

# 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  
Katie Stephenson, Administrative Assistant  
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Daytime Prayer Line (Donna): 814-899-9108  
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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 16, 2025 - The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit [ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

<b>Mon. 02/17</b>	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
<b>Tue. 02/18</b>	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
	6:00 p.m.	Family Faith Formation
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
<b>Wed. 02/19</b>	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	6:30 p.m.	Cursillo GR
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
<b>Thur. 02/20</b>	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Fri. 02/21</b>	<b>CURSILLO WEEKEND</b>	
<b>Sat. 02/22</b>	<b>CURSILLO WEEKEND</b>	
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 02/23</b>	<b>CURSILLO WEEKEND</b>	
	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, February 22nd at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Bob Cline
Bowl 1.....	Gerri Extein
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter.....	Colton Wuerstle

### Sunday, February 23rd at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Chris Morealli
Lector 2.....	Chrissy Saber
Bowl 1.....	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2.....	Steve Brainard
Cup 1.....	Rachel Still
Cup 2.....	Karen Sweeney
Cup 3.....	Erica Taccone
Cup 4.....	Joann Collins
Altar Server.....	Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....	Paul Sacco
Greeter.....	Patty Sacco
AV Ministry.....	Lisa Spelling
CLW.....	Rachel Still

## 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

Did you know that our altar has sacred relics placed in its base. They are capped by a cross form in the same stone as the altar table top. The Relics are of Saint Beatrix and Saint Serena who are female martyrs and of Saint Pius X whom is known for his encouragement of liturgical renewal.



## We Remember...

**Shirley May**, mother of Tim May & **Joseph Campbell**, brother-in-law of Patty Campbell and uncle of Amanda Durst; who passed away recently.

*In Loving Memory*

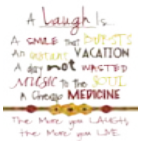
Please hold them, and their families in prayer during this difficult time.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 02/17</b>	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
<b>Tue. 02/18</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Richard Cuba</b> (The Stauffer Family)
<b>Wed. 02/19</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Audrey Kupniewski</b> (Janice Chriznowski)
<b>Thur. 02/20</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Robert Jones</b> (Barb Jones)
<b>Fri. 02/21</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Dr. Loren Prichard</b> (Family)
<b>Sat. 02/22</b>	4:30 p.m.	<b>Gerri Gallagher</b> (Family)
<b>Sun. 02/23</b>	9:30 a.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>

## Comedy Corner

Sometimes February feels like it will last forever...  
But time Marches on.

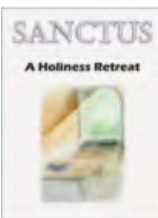


Please join our "flock" by signing up at [olmharborcreek.flocknote.com](http://olmharborcreek.flocknote.com) or using the QR code provided.



## 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

Prepare for Lent! 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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or 814-899-6132.

## 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](mailto: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.

## The Gospel of John: The Book of Signs

The Gospel of John is written with a lyrical and mystical beauty. Unlike the other gospels, John does not rush the reader from one miraculous moment in the life of Jesus to the next. Instead, John offers 7 carefully selected "signs" that point to profound truths. Each week of this Lenten study, we will explore one of those signs and what it reveals for the disciple who is journeying with Christ toward the cross. This 6-week Lenten study will be offered twice, Thursday morning **March 6-April 10 from 9:30-10:30** and Saturday after the Vigil Mass **5:30-6:30**. No registration required, no books except the Bible. Participants are free to move between sessions depending on their schedule



## Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Feb. 3 was **Levi Gilchrist, grade 4**, who knew that the Great Command is "Love God with all your heart, mind and strength and love your neighbor as yourself."

## 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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or 814-899-6132 to let us know of your need.



## Sunday Morning \*C\*A\*F\*E\*

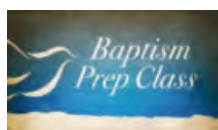
**Sunday, Feb. 16 @ 10:45** *Guarding the Digital Frontiers: Protecting Your Cyber World in the Modern Age*. Join us for an engaging session where we explore the critical importance of cybersecurity in today's interconnected world. Learn about the latest threats, including malware, phishing, and ransomware, 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.

## OLM Men's Softball League

It's almost softball season. Are you looking to get some good exercise in the spring? Join the OLM men's softball league. Ages 16-?...everyone is welcome. It's a good time for fellowship. Please join us! For information, call Mike Bleil 814-528-1132 or Ken Bleil 814-806-4675.



## Parent Baptismal Prep Session



The next Parent Baptismal Preparation Session at OLM will be held on **Sunday, March 30 at 10:30 a.m.** 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.



## 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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

**Space is limited**

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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



## 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  
[cllongua@gmail.com](mailto:cllongua@gmail.com) or (814) 464-4832 by March 24

### 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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or 814-899-6132.

### Got Quilt Squares?

If your family took a quilt square to decorate and hang as part of our Parish Quilt in the worship space, please return the decorated square to the parish office at your earliest convenience.



## Sunday Morning \*C\*A\*F\*E\*

### Sunday, Feb. 16 @ 10:30

JOIN US FOR FRESH BREWED COFFEE, HOMEMADE TREATS AND AN INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION.



**TITLE:**  
**GUARDING THE DIGITAL FRONTIERS: PROTECTING YOUR CYBER WORLD IN THE MODERN AGE**

**Summary:**  
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In addition to his academic work, Christopher served as a technical committee member and reviewer for several international conferences and as an assistant editor for the Cybersecurity Skills Journal. He is also a member of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).



# MUSIC FOR MASS

Communion: # 665 Center of My Life

Processional: # 709 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

## Preparation of the Gifts: O How Blessed

**Verses**

1. O how blessed are the poor in spir - it, the  
2. O how blessed are the meek and low - ly, for  
3. O how blessed are the pure of heart, for  
4. O how blessed those who fight for peace, the

1. king - dom of God is theirs. O how blessed those who  
2. they shall pos - sess the earth. O how blessed those who  
3. they shall be - hold God's face. O how blessed those who  
4. chil - dren of God are they. O how blessed those de -

1. dwell in sor - row, they sure - ly will be con - soled.  
2. thirst for jus - tice, they sure - ly will have their fill.  
3. mend with mer - cy, for - give - ness is their re - ward.  
4. spised and hat - ed, who bear it be - cause of me.

**Refrain**

Re - joice and be glad, be - loved of the Lord, the  
king - dom of heav - en is yours. The first shall be last, the  
last shall be first, for such is the wis - dom of God.

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Recessional: A Rightful Place

**Refrain**

Let us live our lives so that all might see that our  
hearts are rest - less till they rest in thee. Let us  
build your king - dom in truth and grace so that  
all might know they have a right - ful place.

**Verses**

1. Beau - ty ev - er an - cient and new,  
2. To gath - er in your pres - ence we came

1. break - ing through our deaf - ness so we hear you.  
2. to be one in spir - it, in truth and name;

1. Shat - ter - ing the dark - ness of night, a new dawn is ris -  
2. strength - ened by the bod - y of Christ, 7 tak - ing up the  
to Refrain  
1. - ing to bring your light to all the world.  
2. call now to share your light with all the world.

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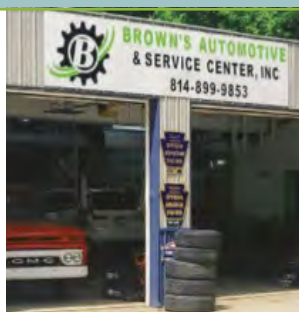
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*Membership Form*

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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