

August 23, 2026 — Twenty-First 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

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

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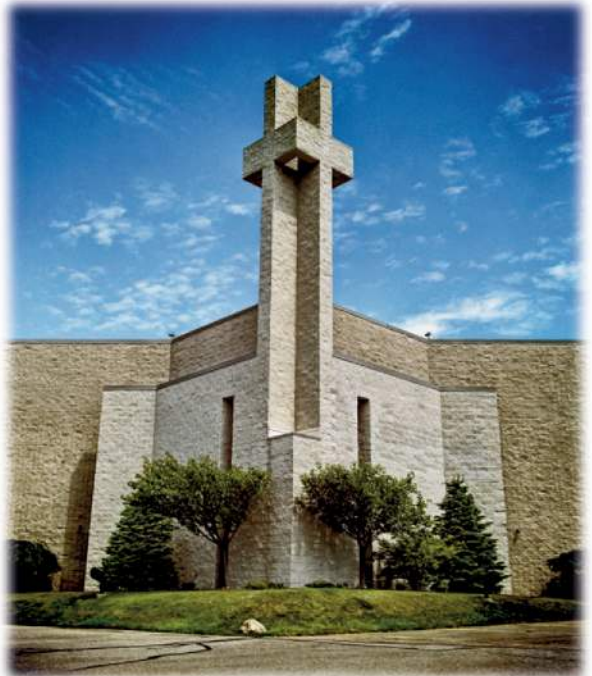
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The Week Ahead

For a complete calendar of events, please visit:
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- Mon. 08/24** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
 6:00 p.m. Roman Candles SCC
- Tue. 08/25** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
 6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Wed. 08/26** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
 6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Thu. 08/27** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
 6:00 p.m. Mercy in Motion
 Diaper Distribution
 6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Fri. 08/28**
- Sat. 08/29** 10:00 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
 3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
- Sun. 08/30** 8:00 a.m. Pre-Cana

The Sunday Silly.

Why was the cafeteria clock
 behind on the first day of school?
 It kept going back four seconds.

ha ha
 ha ha

Mass Intentions

- Mon. 08/24** 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**
- Tue. 08/25** 8:30 a.m. **John McGrath**
 (The McGrath Family)
- Wed. 08/26** 8:30 a.m. **Robert Bianchi**
 (Gloria Bianchi)
- Thu. 08/27** 8:30 a.m. **Travis Stauffer**
 (The Hallelujah Girls SCC)
- Fri. 08/28** 8:30 a.m. **Robert Lapenze**
 (John Abbate)
- Sat. 08/29** 4:30 p.m. **For the People of OLM**
- Sun. 08/30** 9:30 a.m. **Fran Hatheway**
 (The Merry Widows)

Loving God, watch over our children as they begin
 their new school year. Bless them with joy at
 seeing friends, excitement at new experiences,
 and a love of learning.

Guide and protect all who learn, replacing fear
 with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with
 energy. Give wisdom, patience, and joy to
 teachers as they serve their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.
 Amen.



A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

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 29th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector	Marilyn Rinke
Bowl 1	Kathy Mauro
Altar Server	Adam Spelling
Greeter	Lisa Spelling
Greeter	Rochelle Edwards

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

Lector 1	Denise Lewandoski
Lector 2	Adriana Grosch
Bowl 1	Chris Morealli
Bowl 2	Greg Morealli
Cup 1	Tom Palisin
Cup 2	Kathy Pearson
Cup 3	Carole Peters
Cup 4	James T. Peters Jr.
Altar Server	Falyn Baker & Violet Rizzo
Greeter	Baileigh Bleil
Greeter	Mo Rizzo
AV Ministry	Adam Baker
CLW	Scott Gotham



Thank You For Supporting Our Parish Festival

The final totals from our 2026 Parish Festival are now available on the bulletin tables for anyone who is interested in seeing the results. We are very grateful to everyone who worked so diligently to make this year's festival such a success. Thank you to all of our volunteers, parishioners, sponsors, and everyone who supported the festival! Our estimated profit from this year's festival is approximately **\$33,816**. Thank you again to everyone whose hard work and generosity made this possible!

olm book group

Join us on **Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 6:30** at the home of Kay Kaerberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss A Guardian and a Thief by Megha Majumdar.



Women of Light

All ladies and their friends are invited to join us at Our Lady of Mercy on **September 14th at 6:30 p.m.** as Giorgina Pearson, a local business owner, will share her powerful testimony of overcoming addiction and discovering her voice and self-worth through her faith in God. Her story of hope and healing is an inspiring reminder that lives can be transformed.



VOCATION MINISTRY

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"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18)

God does not call the perfect or extraordinary. Like Peter, ordinary men and women are invited to play extraordinary roles in His plan through priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Whatever your gifts or weaknesses, God can use you to build His Church and bring His love to the world.

Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Jabo at the Vocation Office at 814-824-1198



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Religious Education Updates!

Religious Education Registration!



Religious education registration is underway for the upcoming school year. Register on line or in person at the Faith Formation Office.

Classes begin on Sept. 8.

Grief Support Group



All are invited to the monthly gathering of the Grief Support Group on **Wednesday, September 16 at 1:00.**

This is open to all journeying the difficult road of loss. Whether you come once or monthly, whether you are a parish member or not, whether your loss was recent or a while back, you are welcome. The group meets on the **third Wednesday of the month at 1:00** in the Ritchie Room.



Maria House Project Bingo Bash

Maria House Project is hosting a Bingo Bash on **Sunday, Sept. 13**, at the JPTF Foundation Event Center, 2319 West 38th St., Erie. **Doors open at 1 p.m. with bingo starting at 2 p.m.** Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. There is a basket raffle, 50/50s and more.



Pancake Breakfast
September 6
10:30 a.m.
in Sperry Hall



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Religious Education Registration



The first day of
class is
September 8th!

Register Here!



Or contact our
Director of Faith Formation
Irene Lucas: 814-899-6132

Mission Cooperative September 5th & 6th

Saving Children on the Streets of Kenya

Bud and Sue Ozar are lay missionaries who work with Father Francis Riwa in Kenya at the Children's Village which is home and school for more than 1200 children. Fr. Riwa rescued from the streets. Bud and Sue will be with us on **September 5 & 6** to tell us about the miracle of the Children's Village.

Help for the Orphans of Kenya

How can you rescue 1200 orphans from certain death on the streets of Kenya, clothe, educate, house and feed them on a priest's salary?

During our annual mission appeal on **September 5 & 6** you will discover how a simple parish priest is doing this and why he was nominated for the CNN Hero Award, the Pulte Inspirational Leader Award and the Hilton Humanitarian Award.

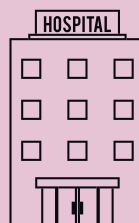
HOSPITAL VISITOR MINISTRY



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**.

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.

Music for Mass

Gathering: Gather Us Together - #765

Offertory: O God, You Search Me - # 678

Communion: Ubi Caritas - #776

Recessional: God Bless Your Church With Strength

God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

1. God, bless your Church with strength! When - ev - er we may
 2. God, bless your Church with life! May all our branch-es
 3. God, bless your Church with hope! De - spite cha - ot - ic

be, Build up your ser - vants as we work In
 thrive, Un - blem - ished, whole - some, bear - ing fruit, A -
 days May we in dark - ness shine, to light A

com - mon min - is - try. Urge us from fledg - ling faith
 bun - dant - ly a - live. From you, one Ho - ly Vine,
 path - way through life's maze. May jus - tice be our aim

To ven - ture and to soar, Through o - pen skies to
 In free - dom may we grow. Sus - tain us in our
 And kind - ness ours to share; And let us walk in

sing the praise Of Christ, whom we a - dore.
 mis - sion, Lord, Your love and peace to show.
 hum - ble - ness, As - sured our God is there.

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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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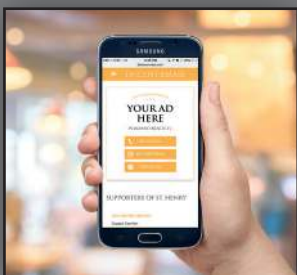
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