

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

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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

October 6, 2024 - The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 10/07	9:00 a.m.	Vatican II: A Fall Study
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Vatican II: A Fall Study
	6:00 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
Tue. 10/08	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
	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
Wed. 10/09	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Hallelujah Girls SCC
Thur. 10/10	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting for Women
	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 10/11	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	Sat. 10/12	3:45 p.m.
Sun. 10/13	10:30 a.m.	First Penance Parent Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 9
	6:30 p.m.	Parish Mission

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 12th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Tom Camillo
Bowl 1.....	Kathy Mauro
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....	Lisa Spelling

Sunday, October 13th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Chris Morealli
Lector 2.....	Sue McCreary
Bowl 1.....	Teresa Shamburg
Bowl 2.....	Chip Shamburg
Cup 1.....	John Skuce
Cup 2.....	Gary Smith
Cup 3.....	Rachel Still
Cup 4.....	Karen Sweeney
Altar Server.....	Madden Inthavong
Greeter.....	Paul Sacco
Greeter.....	Patty Sacco
AV Ministry.....	Adam Baker
CLW Leader.....	Rachel Still

We Remember...

Tish Szczesny, who passed away recently. Please hold her and her family in prayer during this difficult time.

Living Memory

MERCY MEMORIES

To educate the Committee and the community, Michael DeSanctis, Ph.D., in January and February 1997, gave a series of presentation on Church Art and Architecture and Vatican II liturgical directives.



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



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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 10/07		- NO MASS -
Tue. 10/08	8:30 a.m.	Robert Jones (Barb Jones)
Wed. 10/09	8:30 a.m.	Travis Stauffer (Ed & Marlene Meyer)
Thur. 10/10	8:30 a.m.	Betty Bliss (Butch & Gerri Extein)
Fri. 10/11	8:30 a.m.	John Persico
Sat. 10/12	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 10/13	9:30 a.m.	Paul Deluca (Rose Marie Deluca)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of September 29, 2024

Envelopes returned:	57	\$ 3,951.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 277.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 7,411.95

Comedy Corner

How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
With a pumpkin patch.



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. 23 was **Karaleigh Landfried, grade 3**, who knew that the archangels are Gabriel, Raphael, Michael.



Parish Mission

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 - 16)**. "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.



Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Ministry will meet for prayer, sharing and mutual support **tomorrow, Monday, Oct. 7 at 7:00**. 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.

The Groove Is Back!

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a dance featuring Erie's most popular band, "The Groove" on Friday, November 8 in our gym from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets will be on sale after Mass and will be available in the Parish Office next week, Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ticket price is still only \$15 per person. The dance has been a sell out in the past, so get your tickets early. Capacity is limited.



Mount Carmel Fall Luncheon & Auction

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ladies' Guild will hold its Annual Fall Luncheon and Auction on Sunday, October 20 from 1-4 pm at Scheffner Hall, 1531 East Grandview Blvd. Tickets are \$10.00 and include a delicious lunch. Also on tap – a Basket & Gift Card Auction (100+ items), Dessert Auction, small games of chance, and a 50/50 Drawing. Reserve a table for your group today! For tickets or more information, call Tina at **814-825-2681** or Michelle at **814-873-8713**.



Painting and Crafting for Women

On Thursday mornings for many years, Marilyn Garwig has shared her painting talent with any parishioner who would like to learn. Many ladies, and a few men, have enjoyed their time painting with her. Beginners were always welcomed! She would now like to open up this session to anyone who wants to join us with crafts and craft ideas. Stop by any **Thursday morning between 9-11**. You can bring a craft you are working on or just come with an idea of a craft project you would like to learn about.



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.

K OF C BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The results of our 2024 Baby Bottle Fundraiser are now in, and we are proud to announce that the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy donated \$12,003. In total, 36 Catholic Churches and 4 Catholic Schools in Erie and Crawford Counties donated \$108,075. The Women's Care Center of Erie County received \$94,255. The Pregnancy Center of Meadville received \$11,277, and the Boro Women & Family Services in Edinboro received \$2,543. Thank you for Our Lady of Mercy's incredible effort in our mission of saving the lives of the unborn!



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**.




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.



Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on **October 9th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Worship Space.



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.



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!

Online Giving Changes

If you are currently giving through our online giving platform, *Faith Direct*, you will be contacted by our Business Administrator, Sue Berdis, in the coming weeks/months. Due to the rising costs, we have made the decision to switch our online giving platform to FlockNote. If you feel comfortable, you may explore FlockNote to sign yourself up. If not, the staff is ready to help. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Online Giving



OUR LADY OF MERCY PRESENTS...

TRUNK OR TREAT

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

TRUNKERS ONLY

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STEWARDSHIP 2024 THROUGH JUNE 2025

We are grateful for your continued generosity and support. **Every contribution** helps to ensure that our parish can continue its important work. If you would like to set up online giving, please contact our office for assistance.

July, Aug. Sept.	Sept. Offertory	YTD Offertory	Budgeted
Electronic Envelopes	\$14,541.77	\$39,902.00	\$47,260.75
Regular Envelopes	\$13,461.54	\$49,595.73	\$43,750.00
Total	\$28,003.31	\$89,497.73	\$91,010.75
Difference			(\$1513.02)

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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