

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
Deacon Paul Barko, Deacon Assistant
Irene Lucas, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation
Katie Stephenson, Administrative Assistant
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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

July 7, 2024 - The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 07/08	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Tue. 07/09	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
Wed. 07/10	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Thur. 07/11	4:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
Fri. 07/12	5:00 p.m.	Ol' Mercy Fest
Sat. 07/13	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/14	12:00 p.m.	OLM BBQ Chicken Dinner

Save the Date

The first "Speak Easy" dance on **August 16th from 7-10** at OLM. More information will be forthcoming

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 23, 2024

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	57	\$ 2,983.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 95.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,261.95

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 07/08	Hos 2:16-22	/ Mt 9:18-26
Tue. 07/09	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13	/ Mt 9:32-38
Wed. 07/10	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12	/ Mt 10:1-7
Thur. 07/11	Hos 11:1-4, 8-9	/ Mt 10:7-15
Fri. 07/12	Hos 14:2-10	/ Mt 10:16-23
Sat. 07/13	Is 6:1-8	/ Mt 10:24-33
Sun. 07/14	Am 7:12-15 / Eph 1:3-14	/ Mk 6:7-13

COMING SOON



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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. 07/08		- NO MASS -
Tue. 07/09	8:30 a.m.	Analida Braeger (Tom Braeger)
Wed. 07/10	8:30 a.m.	Helen Behringer (Ray & Barb Aghren)
Thur. 07/11	8:30 a.m.	Betty Bliss (Butch & Gerri Extein)
Fri. 07/12	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Sat. 07/13	6:00 p.m.	Gerald Stauffer (Carol Stauffer)
Sun. 07/14	8:30 a.m.	Kenneth Lynch (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 at 4:30 p.m.

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

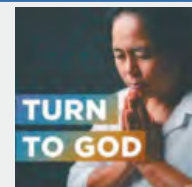
Grades 3-6

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

THIS SUNDAY'S

REFLECTION

THE 14TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, "You'll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try." Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won't work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week's words from St Paul, "I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me (2 Cor. 12:9)." Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn't promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let's face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it's there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

— Father John Muir

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Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, July 17 @ 7:00** at the home of Pat Marshall, 516 W.



Eaglewood Dr, to discuss Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. Want to read ahead? Our August title will be The Woman They Could Not Silence by Kate Moore.

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.

KofC Baby Bottle Returns

Remaining baby bottle & donation envelope returns should be taken to the parish office before or after Mass or during regular office hours.



Grief Support Group



The pain of losing a loved one can send clouds over the sunniest day and chill the warmth of summer. The OLM Grief Support Group is an opportunity to experience God's presence in the mutual support and in the prayer of others who also know a similar loss. It does not matter how recent or long ago the death occurred, if you want to come one time or every month, what church you attend, all are welcome. The next gathering of the Grief Support Group will be **Monday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room. The Grief Support Group meets the **second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.**

A Special "Thank You"

Dear Friends,
I sincerely thank Father Matt and every one of you for giving me a wonderful opportunity to share about our mission work in India. I thank you on behalf of the children and the elderly that we serve. I express our deep gratitude for sharing your blessings with our needy in India. I had a wonderful visit. All of you can truly take pride in the way you share in the compassionate mission of this great organization. Your prayers and support will mean a lot and we are ever grateful to you. Your kindness will always be remembered. May God bless you all. Kindly continue to pray for us.



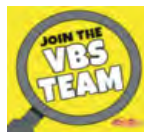
With Prayers and Much Gratitude,
Marla Pellegrino
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Vacation Bible School 2024

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.

Summer God Moments

God's power is seen in mountain grandeur and the rolling waves. God's goodness is seen in the play of children and the laughter of family. God's love is found on a grandparent's lap and in the kindness of a stranger. Where have you seen God revealed this summer? Take a picture of a "God Moment": a beautiful sunset, a community at play, a tender act. Email it to Nancy at pnkmowery@msn.com. Add a short description. It will go on our FB page so that we can witness to the world of the goodness of our God. These pictures will also become a collage for our Gathering Space at the end of the summer.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, July 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Deb Barko
Bowl 1.....Todd Beckes
Bowl 2.....**SUB NEEDED!**
Cup 1.....Nick Mauro
Cup 2.....Kathy Mauro
Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, July 14th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Rachel Still
Lector 2.....Karen Sweeney
Bowl 1.....Dave Lefaiver
Bowl 2.....Marge Lefaiver
Cup 1.....Tim Lynch
Cup 2.....Sandi Matts
Cup 3.....Geoff McCreary
Cup 4.....Greg Morealli
Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....Mike Chase
Greeter.....Jane Chase
AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall
CLW Leader.....Carolyn Brigham

Sunday, July 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Reagan Andrews
Bowl 1.....Nancy Clark
Bowl 2.....Stacy Heidecker
Cup 1.....Nick Heise
Cup 2.....Joann Collins
Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter.....Colton Wuerstle

Saturday, July 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Clara Camillo
Bowl 1.....Chris Kaschak
Bowl 2.....Anne Spring
Cup 1.....Carol Stauffer
Cup 2.....Angie Matrogran
Altar Server.....Nick Mauro
Greeter.....Jason Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....Joyce Rzodkiewicz

Sunday, July 21st at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Nancy Mowery
Lector 2.....Erica Erwin
Bowl 1.....Pat Marshall
Bowl 2.....Ken Marshall
Cup 1.....Brian Meyer
Cup 2.....Ed Meyer
Cup 3.....Marlene Meyer
Cup 4.....Tom Palisin
Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....Rochelle Edwards
Greeter.....Marilyn Garwig
AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling
CLW Leader.....Scott Gotham

Sunday, July 21st at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Maureen Brainard
Bowl 1.....Steve Brainard
Bowl 2.....Maureen Brainard
Cup 1.....Judy Iesue
Cup 2.....Pat Kosobucki
Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong
Greeter.....Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter.....Colton Wuerstle

International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

A special visit of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will arrive at St. Ann Church at **8 a.m. on Sunday, July 21**. There will be an opening procession followed by a special 8:30 am Mass celebrated by Bishop Lawrence Persico. The statue will remain in the church for the 11 a.m. Mass the same day and will be available for veneration until 4 p.m., when a farewell will be held. This visit is sponsored by the Diocese of Erie World Apostolate of Fatima, the Knights of Columbus and the Legion of Mary.



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.

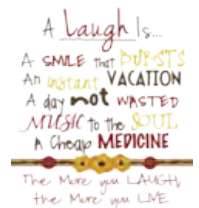


Help Needed

The Office of Faith Formation is looking for a part-time secretary. This is a paid position of 5 to 10 hours a week. Applicant should be comfortable working in Microsoft Word and Publisher, and in managing a database. Work hours are flexible. For more information, contact Irene Lucas at **814-899-6132**.



Comedy Corner
Why did the sun go to school?
To get brighter!



Rock **OL MERCY FEST**
July 12th & 14th
open      **Music**

Our Lady of Mercy - 837 Bartlett Rd. Harborcreek, PA 16421

**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

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!

**OUR LADY OF MERCY PRESENTS...
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024**

**GUARDIANS
OF THE
KINGDOM**

**JULY 29-AUGUST 2, 2024
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

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ADORATION**
Wednesday July 10th
beginning at 6:00 p.m.



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Membership Form

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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.