

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

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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

May 12, 2024 - 7th Sunday of Easter

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 05/13	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Sofia's Circle SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Dunkin Discussion
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Tue. 05/14	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	5:30 p.m.	Sister Parish Committee
	6:30 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 05/15	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 05/16	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Fri. 05/17		
Sat. 05/18	12:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Check-In
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 05/19	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	9:30 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
	1:00 p.m.	Pickleball Round Robin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 05/13	Acts 19:1-8	/ Jn 16:29-33
Tue. 05/14	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26	/ Jn 15:9-17
Wed. 05/15	Acts 20:28-38	/ Jn 17:11-19
Thur. 05/16	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11	/ Jn 17:20-26
Fri. 05/17	Acts 25:13-21	/ Jn 21:15-19
Sat. 05/18	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31	/ Jn 21:20-25
Sun. 05/19	Gn 11:1-9 / Rom 8:22-27	/ Jn 7:37-39

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of April 21, 2024

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	51	\$ 3,284.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 62.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,529.95

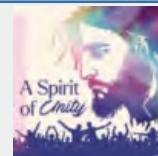
PRAYER LINE

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Call **Donna Smicker** at 814-899-9108
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Call **Gerri Extein** at 814-490-9681



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: Tutti dentro. It means, "Everyone in." He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church's primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus' concern is unity, praying to the Father, "that they may be one, even as we are one" (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope's desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too.

— Father John Muir
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We Remember...

Howard Seifert,
who passed away recently.
Please hold him and his family in
prayer during this difficult time.

In Loving Memory

OLM Bus Trip

A few seats remain for our bus trip to St Anthony Chapel on **June 22**. The trip will include a stop at the Strip District in Pittsburgh, a tour of the largest collection of relics outside of the Vatican, evening Mass at St. Stanislaus Chapel and dinner in Cranberry. The cost is \$65 (not including food). If interested, add your name to the list in the Gathering Space. Money is due to Irene by **May 15**.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 05/13		- NO MASS -
Tue. 05/14	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Wed. 05/15	8:30 a.m.	Christopher Kaeberlein
Thur. 05/16	8:30 a.m.	Betty Bliss (Virginia Maille)
Fri. 05/17	8:30 a.m.	Msgr. J.E. Sperry
Sat. 05/18	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 05/19	8:30 a.m.	Justin Raydo (T.A. Walkiewicz)
	11:00 a.m.	Chet Donikowski (Dick Carroll)

Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, May 15 @ 7:00** at the home of Pat Marshall, 516 W. Eaglewood to discuss Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson. Our June title will be Women by Kristin Hannah.



Summer Scripture Study

This summer, U.S. Catholics will gather in Indianapolis for a celebration of the gift we have in the Eucharist. We will hold a 3 week study on the Eucharist in June to unite with this historic event. This study will look at the Eucharist pre-figured in the Hebrew Scripture, revealed by Christ in the Gospel, and celebrated in the early Church. The study will run twice: at **9:30 a.m.** at the parish and at **7:00 p.m.** on the patio of Irene Lucas, 1019 Bartlett Rd. The dates will be **Thursday, June 13, 20 & 27.** We will be using a book from Little Rock Scripture Study. If you want Irene to order you a book, please contact her at **814-899-6132** or add your name to the list on the easel in the Gathering Space by May 26. The cost of the books is \$6 and payment is due at the first session.

Grief Support Group

Grief support group is meeting again at our lady of mercy on **Monday May 13 at 7:00 p.m.** Grief has no limits, so your love list could be yesterday or years ago and tears or heart aches can surface at anytime or place. Call Darlene for more information **814-746-1286**



Women of Light

Do you feel you are being called? Do you wonder if it is the Holy Spirit? Or maybe you just want to be lifted up in the Spirit. If yes, to either of these questions, join us for "Women of Light" on **May 22nd at 6:30** at OLM worship space. The speaker will be Mimi O'Conner. She is one of the most inspirational teachers and beautiful souls you will ever encounter. Bring a friend to share this evening that will touch your soul.

OLM Round Robin Pickleball

Looking for a super fun afternoon...Join us for OLM Round Robin--THIS IS NOT A TOURNAMENT. Players will be random draw--no teams. Every game a different partner. It is fun play and fun way to meet other players. When: **Sunday, May 19th**
Session#1: **1-2:20 p.m.** / Session #2 **2:30-3:50 p.m.** If interested, sign registration sheet in the gym with your name and phone number. Proceeds donated to Women of Light



FORMED.ORG

If you are new to the parish, you can enjoy 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.

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of April 29 was **Collette Landfried, grade 5**, who knew that we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord 40 days after Easter

Ministry to Homebound Parishioners

If you are or if you know of a parishioner who is unable to be present for the Sunday Mass due to frail health or limited mobility and who would like the Eucharist brought to their house, please call Irene in the parish office at **814-899-6132**. If you are willing to bring the Eucharist to the homebound, please contact Irene Lucas in the Faith Formation Office.



Meal Ministry

Our Lady of Mercy has a new ministry to provide meals for families during difficult times. If you know of a parish family who would be blessed by having a home cooked meal arrive at their door, contact Irene at **814-899-6132**.



Vacation Bible School 2024

Mark your calendar for a week of summer fun **July 29-Aug. 2**. VBS is open to all children age 4 years old through grade 6. Calling all lords and ladies, maidens and pages, all Guardians of God's Kingdom to put on your helmet of holiness and take up your shield of salvation and be part of this great summer event.



VBS Seeking Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed to make this week a success. If you can help for one day or all five, if you can help with story time or craft, with being an age group leader or making game time fun, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**. Clearances are required for all volunteers, so sign up in time to complete the paperwork.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE		*If you can not make your scheduled Mass, please contact another minister to sub for you*	
<p align="center"><u>Saturday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Bob Cline Bowl 1.....Gerri Extein Bowl 2.....Fred Kaeberlein Cup 1.....Kay Kaeberlein Cup 2.....Chris Kaschak Altar Server.....Nick Mauro Greeter.....Jason Rzodkiewicz Greeter.....Joyce Rzodkiewicz</p>		<p align="center"><u>Saturday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Colette Landfried Bowl 1.....Nick Mauro Bowl 2.....Kathy Maruo Cup 1.....Anne Spring Cup 2.....Todd Beckes Altar Server.....Gabby Peters Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo Greeter.....Christine Stroker</p>	
<p align="center"><u>Sunday, May 19th at 8:30 a.m.</u></p> <p>Lector 1.....Chris Morealli Lector 2.....Chrissy Saber Bowl 1.....Geoff McCreary Bowl 2.....Brian Meyer Cup 1.....Ed Meyer Cup 2.....Karen Meyer Cup 3.....Marlene Meyer Cup 4.....Tom Palisin Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still Greeter.....Tony Gilmore Greeter.....Linda Kaleta AV Ministry.....Adam Baker CLW Leader.....Linda Kaleta</p>		<p align="center"><u>Sunday, May 26th at 8:30 a.m.</u></p> <p>Lector 1.....Chip Shamburg Lector 2.....Rachel Still Bowl 1.....Donna Schersten Bowl 2.....Dave Seyboldt Cup 1.....John Skuce Cup 2.....Gary Smith Cup 3.....Mary Beth Smith Cup 4.....Karen Sweeney Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still Greeter.....Paul Sacco Greeter.....Patty Sacco AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling CLW Leader.....Scott Gotham</p>	
<p align="center"><u>Sunday, May 19th at 11:00 a.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Reagan Andrews Bowl 1.....Maureen Brainard Bowl 2.....Steve Brainard Cup 1.....Nancy Clark Cup 2.....Carole Peters Altar Server.....Makayla Inthavong Greeter.....Jill Henry Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo</p>		<p align="center"><u>Sunday, May 26th at 11:00 a.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Maureen Brainard Bowl 1.....Steve Brainard Bowl 2.....Carole Peters Cup 1.....Erica Taccone Cup 2.....Nick Heise Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong Greeter.....Maggie Wuerstle Greeter.....Colton Wuerstle</p>	



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Digital Safety and Your Child

If your child gives out personal information while online, it is easy to track and tough to completely remove. Teach your child to never share personal information such as full name, address, phone number, email, school, or birthday on any social media site. Teach them to never give anyone their passwords. Help your child set up strong passwords and do a yearly checkup on them. Adjust privacy settings for online games, apps, social media sites and your child's electronic devices. Don't forget to check the GPS settings ability to unintentionally share your child's location. Avoid using public wi-fi when sharing personal information. For additional resources visit

www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

2024 Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus in Erie and Crawford Counties are conducting our 3rd 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 then, 661 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 is now facing a difficult crisis. For the past thirty years, the State of Pennsylvania allocated funds to organizations such as the Women's Care Center that promote childbirth as an option, rather than abortion by providing pregnancy and parenting support services. The current Governor of Pennsylvania made the decision to end this program. This has caused a significant loss of funding to our Women's Care Center's Erie locations that need our financial support more than ever. Baby bottles will be distributed at the church entrances on **Mother's Day weekend (May 11-12th)**. 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. The bottles and envelopes should be returned **Father's Day weekend (June 15-16th)**. 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 the unborn.





Summer Scripture Study

7:00 PM
Thursday
July 13, 20, 27

Home of
Irene Lucas
1019 Bartlett Rd.
Patio if weather permits
(extra lawn chairs appreciated)
Inside if weather is bad

Or
9:30 a.m.
OLM Ritchie
Room

For the past 2 years, Catholics in the U.S. have been renewing their commitment to and understanding of the Eucharist. As the Church continues its journey to the Eucharistic Congress in July, let us prepare with a Scripture Study on Eucharist. Eucharist: Bread of Life will reflect on this gift of Christ through its prefiguring in Exodus, its revelation in John and its experience in the early Church.

Eucharist: Bread of Life

Little Rock Study

Cost of book is \$6.00.

Contact Irene at 814-899-6132 by May 26 if you want her to order a book for you.

All Welcome...
No Need to Register or Attend Every Evening



Enjoy a cold drink, a casual summer evening or reflective morning, and laughter and prayer with a family of faith.

OL MERCY FEST

July 12th & 14th

Friday July 12
5-10 p.m.

- Live Music • Food Trucks
- Beer, Wine & Spirits

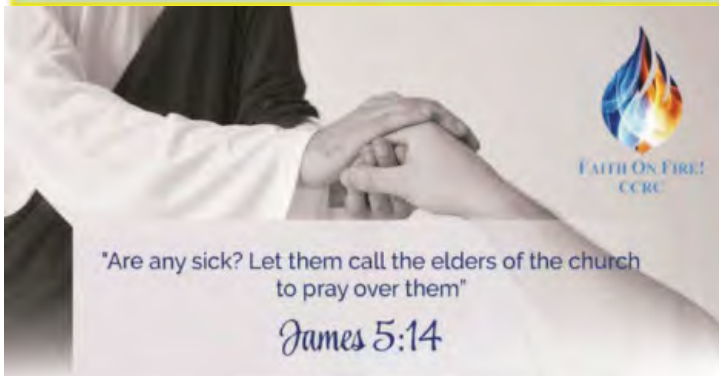


Sunday July 14
12-5 p.m.

- Chicken Dinner
- Kids Area • Games



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"Are any sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them"

James 5:14

HEALING MASS

WITH:
Father Chris Beran

FAITH ON FIRE! CCRC, Son God Prayer Group, and St George Parish invite you to celebrate with us

JOIN US AT:

St George Church 5145 Peach East St. Erie PA 16509

Tuesday, MAY 14th at 6:30 PM

Worship Music by Harmony's House Starting at 6:15 PM

Doors open at 5:30 PM

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING FOLLOWING THE MASS.

HOLY HOUR

for the National Eucharistic Revival

At St. Mark Church - 695 Smithson Ave.

Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 3:15 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE READINGS

REFLECTION

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

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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.