

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
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Kirk Mientkiewicz, Maintenance Coordinator
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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 22, 2024 - The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 09/23	9:00 a.m.	Vatican II: A Fall Study
	6:00 p.m.	Vatican II: A Fall Study
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
Tue. 09/24	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m.	Angels in Training SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 09/25	9:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Hallelujah Girls SCC
Thur. 09/26	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. 09/27		
Sat. 09/28	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 09/29		OLM Parish Feast Day

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

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 Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....	Joyce Rzodkiewicz

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

MERCY MEMORIES



On **May 21, 1995**, Fr. Ritchie made the first presentation to the parish outlining the needs of our growing community. During the **summer of 1995**, the Building Committee was formed. The Committee held its first meeting on **September 19, 1995**. Members present were Joe Tarquinio, Bill Spring, Cheri Ruminski, Brenda Bemiss, Sr. Rosemary O'Brien, Ed Welch, Barb Jacquel, Cookie Brumbaugh, Dave Parmenter, Gary Lacy, Ray Johnson, Andy Martin, Thomas Palisin, Jim Bucklin and Fr. Jerry Ritchie.

STAFF EXTENSION NUMBERS

Our new phone system allows someone to dial the staff extension directly if you get our recorded message. Here is the staff directory:

- Fr Matt.....226
- Deacon Paul.....233
- Katie.....210
- Irene.....214
- Kirk.....216
- Brandon.....211
- Sue.....213

LIVESTREAM CHANGES

Beginning next weekend, **September 28/29**, our livestreamed Mass will only be available for viewing on our parish YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@OurLadyofMercyHarborcreek and will **NO LONGER** be available on our parish Facebook Page.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **September 15, 2024**

Envelopes returned:	53	\$ 2,840.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 170.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,193.95

Comedy Corner

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 09/23		- NO MASS -
Tue. 09/24	8:30 a.m.	Travis Stauffer (Ellie Richardson)
Wed. 09/25	8:30 a.m.	Gerry Stauffer (Sandy Emling)
Thur. 09/26	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 09/27	8:30 a.m.	Justin Raydo (Carol Stauffer)
Sat. 09/28	4:30 p.m.	Bea Martin (The Stephenson Family)
Sun. 09/29	9:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM

Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7:00** to discuss Long Island Compromise by Taffy Brodesser-Akner.



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

This Tuesday, September 24th is the final Kayaking Tuesday with Nick Heise. Join Nick for some Kayaking and an encounter with Christ on the waters of Lake Erie at Shades Beach from 6-7 p.m. Please bring your own kayak; no reservation needed simply show up!



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**.

An Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith

Some days, the world feels as if it is spinning out of control. Natural disasters, international crisis, political discord, economic uncertainty, ecological threat, we often find ourselves grasping for an anchor to steady our lives. God is the one anchor that remains sure and stable, no matter what troubles shake the ground under our feet. A relationship with God, our Creator, our Savior, our Advocate lived in the supportive arms of the Church family and nourished by the grace of the sacraments can help us live with peace and joy no matter what life throws at us. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Have you toyed with the idea of being baptized? Would you like to explore your questions about what life as a Catholic Christian would mean? If you would like to start a conversation or learn more about the process of preparing to join the Catholic faith, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**.



Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Sept. 10 was **Tyler Bryan, grade 3**, who knew that we become members of God's family through the sacrament of baptism.

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.

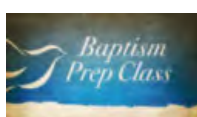


Sharing Our God Moments

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.

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**.



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**.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Eucharistic, Catholic Christian Community of Communities formed by the Word of God and the teachings of the Church. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the values of Jesus Christ in a prayerful, welcoming and nurturing environment.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

A time to celebrate being the
faith community of Our Lady of Mercy.

OUR FEAST DAY MASS is at 9:30 a.m.

Followed by a pot luck
meal in Sperry Hall.
Please bring a dish to share
for the luncheon according
to your last name:
A-G Salad or Appetizer
H-O Dessert or Snack
P-Z Casserole or Fruit
*Gluten-free items are
welcome.*



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
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Women Of Light Present:

Living History:
Leslie Goddard as Eleanor Roosevelt



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available in
the office.

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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: # 825 Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service

Offertory: To You Who Bow

1. To you who bow, to you who bend, to you who
 2. To you who teach, to you who heal, to you, the
 3. To you who weep, to you who bleed, who dreamed the
 4. To you who starve, to you who thirst, to you con-
 5. To you who rise, to you, our peace, to you who

do not cling to heav-en, but un - to us de - scend; you who
 lep - er's res - to - ra - tion, the vic - tim's last ap - peal; you whose
 bound - ries of O - ri - on, but will not break the reed; you who
 demned to death by mal - ice, a - ban - doned and ac - cursed; you who
 lead the way be - fore us, whose spir - it binds and frees; at once the

sum - mon us as ser - vants and call your ser - vants friends;
 life is sown and gath - ered and of - fered as a meal:
 sow the end of em - pire with ti - ny, peace - ful seed:
 prom - ised to the wretch - ed the last will be made first:
 Al - pha and O - me - ga, whose love shall nev - er cease:

To you we lift our song, love ev - er new, O

God who bows, we sing our song to you.

[1.-4. D.C.]

[5.]
 you. O God who bows, we sing our song to you.

Communion: # 777 Here At This Table

Recessional: A Rightful Place

Let us live our lives so that all might see that our
 hearts are rest - less till they rest in thee. Let us
 build your king - dom in truth and grace so that
 all might know they have a right - ful place.

Verses
 1. 7 Beau - ty ev - er an - cient and new,
 2. To gath - er in your pres - ence we came

1. break - ing through our deaf - ness so we hear you.
 2. to be one in spir - it, in truth and name;

1. Shat - ter - ing the dark - ness of night, a new dawn is ris -
 2. strength - ened by the bod - y of Christ, 7 tak - ing up the

1. - ing to bring your light to all the world.
 2. call now to share your light with all the world.

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___ New Parishioner

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