

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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Brandon Vogt, Director of Music and Liturgy
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Contact Information

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Email: info@ourladyofmercychurch.org
Website: 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

November 24, 2024 - Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

THE WEEK AHEAD

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


Mon. 11/25	9:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Turkey Distribution
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	4:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
Tue. 11/26	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 11/27	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	Cursillo GR
Thur. 11/28		HAPPY THANKSGIVING Parish Office Closed
	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Mass
Fri. 11/29		
Sat. 11/30	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 12/01		Casserole Club Drop Off
	10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

We Remember... Loving Memory

Judy Johnson, sister of Jim Skarzenski & **Kathy DiNicola**, godmother of Lynne Gotham; who passed away recently. Please hold them, and their family in prayer during this difficult time.

MERCY MEMORIES

New construction began and continued through the spring, summer and fall. On the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, in September 1999, parish families placed decorated stones in the ground beneath where the new altar would stand - a reminder that the Church is built of "living stones".



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 11/25		- NO MASS -
Tue. 11/26	8:30 a.m.	Justin Raydo (Potters Clay SCC)
Wed. 11/27	8:30 a.m.	Annie Bool (Family)
Thur. 11/28	9:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM
Fri. 11/29	8:30 a.m.	Dorothy Green Kraus (Janet & Jon Sedelmeyer)
Sat. 11/30	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 12/01	9:30 a.m.	Travis Stauffer (Casey & Jill Wells)



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 30th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....Bob Cline
Bowl 1.....Todd Beckes
Altar Server.....Nick Mauro
Greeter.....Jason Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....Joyce Rzodkiewicz

Sunday, December 1st at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Sophie Bleil
Lector 2.....Tim Fuhrman
Bowl 1.....Lorraine Bucklin
Bowl 2.....Ginny Fuhrman
Cup 1.....Candy Henry
Cup 2.....Marge Lefaiver
Cup 3.....Tim Lynch
Cup 4.....Sandi Matts
Altar Server.....Makayla Inthavong
Greeter.....Jane Chase
Greeter.....Mike Chase
AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling
CLW Leader.....TBD

Comedy Corner

What side dish tells the worst jokes?
Corn-y bread



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **November 17, 2024**

Envelopes returned:	69	\$ 3,722.00
Loose Change:		\$ 123.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 3,845.00



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




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**.



Thanksgiving Day Mass

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

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Nov. 11 was **Lydia Peters, grade 6**, who knew that a creed is a prayer that begins "I believe".

Harborcreek Community Thanksgiving Service

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be **TODAY 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.



Bulletin Deadlines

Please be aware that the publisher bulletin deadlines change during the busy holiday season. To assure your content makes it into the bulletin in a timely manner, please send your announcements to Katie **2 weeks before** the bulletin you want published in is published.

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**.



Book Group

Join us **Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 6:00 p.m.** at the home of Pat Marshall, 516 W. Eaglewood as we view "Cabrini". We will return to our books in January as we discuss In The Woods: Dublin Murder Squad #1 by Tana French.





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3 WEEKS UNTIL

A Merry Mercy Christmas

DECEMBER

SUNDAY | 15 | 2 - 6 p.m.

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH
837 BARTLETT RD.
HARBORCREEK, PA 16421

*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.



OUR LADY OF MERCY
DECEMBER 15, 2024

A Merry Mercy
CHRISTMAS

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MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional: # 468 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

Offertory: To You Who Bow
(on the following page...)

Communion: # 467 Jesus, the Lord

Recessional: # 589 O God Beyond All Praising

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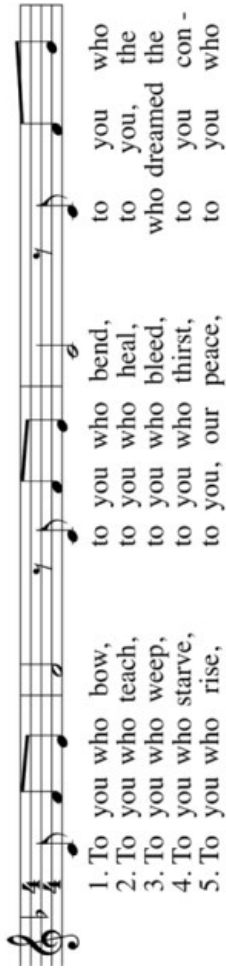


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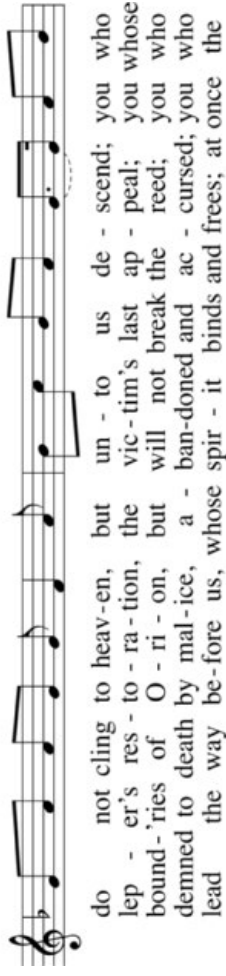
Our Heavenly Father,
We are thankful for all Your blessings,
goodness and mercy on us.
We are thankful for all the people in
our lives who make our life meaningful
and beautiful. Thank You for watching
over us and getting us all here safely.
Let Your blessings be upon everyone
here today. May we be protected and
all our prayers be answered.
In Jesus mighty name.
Amen

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

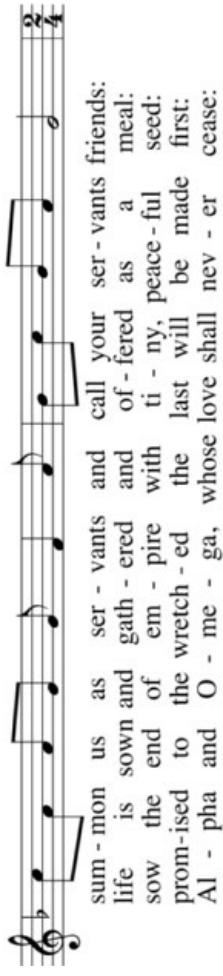
To You Who Bow



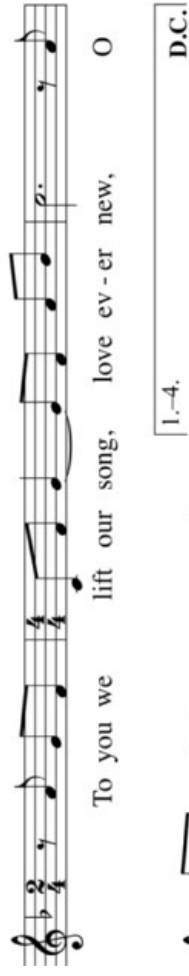
1. To you who bow, to you who bend, to you who
2. To you who teach, to you who heal, to you, the
3. To you who weep, to you who bleed, who dreamed the
4. To you who starve, to you who thirst, to you con-
5. To you who rise, to you, our peace, to you who



do not cling to heav-en, but un - to us de - scend; you who
lep - er's res - to - ra - tion, the vic - tim's last ap - peal; you whose
bound - ries of O - ri - on, but will not break the reed; you who
demned to death by mal-ice, a - ban-doned and ac - cursed; you who
lead the way be-fore us, whose spir - it binds and frees; at once the




sum - mon us as ser - vants and call your ser - vants friends:
life is sown and gath - ered and of - fered as a meal:
sow the end of em - pire with ti - ny, peace - ful seed:
prom-ised to the wretch - ed the last will be made first:
Al - pha and O - me - ga, whose love shall nev - er cease:



To you we lift our song, love ev - er new, O
1.-4. D.C.

God who bows, we sing our song to you.



5. you. O God who bows, we sing our song to you.

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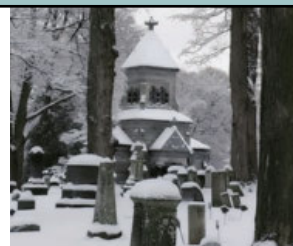
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City/Zip _____ Phone _____

____ Change of Address ____ Moving out of the Parish

____ New Parishioner

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