

# 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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## Contact Information

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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

# June 2, 2024 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

<b>Mon. 06/03</b>	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
<b>Tue. 06/04</b>	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m.	Angel's In Training SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council
<b>Wed. 06/05</b>	6:30 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
	3:30 p.m.	Jubilee/Anniversary Planning Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
<b>Thur. 06/06</b>	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
<b>Fri. 06/07</b>		
<b>Sat. 06/08</b>	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 06/09</b>		



### 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



# OL MERCY FEST

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

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **May 26, 2024**

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	52	\$ 2,769.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 53.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 6,005.95</b>

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

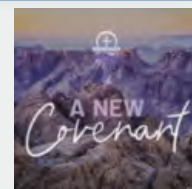
<b>Mon. 06/03</b>	2 Pt 1:2-7	/ Mk 12:1-12
<b>Tue. 06/04</b>	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18	/ Mk 12:13-17
<b>Wed. 06/05</b>	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12	/ Mk 12:18-27
<b>Thur. 06/06</b>	2 Tm 2:8-15	/ Mk 12:28-34
<b>Fri. 06/07</b>	Hos 11:1-9 / Eph 3:8-19	/ Jn 19:31-37
<b>Sat. 06/08</b>	2 Tm 4:1-8	/ Lk 2:41-51
<b>Sun. 06/09</b>	Gn 3:9-15/ 2 Cor 4:13-5:1	/ Mk 3:20-35

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 06/03</b>		<b>- No MASS -</b>
<b>Tue. 06/04</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Gerri Gallagher</b> (Angels In Training SCC)
<b>Wed. 06/05</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Analida Braeger</b> (Tom Braeger)
<b>Thur. 06/06</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Betty Bliss</b> (Butch & Gerri Extein)
<b>Fri. 06/07</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Joan Wilde</b> (Prayer Shawl Group)
<b>Sat. 06/08</b>	6:00 p.m.	<b>Annie Bool</b> (Family)
<b>Sun. 06/09</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Chet Szymecki</b> (Susan & Family)

### THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

#### THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



The best way to understand the Eucharist is to recall God's long, careful teaching process beginning in the Old Testament. This week in Exodus 24, we learn the basic pattern. Moses reads the dictates of God's law to the people, who profess their allegiance to it. Then Moses takes representatives of Israel's twelve tribes and splashes the sacrificed blood of animals in two directions: on the altar and on the people. It's clear and serious business: clear, because the participants are entering a blood-bond with God Himself; serious, because the dead animals symbolize the life-and-death stakes at play.

Many centuries later, God uses the experience at Sinai to teach us something new. At the Last Supper, like a new Moses, Jesus proposes to "pour out" blood as a new covenant. It will land on the altar of the cross and the lips of his disciples. They have promised to be obedient to him who is God's law in flesh. This renews and elevates the breath-taking romance God wants with His people, unfolding from Sinai to this Supper. The Body and Blood of Christ is the sacrificial action whereby this covenant is strengthened.

How hopeful that, like us, the Israelites and the apostles repeatedly fail to live up to their promises and discover that the blood of the covenant continually renews and refreshes them. Today the blood of Christ faithfully flows, to unite and renew, moving us forward toward where our great teacher is taking us. This week, we should say a renewed "amen" to God who so carefully teaches us how to be one with Him in this new covenant.

— Father John Muir  
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### 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.



### FORMED.ORG

If you are new to the parish, you can enjoy formed.org for free by signing up as part of the parish subscription. All you need is your email, then select the option for an "institution or parish" subscription and search for Our Lady of Mercy Harborcreek.

### 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.



### 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.



### 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!!



### 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.



### 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**.



### Religious Education

As summer gets underway, Faith Formation is planning for the coming year of religious education.



Volunteers are needed to make the year a success. It is our baptismal responsibility and our privilege as God's beloved to share the faith with the next generation. We need volunteer catechists for the following levels:

- Kindergarten – Sunday morning
- Grade 4 – Tuesday after school
- Junior High Team – Sunday

If you are willing to share your time, your heart, your faith with the youth of the parish, contact Irene Lucas at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or **814-899-6132**. Please do not wait until the last minute. Volunteers need clearances and training.

### 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.



### Parkinson's Awareness Walk at OLM

The Dave Cooney Parkinson Awareness Walk benefiting Parkinson Partners of NW PA will be held on **Saturday, June 22nd** at OLM. Registration is at **9 a.m.** and the walk starts at **10 a.m.** \$20 fee includes t-shirt and lunch (after 6/3 shirts are not guaranteed). All proceeds stay local. For more information call Lynne Gotham, Parkinson Partners director at **814-899-3030** or register at [www.parkinsonpartners.org](http://www.parkinsonpartners.org)



### Empty Baskets Needed

Did you win a basket in the auction at the Golf Raffle? Do you have any empty baskets laying around? If so, please consider donating them to the OLM Festival Committee. Please drop off empty baskets in the box labeled in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your donation! It will help make this the **BEST FESTIVAL EVER!**



### Comedy Corner

Do fish go on vacation?  
No, because they're always in school!



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

### Saturday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Clara Camillo  
Bowl 1.....Nick Mauro  
Bowl 2.....Kathy Mauro  
Cup 1.....Anne Spring  
Cup 2.....Angie Matrogran  
Altar Server.....Bill Matrogran  
Greeter.....Jason Rzodkiewicz  
Greeter.....Joyce Rzodkiewicz

### Sunday, June 9th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Nancy Mowery  
Lector 2.....Erica Erwin  
Bowl 1.....Frank Kaleta  
Bowl 2.....Linda Kaleta  
Cup 1.....Tim Lynch  
Cup 2.....Pat Marshall  
Cup 3.....Ken Marshall  
Cup 4.....Sandi Matts  
Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still  
Greeter.....Mike Chase  
Greeter.....Jane Chase  
AV Ministry.....Adam Baker  
CLW Leader.....Linda Kaleta

### Sunday, June 9th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Nathan Henry  
Bowl 1.....Nick Heise  
Bowl 2.....Joann Collins  
Cup 1.....Stacy Heidecker  
Cup 2.....Carole Peters  
Altar Server.....Makayla Inthavong  
Greeter.....Jill Henry  
Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo

### Saturday, June 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Bob Cline  
Bowl 1.....Todd Beckes  
Bowl 2.....Gerri Extein  
Cup 1.....Kay Kaerberlein  
Cup 2.....Chris Kaschak  
Altar Server.....Gabby Peters  
Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo  
Greeter.....Christine Stroker

### Sunday, June 16th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Maria Carney  
Lector 2.....Tim Fuhrman  
Bowl 1.....Geoff McCreary  
Bowl 2.....Brian Meyer  
Cup 1.....Ed Meyer  
Cup 2.....Marlene Meyer  
Cup 3.....Dave Lefaiver  
Cup 4.....Marge Lefaiver  
Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still  
Greeter.....Rochelle Edwards  
Greeter.....Marilyn Garwig  
AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling  
CLW Leader.....Scott Gotham

### Sunday, June 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Denise Lewandoski  
Bowl 1.....Judy Iesue  
Bowl 2.....Pat Kosobucki  
Cup 1.....Erica Taccone  
Cup 2.....Joann Collins  
Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone  
Greeter.....Jill Henry  
Greeter.....Baileigh Bleil

### 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.



## 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.

**OUR LADY OF MERCY PRESENTS...  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024**



**JULY 29-AUGUST 2, 2024**

**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

**All Lords & Ladies - age 4 thru entering 6th grade**

For more information call:

Irene Lucas 814-899-6132 or the Parish Office 814-899-5342

Or email [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

\*Registration Deadline is July 21st\*



June 2	Maggie Scully	2
June 4	Philip Drotar	3
June 7	Jacob Traphagen	14
June 7	Jonathan Traphagen	14



June 9	Amelia Bernatowicz	14
June 12	Benjamin Vahey	15
June 12	Estella Beckman	12
June 15	Kaylyn Still	13
June 18	Sophie Bleil	17
June 20	Nathan Ford	13
June 21	Addison Kelly	8
June 23	Kaden Pinetti	16
June 25	Noah Skarzenski	17
June 25	Colton Catrabone	14
June 27	Joel Skarzenski	16
June 29	David Parente	14



Our Lady of Mercy will host a viewing of "G-Dog," a documentary about the life and ministry of Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ on **Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** following the vigil Mass. Fr. Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world.

Fr. Boyle was recently awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2024, the highest civilian recognition, for his ministry. He has also received the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. In 2014, President Obama named Fr. Boyle a Champion of Change. He received the University of Notre Dame's 2017 Laetare Medal, the oldest honor given to American Catholics. Homeboy Industries was the recipient of the 2020 Hilton Humanitarian Prize validating 32 years of Fr. Greg Boyle's vision and work by the organization for over three decades.

Fr. Boyle will also be a featured Speaker at the *Chautauqua Institute* this summer as part of their Faith and Spiritual Programming.



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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.

