

# 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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Website: [www.ourladyofmercychurch.org](http://www.ourladyofmercychurch.org)

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 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

# May 26, 2024 - The Most Holy Trinity

## THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit [ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

<b>Mon. 05/27</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b>
	6:00 p.m. Roman Candles SCC
<b>Tue. 05/28</b>	9:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m. Potter's Clay SCC
	6:30 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Info Session
<b>Wed. 05/29</b>	9:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m. Diamonds in the Rough
<b>Thur. 05/30</b>	9:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
<b>Fri. 05/31</b>	
<b>Sat. 06/01</b>	12:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 06/02</b>	<b>Casserole Club Drop Off</b> 9:30 a.m. Healing Ministry

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Mon. 05/27</b>	1 Pt 1:3-9	/ Mk 10:17-27
<b>Tue. 05/28</b>	1 Pt 1:10-16	/ Mk 10:28-31
<b>Wed. 05/29</b>	1 Pt 1:18-25	/ Mk 10:32-45
<b>Thur. 05/30</b>	1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12	/ Mk 10:46-52
<b>Fri. 05/31</b>	Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16	/ Lk 1:39-56
<b>Sat. 06/01</b>	Jude 17, 20b-25	/ Mk 11:27-33
<b>Sun. 06/02</b>	Ex 24:3-8/ Heb 9:11-15/ Mk 14:12-26	

## PRAYER LINE

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Call **Donna Smicker** at 814-899-9108  
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Call **Gerri Extein** at 814-490-9681



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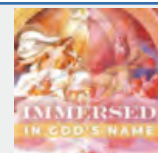
## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of May 19, 2024

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	54	\$ 2,215.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 186.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 5,584.95</b>

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Once I was at a meeting with representatives of various religions. On a coffee break, a man from another religion mused to me: "You know, with all our differences, all religions are really about being good people." I lowered my cappuccino and said as warmly as I could, "That's not what mine's about." His quizzical look begged for clarification. "Mine is about plunging into the life of God," I said.

Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands the eleven apostles, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20). The word "baptize" means "to immerse in, to plunge into." It presupposes the use of water. But what does it mean to be immersed in God's name? In the Bible, God's name is identical to God Himself. So, to be baptized into water, using Jesus' formula, is to be plunged into the life of God. Said another way, it is to die with Jesus and rise with him as a member of his body.

The Trinity isn't a doctrine simply to accept and ponder. It's more like an ocean: a mystery into which we are baptized ... inserted, immersed, dunked, plunged. Baptism gives us power to live our lives as beloved children of God, patterned after Jesus himself, who is always with us, until the end of the ages. Hardly the same as being good people. Stranger, but much better.

— Father John Muir  
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## OLM Bus Trip

A seat remains for our bus trip to St Anthony Chapel on **June 22**. The trip will include a stop at the Strip District in Pittsburgh, a tour of the largest collection of relics outside of the Vatican, evening Mass at St. Stanislaus Chapel and dinner in Cranberry. The cost is \$65 (not including food). If interested, add your name to the list in the Gathering Space. Money can be turned in to the Faith Formation Office.



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 05/27</b>		<b>- NO MASS -</b>
<b>Tue. 05/28</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Margaret Lynch</b> (Tim, Norma & Lynch Family)
<b>Wed. 05/29</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Estella Haraburda</b> (Abbate Family)
<b>Thur. 05/30</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Dr. Loren Prichard</b> (Family)
<b>Fri. 05/31</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Sat. 06/01</b>	6:00 p.m.	<b>Suzanne Seyboldt</b> (Dave & Marilyn Rinke)
<b>Sun. 06/02</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Fr. James Sperry</b> (John Abbate)
	11:00 a.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>

### Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, June 19 @ 7:00** at the home of Kay Kaerberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss Women by Kristin Hannah. Our July title will be Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.



### Summer Scripture Study

This summer, U.S. Catholics will gather in Indianapolis for a celebration of the gift we have in the Eucharist. We will hold a 3 week study on the Eucharist in June to unite with this historic event. This study will look at the Eucharist pre-figured in the Hebrew Scripture, revealed by Christ in the Gospel, and celebrated in the early Church. The study will run twice: at **9:30 a.m.** at the parish and at **7:00 p.m.** on the patio of Irene Lucas, 1019 Bartlett Rd. The dates will be **Thursday, June 13, 20 & 27**. We will be using a book from Little Rock Scripture Study. If you want Irene to order you a book, please contact her at **814-899-6132** or add your name to the list on the easel in the Gathering Space by May 26. The cost of the books is \$6 and payment is due at the first session.

### 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.



### All Men of the Parish - Save the Date

Please set aside the evening of **June 26th** for the next Men's Night Out Event. We will start with dinner and beverages at **6:00 p.m.**, followed with a talk by our featured speaker, The Honorable Judge Ernie DiSantis Jr. at **7:00**. There will be more information in the next few weeks! See you there!!

### Grief Support

Our Lady of Mercy Grief Support Group is an opportunity for those carrying the pain of grief to gather in prayer and mutual support. Whether your loss was last month or five years ago, whether you are grieving the death of a spouse, a friend, a child, a parent, you are welcome. The Grief Support group meets the **second Monday** of each month at **7:00**. Our next meeting will be **June 10**.



## Comedy Corner

Why are flowers so popular?  
They have a lot of buds.

A laugh is...

A SMILE that DROPS

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The More you LAUGH,  
the More you LIVE.

## FORMED.ORG

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### 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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or **814-899-6132**.




### Vacation Bible School 2024

Mark your calendar for a week of summer fun **July 29-Aug. 2**. VBS is open to all children age 4 years old through grade 6. Calling all lords and ladies, maidens and pages, all Guardians of God's Kingdom to put on your helmet of holiness and take up your shield of salvation and be part of this great summer event.



### VBS Seeking Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to make this week a success. If you can help for one day or all five, if you can help with story time or craft, with being an age group leader or making game time fun, contact Irene at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or **814-899-6132**. Clearances are required for all volunteers, so sign up in time to complete the paperwork.



## 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.*



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

### Saturday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Colette Landfried  
 Bowl 1.....Nick Mauro  
 Bowl 2.....Kathy Maruo  
 Cup 1.....Anne Spring  
 Cup 2.....Todd Beckes  
 Altar Server.....Gabby Peters  
 Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo  
 Greeter.....Christine Stroker

### Sunday, May 26th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Chip Shamburg  
 Lector 2.....Rachel Still  
 Bowl 1.....Donna Schersten  
 Bowl 2.....Dave Seyboldt  
 Cup 1.....John Skuce  
 Cup 2.....Gary Smith  
 Cup 3.....Mary Beth Smith  
 Cup 4.....Karen Sweeney  
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still  
 Greeter.....Paul Sacco  
 Greeter.....Patty Sacco  
 AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling  
 CLW Leader.....Scott Gotham

### Sunday, May 26th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Maureen Brainard  
 Bowl 1.....Steve Brainard  
 Bowl 2.....Carole Peters  
 Cup 1.....Erica Taccone  
 Cup 2.....Nick Heise  
 Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong  
 Greeter.....Maggie Wuerstle  
 Greeter.....Colton Wuerstle

### Liturgical Ministers Needed

Our Lady of Mercy is currently seeking Liturgical Ministers. If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Greeter or AV Minister, please contact the Parish Office. We are especially in need of Altar Servers. If you have received your First Eucharist, you are able to become an Altar Server. Training will be provided.



### Our Lady of Mercy is On Instagram

Our Lady of Mercy is Instagram official! Follow along with us at <https://www.instagram.com/olmchurch814/> or you can simply search: **olmchurch814**. The content shared on our Instagram page will be unique to the app and unlike our other social media posts.

## 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

## As a Parish Community, We Invite You To Live Out Our Vision

### Encountering Christ

We strive to build an environment for you to recognize and experience God, feeling his profound presence so that you want more. At Our Lady of Mercy, all people are provided with opportunities to continually meet Christ in a real, personal, and intimate way.

### Growing in His Love

We at Our Lady of Mercy work to gradually become more faithful followers of Christ with lives transformed by the Gospel and guided by the Holy Spirit. We provide pathways to nurture your desire to respond in love and come to know what God's desire is for your life.

### Serving in His Name

We encourage you to share your experiences with God, letting God's love permeate everything you do so that others can encounter him. Sent by the Spirit to be the hands and voice of Christ, we seek opportunities to serve those in need.

## 2024 Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus in Erie and Crawford Counties are conducting our 3rd annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Your charitable donations thus far have enabled the Knights to purchase five state of the art Ultrasound Machines and a Mobile Ultrasound Clinic for the Women's Care Center of Erie. Since then, 661 babies have been born to women after they viewed their ultrasounds. They chose life for their babies even though they were originally abortion bound. The Women's Care Center is now facing a difficult crisis. For the past thirty years, the State of Pennsylvania allocated funds to organizations such as the Women's Care Center that promote childbirth as an

option, rather than abortion by providing pregnancy and parenting support services. The current Governor of Pennsylvania made the decision to end this program. This has caused a significant loss of funding to our Women's Care Center's Erie locations that need our financial support more than ever. Baby bottles will be distributed at the church entrances on **Mother's Day weekend (May 11-12th)**. Please take one home and fill it with spare change, cash, or checks. Envelopes will also be available as an option to the Baby Bottles. The bottles and envelopes should be returned **Father's Day weekend (June 15-16th)**. We thank you in advance for your kind generosity, and pray you will once again join us in our continuing efforts in saving the lives of the unborn.

# OL MERCY FEST

July 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

**Friday July 12**  
**5-10 p.m.**

- Live Music • Food Trucks
- Beer, Wine & Spirits

**Sunday July 14**  
**12-5 p.m.**

- Chicken Dinner
- Kids Area • Games

Our Lady of Mercy - 837 Bartlett Rd. Harborcreek, PA 16421



## Schedule of Regional Eucharistic Processions on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) June 2, 2024



The procession on Corpus Christi is an act of thanksgiving. It is an expression of our faith in Christ's presence in the Eucharist, that he dwells with us and that he leads us. The presence of our parishes and organizations demonstrates that, as St. Augustine said, we become what we receive. The regional processions will take place according to the following schedule:

**St. Peter Cathedral, Erie:**

*The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the end of the 11:00 am Mass. The procession with the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 2:00 pm.*

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## Membership Form

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Address     Moving out of the Parish

New Parishioner  
To start the new member process please call the parish office at 899-5342; or request a phone call by filling out this form and returning it to the office by mail or collection basket.