

August 2, 2026 — Eighteenth 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: Tuesday-Friday	8:30 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday	3:45 p.m.

OFFICE AND CHURCH HOURS

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Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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The Week Ahead

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

- Mon. 08/03** 4:00 p.m. Sister Parish Committee
- Tue. 08/04** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
 1:00 p.m. Potters Clay SCC
 5:00 p.m. Fireside Chatters SCC
 6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Wed. 08/05** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
 6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation Mtg
 6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Thu. 08/06** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
 6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Fri. 08/07**
- Sat. 08/08** 10:00 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
 3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
- Sun. 08/09**

The Sunday Silly.

What kind of ship sits on the seabed and has anxiety?
 A nervous wreck.

ha ha ha

Mass Intentions

- Mon. 08/03** 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**
- Tue. 08/04** 8:30 a.m. **Helen Frontino**
 (Jim Guth)
- Wed. 08/05** 8:30 a.m. **Special Intentions for Katherine Flynn**
 (Dan Ott)
- Thu. 08/06** 8:30 a.m. **Ann Nagosky**
 (Family)
- Fri. 08/07** 8:30 a.m. **Anthony Bianchi**
 (Gloria Bianchi)
- Sat. 08/08** 4:30 p.m. **Chris Plonski**
 (Barb Jones)
- Sun. 08/09** 9:30 a.m. **For the People of OLM**

Erie Gives to Our Lady of Mercy



ErieGives is a wonderful opportunity for our parish to receive donations that are boosted by a matching gift from the Erie Community Foundation. Your support can make a big difference in helping us maintain our ministries, meet rising expenses, and keep our parish budget in the black. Please consider making a gift to Our Lady of Mercy during Erie Gives - and help spread the word to family and friends! More details to come soon.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

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

Saturday, August 8th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector	Clara Camillo
Bowl 1	Rochelle Edwards
Altar Server	Nick Mauro
Greeter	Rochelle Edwards
Greeter	Maureen Rizzo

Sunday, August 9th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1	Reagan Andrews
Lector 2	Delaney Andrews
Bowl 1	Carole Peters
Bowl 2	James T. Peters Jr.
Cup 1	Donna Schersten
Cup 2	Chip Shamburg
Cup 3	John Skuce
Cup 4	Gary Smith
Altar Server	Kaylyn Still
Greeter	Paul Sacco
Greeter	Patty Sacco
AV Ministry	Ken Marshall
CLW	Rachel Still

HOSPITAL VISITOR MINISTRY



It is a privilege to bring the love of God and the care of the community to our parish members who are in the hospital. If you would like to learn more about becoming a part of this ministry, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.

Religious Education Updates!

Religious Education Registration!



Mark your calendar. Religious education registration will be available after both Masses the weekend of August 15/16.

Food Pantry School Supply Collection

Ella Cochran Food Pantry is collecting school supplies. List can be picked up on table next to the Office. **Please return by August 8.**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Wednesday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m.

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.

olm book group

Join us on **Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30** at the home of Irene Lucas, 1019 Bartlett Rd., to discuss Judge Stone by James Patterson. Our September title will be A Guardian and a Thief by Megha Majumdar



Grief Support Group

Grief does not take a vacation. Find support as you move through the pain of loss at the monthly Grief Support Group.



The next gathering is **Wednesday, August 19** in the Ritchie Room. The Grief Support Groups meets the third Wednesday of each month and is open to everyone experiencing loss.

Sister Parish Celebration

The Sister Parish Ministry invites all to a Taco Night in celebration of the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Lady of the Assumption is the name of our sister parish in Peto, Mexico. Join us on **Saturday, August 15 after Mass** in Sperry Hall for a taco bar and time with friends. No reservations needed. All are welcome. The event is free, a gift from the Sister Parish Committee.



St. James Parish Rummage Sale



St. James Parish will host a Rummage Sale at the St. Mark Campus, 695 Smithson Ave., Erie, on **Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m.** **Thursday, Aug. 6, from 2 to 6 p.m.** **Friday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** & **Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon.**

Browse a wide variety of items and discover great bargains. Everyone is welcome!



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Maria House Project Evening of Hope

Maria House Project invites all to
An Evening of Hope on

Thursday, Aug. 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

at Our Lady of Peace Church,
2401 West 38th St., Erie.

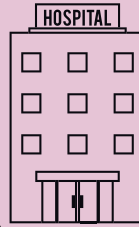
Guest speakers include Tim Joncas, executive director of Maria House Project, presenting "The Evil is in the Lie," and Antonio Howard, an autodidactic artist who was sentenced to life in prison at age 15 and released after more than 26 years, presenting "It's My Story and I'm Sticking to It." Light refreshments will be served in the church vestibule after the program. All are welcome.

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**.

UPMC Patients

Due to a recent change in their database system, UPMC Hamot can no longer inform Our Lady of Mercy when a parishioner is in their hospital.



If you or a loved one is a patient at UPMC Hamot and would like to have a visit from one of our hospital visitors, please notify Our Lady of Mercy by calling **814-899-5342** and telling us the room number. Thank you for your understanding on this new protocol.

Parish Spending Update

As we continue to work together to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to our parish, the Finance Council is introducing a new process to help us better manage parish expenses.

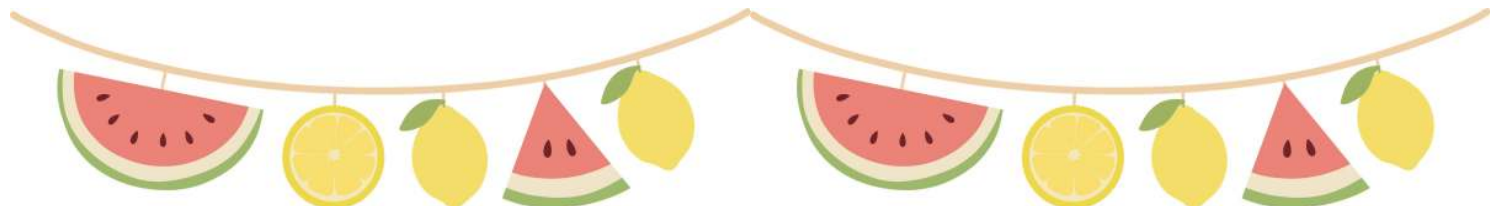
Beginning July 1, 2026, a purchase order will be required for any parish purchase over \$250.00. This will apply to all parish activities, ministries, and events. Purchase orders may be obtained through the parish office. This process is meant to help us maintain clear communication, proper budgeting, and responsible use of parish funds as we move forward together. If you have any questions or need assistance with this new process, please feel free to speak with a member of the Finance Council or Father Matt. Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and for all you do for Our Lady of Mercy Parish.

Blood Drive

Donate Blood...Save Lives!



Join us for our next blood drive in the OLM parking lot, **Aug. 20 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.** Sign-Up in the Gathering Space or walk-in!





DONATE NOW



Our Lady of Mercy

Erie Gives

August 11, 2026

OUR LADY OF MERCY
CELEBRATES
OUR SISTER PARISH
ON THEIR FEAST DAY

JOIN US FOR A

Taco Bar

SAT. AUGUST 15
AFTER 4:30 P.M.
MASS

IN SPERRY HALL

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Music for Mass

Gathering: **Table of Plenty** - # 761

Offertory: **Come to the Water** - # 626

Communion: **Gift of Finest Wheat** - # 791

Recessional: **Rain Down** - # 627

Prayer for a New Bishop

O Almighty God,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
and those who assist him
in the discernment of our new bishop.
May the one chosen have the strength
to be a compassionate leader,
who models humility and joy.
Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
the courage of the apostles,
and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.

We also pray for the Diocese of Erie
that he is called to serve.
May we welcome him with open hearts
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
may we journey the path of life
with an unwavering focus
on the hope we have in Christ.

For he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.





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