



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Erie

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100 Penn Ave | Mercer, PA | 16137

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 24, 2025

Parish Administration

Very Rev. Fr. Andrew M. Boyd, V.F.

—Pastor & Dean of Greenville Deanery

Rev. Mr. Edgar Gonzalez

—Permanent Deacon

Mr. Greg Cummings

—Director of Faith Formation

Mrs. Barb Dumais

—Director of Outreach Ministry

—Direct Line: (724) 907-7790

Mrs. Marge McGinnis

—Business Manager

Mrs. Maureen Minner

—Secretary

Mr. Tom Serge

—Facilities & Maintenance

Sacraments

Daily Mass Tuesday - Friday: **8 AM**

Saturday Vigil Mass: **5 PM**

Sunday Mass:

May - Aug - 8 AM & 10 AM

Sept - April - 8 AM & 11 AM

Confessions - **Saturday: 4 PM**

and by appointment

Office Hours

Tuesday—Thursday: **9am—3pm**

Contact Us

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Strive to enter through
THE NARROW GATE

LUKE 13:24



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Around our Parish

Parish Cookbook Orders Now Open!

Our 70th Anniversary Parish Cookbook is complete—and it's a feast for the eyes and the table! We've collected **266 delicious recipes** from parishioners and friends, capturing the flavors and traditions of our community.

Cookbooks are **\$20 each** and will be ready for **pickup in time for Christmas**—perfect for gift-giving! To place your order, **use the order form in this weekend's bulletin** or call the parish office. Checks should be made payable to **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish** with "Cookbook" written in the memo line.

Don't miss this special keepsake celebrating the recipes, memories, and fellowship of our parish family!

Theme Basket Raffle

The due date for our Theme Basket Raffle is approaching quickly! Please have all baskets

delivered to the parish office by September 15. This earlier date will give us more time to advertise the baskets before our annual Spaghetti Dinner. If you would like to sponsor a basket, sign-up sheets are available at the doors of the church. More details can be found in this weekend's bulletin.

A few thoughts for your week:

Learning to ignore certain things is one of the greatest paths to inner peace. Not every burden is meant to be carried, and not every battle is worth fighting. Let go of what weighs you down—old hurts, needless worries, and voices that steal your joy—and embrace what and who lifts you up. Surround yourself with people, places, and habits that draw you closer to God and fill your heart with peace.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Andy



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

5pm Jack Russell (Mary Ellen)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

8am Living & Deceased Parishioners

10am Joyce & Zorn Family & Friends
(Jim & Dottie Joyce)

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

8am No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

8am Thea Nixon (Fr. Andy)

SCI Mercer Faithful Departed

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

8am Frank & Dolly Secich

(Daughter Cindy Wilpula)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

8am Tim Bell (Minner Family)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

8am Courtney Marx

(Sharon & Andrew Samuto)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

5pm Jim Wilson Sr.

(Farmartino & J. Wilson Families)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8am David Bicek (Family)

10am Living & Deceased Parishioners

Pilgrimage to the Shrines of The Holy Land Walk Where Jesus Walked

February 25 - March 6, 2026

\$5,913 per person
from Pittsburgh (PIT) or New York (JFK)

Your Trip Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Accommodation at centrally located first class hotels
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily
- Wine and mineral water with dinners in Holy Land
- Unlimited bottled water on the Bus
- Wi-Fi on the Bus in Holy Land
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Whisper headsets where needed
- Assistance of a professional local Christian guide(s)
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Flight bag & Portfolio of all travel documents

Book now:

www.206tours.com/frboyd



Spiritual Director:
Fr. Andy Boyd



Questions? Contacts:
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Tabernacle Vigil Light

The Sanctuary Vigil Light is burning this month in memory of **Joseph R. Stauff** as requested by the **Nancy Stauff**.

Eternal rest grant upon the souls of all the faithful departed.



Ministries

LECTORS

23 Aug 5:00 pm - Tom Waterloo

24 Aug 8:00 am - Denise DeFiore

10:00 am - Matt Hazi

30 Aug 5:00 pm - Dennis Birch

31 Aug 8:00 am - Deborah Tenney

10:00 am - Bill Sajewski

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

23 Aug 5:00 pm - Shelly DeMarsh

24 Aug 8:00 am - Mike Shomin

10:00 am - Tracy Peters

30 Aug 5:00 pm - Tony DeMarsh

31 Aug 8:00 am - William Oehlbeck

10:00 am - Jennifer Mausser

Access your online schedule via Ministry Scheduler Pro.

Find the login link at: ihmercerc.org/portal

Weekly Offering

August 17, 2025

COLLECTION BASKET:

Offertory	\$ 3,477.00
Loose Money	658.12
Loose Money Assumption	163.00
Assumption	735.00
Latin America	179.00
Total:	\$ 5,212.12

ONLINE:

Offertory	800.00
Total:	\$ 800.00

Needed weekly offering: \$ 7,300.00

Total \$ 6,012.12

Deficit: \$ 1,287.88

Parish Prayer List

James Anderson

Diana Baker

Elyse Duncan

Kyren Lacy

Gene Lazaroff

Gerald Lazaroff

Chuck Leydic

JoAnna Stoner

Maddox Weilham

Shirley Whalen

Names on the Parish Prayer List remain for 4 weeks. After 4 weeks, you must contact the parish office to put the name back on the list. To be included in our prayer chain, call the parish office, or email Prayers@ihmercerc.org

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2025 Assessment is **\$52,337**

2025 Goal plus repairs

for handicap ramp is **\$152,337**

80 Families - Pledged **\$59,150** - Paid to date **\$51,640**

CARING CLOSET

NEEDED ITEMS

Size 5 Huggies or Honest diapers

Backpacks & School Supplies

Baby Wipes

SHARING SHED

NEEDED ITEMS

Flour

Cooking oil

Cereals

Rice and rice packets

Any canned goods

Please note:

We cannot accept donations of medication to our Sharing Shed or Caring Closet.

New to our parish?

We'd love to welcome you personally! If you're visiting or new to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, please sign our Guest Book located at the back of church. We'll send you a note to thank you for joining us and share how you can become part of our parish family!

300 Club
Congratulations to

Ticket #143

for winning this week!



Save the Date!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Sunday, October 26, 2025
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

During the dinner, there will be a Theme Basket Raffle with numerous baskets to try your luck on!

\$8

for Children
5-12

Spaghetti Dinner

Includes meatball(s), side salad, bread
and butter, dessert, and a drink!
Gluten-free option available
Dine-in or to go!

\$15

for Adults

**Ticket Sales at the Door
ONLY!!!**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
Gallagher Hall
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<https://ihmercer.org/spaghetti-dinner>
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Join us at our Parish Mission

September 8-11, 2025
6:30pm - 8:30pm



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*"You will never
be bored, and
your life will
be changed!"*

-Fr. Larry Richards

Theme Basket Raffle

AT THE SPAGHETTI
DINNER

We are seeking donations of themed gift baskets for our upcoming raffle. Your creativity and generosity will help make this event a success! Choose a theme and fill your basket with items that total over \$50.

Important Details:

Basket Value: Please ensure each basket contains items totaling over \$50.

Drop-off Date: All baskets must be turned in by September 15 to the parish office. This allows us time to advertise and prepare for the raffle.

Where to Drop Off: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Office

For more information, contact the parish office at (724) 662-2999 or office@ihmercer.org.

Mass Schedule Reminder!

With the school year in
our sights, our Sunday
Mass Schedule will
return to **8am** and
11am beginning

Sunday,
September 7, 2025

**Make sure to mark your
calendars!!!**

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

PARISH COOKBOOK

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

A COLLECTION OF 266 CHERISHED
RECIPES FROM OUR PARISH FAMILY.



Price: \$20 each

Availability: Pick up in time for
Christmas — perfect for gift-giving!

Complete the form below and return to
the parish office with payment by
November 5.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

IHM 70th Anniversary Cookbook Order Form

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

NUMBER OF COOKBOOKS: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
IMMACULATE HEART OF
MARY PARISH

Return this form with payment to
parish office by November 5, 2025