

# 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

### Contact Information

Address: 837 Bartlett Rd. Harborcreek, PA 16421  
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Website: [www.ourladyofmercychurch.org](http://www.ourladyofmercychurch.org)  
Daytime Prayer Line (Donna): 814-899-9108  
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

August 25, 2024 - The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 08/26		
Tue. 08/27	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m.	Angels in Training SCC
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 08/28		
Thur. 08/29	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 08/30	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>	
Sat. 08/31	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 09/01	10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

### MASS TIME CHANGES

Weekend Mass times are now as follows:

**Saturday at 4:30 p.m.**

**Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

### We Remember...

**Kim Peters,**  
daughter in law of Carole Peters,  
who passed away recently.

Please hold her and her family in  
prayer during this difficult time.



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### Back-to-School

# BLESSINGS

We're praying for you!

DO ALL THE  
**GOOD**  
YOU CAN

THE LORD YOUR GOD  
WILL BE WITH YOU  
WHEREVER YOU GO.

- Joshua 1:9

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 08/26		<b>- NO MASS -</b>
Tue. 08/27	8:30 a.m.	<b>Justin Raydo</b> (Ann & Greg Badach)
Wed. 08/28	8:30 a.m.	<b>Dr. Loren Prichard</b> (Family)
Thur. 08/29	8:30 a.m.	<b>Ann Nagosky</b> (Morning Mass Group)
Fri. 08/30	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 08/31	4:30 p.m.	<b>Robert Jones</b> (Barb Jones)
Sun. 09/01	9:30 a.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

### Saturday, August 31st at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Clara Camillo
Bowl 1.....	Todd Beckes
Bowl 2.....	Marilyn Rinke
Cup 1.....	Angie Matrogran
Cup 2.....	Kathy Mauro
Altar Server.....	Nick Mauro
Greeter.....	Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter.....	Colton Wuerstle

### Sunday, September 1st at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Joe Tarquinio
Lector 2.....	Nancy Mowery
Bowl 1.....	Tom Palisin
Bowl 2.....	Kathy Pearson
Cup 1.....	Donna Schersten
Cup 2.....	Teresa Shamburg
Cup 3.....	Dan Szczesny
Cup 4.....	Tish Szczesny
Altar Server.....	Zachery Henry
Altar Server.....	Madden Inthavong
Greeter.....	Jill Henry
Greeter.....	Marilyn Garwig
AV Ministry.....	Adam Baker
CLW Leader.....	Linda Kaleta

### Saturday, September 7th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Bob Cline
Bowl 1.....	<b>Sub Needed!</b>
Bowl 2.....	Kay Kaeberlein
Cup 1.....	Carol Stauffer
Cup 2.....	Angie Matrogran
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Jason Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....	Joyce Rzodkiewicz

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

Lector 1.....	Erica Erwin
Lector 2.....	Reagan Andrews
Bowl 1.....	John Skuce
Bowl 2.....	Ken Marshall
Cup 1.....	Pat Marshall
Cup 2.....	Rachel Still
Cup 3.....	Karen Sweeney
Cup 4.....	Erica Taccone
Altar Server.....	Kaylyn Still
Altar Server.....	Makayla Inthavong
Greeter.....	Tony Gilmore
Greeter.....	Linda Kaleta
AV Ministry.....	Lisa Spelling
CLW Leader.....	Rachel Still

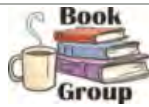
## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of August 18, 2024

Envelopes returned:	53	\$ 3,058.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 213.27
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 6,554.22</b>

### Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, September 18** to discuss The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon.



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

### Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Ministry will meet for prayer, sharing and mutual support on **Monday, Sept. 9 at 7:00** in the Conference Room. 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.



### Baptismal Prep Session

The next Baptismal Prep Session for parents and godparents will be **Sunday, Oct. 6 at 10:30**. Parents are asked by the Diocese of Erie to

attend a preparation session before scheduling the baptism of their child. Registration is required. To register, call the parish office at 814-899-5342.

### Needed - Baptismal Prep Session Leader

After many, many years serving the Baptismal Prep Ministry, Vickie and Larry Gilcrist will be stepping down after the October session. These sessions are run twice a year. If you are willing to take over this ministry, please call the Faith Formation Office at 814-899-6132.



### Let's Go Kayaking

Starting **Tuesday Aug 13th** through every **Tuesday until September 24th** from **6-7 p.m.** everyone is invited to join Nick Heise at Shades Beach to go kayaking, and encounter Christ on the waters of Lake Erie, rain or shine! Please bring your own

kayak; no reservation needed simply show up! I'll be waiting at the dock with my kayak.

### 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.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### Religious Education

Volunteers are needed to make the coming year of religious education 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:

**Grade 1 – Sunday morning**

**Grade 4 – Tuesday after school**

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.

### Religious Ed Registration

All youth intending to participate in formal religious education during the 2024-2025 school year need to be registered by a parent signature on the forms. If any family was unable to register last weekend, they can stop by the Faith Formation Office during normal working hours beginning **Monday, Aug. 19**. Every youth needs to be registered annually. For more information about the policies and structure of the religious education ministry, see the article in the current issue of the parish newsletter, For Mercy Sake.

### Confirmation Gathering for Youth and Parents

There is an important meeting for youth entering the Confirmation preparation process and their parents on **Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m.** The Diocese of Erie is implementing a new Confirmation preparation curriculum. This is the first session in this new curriculum.

### Junior High Parent & Youth Session

The junior high program begins on **Sunday, Sept. 8 at 10:30**. Parents meet in the large classroom and youth gather in the gym. After the initial parent meeting and youth event, the two groups will finish this session together.

### Elementary Religious Education

The first day of religious education for youth in grade 3 to 6 will be **Tuesday, Sept. 3**. Children in Kindergarten thru grade 2 will have their first class on **Sunday, Sept. 8 at 10:30 to noon**. Parents are asked to walk their children to their classroom each morning and meet them at the classroom at dismissal each day. All parents are asked to meet their child inside the building at their classroom each dismissal to ensure safety.



Are you hungry for more of God?

**THERE IS MORE!**

Join us for the life in the spirit course and experience the gift God has for you!

Friday, September 20th, 2024  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, September 21, 2024  
9am - 3:30 pm  
(lunch provided)

837 Bartlett Rd,  
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There is no charge for this course.

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## Healing Ministry

Those wanting to learn more about the Healing Ministry and training, please call the Parish Office at 814-899-5342 or Sharon Kestler at 814-882-2183.



## Pilgrims of Hope Journeying Toward the Jubilee: A Fall Study



Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy Year. In the months leading to the opening of the Holy Door, he has called the faithful to a time of prayerful preparation. As part of preparing for the Jubilee Year, Catholics are encouraged to spend time reflecting on the documents of the Second Vatican Council. These documents offer an inspiring vision of the Church as they call all of God's people to lives of holy witness and courageous service in building the Reign of God.

This fall, we will have an opportunity to reflect on and discuss one of these documents, to let it renew our commitment to the Church and inspire us to live with audeius hope.

**Monday, Sept. 23, 30 & Oct. 7**

**9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.**

**OLM Conference Room**

**Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the  
Modern World (Gaudium et Spes):**

The church must read the signs of the times and interpret them in the light of the Gospel. The church does not exist alongside or apart from the world; the church is part of the world, and its mission is to serve the whole human family in order to make the human race's history more human.

For more information, contact Irene at 814-899-6132 or [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

## EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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• Water

**Sept. 14th at 5:30 p.m.**

# MUSIC FOR MASS

Offertory: # 20


## Processional: Gather Us In




1. Here in this place new light is stream- ing,  
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys- t'ry,  
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa- ter,




Now is the dark- ness van- ished a- way,  
We are the old— who yearn for your face,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,



See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
We have been sung through- out all of his- t'ry,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh- ters,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Called to be light to the whole hu- man race,  
Call us a- new to be salt for the earth.



Gath- er us in— the lost and for- sak- en, Gath- er us in— the  
Gath- er us in— the rich and the haugh- ty, Gath- er us in— the  
Give us to drink the wine of com- pas- sion, Give us to eat the



blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall a- wak- en,  
proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so low- ly,  
bread that is you; Nour- ish us well, and teach us to fash- ion



We shall a- rise at the sound of our name,  
Give us the cour- age to en- ter the song,  
Lives that are ho- ly and hearts that are true.

Your Words, Lord, are Spirit and Life

Communion: # 788  
**Bread of Life**

Recessional: # 821

**Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth**

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## Membership Form

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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.

