformity with the doctrine of the Church and have current child protection clearances. Since it can take several weeks to process the clearances, please volunteer early in the summer.

If you are willing to share your faith with the children of this parish, please consider volunteering as a catechist or aide for the coming school year. Commit early and have access to training at your leisure as well as ample time to review the textbook. For more information, call Irene Lucas in the Faith Formation Office at 814-899-6132 or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

The following catechists are needed for the coming year:

Grade K – Sunday morning

Grade I – Sunday morning

First Reconciliation – Sunday morning

Grade 5 – Tuesday after school

Grade 7/8 – Sunday morning



Save the Stations

For many years, the outdoor Stations of the Cross on our parish grounds have offered a peaceful place for prayer and reflection. Tucked in the wooded area behind the church, this sacred path has unfortunately fallen into disrepair and is now seldom used. We believe it's time to breathe new life into this space—not only restoring the Stations, but also creating an inviting outdoor worship area for prayer, small services, and spiritual connection with nature. We are forming a group of parishioners to explore this vision and bring it to life. The project scope and timeline is not defined - and we welcome all families and groups to join us in this effort. We are holding a site visit and brief meeting starting at the picnic shelter on **Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m.** Please contact Gary Smith at gsmith.erie@outlook.com or at 814 397-4647 if you're interested in being part of this meaningful project.

Order of Christian Initiation Invitation

Joining Our Catholic Family

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Have you thought about becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Would you like to explore the possibility of being baptized? Then come and join the members of the OCIA ministry.



Unbaptized adults or teens or those not raised in a Christian community are invited into a rich and powerful ministry of prayer, faith-sharing, learning and reflection. This one-year (or longer if desired) process allows participants to explore the teachings, practices and communal life of the Catholic Church so that individuals can make an honest decision about their faith journey. Because this process requires a full year, those considering baptism or acceptance into the Catholic Church next Easter would need to begin the process now.

Individuals raised and well-formed in a Christian denomination other than the Catholic Church are invited to explore the Catholic tradition and beliefs in a time-frame and context that best meets their needs. Full reception into the Catholic Church for those baptized and steeped in the Christian faith can take place when the individual and faith community discerns is appropriate.

Baptized adults who wish to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation may also pursue the formation appropriate for this sacrament.

For more information, or to have your questions answered, contact **Irene Lucas @ 814-899-6132**, any member of the parish staff @ **814-899-5342** or speak with a member of this parish community. All members of our parish family are reminded that an invitation to a friend or relative can be the one word that was needed. Invite someone you love to join our Catholic family.



Parkinson's Walk at OLM

Parkinson Partners of NW PA will be hosting the Patti Mattis Memorial Parkinson Awareness Walk on **Saturday, May 31st at 10:00 a.m.**, here at Our Lady of Mercy.

This important event raises funds to support the only local nonprofit dedicated to providing PD programs, services and support for those with PD and their families. Joe Mattis, widower of Patti Matti, is a Knight of Columbus at OLM. Lynne Gotham, OLM parishioner, is executive director of Parkinson Partners and her husband Scott is also a Knight. You are welcome to join us for the walk and the lunch afterward.

You can register at www.parkinsonpartners.org or scan the QR code below. Cost is \$25. If you need a paper form, please call **814-899-3030**.

Parkinson Partners, the Mattis family and the Gotham family are very grateful to Fr. Matt for letting us host another Parkinson's Walk at OLM. We are also appreciative of the Knights of Columbus who are one of the sponsors of this event.

If you'd like to volunteer or if you'd like more information on Parkinson Partners, please reach out to Lynne at Parkinson Partners **814-899-3030**. Thank you in advance for your support.



Gift Card Order Form

Our Lady of Mercy earns cash with every gift card purchased. (2.5% - 14% depending on the gift card)

The cards listed below are those available in the Parish Office or visit the RaiseRight mobile app or ShopWithScrip.com to see all 750+ brands and available denominations.

3 ways to order:

- ❖ Stop by the parish office after the weekend Masses or during the week between 9 and 2.
- ❖ Fill out the form below and drop it off or mail it to OLM 837 Bartlett Rd Harborcreek PA 16421
- ❖ Text (814)440-4890 or email pmm1955.erie@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to: Our Lady of Mercy Church

For questions or more information please call Pat Marshall at 814-440-4890

In stock:
Total \$ _____
Cards _____ Check # _____
or Cash _____

Store	Denomination	Quantity	Total Cost
Amazon	\$25		
Amazon	\$100		
Apple/Itunes	\$25		
Applebees	\$25		
Arby's	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	\$25		
Bob Evans	\$10		
Bob Evans	\$25		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25		
Burger King	\$10		
Chipotle	\$10		
Chipotle	\$25		
Cinnabon-Moes etc	\$25		
Country Fair	\$25		
Country Fair	\$50		
Country Fair	\$100		
Dairy Queen	\$10		
Darden Restaurants	\$25		
Domino's	\$10		
Dunkin	\$10		
Dunkin	\$25		

Customer Info:

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

Store	Denomination	Quantity	Total Cost
Giant Eagle	\$25		
Giant Eagle	\$50		
Giant Eagle	\$100		
Home Depot	\$25		
Kohl's	\$25		
Michaels	\$25		
Old Navy	\$25		
Outback Steakhouse	\$25		
Outback Steakhouse	\$50		
Panera	\$10		
Panera	\$25		
Pizza Hut	\$10		
Stan's Garden Center	\$25		
Starbucks	\$10		
Starbucks	\$25		
Subway	\$10		
Target	\$10		
Target	\$25		
Target	\$50		
Tim Hortons	\$10		
Total Wine	\$25		
Ulta	\$25		
Walmart	\$25		
Walmart	\$50		
Walmart	\$100		
Wendy's	\$10		



Our Lady of Mercy

Vacation Bible School 2025

Make A Splash

July 28 - August 1

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 P.m.

Age 4 thru entering 6th grade

For more information call Irene Lucas 814-899-6132
or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Registration Deadline is July 21st

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Parish: _____

Phone #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Email Address: _____

Child's Name	Age	Grade 2025/2026	Special/Dietary Needs
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Adult & Teen Volunteers

(Teens must be entering 9th Grade or above - Adults MUST provide current clearances)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate which area you would like to help out:

Teacher: _____ Story Time: _____ Craft: _____ Games: _____ Music: _____

Aide: _____ Kitchen: _____ Set-Up: _____ Other: _____



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

KNIGHTLY NEWS SPRING 2025

All focus is now on the Annual Golf & Sports Raffle which has not happened at the time of this report. It will occur Friday, May 9 and final details are coming together. We thank sponsors for their contributions, whether a major prize or monetary, and all who purchased tickets for themselves, family and friends. We expect over 500 attendees at this event which has become one of the best in the Harborcreek and surrounding area.

Unfortunately, with the state of the economy, the ticket price had to be increased to \$15, (2 for \$25), which is still a bargain considering it includes a chance to win major prizes along with food and refreshments for the entire evening. The usual games of chance and raffles will also be available. Please patronize the sponsors whose names appear on the ticket as well as those whose ads will be on display all around Sperry Hall and the Gym.

Also, thanks to those who donated items, the ladies who used their talent to group

them into awesome theme baskets and all who purchased tickets.

The involvement of all, Knights and non-Knights alike, whose efforts continue to make the Golf Raffle a huge success, is greatly appreciated! Thanks everyone.

The OLM Council is very active, now with over 100 members. However, our goal is not just to achieve membership numbers, but to involve ourselves in acts of charity with neighbors and church - both near and far. If you are not a Knight, please consider joining us.

Applications for scholarships, offered to graduating seniors whose parents are members of the parish, are now being accepted. Please check the website or church office. The deadline is May 18.

The *Annual Baby Bottle Fund Raiser* is just around the corner. Listen for a presentation after Masses and watch the bulletin.

The *Summer Festival* is on the horizon and as in the past, The Knights can be counted upon to help.

2025 BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus in Erie and Crawford Counties are conducting our 4th annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Your charitable donations thus far have enabled the Knights to purchase five state of the art Ultrasound Machines and a Mobile Ultrasound Clinic for the Women's Care Center of Erie. Since 2018, 702 babies have been born to women after they viewed their ultrasounds. They chose life for their babies even though they were originally abortion bound. The Women's Care Center continues to face a financial crisis due to a large cut in funding by the state of PA that began last year. They actively promote childbirth as an option, rather than abortion by providing pregnancy,

parenting, and adoption support services. In order to keep providing these vital services, the Women's Care Center depends on our financial support. Baby bottles will be distributed at the Church entrances on Mother's Day weekend (**May 10-11th**). Please take one home and fill it with spare change, cash, or checks. Envelopes will also be available as an option to the Baby Bottles. Online giving options are available through FlockNote. The bottles and envelopes should be returned the weekend of **June 21-22nd** (Weekend following Father's Day). We thank you in advance for your kind generosity, and pray you will once again join us in our continuing efforts in saving the lives of unborn children.

Women's
Care Center

30th Annual Knights of Columbus
Our Lady of Mercy Council 11144

GOLF & SPORTS RAFFLE

Casino Night

WE ARE GREEN

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Benefitting Youth Activities at Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Friday, May 9, 2025

Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sperry Hall

Bartlett and Dutton Roads, Harborcreek / Doors Open 6-11 pm

FREE FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

**ALL TICKETS ELIGIBLE FOR ALL DRAWINGS
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

**CASH PRIZES AWARDED
FOR THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

All prizes must be claimed by August 31, 2025

Tickets Courtesy Of

PSB INDUSTRIES



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF AND SPORTS RAFFLE PRIZE LIST

1. \$1,000 CASH - STAN'S GARDEN CENTER
2. \$300 Value Vehicle Services - MCMILLEN'S CAR CARE
3. Two Steelers Tickets / 50 Yard Line "You Pick Game" - WIDGET FINANCIAL
4. Four Tickets Kaulig Sr. Tourny Akron, OH - ROSETO-SUTER OVERHEAD DOOR
5. Men's Strata Plus Irons - OLLINGER PLUMBING & HEATING
6. Garmin Golf Rangefinder - GERY T. NIETUPSKI ESQ.
7. 55" HDTV - VNET
8. Membership for One Year - FOX RUN
9. Titleist GT2 Driver - H AND H DIRECTIONAL DRILLING
10. Golf for Four - WHISPERING WOODS GOLF COURSE
11. Scenic Heights Golf Course - One Year Membership - WAC
12. Bill's Logo Golf Bag - JOE B'S CARPET
13. Three Walleye Passes - TELL NO TALES CHARTER - N.E. TIRE & SERVICE
14. GREEN MEADOWS GOLF and RICARDO'S Dinner for Four
15. Women's Strata Plus Irons - BATES COLLISION / NIETHAMER & OWENS
16. Titleist Cart 14 Bag - LAKEVIEW MOTEL
17. \$200 Gift Basket - Harbor House
18. Four Seawolves Tickets at 2 Games - PRO WASTE SERVICES
19. Odessey Ai Putter - Trinity Club
20. 3 Two Hour Sessions - THE CLUBHOUSE INDOOR GOLF

DONATION
\$15.00 EACH
OR
2 FOR \$25.00

Tickets may be purchased at: Our Lady of Mercy Church 9-3 (M-Th) and at the door

MUST BE 21 AND OVER TO ATTEND

**Knights of Columbus
Council #11144
Edward F. Cudicio Scholarship**

Scholarship Application 2025
Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Personal Information

Name:

Address:

Birth Date:

Telephone:

High School:

Graduation Date:

College or Institution to be attended:

Entrance Date:

Parent or Guardian Information

Father's Name:

Phone Number: home _ or cell _:

Mother's Name:

Phone Number: home _ or cell _:

Scholastic Record

Your school must send an official school transcript to the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Mercy Church. The high school record is required through the latest grading period – not necessarily the final one for the year.

Extra-Curricular Activities

List your most significant extra-curricular or non-academic activities, including areas such as work experience, involvement in organizations, service to community, school, and/or church and dates of these activities.

Extra-Curricular Activities (continued)

Essay Requirements

In addition to this form, please submit an essay of 300 words minimum, explaining how these activities demonstrate initiative, leadership and creativity. For legibility it is preferred that the document be digital or printed, rather than hand-written.

Reminder

Applications must be complete and an essay included for you to be considered for the scholarship. Please be sure to sign below.

I hereby affirm that the information herein is correct and promise to notify the Knights of Columbus Council 11144 on any changes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please see that your application, essay and scholastic record are returned to the main office of Our Lady of Mercy Church at 837 Bartlett Rd., Harborcreek, PA 16421 in person or by mail by **Sunday, May 18, 2025.**

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**Thank you for your interest and we wish you well! We look forward to receiving your application and reading your essay.**

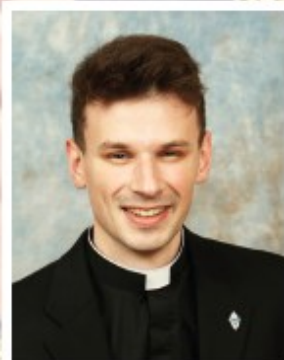


*With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God His Excellency  
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie cordially invites  
the Reverend Diocesan and Religious Clergy, and the Faithful  
of the Diocese of Erie to*

## *The Presbyteral Ordination of*



**THE REVEREND MR.  
BRANDON MATTHEW  
FEIKLES**



**THE REVEREND MR.  
MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER  
SCANGA**

**FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025  
7:00PM AT ST. PETER CATHEDRAL**  
230 W. 10th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania



# **Our Lady of Mercy's**

*Famous*  
**BBQ CHICKEN DINNER  
& Summer Festival**

**SUNDAY JULY 13TH**  
**Dinner Starts at 11 a.m.**

Join us Friday July 11 @ 5-9 p.m for Food Trucks, Beer, Wine & Spirits Vendors and Live Music.

**Dine in**  
our air conditioned Sperry Hall or

**Drive Thru Take-Out**  
from the parking lot

**\*Delivery to Senior Homes Available\***

**\$15 for adults, \$9 ages 6-12, 5 and under free**

**Chinese Auction – Bake Sale – Bingo –  
Children's Area – Book Sale – Funnel Cakes  
Raffles: \$1000 Grand Prize, \$500 Second  
Prize, 3 Hr. Party Bus Rental for 20 Guests,  
2 Restaurant Gift Card Trees, 2 Lottery  
Trees, Wine Basket & Craft Beer Basket!**

# OL Mercy Fest

Food Trucks

Live Music

Cornhole

Bonfire

Beer, Wine & Spirits

Friday July 11

5-9 p.m.

Family Friendly

Free Entry!

Our Lady of Mercy - 837 Bartlett Rd.  
Harborcreek, PA 16421

# SUNDAE SUNDAY



Sunday, June 8  
10:30 in  
Sperry Hall  
All Welcome!

Celebrate Pentecost  
Make-Your-Own Sundae Bar  
And a Cake Walk

Please tell us if you can bake & donate a  
cake for the Cake Walk.

You can email

[ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org)  
or add your name to the list in the  
Gathering Space.