

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
Sue Berdis, Business Administrator
Kirk Mientkiewicz, Maintenance Coordinator
Brandon Vogt, Director of Music and Liturgy
Nick Heise, Parish Impact Coordinator

Contact Information

Address: 837 Bartlett Rd. Harborcreek, PA 16421
Parish Office: 814-899-5342
Office of Lifelong Faith Formation: 814-899-6132
Fax: 814-898-3306
Email: info@ourladyofmercychurch.org
Website: www.ourladyofmercychurch.org
Daytime Prayer Line (Donna): 814-899-9108
Evening Prayer Line (Gerri): 814-490-9681

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 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

September 15, 2024 - The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 09/16	1:00 p.m.	Sophia's Circle SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
	6:00 p.m.	PF Fall Kick-off
Tue. 09/17	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6
	6:00 p.m.	Family Faith Formation
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 09/18	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	9:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	GR Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 09/19	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 09/20	6:00 p.m.	Life in the Spirit
Sat. 09/21	Catechist Commissioning Weekend	
	9:00 a.m.	Life in the Spirit
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 09/22	Catechist Commissioning Weekend	
	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 7-9

MERCY MEMORIES

Bishop Trautman granted the request for permission to initiate a renovation process of the parish facilities on February 8, 1995.

We Remember...

Ray Reed, father of Brad Reed & **Mary Elaine Strenio**,

sister-in law of Candy Henry; who passed away recently. Please hold them and their families in prayer during this difficult time.

Living Memory

FlockNote

A new way to communicate!

Please join our "flock" by signing up at olmharborcreek.flocknote.com or using the QR code provided.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 09/16		- NO MASS -
Tue. 09/17	8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 09/18	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (Family)
Thur. 09/19	8:30 a.m.	Betty Bliss (Butch & Gerri Extein)
Fri. 09/20	8:30 a.m.	Mike Camera (Family)
Sat. 09/21	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 09/22	9:30 a.m.	Philip Zmijewski (Ellen Benczkowski)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, September 21st at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Marilyn Rinke
Bowl 1.....	Todd Beckes
Bowl 2.....	Gerri Extein
Cup 1.....	Sub Needed!
Cup 2.....	Kathy Mauro
Altar Server.....	Nick Mauro
Greeter.....	Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter.....	Colton Wuerstle

Sunday, September 22nd at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Joann Collins
Lector 2.....	Tim Fuhrman
Bowl 1.....	Nancy Clark
Bowl 2.....	Lorraine Bucklin
Cup 1.....	Kathy Pearson
Cup 2.....	Ginny Fuhrman
Cup 3.....	Candy Henry
Cup 4.....	Tim Lynch
Altar Server.....	Madden Inthavong
Altar Server.....	Makayla Inthavong
Greeter.....	Mike Chase
Greeter.....	Jane Chase
AV Ministry.....	Adam Baker
CLW Leader.....	Carolyn Brigham

Saturday, September 28th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Colette Landfried
Bowl 1.....	Todd Beckes
Bowl 2.....	Marilyn Rinke
Cup 1.....	Carol Stauffer
Cup 2.....	Angie Matrogran
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Jason R zodkiewicz
Greeter.....	Joyce R zodkiewicz

Sunday, September 29th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Sophie Bleil
Lector 2.....	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 1.....	Frank Kaleta
Bowl 2.....	Linda Kaleta
Cup 1.....	Sandi Matts
Cup 2.....	Geoff McCreary
Cup 3.....	Ken Marshall
Cup 4.....	Pat Marshall
Altar Server.....	Kaylyn Still
Altar Server.....	Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....	Jill Henry
Greeter.....	Baileigh Bleil
AV Ministry.....	Lisa Spelling
CLW Leader.....	TBD

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **September 8, 2024**

Envelopes returned:	68	\$ 2,757.46
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 331.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,272.41

Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, September 18** at the home of Kay Kaerberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon. In October we will discuss Long Island Compromise by Taffy Brodesser-Akner.



Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Sept. 3 was **Ryann Turbaczewski, grade 1**, who knew that God created light on the first day of Creation.

Baptismal Prep Session

The next Baptismal Prep Session for parents and godparents will be **Sunday, Oct. 6 at 10:30**. Parents are asked by the Diocese of Erie to attend a preparation session before scheduling the baptism of their child. Registration is required. To register, call the parish office at **814-899-5342**.



Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Ministry will meet for prayer, sharing and mutual support on **Monday, Oct. 7 at 7:00** in the Conference Room. This gathering is open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. There is no need to commit to further meetings. Whether you attend once or 20 times, whether you are grieving a family member or friend, whether your loss is recent or years old, whether you belong to OLM or another faith tradition, you are welcome.

Let's Go Kayaking

Starting **Tuesday Aug 13th through every Tuesday until September 24th from 6-7 p.m.** everyone is invited to join Nick Heise at Shades Beach to go kayaking, and encounter Christ on the waters of Lake Erie, rain or shine! Please bring your own kayak; no reservation needed simply show up! Nick will be waiting at the dock with his kayak.



The Church In The Modern World

The Church In The Modern World: As the Church prepares to enter a Jubilee Year in 2025, Pope Francis has encouraged all Catholics to be renewed by reflecting on the documents of the Second Vatican Council. A 3-week study on Gaudium et Spes (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World) will be held **Sept, 23, 30, Oct. 7** at OLM. This important document called the Church to listen to and to serve the wider world. This is the work of every baptized Catholic, not just the responsibility of professional religious. Sixty years old, this text continues to challenge and inspire. Gatherings will be at both **9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**, as long as there is interest in either time slot. For more information, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**.



Parish Mission

Mark your calendar for our Parish Mission **October 13-15 at 6:30 p.m. (or 9:00 a.m. on Oct 14 & 15)**. "The Heart of a Community: Building Gospel Courage and Spiritual Wholeness Into Our Daily Lives" will look to Scripture and our ancient tradition for the wisdom we need in our turbulent times. Irish born Scripture scholar, poet and story-teller Tricia Hoyt will make us laugh, challenge us to think deeply and inspire us to live our Gospel calling more courageously.

Help Needed For Airport Run

Our Parish Mission presenter will be flying into the Buffalo airport. We are looking for a volunteer willing to pick her up at **12:30 Saturday, Oct. 12** and someone to drive her to the Buffalo airport **mid-morning Wednesday, Oct. 16**. If you can help, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**.



Living Stones Painting Session

Join us in Sperry Hall on **Thursday September 19 at 9 a.m.** for a rock painting session to paint our Living Stones for Feast Day 2024. Paint, markers and brushes will be provided, but you are more than welcome to bring your own supplies. Please be sure to bring your rock with you, as rocks will not be available during the Living Stones painting session.



Home Health

On occasion, parishioners contact the parish looking for help to care for a sick parent or spouse at home. If you would like to be on a list of names we could give to those inquiries, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**.



Sharing Our God Moments

The world is charged with the grandeur of God. God breaks into our awareness in the beauty of autumn colors, in the laughter of children playing in leaves, in the tender concern of a friend, in the quiet of the Eucharistic Chapel. But only those with the eyes to see recognize these glimpses of the Divine. Let us open the eyes of those who are blind to God's presence all around them. Snap a picture of a moment in which God's goodness was revealed for you. Send it with a tag line to Nancy at pnkmowery@msn.com. We will share your moments on the parish FB page. At the end of the season, we will create a collage of these pictures to be placed in our Gathering Space.



Healing Ministry

Those wanting to learn more about the Healing Ministry and training, please call the Parish Office at **814-899-5342** or Sharon Kestler at **814-882-2183**.

The gift

"I expect you to share with everyone in the church, the grace of the baptism in the Holy Spirit."

POPE FRANCIS

Are you hungry for more of God?

THERE IS MORE!

Join us for the life in the spirit course and experience the gift God has for you!

Friday, September 20th, 2024
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, September 21, 2024
9am - 3:30 pm
(lunch provided)

837 Bartlett Rd,
Harborcreek

There is no charge for this course.

Registration is required.

Register online at:

<https://bit.ly/OLMLIS>



or call at T.A. - (814) 636-1800

Free Will Offering

Sponsored by:

FAITH ON FIRE!
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC
RENEWAL CENTER
An Office of the Diocese of Erie



Pilgrims of Hope Journeying Toward the Jubilee: A Fall Study



Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy Year. In the months leading to the opening of the Holy Door, he has called the faithful to a time of prayerful preparation. As part of preparing for the Jubilee Year, Catholics are encouraged to spend time reflecting on the documents of the Second Vatican Council. These documents offer an inspiring vision of the Church as they call all of God's people to lives of holy witness and courageous service in building the Reign of God.

This fall, we will have an opportunity to reflect on and discuss one of these documents, to let it renew our commitment to the Church and inspire us to live with *audemus* hope.

Monday, Sept. 23, 30 & Oct. 7
9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

OLM Conference Room

**Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the
Modern World (*Gaudium et Spes*):**

The church must read the signs of the times and interpret them in the light of the Gospel. The church does not exist alongside or apart from the world; the church is part of the world, and its mission is to serve the whole human family in order to make the human race's history more human.

For more information, contact Irene at **814-899-6132** or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Women of Light Present:

Living History:
Leslie Goddard as Eleanor Roosevelt



Tickets
available in
the office.

October 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Our Lady of Mercy
837 Bartlett Road
Men and Women - \$10.00
High School Students Free

For Questions call Peggy Williams 814-490-5504

Join us for one of the most fascinating and influential public figures of the twentieth century. Born into wealth during America's Gilded Age, Eleanor grew from a shy, homely orphan into a confident, driven woman who championed progressive causes and the rights of man. Drawn from Eleanor's own letters, diaries, newspaper columns, and other writings, this thoroughly researched and engaging performance captures the warm, honest, and passionate American first lady and stateswoman.

PARISH MISSION

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH
837 BARTLETT RD., HARBORCREEK



**The Heart of a Community:
Building Gospel Courage &
Spiritual Wholeness
into our Daily Lives**

Sunday, October 13 thru Tuesday, October 15

9 a.m. Mon. - Tues.

6:30 p.m. Sun. - Tues.

In these times of confusion, divisions, and even uncertainty and fear, the winds are blowing for fresh air, for inspiration, for courage and even joy. What better time to treat ourselves to a series of uplifting sessions offered in our parish community by Irish-born storyteller, biblical scholar, and poet Tricia Hoyt?

In Tricia's words, "Taking on the courage of the Gospels and the deep well of spiritual wholeness offered to us through God's wisdom in the ancient sacred texts is *mighty* work... some might say intimidating and almost too complex! But no, I say it's the perfect opportunity for creativity, poetry, humor, and story to enlighten us with respect to the spiritual depth we need in our families and communities today." Bringing a heart wide and light to stories old and ever-new, Tricia Hoyt offers three evenings that will enthrall, challenge, and inspire us.

Tricia Hoyt is a biblical scholar, retreat director, leadership trainer, educator, and writer. Originally from Ireland, she resided in France and Peru before moving to the U.S. in 1981. She worked for 30 years as an educator and leadership trainer in Arizona, serving as director of the Diocesan Office of Peace and Justice, director of the School of Biblical Studies at Kino Institute of Theological Studies; and director of the Leadership Wellness Center at the Franciscan Renewal Center. She has traveled frequently across the U.S. and in Europe to offer workshops on biblical storytelling and a spirituality for justice. Tricia holds a MA in Adult Christian Community Development from Regis University in Denver, and completed ten years of doctoral work in Biblical Interpretation at Brite Divinity School (TCU), Fort Worth. She has four adult children and 9 extraordinary grandchildren.



For more information, call the parish at 814-899-6132.

MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional: # 737
God, Whose Glory Reigns Eternal

Offertory:
All Is Well With My Soul
(on the next page...)

Communion: # 778
Our Blessing Cup
Recessional: # 466
At the Name of Jesus

Music reprinted under OneLicense A-717383



ALL IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

VILLE DU HAVRE

Verses

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
2. My soul is at rest in the Lord God a -
3. My God is my safe - ty, my glo - ry, my
4. O God, I will bless you as long as I

1. way; When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; What -
2. lone; From God comes sal - va - tion and hope. With
3. strength; My ref - uge when life takes its toll. I
4. live; For your grace a - lone makes me whole. With

1. ev - er my lot, you have taught me to
2. God as my rock, I shall not be dis -
3. trust in my God, as I will pour out my
4. glad - ness and joy I will sing of your

1. say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
2. turbed: All is well, all is well with my soul.
3. heart: All is well, all is well with my soul.
4. name: All is well, all is well with my soul!

Refrain

1. It is well with my soul;
2-4. All is well with my soul;

1. It is well, it is well with my soul.
2-4. All is well, all is well with my soul.

Text: 11 8 11 9 with refrain. Verse 1 text, traditional; fr. It Is Well with My Soul;
Horatio Gates Spafford, 1827-1888. Verses 2-4 text based on Psalm 62:2-3, 6-9; 63:5.
© 2008, 2010, Carey Landry. Published by OCP. All rights reserved. Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876.

Supporting Our Lady of Mercy Since 1993



Knights of Columbus

Join the Catholic Brotherhood Changing the World

Call Jim: 814-899-6207



*Where There's Always
Something GROWING On!*

Josh Skarzenski – 3rd Generation Owner & Parishioner

East

5001 Buffalo Road
Erie, PA 16510
899.5424

West

5341 West Lake Road
Erie, PA 16505
835.6960

**William D. Elkin
Funeral Home**

65 South Lake St. • North East

725-4511

Timothy P. Elkin, F.D.

William D. Elkin, F.D.

Pre-Arrangements Available



LIBERTY ROOFING PROS

Your Local Roofing Pros!

libertyroofingpros.com

724-605-4024



5416 East Lake Road

Erie, PA 16511

814-899-8600

www.brevillier.org

Ball Pavilion
Short Term Rehab
Long Term Nursing
Care

Barnabas Court
Licensed Personal
Care, Residency &
Independent Living.

Conrad House
Independent Living

**OLLINGER
PLUMBING, HEATING
& AIR CONDITIONING**



Residential • Commercial
Quality Installations & Service

899-2809



**Affordable Funeral
Services
Pre-Planning
On-Site Cremation
Tribute Center**

PARTNERS: GARETT J., AUSTIN J., CARL R. & LEO J. BRUGGER III

845 EAST 38TH STREET, ERIE • (814) 825-2500

www.bruggerfuneralhomes.com



Erie • Laurel Hill • Wintergreen Gorge

Celebrate Life Through Remembrance

814.459.2463

All Faiths Welcome

Many Options for Traditional Burial
and Cremation Services



DUSCKAS

Funeral And Cremation
Services Harborcreek

5151 Buffalo Road | 814.315.0911

Aaron T. Bowers, Supervisor, Branch Office

www.dusckasfuneralhome.com



**BROWN'S AUTOMOTIVE
& SERVICE CENTER, INC.**

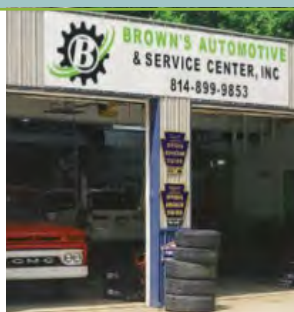
Your Neighborhood Auto Repair Shop

*Don't forget, we also do Boat Repair
& Maintenance*

Proudly Serving Harborcreek, Lawrence Park,
Wesleyville & Greater Erie County

814-899-9853

3322 Station Rd, Erie, PA



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

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.

