

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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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 17, 2024 - The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 11/18	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
Tue. 11/19	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m.	Angels In Training SCC
	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.	Family Faith Formation Committee Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 11/20	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Hallelujah Girls
	5:30 p.m.	Sister Parish Committee
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Thur. 11/21	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. 11/22		
Sat. 11/23		Veterans Gifts Weekend
	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Bingo
Sun. 11/24	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 9

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 23rd at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Clara Camillo
Bowl 1.....	Nick Mauro
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Rochelle Edwards
Greeter.....	Christine Stroker

Sunday, November 24th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Joann Collins
Lector 2.....	Erica Erwin
Bowl 1.....	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2.....	Steve Brainard
Cup 1.....	Nancy Clark
Cup 2.....	Carole Peters
Cup 3.....	Joann Collins
Cup 4.....	Nick Heise
Altar Server.....	Zachery Henry
Greeter.....	Baileigh Bleil
Greeter.....	Jill Henry
AV Ministry.....	Adam Baker
CLW Leader.....	Sally Donikowski

We Remember...

Linda Kaleta & Jim Bablak
who passed away recently.
Please hold them, and her families
in prayer during this difficult time.

In Loving Memory

MERCY MEMORIES

In non-traditional fashion, the ground was broken inside the shell of the old worship space where the new baptismal font would be located. The next day, February 22, 1999 was a day of mixed emotions as demolition began on the building that had been the familiar home of our worshipping community for many years.



Comedy Corner

Why didn't the turkey want dessert?
He was stuffed.



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!



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 11/18		- NO MASS -
Tue. 11/19	8:30 a.m.	Helen Behringer (Mary Jane Wiser)
Wed. 11/20	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Thur. 11/21	8:30 a.m.	Gerry Stauffer (Brian See)
Fri. 11/22	8:30 a.m.	Terry Slade (The Abbate Family)
Sat. 11/23	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 11/24	9:30 a.m.	Mar Kuzma (Kevin & Sue Berdis)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of November 10, 2024

Envelopes returned:	48	\$ 2,670.00
Loose Change:		\$ 87.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 2,757.50



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



Mission Trip Thanks You!

The Catholic Heart Mission Trip group from OLM and neighboring parishes would like to thank everyone for participating in our Urbaniaks Meet Market raffle. Your generous support through this fundraiser will help us with our financial responsibilities as we prepare to serve the community of Bowling Green, KY in June/July of 2025. Thank you!



Question of the Week
Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Nov. 4 was **Levi Gilchrist, grade 4**, who knew that the name of our pope is Pope Francis.

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**.

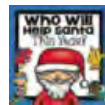


Help Needed!

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!

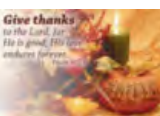


Ministry to Homebound Parishioners

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.

Ella Cochran Food Pantry Giving Tree

The Food Pantry Giving Tree will be up this weekend. Please take a tag, shop for gifts and return the gift wrapped with the tag by **Dec. 7/8th**.



Harborcreek Community Thanksgiving Service

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be on **November 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m.** at South Harborcreek United Methodist Church, 7929 McGill Road. All are welcome at this annual ecumenical service sponsored by the Harborcreek Ministerium. The collection will support the good work of the Ella Cochran Food Pantry; monetary donations as well as donations of canned and nonperishable goods (especially Thanksgiving dinner items) will be greatly appreciated.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 28th**.



YOU'RE INVITED TO A MERRY MERCY CHRISTMAS

December 15, 2024
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Mercy Church
Harborcreek, PA

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY:
The Erie Playhouse Show Stoppers
The Mercyhurst Prep Show Choir
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OUR LADY OF MERCY *Grades 3-12*

Youth GIFT CARD BINGO Night

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Join us for a night of fun and games at our Youth Bingo Night!

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November 23rd | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
837 Bartlett Rd. Harborcreek, PA 16421

Food and beverages available to purchase!

*Holy Moments
A Time to Heal*



Date: Monday, December 2, 2024
Time: 6:30 pm
Place: Our Lady of Mercy Church
837 Bartlett Rd - Harborcreek

Please join us for an evening of prayer, music, laying of hands, and quiet reflection. All are welcome. Come and bring a friend.

**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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MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional: # 813 **City of God**

Offertory: # 686 **How Can I Keep From Singing**

Communion: **Eye Has Not Seen**
(on the following page...)

Recessional: # 755 **Soon and Very Soon**

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Eye Has Not Seen

Refrain

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for
those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of
Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

Verses 1-3

1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, be near to us, O
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow-er and we
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er

Lord, for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of

D.C.

bear us up with - in your peace-ful word.
we re - turn in love what love has made.
all the poor and low - ly of the world.

Verse 4

4. We sing a mys-t'ry from the past in halls where saints have
trod, yet ev - er new the mu - sic rings to

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Je - sus, Liv - ing Song of God.

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Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

____ Change of Address ____ Moving out of the Parish

____ New Parishioner

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