

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

February 2, 2025 - The Presentation of the Lord

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 02/03	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
	7:00 p.m.	KofC Chapter Meeting
Tue. 02/04	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6
Wed. 02/05	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council
	8:30 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation
Thur. 02/06	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
Fri. 02/07	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Sat. 02/08	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:30 p.m.	The Showing of: Cabrini
Sun. 02/09	10:30 a.m.	Family Faith Event Gr K-2
	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr 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, February 8th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Tom Camillo
Bowl 1.....	Carol Stauffer
Altar Server.....	Bill Matrogran
Greeter.....	Lisa Spelling
Greeter.....	Rochelle Edwards

Sunday, February 9th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Maria Carney
Lector 2.....	Tim Fuhrman
Bowl 1.....	Brian Meyer
Bowl 2.....	Ed Meyer
Cup 1.....	Karen Meyer
Cup 2.....	Marlene Meyer
Cup 3.....	Chris Morealli
Cup 4.....	Greg Morealli
Altar Server.....	Makayla Inthavong
Greeter.....	Jill Henry
Greeter.....	Baileigh Bleil
AV Ministry.....	Ken Marshall
CLW.....	

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.



MERCY MEMORIES

Another primary requirement for our new church building is “seating in the round” for the worship space. Our layout allows all participants to be in close proximity to the altar while allowing visibility to each other. This promotes active personal participation in the liturgy and unity for the congregation.



Comedy Corner

How does the groundhog know when to look for his shadow?
They tell him to gopher it.



We Remember...

Linda Giovanini, sister in law of Judy Mitcheltree who passed away recently. Please hold her, and her family in prayer during this difficult time.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 02/03	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 02/04	8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 02/05	8:30 a.m.	Millie Herrmann (Family)
Thur. 02/06	8:30 a.m.	Chris Plonski (Barb Jones)
Fri. 02/07	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Sat. 02/08	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 02/09	9:30 a.m.	Tish Szczesny (Cillessen/Farese Family)



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.

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 FlockNote 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.

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**.

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Jan. 20 was **Brooke Ducharme, grade 3**, who knew that Daniel is one of the prophets in the Bible.

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. **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.

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.

Sunday Morning *C*A*F*E*

Sunday, Feb. 16 @ 10:45 *Guarding the Digital Frontiers: Protecting Your Cyber World in the Modern Age*. Join us for an engaging session where we explore the critical importance of cybersecurity in today's interconnected world. Learn about the latest threats, including malware, phishing, and ransomware, and discover practical strategies to protect your data, devices, and personal information. From mastering strong passwords and leveraging multi-factor authentication to understanding the power and risks of AI in cybersecurity, this talk provides actionable insights to stay safe online. Whether you're an individual or an organization, this session will equip you with the tools and knowledge to navigate the digital age securely. Don't miss this opportunity to fortify your digital defenses! Presenter: **Dr. Christopher Mansour**. Christopher Mansour is the founding member and Chair of the Computing and Information Science Department at Mercyhurst University, where he has been developing and teaching the Cybersecurity program for six years. He holds a Ph.D. in Engineering with a concentration in Cyber Security and a Master of Science in Computer Engineering from Villanova University.

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. Harborscreek, 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

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments



Digital Dating Abuse can be defined as “a pattern of behaviors that control, pressure, or threaten a dating partner using a cell phone or the internet.” One quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year report that they’d been the victim of digital dating abuse. So, what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their child about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask your child what they are doing online and then really **listen** to why they like or don’t like what’s going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great online dating tips can be found at www.cyberwise.org. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit www.eriecld.org/childprotection/



25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Come celebrate 25 years of the dedication of our Church Building!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

6:00p.m. Mass
Bishop Persico, president

followed by an hors d'oeuvre reception

if you plan to attend the reception, please RSVP to Cheri Longua
cilongua@gmail.com or (814) 464-4832 by March 24

December Stewardship

We are grateful for your continued generosity and support. **Every contribution** helps to ensure that our parish can continue its important work. If you would like to set up online giving, please contact our office for assistance.

	Offertory	YTD Offertory	Budgeted
Electronic Envelopes	\$12,993.62	\$77,581.46	\$94,521.50
Regular Envelopes	\$19,091.53	\$98,670.98	\$87,500.00
Total	\$32,085.15	\$176,252.44	\$182,021.50
Difference			(\$5,769.06)

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

at the 9:30 a.m. Mass



All assemble in Sperry Hall. While the candles are being lit, the following antiphon is sung.

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Be-hold, our Lord will come with pow'r, to en-light-en
the eyes of his ser-vants, al-le-lu-ia.

GREETING AND BLESSING OF CANDLES

PROCESSION

Deacon: Let us go in peace to meet the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional: Cantic of Simeon

The refrain (*Christ is the light of all the nations*) is sung repeatedly during the procession

Refrain
Christ is the light of all the na-tions and the glo-ry of his peo-ple is-ra-el.

Verses
1. Now, Lord, you have kept your word: let your ser-vant go in peace.
2. With my own eyes I have seen the sal-va-tion which has been prepared in the sight of us all.
3. A light to re-veal you to the na-tions and the glo-ry of your peo-ple is-ra-el.

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631 Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem

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Membership Form

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Address _____

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___ 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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