

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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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 26, 2025 - The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 01/27	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	4:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
Tue. 01/28	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
Wed. 01/29	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctus Team Meeting
Thur. 01/30	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 01/31		
Sat. 02/01	9:00 a.m.	Cursillo Team Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 02/02		Casserole Club Drop-Off
	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2
	10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	11:00 a.m.	Spaghetti Dinner
	11:00 a.m.	Gr 7-9 Service Event

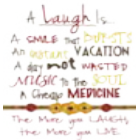
THE ROSARY IN A YEAR

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.



Comedy Corner

Why did the sled break up with the snowboard?
It was a downhill relationship.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 01/27	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 01/28	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Wed. 01/29	8:30 a.m.	Randy Martin (The Stephenson Family)
Thur. 01/30	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 01/31	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 02/01	4:30 p.m.	Gerry Stauffer (The Stauffer Family)
Sun. 02/02	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, February 1st at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Deb Barko
Bowl 1.....	Judy Iesue
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Joyce Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....	Jason Rzodkiewicz

Sunday, February 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Erica Erwin
Lector 2.....	Sophie Bliel
Bowl 1.....	Nick Heise
Bowl 2.....	Carole Peters
Cup 1.....	Ginny Fuhrman
Cup 2.....	Candy Henry
Cup 3.....	Tim Lynch
Cup 4.....	Tom Palisin
Altar Server.....	Zachery Henry
Greeter.....	Jane Chase
Greeter.....	Mike Chase
AV Ministry.....	Lisa Spelling
CLW.....	

MERCY MEMORIES

One of the major requirements for our new Church Building was to have a large Gathering Space. It was designed to be a place of welcome and transition from everyday life to the celebration of liturgy. It also allows us to be community in many ways such as socializing after Mass, gathering for funerals, and promoting our various ministries. See if you can find the Church Mouse in the Gathering Space.



We Remember...

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

In Loving Memory



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



Book Group

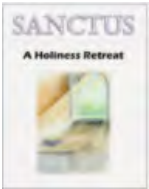
Join us **Wednesday, Feb. 19** at the home of Cheri Longua, 4512 North Woods Dr., to discuss Horse by Geraldine Brooks. Our March title will be The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Leftari.



Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Jan. 13 was **Lydia Peters, grade 4**, who could name some of the Corporal Works of Mercy.

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**.

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry is in need of new leaders. If you would be willing to help our young children to hear and reflect on the Word of God during the **9:30 Mass**, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**. CLW leaders need state clearances. Training will be provided.



Lenten Reflections

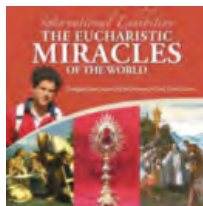


This Lent, we are inviting members of our parish to share their reflections on the daily Mass readings. You are asked to pick a week day reading and write a short reflection (no more than

3 paragraphs). These will be emailed to members of this community who sign up on FlockNotes to receive them. We have an incredible gift of wisdom in this community. As we share our insights and read the thoughts of others, our Lenten journey will be richly blessed. Sign up sheets and copies of the readings will be available in mid-February.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

The Eucharist Miracles Exhibit will be on display in Sperry Hall from **Monday 2/3 thru Sunday 2/16**. It is comprised of 160 panels that include beautiful images and detailed descriptions of the Eucharist Miracles that have occurred throughout the centuries in many countries around the world.



They were documented by Carlos Acutis, an Italian boy who will be canonized as the first millennial saint on April 27th at the Vatican. He was a web designer for his church and school, who cataloged the miracles on a website before he died of leukemia in 2006 at age 15. He will be known as the Patron Saint of the internet.

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. Please bring all donations to the Faith Formation Office by **Tuesday, Jan. 28**.

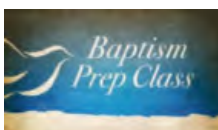


Eucharist to the Homebound

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 **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.



Parent Baptismal Prep Session



The next Parent Baptismal Preparation Session at OLM will be held on **Sunday, March 30 at 10:30 am**. These sessions are held semi-annually at OLM. The Diocese of Erie

asks all parents to attend a preparation session prior to scheduling their child's baptism. Please register by calling the parish office at **814-899-5342**.

Movie Night

Join us **Saturday, Feb. 8 at 5:30** in the Conference Room for a viewing of Cabrini. Feel free to bring a snack to share, but come with or without a snack.

Cabrini is the powerful epic of Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. Cabrini encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts, and sets off on a daring mission to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen. Cabrini explores the sexism and anti-Italian bigotry faced by Cabrini and others in New York City in the late 19th century.





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!

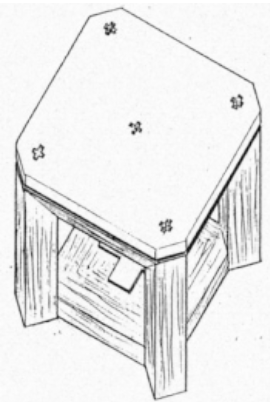
Early Bird Takeout:
Served ready to heat on Saturday February 1

- Spaghetti & Meatballs
- or- Chicken Parmesan
- Refreshments
- Salad

- Italian Bread
- Cookies
- Basket Raffle

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 THE GATHERING SPACE**

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

Processional: # 768 Gather Your People

Preparation of the Gifts: You Have Anointed Me
(on opposite page)

Communion: # 793 One Bread, One Body

Recessional: # 812 Take the Word of God With You

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You Have Anointed Me

Verse 1

1. To bring glad tid - ings to the low - ly, to

heal the bro - ken heart, You have a - noint - ed

me. To pro - claim lib - er - ty to cap - tives, re -

lease to pris - on - ers, You have a - noint - ed me.

Refrain

Your Spir - it, O God, is up - on me,

You have a - noint - ed me.

Verse 2

2. To an - nounce a year of fa - vor, to

com - fort those who mourn, You have a - noint - ed

me. To give to them the oil of glad - ness, and

share a man - tle of joy, You have a - noint - ed me. D.S.

Text: Mike Balhoff, b.1946, Gary Daigle, b.1957, Darryl Ducoite, b.1945
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OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____ 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.



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