

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
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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

November 10, 2024 - The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 11/11	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	4:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Tue. 11/12	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 11/13	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Hallelujah Girls
	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	Cursillo GR
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 11/14	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 11/15		
Sat. 11/16	10:00 a.m.	Mass of Remembrance
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 11/17	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 7-9
	10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

MERCY MEMORIES

On February 21, 1999, with Bishop Trautman, Tom and Tim Barnhart, Victor King, our Building Committee, and the community present, the groundbreaking ceremony was celebrated.



Comedy Corner

What type of vehicle should you use for a fall hayride? An autumn-mobile!



We Remember...

Ray Simpson, who passed away recently. Please hold him, and his family in prayer during this difficult time.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 11/11		- NO MASS -
Tue. 11/12	8:30 a.m.	Travis Stauffer (SueAnn Weist)
Wed. 11/13	8:30 a.m.	Jim Bucklin (Family)
Thur. 11/14	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (Linda Prichard)
Fri. 11/15	8:30 a.m.	Robert Jones (Barb Jones)
Sat. 11/16	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 11/17	9:30 a.m.	Willy Zmijewski (Ellen Benczkowski)

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, November 16th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Tom Camillo
Bowl 1.....	Rochelle Edwards
Altar Server.....	Nick Mauro
Greeter.....	Joyce Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....	Jason Rzodkiewicz

Sunday, November 17th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Nathan Henry
Lector 2.....	Adriana Grosch
Bowl 1.....	Teresa Shamburg
Bowl 2.....	Chip Shamburg
Cup 1.....	Gary Smith
Cup 2.....	Rachel Still
Cup 3.....	Karen Sweeney
Cup 4.....	Erica Taccone
Altar Server.....	Madden Inthavong
Greeter.....	Paul Sacco
Greeter.....	Patty Sacco
AV Ministry.....	Ken Marshall
CLW Leader.....	Nancy Mowery

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.

Online Giving



Mass of Remembrance

All are welcome to attend our Mass of Remembrance on **Saturday, November 16th at 10:00 a.m.** This celebration is a special way to remember our loved ones, especially those who have passed away in the last year. Mass will be followed by a light reception in Sperry Hall.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **October 20, 2024**

Envelopes returned:	65	\$ 4,590.00
Loose Change:		\$ 128.50
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 4,718.50



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



Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, Nov. 13 @ 7:00** at the home of Cheri Longua, 4512 North Woods Dr., to discuss The God of the Woods by Liz Moor. In December we will take a break from reading to view and discuss Cabrini.



Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Oct. 28 was **Liam Burick, grade 1**, who knew that God gave Moses the 10 Commandments written on stone tablets.

Help Support the Youth Mission Trip

The Catholic Heart Mission Trip group from OLM and neighboring parishes are holding a raffle for Urbaniaks Meat Market. Tickets can be purchased after Mass or in the Parish Office Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. A \$2 donation will get you 1 ticket, or a \$5 donation will get you 3. The drawing will be held on Saturday November 16. Winner need not be present to win. If you have any questions, please see Nick Heise.



Help Needed!

We are looking for a Small Faith Group, or a group of people willing to wrap plasticware for the funeral dinner ministry and for the parish festival next year. If your group is willing and able to help out, please contact the Parish Office or talk with Karen Sweeney. Supplies are bought and are ready to be wrapped as soon as possible.

Operation Assisting Santa

It is that time of year again. Time for "Operation Assisting Santa" for Christmas presents for the children of needy veterans. Names for the children of needy veterans will be available in the Gathering Space for the weekends of November 16/17 and 23/24. Please take a card and buy a gift for the child on the card and return it UNWRAPPED with the CARD ATTACHED to it by November 30/December 1. All names for gifts are from the Veterans Hospital. Thank you very much for your help!



Part-time job opportunity

Faith Lutheran Church in Harborcreek is seeking a p/t administrative assistant to join our team. Flexible daytime hours, 12-15 hours/week. Create weekly worship bulletins, update weekly worship leaders' books, create bi-monthly newsletter, answer phone, order altar flowers, update messages on electronic sign, and assist with various other office needs. Must love interacting with people in a professional and caring manner. Must be proficient in MS Word and Publisher. All PA clearances are required. Starting salary: \$13.00-14.00/hour. Application deadline: **November 12, 2024**. Apply on Indeed, or submit your resume to faithlepastor@gmail.com.



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.

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.



The Day of the Dead Altar

The Day of the Dead Altar: Thank you to all who added to our altar in the Gathering Space. Please collect your pictures and momentos as you leave Mass this weekend. The altar will be taken down on Monday.

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 or **814-899-6132**.



A Merry Mercy Christmas
 Sunday Dec. 15
 Christmas Tree Set Up
 Dec. 9 - 14
 Christmas Tree Take Down
 Between Jan. 6 - 12



A MERRY MERCY CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

Name: _____
 Email: _____
 I'll bring my own tree!
 I need a donated tree!

Thank you

From the Family of Tish Szczesny

The outpouring of love, concern and support given to us by so, so many has given us the strength to help endure our loss. Nowhere has this been stronger than with our OLM family. The cards, the serenading, the food and the entire funeral is a testament to what is so good about our parish. To those who made our funeral Mass so moving - we thank you. To those who contributed either food or service to the luncheon - we thank you. You have no idea how many people were truly amazed at what you did. Lastly, even though we have been members of OLM for only about 16 years, Tish always said joining was one of the best decisions we ever made. She often said "we were welcome from day one."
 Thanks so much for her loving farewell.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments



Bullying is defined as any unwanted aggressive behavior by another youth or group of youths that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of youth ages 12-18 experience bullying. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that bullying is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being bullied or is a bully. Parents should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Encourage your child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit www.stopbullying.org. For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection

MUSIC AT A MERRY MERCY CHRISTMAS

December 15
2:00-6:00 PM

2:30 p.m.
 Erie Playhouse Show Stoppers

4:00 p.m.
 Mercyhurst Prep Show Choir

5:30 p.m.
 Our Lady of Mercy Choir

Craft, Food & Beverage Vendors; Tree Decorating; Santa & his Reindeer; Crafts for Children & Adults; Homemade Hot Cocoa & Cookies; Hay Rides; Bake Sale; Christmas Movies; Face Painting; Jr./Sr. High Activities
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Food and beverages available to purchase!

MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional: # 767 **Let Us Go to the Altar**

Offertory: # 655 **These Alone Are Enough**

Communion: **I Receive the Living God**

(on the next page...)

Recessional: # 589 **O God Beyond All Praising**

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I Receive the Living God

Refrain

I re - ceive the liv - ing God, And my

heart is full of joy. I re - ceive the liv - ing

God, And my heart is full of joy.

Verses

1. Je - sus says: I am the Bread Sent to
2. Je - sus says: I am the Vine, Far from
3. Je - sus says: I am the Way, And my
4. Je - sus says: I am the Truth, If you
5. Je - sus says: I am the Life, Raised in
6. Je - sus says: I am the Day, Shin - ing

you from God Most High, and you will
whom no life can grow. If you join your - self to
path is straight and true. Fol - low me to where I
fol - low close to me, You will know me in your
tri - umph from the dead, As one Bod - y now re -
bright - ly through your night. Wel - come me, and you will

live; You need nev - er fear to die.
me, A rich har - vest you will know.
lead; There my Fa - ther waits for you.
heart, And my word will make you free.
main, Mem - bers joined to me, the Head.
walk By the Spir - it's guid - ing light.

D.C.

7. Jesus says: I am the Love
Which can bind you close to me.
Those who know this gift I bring
Will find true community.

8. Jesus says: I am the Peace
Which the world cannot bestow.
Learn to love and live in me,
And in you my Reign will grow.

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Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

____ Change of Address ____ Moving out of the Parish

____ New Parishioner

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