

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.



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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

October 20, 2024 - The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 10/21	9:00 a.m.	Vatican II Study
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
Tue. 10/22	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
	5:00 p.m.	First Eucharist
		Parent Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Family Faith Formation
		Committee Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	Women of Light Eleanor Roosevelt Event
Wed. 10/23	9:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Hallelujah Girls SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Teaching Mass
Thur. 10/24	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 10/25		
Sat. 10/26	2:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 10/27	Grade 9 Rite of Acceptance	
	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2
	10:30 a.m.	Gr. 9 Candidate & Sponsor Meeting

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 26th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Glory Piovarcy
Bowl 1.....	Jim Peters
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Christine Stroker
Greeter.....	Rochelle Edwards

Sunday, October 27th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Karen Sweeney
Lector 2.....	Rachel Still
Bowl 1.....	Lorraine Bucklin
Bowl 2.....	Ginny Fuhrman
Cup 1.....	Candy Henry
Cup 2.....	Marge Lefaiver
Cup 3.....	Tim Lynch
Cup 4.....	Sandi Matts
Altar Server.....	Makayla Inthavong
Greeter.....	Mike Chase
Greeter.....	Jane Chase
AV Ministry.....	Ken Marshall
CLW Leader.....	Sally Donikowski

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 not, the staff is ready to help. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.



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



MERCY MEMORIES

The Building Committee finally settled on the design of the present facility and held the third town meeting the weekend of **February 14-15, 1998.**



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 10/21		- NO MASS -
Tue. 10/22	8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 10/23	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (Family)
Thur. 10/24	8:30 a.m.	Gerry Stauffer (Carol & John Sutton)
Fri. 10/25	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Sat. 10/26	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 10/27	9:30 a.m.	Justin Raydo (Gerry & Sandy Raydo)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **October 13, 2024**

Envelopes returned:	57	\$ 2,540.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 135.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 5,858.95

Comedy Corner

Why's it so easy to trick a leaf in October?
They fall for anything.



Trunk or Treat

Our Lady of Mercy is planning a Trunk or Treat event for all on **Saturday October 26th from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Find your best costume, bring some yummy candy, decorate your trunks and have a spooktacular afternoon with family and friends. If the weather doesn't cooperate, no need to panic! We will move into the gym. This event is free and all are welcome! **NEW THIS YEAR:** We are only asking that you RSVP and let us know if you are planning on Trunking! RSVP on our Facebook event page, at the display in the Gathering Space, or by calling the Parish Office at **814-899-5342**. This event depends on the community to show up, so let's show our OLM and Halloween spirit and enjoy this afternoon together!



Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Oct. 7 was **Carson Shamburg, grade 3**, who knew that we say the Hail Mary 53 times when we pray the Rosary.

Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Ministry will meet for prayer, sharing and mutual support on **Monday, Nov. 11 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, **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.



Vatican II Study

Our reflection on the documents of the Second Vatican Council will continue on **Monday, Oct. 21 at 9:00 a.m.** as we turn our attention to *Sacrosanctum Concilium*,

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. This is the document that gave rise to the changes in the Mass that most Catholics associate with Vatican II. You do not have to have been part of the reflection on *Gaudium et Spes* to join us for this discussion. All are welcome.

Celebrating the Day of the Dead

Once again, the Sister Parish committee invites you to bring pictures and mementos of loved ones who have gone to their heavenly home. United with our sister parish in Peto, Mexico, we will set up a Day of the Dead altar in the Gathering Space to remember and celebrate the lives of those who are now among the Communion of Saints. They may no longer share our earthly home, but we remain connected in affection and memory. Pictures and mementos can be brought in the weekend of Oct. 26-27 and placed on the altar. You are asked to reclaim your items the weekend of **Nov. 9-10**.



Save the Date

The next Discover the Woman event will be held on **November 6 at 6:30 p.m.** This event's presenter will be our very own Mary-Ellen Madigan.



To All Men of the Parish

The Men's Night Out Committee would like to invite all men of the parish to our next Men's Night Out Event. It will be held **Wednesday October 30th starting at 6:00 p.m.** with dinner followed at **7:00** with a talk by Chuck "Boo" Hagerty. Boo, as he likes to be called, is a lifelong Erie resident and is currently the President of the Hamot Health Foundation. His talk will focus on his commitment to the betterment of health in the Erie area and the faith that motivates him to accomplish that mission. Reservations may be made by contacting Tim Fuhrman at **814-873-5632** or knoyle@yahoo.com, Phil Legler at **814-464-7293** or legler.phil@gmail.com or the Parish Office at **814-899-5342** secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org



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.



Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, Nov. 20** to discuss *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moor.

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!



OCTOBER 30TH 6:00 P.M.
 OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH
 837 BARTLETT RD.
 HARBORCREEK, PA 16421



MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Featuring: Charles "Boo" Hagerty

Charles "Boo" Hagerty is the President of the Hamot Health Foundation which is the philanthropic organization that supports UPMC Hamot and many community health initiatives. He first joined UPMC Hamot in 2001 as the vice president of marketing and corporate communications and transitioned to vice president of strategic resources in 2008 overseeing marketing, corporate communications, community advocacy and patient services. He was named the vice president of northern tier markets for UPMC Health Plan in 2012 and served in that role for four years helping the health plan to further grow its market share in the northwest region of Pennsylvania. In 2016, Boo rejoined the Hamot Health Foundation and along with a highly engaged board and team, HHF has driven many vital projects in the region including the launch of the Magee Women's Research Institute, the Wayne School project, the UPMC Jameson School of Nursing at UPMC Hamot, the Recovery is Beautiful program and most recently he serves as the project lead for the Housing First initiative in Erie County.

As a lifelong member of our community, he has served as a volunteer and board member of many non-profits and organizations. He currently serves on the board of directors for several organizations including ACES, Erie Bank Safe Harbor Behavioral Health, Erie Center for Arts and Technology, Infinite Erie, and Build Community Development Corporation. Boo received a bachelor's degree in advertising from West Virginia University and was the founding partner and owner of Fishtank Creative from 1989 - 2001. He is the proud husband of Aimee who has served as a full-time health care and business executive as well as an adjunct faculty member at many local and national universities. They split their time between work and chasing their five children and their growing families as they most enjoy their newfound joy as grandparents.

SAVE THE DATE
 Our Lady of Mercy's
A Merry Mercy Christmas
 Sunday December 15
 2 - 6 p.m.

Family fun, community, Christmas-time celebration.

Something to do
 for all ages.

More details will be released as they become available. Please follow our social media pages and our parish bulletin to stay up to date.

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

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OUR LADY OF MERCY PRESENTS... TRUNK OR TREAT
SATURDAY OCTOBER 26 2:00 - 3:30 P.M.
 Prize for Best Decorated Trunk!
TRUNKERS ONLY
 PLEASE RSVP IN THE GATHERING SPACE OR ON FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE

MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1. Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a
 2. Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a
 3. Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who

lib - er - at - ing light. Praise the One who frees the
 strong yet gen - tle word. Praise the One who drove out
 suf - fered in our place. Je - sus died and rose for

pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight,
 de - mons With a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 man - y That we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter To the
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing

ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing
 des - ert's burn - ing sand. From this well comes liv - ing
 what our God has done. Praise the one re - deem - ing

thou - sands With the ver - y bread of peace.
 wa - ter Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 glo - ry; Praise the One who makes us one.

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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 whose
 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.

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

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____ Change of Address ____ Moving out of the Parish

____ New Parishioner

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