

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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Deacon Paul Barko, Deacon Assistant
Irene Lucas, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation
Katie Stephenson, Administrative Assistant
Sue Berdis, Business Administrator
Kirk Mientkiewicz, Maintenance Coordinator
Jane Mallin, Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary
Brandon Vogt, Director of Music and Liturgy
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Contact Information

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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 23, 2024 - The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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|-------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Mon. 06/24 | | |
| Tue. 06/25 | 9:30 a.m. | OLM Pickleball Club |
| | 7:00 p.m. | OLM Pickleball Club |
| Wed. 06/26 | 12:00 p.m. | Visioning Team Meeting |
| | 1:00 p.m. | VBS Planning Meeting |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Men's Night Out |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Sister Parish Committee |
| Thur. 06/27 | 9:30 a.m. | OLM Pickleball Club |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Summer Scripture Study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | OLM Pickleball Club |
| Fri. 06/28 | 10:00 a.m. | Women of Light Group |
| Sat. 06/29 | 4:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Penance |
| Sun. 06/30 | | |

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 16, 2024

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|-------------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Envelopes sent: | 357 | |
| Envelopes returned: | 61 | \$ 4,023.00 |
| Faith Direct Deposits: | 137 | \$ 3,183.95 |
| Loose Change: | | \$ 210.00 |
| TOTAL OFFERTORY: | | \$ 7,416.95 |

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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|-------------|--|
| Mon. 06/24 | Is 49:1-6/ Acts 13:22-26/ Lk 1:57-66, 80 |
| Tue. 06/25 | 2 Kgs 19:9-21, 31-36 / Mt 7:6-14 |
| Wed. 06/26 | 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 / Mt 7:15-20 |
| Thur. 06/27 | 2 Kgs 24:8-17 / Mt 7:21-29 |
| Fri. 06/28 | 2 Kgs 25:1-12 / Mt 8:1-4 |
| Sat. 06/29 | Acts 12:1-11 |
| | 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Mt 16:13-19 |
| Sun. 06/30 | Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 |
| | 2 Cor 8:7-13 / Mk 5:21-43 |

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

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|-------------|------------|--|
| Mon. 06/24 | | - NO MASS - |
| Tue. 06/25 | 8:30 a.m. | Justin Raydo (Gerri Extein) |
| Wed. 06/26 | 8:30 a.m. | Dr. Loren Prichard (Family) |
| Thur. 06/27 | 8:30 a.m. | |
| Fri. 06/28 | 8:30 a.m. | Annie Bool (Family) |
| Sat. 06/29 | 6:00 p.m. | Geraldine Gallagher (Ray & Carol Laughlin) |
| Sun. 06/30 | 8:30 a.m. | Paul Causgrove (Tim & Norma Lynch Family) |
| | 11:00 a.m. | For the People of OLM |

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TIME CHANGES

Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year

Religious Ed times will be as follows:

Grades 1-2 & 7-9

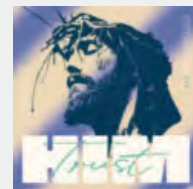
Sunday's from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grades 3-6

Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

THE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Right now, you and I are only worried about one of only two things: wind or water. Bear with me. This week we hear the account of the terrified disciples waking Jesus in a sea-storm. He chastises them for their lack of faith, and then, "rebuking the wind, he said to the sea, 'Quiet, be still!'" He rebukes the wind and stills the water. In the Bible wind and water represent the two most fundamental poles of our experience of creation. Wind means heaven, spirit, that which gives identity, unity, order, light. Water stands for earth, variation, potential, that which can be drawn into identity, darkness, chaos.

Too much "wind" is when things get way too rigid, abstract and ideological — when we face oppressive leaders and tyrants, when we get addicted to our own way of doing things, when our attention is too narrowly focused on one thing. Too much "water" is excessive novelty, passivity, indifference, and chaos — when our attention is too broadly diffused on many things, when things seem to be crumbling without direction into the dark abyss. We know both terrifying experiences all too well.

The point of the miracle is that God in Christ is the One who brings final cosmic harmony between these two vital but threatening forces. He ultimately does so from the wood of the cross, when he breathes forth the wind of his spirit and pours forth the water from his side to establish a new creation, filled with harmonious peace. When the wind and water are out of control, trust him.

— Father John Muir

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Scripture Study on the Eucharist

Week 3 of our study on the Eucharist will turn our attention to the celebration of the Eucharist in the early Church. All are welcome to join us **Thursday at 9:30** in the Conference Room.



Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, July 17 @ 7:00** 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.

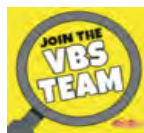


Vacation Bible School 2024

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 1 – Sunday morning

Grade 4 – 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.

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.

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 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 R zodkiewicz
 Greeter.....Joyce R zodkiewicz

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

Saturday, July 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Colette Landfried
 Bowl 1.....Kay Kaerberlein
 Bowl 2.....Chris Kaschak
 Cup 1.....Anne Spring
 Cup 2.....Angie Matrogran
 Altar Server.....Nick Mauro
 Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo
 Greeter.....Christine Stroker

Sunday, July 7th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Christine Morealli
 Lector 2.....Chrissy Saber
 Bowl 1.....Lorraine Bucklin
 Bowl 2.....Rochelle Edwards
 Cup 1.....Ginny Fuhrman
 Cup 2.....Candy Henry
 Cup 3.....Frank Kaleta
 Cup 4.....Linda Kaleta
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Gary Smith
 Greeter.....Mary Beth Smith
 AV Ministry.....Adam Baker
 CLW Leader.....Nancy Mowery

Sunday, July 7th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Sophie Bleil
 Bowl 1.....Maureen Brainard
 Bowl 2.....Steve Brainard
 Cup 1.....Carole Peters
 Cup 2.....Erica Taccone
 Altar Server.....Makayla Inthavong
 Greeter.....Baileigh Bleil
 Greeter.....Jill Henry

Mission Appeal This Weekend

Each year, the Mission Office of our Diocese invites a missionary group to every parish to share about their mission work. This weekend, we 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. Marla Pellegrino, on behalf of Mr. Tom Chitta, the founder of FCN, will join us to talk about their work. 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 Marla and encourage you to generously support their missionary endeavors. There will be a second collection taken up this weekend to support them. To learn more about FCN, please visit: www.fcn-usa.org.



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.

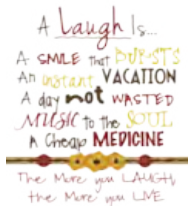
Liturgical Ministers Needed

Our Lady of Mercy is currently seeking Liturgical Ministers. If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Greeter or AV Minister, please contact the Parish Office. We are especially in need of Altar Servers. If you have received your First Eucharist, you are able to become an Altar Server. Training will be provided.



Comedy Corner

Why does a seagull fly over the sea?
 Because if it flew over the bay, it would be a bagel.



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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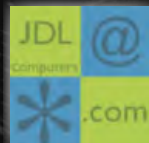
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Phone _____

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.