

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

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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

January 12, 2025 - The Baptism of the Lord

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 01/13	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Sophia's Circle SCC
	4:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
Tue. 01/14	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m.	Angels In Training SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Facilitator Meeting
Wed. 01/15	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 01/16	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	6:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 01/17		
Sat. 01/18	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 01/19	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 7-9
	10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

THE ROSARY IN A YEAR

If you've ever struggled to build a habit of prayer, **this podcast is for you.** In Ascension's Rosary in a Year podcast, Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, guides listeners in a step-by-step journey that will change the way you pray – no matter where you are in your spiritual life. By starting small and adding on over time, listeners will find themselves falling more in love with this powerful Marian devotion, becoming a source of grace for the whole world.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 01/13	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 01/14	8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 01/15	8:30 a.m.	Tish Szczesny (The Cottrell Family)
Thur. 01/16	8:30 a.m.	Audrey Kupniewski (Janice Chrizinowski)
Fri. 01/17	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 01/18	4:30 p.m.	Ross Owens (Gary & Diane)
Sun. 01/19	9:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM

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, January 18th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Glory Piovarcy
Bowl 1.....	Gerri Extein
Altar Server.....	Bill Matrogran
Greeter.....	Lisa Spelling
Greeter.....	Marilyn McDaniel

Sunday, January 19th at 9:30 a.m.

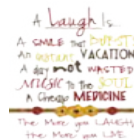
Lector 1.....	Maureen Brainard
Lector 2.....	Adriana Grosch
Bowl 1.....	Donna Schersten
Bowl 2.....	Teresa Shamburg
Cup 1.....	Chip Shamburg
Cup 2.....	John Skuce
Cup 3.....	Gary Smith
Cup 4.....	Rachel Still
Altar Server.....	Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....	Marilyn Garwig
Greeter.....	Tony Gilmore
AV Ministry.....	Ken Marshall
CLW.....	Rachel Still

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Due to holiday bulletin deadlines, the weekly financial support portion of the bulletin will not be available. If you have questions regarding weekly financial support amounts, please contact the Parish Office.

Comedy Corner

What is the Mexican dish that snowmen like?
A Burr-rito.

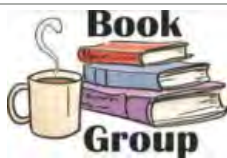


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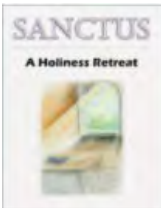


Book Group

Join us **Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Pat Marshall, 516 W. Eaglewood to discuss In The Woods: Dublin Murder Squad #1 by Tana French. Want to read ahead? Our February title will be Horse by Geraldine Brooks.



Sanctus



Make a New Year's resolution to get in better spiritual shape. Take a day to strengthen your walk with Christ. Make a Sanctus Retreat at OLM on **Saturday, March 1**. There is no cost. Meals are provided. But registration is required and space is limited. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin tables.

Questions? Contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.

Eucharist to the Homebound

Would you be willing to bring Christ to a member of our parish who is unable to join us due to age or illness? We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring the eucharist to the homebound. If you can assist, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.



Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Jan. 1 was **Isla Duda grade 2**, who knew that the magi brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to honor Jesus.

Theme Basket Auction for Faith Formation

Our spaghetti dinner and theme basket auction is just around the corner. If you received any gifts that you do not want to keep, donate them to our theme baskets. If you see a post-holiday sale that you can't pass up, give that deal to our fundraiser. We are looking for completed theme baskets, new items to place in baskets and large empty baskets to fill. All donations can be brought to the Faith Formation Office.



Need Communion?



If you are unable to join us on Sunday morning, let us bring the Eucharist to you. Contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132 to let us know of your need.

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.

Holy Moments A Time to Heal



Date: Monday, January 20, 2025
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.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for content submission for our February 2025 Edition of the For Mercy's Sake newsletter is **Sunday January 19th**. Please send all content to Katie in the Parish Office by emailing secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org




SANCTUS
March 1, 2025



Retreat! Step back from the hectic pace of life to spend a day with God. Give yourself the gift of time to hear afresh the story of God's great love, to renew your faith and deepen your walk with Christ.

Join us for prayer, reflection, sharing and renewal.

🍴 Meals are provided 🍴 There is no cost 🍴

To register, complete the bottom portion of this flier and return it to the RE Office or in the collection basket by Feb. 9.

Questions? Call Irene @ 814-899-6132
or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Space is limited

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Do you have any special needs?
Check All That Apply

Female Male

Married registering w/ Spouse Married registering alone

Single Divorced Separated Widowed

Catholic Non-Catholic



Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser
at Our Lady of Mercy Church

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2025
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Mercy Church
837 Bartlett Rd. Harborcreek, PA 16421

Presale Pricing
\$14 for full plate / \$8 for half plate

Door Sale Pricing
\$15 for full plate / \$9 for half plate

Sit down & take-out options are available

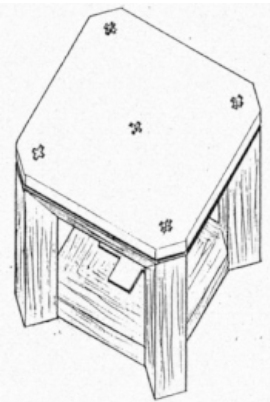
Purchase your tickets by January 30 for special pre-sale pricing!

Early Bird Takeout:
Served ready to heat on Saturday February 1

- Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Italian Bread
- or- Chicken Parmesan
- Cookies
- Refreshments
- Basket Raffle
- Salad

**A PRAYERFUL,
WELCOMING,
AND NURTURING
ENVIRONMENT**

THE LITURGICAL DESIGN
OF OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH



Sunday, January 26
10:30 A.M. (AFTER MASS)

PRESENTED BY
BRANDON VOGT

LIGHT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
IN SPERRY HALL

As we begin the Jubilee Year and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of our current worship space, we look back to one of more significant experiences in the life of any parish community: the process of building a church.

In early 1995, Our Lady of Mercy's Pastoral Council began to explore solutions to address the lack of adequate space for our liturgical needs. Our original church home, built in 1946, was built as a multi-purpose building and did not lend itself to implementing the liturgical directives of the Church as part of the vision of the Second Vatican Council.

Come and learn about how the architecture, furnishings, and works of art of our current worship space, dedicated in 2000, was inspired from the process of liturgical design.

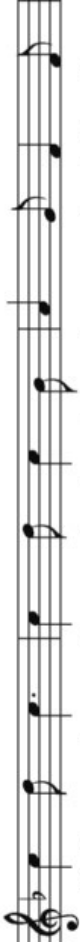
MUSIC FOR MASS

Preparation of the Gifts: Sing Praise to God

Processional: O Christ, the Sun of Light



1. O Christ, the Sun of light and grace, You bring the news of
2. We gath - er now from east and west To greet the world's most
3. O Christ, the shin - ing star of morn, In you the dawn of
- *4. From age to age your sav - ing light Has been our hope and
- **5. O Christ, the font of heav - en's grace, With love you bore the



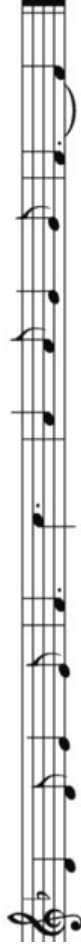
1. God's em - brace, You who shared in heav - en's might Be -
2. wel - come guest. Christ, the Lord, Em - man - u - el, Has
3. hope is born. Hear the prayers of peace, we pray To
4. heart's de - light. Christ, whose love out - shines the sun, Your
5. world's dis - grace. Ris - ing from the springs of birth of You



1. fore the world knew day or night.
2. come as one with us to dwell.
3. you who bring the last - ing day. } Sing we now in
4. ho - ly cross our glo - ry won.
5. wash a - way the sins of earth.



- 1-5. great ac - cord To Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.



- 1-5. Glo - ry in the high - est Now and ev - er - more!

Sing praise to God, who gave us Christ the Lord,
That all creation ever be restored.

Gloria! Gloria!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Give praise to Christ who walked upon the earth,
And through his life he gave us second birth. (Gloria...)

O praise the Spirit, gift of lasting peace.

As each year passes, may our love increase. (Gloria...)

Communion: # 785 Behold the Lamb

Recessional: # 303 Joy to the World (vs. 1, 2, 4)

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Membership Form

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Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

___ Change of Address ___ Moving out of the Parish

___ New Parishioner

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