

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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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 29, 2024 - The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 09/30	9:00 a.m.	Vatican II: A Fall Study
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Tue. 10/01	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
	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 10/02	9:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation Committee Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	GR Group
Thur. 10/03	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. 10/04		
Sat. 10/05	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 10/06		Casserole Club Drop Off
	10:30 a.m.	Baptismal Prep Class
	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 7-9
	10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Please notify the Parish Office of any schedule changes

Saturday, October 5th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Deb Barko
Bowl 1.....	Gerri Extein
Altar Server.....	Nick Mauro
Greeter.....	Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter.....	Colton Wuerstle

Sunday, October 6th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Maria Carney
Lector 2.....	Denise Lewandoski
Bowl 1.....	Brian Meyer
Bowl 2.....	Ed Meyer
Cup 1.....	Karen Meyer
Cup 2.....	Marlene Meyer
Cup 3.....	Greg Morealli
Cup 4.....	Tom Palisin
Altar Server.....	Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....	Marilyn Garwig
Greeter.....	Tony Gilmore
AV Ministry.....	Ken Marshall
CLW Leader.....	Scott Gotham

MERCY MEMORIES



On March 13, 1996 the Building Committee engaged Grant Scott from KSBH Architects, Pittsburgh, PA, to do a feasibility study.

Two town meetings were held in October 1996 and November 1997 to keep the community apprised of the progress of the building project and to get feedback from the community.

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



A new way to communicate!
Please join our "flock" by signing up at olmharborcreek.flocknote.com or using the QR code provided.

LIVESTREAM CHANGES

Beginning this 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 09/30		- No MASS -
Tue. 10/01	8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 10/02	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Thur. 10/03	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Fri. 10/04	8:30 a.m.	Don McCurdy (Family)
Sat. 10/05	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 10/06	9:30 a.m.	Ann Nagosky (John Abbate)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **September 22, 2024**

Envelopes returned:	54	\$ 2,227.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 117.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 5,527.95

Comedy Corner

What's the best kind of tree joke?
Acorny one.



Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, Oct. 16** at the home of Donna Huff, 4517 North Woods Dr, @ **7:00** to discuss Long Island Compromise by Taffy Brodesser-Akner. Our November title will be The God of the Woods by Liz Moor



Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Sept. 10 is **Luca Burick, grade 4**, who knew that the Church is in the season of Ordinary Time.

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.



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.



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**.



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**.



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.



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**.

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.

Come Join us at
ST. GREGORY THAUMATURGUS PARISH FOR
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 Parish Family Room (Lower Level of the Church)



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Wednesday October 2, 2024 Opening and Introductory Rites

Wednesday October 9, 2024 Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday October 23, 2024 6:00PM
Teaching Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church
 with Fr. Matt Kujawinski
 837 Bartlett Rd. Harborcreek PA
 Hospitality provided after the Mass

Wednesday October 30, 2024 Liturgy of the Eucharist

Wednesday November 6, 2024 Concluding Rites
All Dates begin with Supper at 6:00PM
with the exception of October 23 at
Our Lady of Mercy Church

The Presentation will begin at 6:30PM and end at 7:30PM
 There is no fee!
 All are Welcome!

St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish offers "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" video series

St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish, North East, is offering a video series entitled "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" on the following dates: **Oct. 2, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6** from 6-7:30 p.m. All events will begin with supper except for Oct. 23 which will be held at Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek, where a special teaching Mass will be led by Father Matt Kujawinski. The video series is presented by Dr. Edward Sri from the "ASCENSION" Publishing Group. There is no fee, and all are welcome!

OUR LADY OF MERCY PRESENTS...

TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26
2:00 - 3:30 P.M.

TRUNKERS ONLY

PLEASE RSVP IN THE GATHERING SPACE OR ON FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE

Prize for Best Decorated Trunk!

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.

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____ Change of Address ____ Moving out of the Parish

____ New Parishioner

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