

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

Fr. Matthew Kujawinski, Pastor
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Irene Lucas, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation
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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

June 16, 2024 - The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 06/17	6:00 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
Tue. 06/18	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m.	Angels In Training SCC
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch with the Lord @ Mount St. Benedict Monastery
	6:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 06/19	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 06/20	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 06/21		
Sat. 06/22		Mission Co-Op Weekend
	7:00 a.m.	Cooney Walk
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 06/23		Mission Co-Op Weekend

MASS TIME CHANGES

Beginning August 3rd & 4th
Weekend Mass times will be as follows:
Saturday's at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday's at 9:30 a.m.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 9, 2024

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	46	\$ 3,113.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 155.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,451.95

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 06/17	1 Kgs 21:1-16	/ Mt 5:38-42
Tue. 06/18	1 Kgs 21:17-29	/ Mt 5:43-48
Wed. 06/19	2 Kgs 2:1-14	/ Mt 6:1-18
Thur. 06/20	Sir 48:1-14	/ Mt 6:7-15
Fri. 06/21	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-20	/ Mt 6:19-23
Sat. 06/22	2 Chr 24:17-25	/ Mt 6:24-34
Sun. 06/23	Jb 38:1-11/ 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Mk 4:35-41	

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

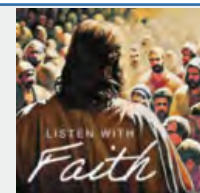


MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/17		- NO MASS -
Tue. 06/18	8:30 a.m.	- NO MASS -
Wed. 06/19	8:30 a.m.	Jenne Chmielweski (Family)
Thur. 06/20	8:30 a.m.	Marty Carroll (The Carroll Family)
Fri. 06/21	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Sat. 06/22	6:00 p.m.	Lou Ann Nowosielski (Family)
Sun. 06/23	8:30 a.m.	Estella Haraburda (John Abbate)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

THE 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, "he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything." Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— Father John Muir
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Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, June 19 @ 7:00** at the home of Kay Kaerberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss Women by Kristin Hannah. Our July title will be Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.



All Men of the Parish

Please set aside the evening of **June 26th** for the next Men's Night Out Event. We will start with dinner and beverages at **6:00 p.m.**, followed with a talk by our featured speaker, The Honorable Judge Ernie DiSantis Jr. at **7:00**. There will be more information in the next few weeks! See you there!!

Basket Raffle Items Needed

We are currently accepting donations for our Festival Basket Raffle. Please drop off all auction items to Classroom 1. We are also in need of empty basket donations. If you have an empty basket you are willing to donate, please drop it off in classroom 1. A large portion of our festival success comes from the wonderful auction that is put together every year, which relies solely on your donations. Thank you so much for your continued support.



10K/ 5 K Race and Walk

Knights of Columbus Council #4071 is sponsoring our annual Liberty 10K/5K, Race and Walk on Thursday, the 4th of July. The Race & Walk will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek, PA. Registration begins at **6:45 am**, with the race starting promptly at **8 am**. The fee is \$35. You can register on line: runsignup.com/Race/PA/Harborcreek/Liberty10k You can also register on the day of the race. A free "T" shirt will be given to the first 100 participants! Refreshments will be provided. 10% of all profits benefit the St. Paul's Soup Kitchen. Please call Greg at (814) 450-4298 for details or questions.



Congratulations KofC Scholarship Winners

Leah Corey, Josephine Hicks, Benjamin Smith and Georgia Weber have been awarded Knights of Columbus Ed Cudicio Memorial Scholarships. All are OLM parishioners and graduates of Harbor Creek High School. At the time of her application, Georgia was undecided as to which college she would attend. The others will attend Penn State University. Please congratulate them and wish them well as they continue their education.



Scripture Study on the Eucharist

Week 2 of our study on the Eucharist will turn our attention to the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John. All are welcome. The study has two time options, **9:30 a.m.** in the Conference Room and **7:00 p.m.** on the patio of Irene Lucas 1019 Bartlett Rd.



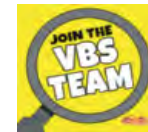
Vacation Bible School 2024

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.



Religious Education

As summer gets underway, Faith Formation is planning for the coming year of religious education. Volunteers are needed to make the year a success. It is our baptismal responsibility and our privilege as God's beloved to share the faith with the next generation. We need volunteer catechists for the following levels:



Grade 4 – Tuesday after school

Grade 6 - Tuesday after school

Junior High Team – Sunday

If you are willing to share your time, your heart, your faith with the youth of the parish, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**. Please do not wait until the last minute. Volunteers need clearances and training.



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. 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.

HELP STAN'S GARDEN CENTER MAKE A DONATION TO OUR LADY OF MERCY

During the month of June, Stan's Garden Center will donate 10% of your total purchase back to OLM (excludes gift certificates and is not a discount). You can shop either location, 5001 Buffalo Rd. or 5341 West Lake Rd. All you have to do is let the cashier know that you're a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

If you can not make your scheduled Mass, please contact another minister to sub for you

Saturday, June 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Glory Piovarcy
 Bowl 1.....**SUB NEEDED**
 Bowl 2.....Todd Beckes
 Cup 1.....Angie Matrogran
 Cup 2.....Anne Spring
 Altar Server.....Nick Mauro
 Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel
 Greeter.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, June 23rd at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Carrie Galbreath
 Lector 2.....Sue Haynes
 Bowl 1.....Greg Morealli
 Bowl 2.....Tom Palisin
 Cup 1.....Kathy Pearson
 Cup 2.....Donna Schersten
 Cup 3.....Teresa Shamburg
 Cup 4.....John Skuce
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Tony Gilmore
 Greeter.....Linda Kaleta
 AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall
 CLW Leader.....Linda Kaleta

Sunday, June 23rd at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Joann Collins
 Bowl 1.....Maureen Brainard
 Bowl 2.....Steve Brainard
 Cup 1.....Nancy Clark
 Cup 2.....Carole Peters
 Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong
 Greeter.....Baileigh Bleil
 Greeter.....Christine Stroker

Saturday, June 29th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....**SUB NEEDED**
 Bowl 1.....Nick Mauro
 Bowl 2.....Kathy Mauro
 Cup 1.....Carol Stauffer
 Cup 2.....Gerri Extein
 Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
 Greeter.....Jason Rzodkiewicz
 Greeter.....Joyce Rzodkiewicz

Sunday, June 30th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Denise Lewandoski
 Lector 2.....Sue McCreary
 Bowl 1.....Gary Smith
 Bowl 2.....Mary Beth Smith
 Cup 1.....Rachel Still
 Cup 2.....Karen Sweeney
 Cup 3.....Tish Szczesny
 Cup 4.....Dan Szczesny
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Paul Sacco
 Greeter.....Patty Sacco
 AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling
 CLW Leader.....Rachel Still

Sunday, June 30th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Erica Erwin
 Bowl 1.....Joann Collins
 Bowl 2.....Nick Heise
 Cup 1.....Judy Iesue
 Cup 2.....Pat Kosobucki
 Altar Server.....Zachery Henry
 Greeter.....Maggie Wuerstle
 Greeter.....Colton Wuerstle

Mission Appeal next weekend, June 22-23, 2024

Each year, the Mission Office of our Diocese invites a missionary group to every parish to share about their mission work. This appeal will be next weekend, **June 22-23.**



We will welcome the Foundation for Children in Need (FCN), a lay Catholic organization based in Arlington Heights, IL. FCN serves the poor in the interior villages of India. Maria Pellegrino will be giving the talk on behalf of Mr. Tom Chitta, the founder of FCN. FCN sponsors the education and daily needs of 2000 children and college students. They provide free medical check-ups and medicine to thousands of needy children. Over the past nine years, FCN has provided free corrective surgeries to more than 2000 children born with cleft lip and cleft palate. We welcome Tom and encourage you to generously support their missionary endeavors. There will be a second collection taken up next weekend to support them. To learn more about FCN, please visit: www.fcn-usa.org.


Happy Father's Day

God of all creation,
 pour out your blessing on all fathers
 and those who provide fatherly care.

Grant them keen insight into their
 children's needs. Help them to be
 faithful examples of truth and love.

Sustain them with the knowledge
 that they are your beloved children.

Amen.



OL Mercy Fest 2024

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 of Chance**

Raffles:

\$1000 Grand Prize, \$500 Second Prize, Two Lottery Trees, Two Restaurant Gift Card Trees, 3 Hr. Party Bus Rental for 20 Guests, Wine Basket & Craft Beer Basket!

Costs:

Friday Night - Free Admission
Sunday Chicken Dinner - \$15 for adult / \$9 for children 6-12 years old
Raffle Tickets - 1 for \$5 / 3 for \$10 / 7 for \$20

Calling all Bakers:

We need donations of freshly made, sweet treats for our bake sale! **We are no longer in need of bagged cookies for dinner**, but would appreciate donations of baked goods to help our bake sale!

WANTED:

Crafters, Gardeners, Sewers, Painters, Woodworkers, Metal workers, and any other Hand Crafted Items that you can donate to Summer Festival 2024 for sale at the Craft Table Sales!

Now Accepting Auction Items!

Auction items can be dropped off in the Parish Office **Monday-Friday** from **8 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Thank you for your generosity!

We are also in need of empty baskets.

Please drop off your donation in the Gathering Space.

Festival Raffle Tickets Available

Festival raffle tickets are now available!

Cash, checks payable to Our Lady of Mercy and Credit Card payments accepted for raffle & dinner tickets.

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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.