

# 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  
Katie Stephenson, Administrative Assistant  
Sue Berdis, Business Administrator  
Kirk Mientkiewicz, Maintenance Coordinator  
Brandon Vogt, Director of Music and Liturgy  
Nick Heise, Parish Impact Coordinator

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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

February 23, 2025 - The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

<b>Mon. 02/24</b>	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	4:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
<b>Tue. 02/25</b>	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.	Sanctus Team Meeting
<b>Wed. 02/26</b>	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
<b>Thur. 02/27</b>	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	12:00 p.m.	Hallelujah Girls SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
<b>Fri. 02/28</b>		
<b>Sat. 03/01</b>	8:30 a.m.	Sanctus Retreat
	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 03/02</b>	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-1 & 7-9
	10:30 a.m.	First Reconciliation
		Retreat
	10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

## 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, March 1st at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Glory Piovarcy
Bowl 1.....	Jim Peters
Altar Server.....	Bill Matrogran
Greeter.....	Jason Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....	Joyce Rzodkiewicz

### Sunday, March 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Chip Shamburg
Lector 2.....	Rachel Still
Bowl 1.....	Nick Heise
Bowl 2.....	Carole Peters
Cup 1.....	Ginny Fuhrman
Cup 2.....	Candy Henry
Cup 3.....	Tim Lynch
Cup 4.....	Donna Schersten
Altar Server.....	Madden Inthavong
Greeter.....	Jane Chase
Greeter.....	Mike Chase
AV Ministry.....	Ken Marshall
CLW.....	Sally Donikowski

## 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

Our Altar is the central focus of our worship space. It offers a simple and square construction without surrounding barriers such as steps. The altar top is called the mensa and is made of solid stone signifying permanence. Four crosses cut into the corners of the stone represent the four corners of the earth with an additional cross in the middle marking Christ as the center. The four large wooden legs are symbolic of the four Evangelist....Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.



## We Remember...

**Ben Markiewicz**, father of Sue Felice  
& **Mike Baker**, brother of Teresa Shamburg;  
who passed away recently.

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

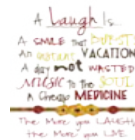


## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 02/24</b>	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
<b>Tue. 02/25</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Justin Raydo</b> (Greg & Ann Badach)
<b>Wed. 02/26</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>John McAnulty</b> (Marge & Dave Lefaver)
<b>Thur. 02/27</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Ross Owens</b> (Carol Rogers)
<b>Fri. 02/28</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Jack Case</b> (Family)
<b>Sat. 03/01</b>	4:30 p.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>
<b>Sun. 03/02</b>	9:30 a.m.	<b>Ray Simpson</b> (Candy Henry)

## Comedy Corner

Why does coffee always taste better in the second month of the year?  
It's Feb-BREW-ary!

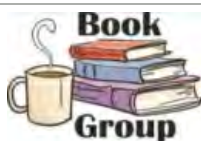


Please join our "flock" by signing up at [olmharborcreek.flocknote.com](http://olmharborcreek.flocknote.com) or using the QR code provided.



### Book Group

Join us **Wednesday, March 12** to discuss The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Leftari.



### 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 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.



### 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.

### 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.



### Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Feb. 10 was **Falynn Baker, grade 4**, who knew that a mortal sin is a serious sin that we do knowing that it is wrong.

### 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.



### 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 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**.



### 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**.



# 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

6:00p.m. Mass

Bishop Persico, presider

followed by an hors d'oeuvre reception

if you plan to attend the reception,  
please RSVP to Cheri Longua

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

# MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional: The Master Came to Bring Good News



1. The Mas - ter came to bring good news, The
2. The Law's ful - filled through Je - sus Christ, The
3. To seek the sin - ners Lord, as we for - give came, To
4. For - give us, Lord, as we for - give And



news of love and free - dom, To heal the sick and  
man who lived for oth - ers, The law of Christ is:  
live a - mong the friend - less, To show them love that  
seek to help each oth - er. For - give us, Lord, and



seek the poor, To build the peace - ful king - dom.  
Serve in love Our sis - ters and our broth - ers.  
They might share The king - dom that is end - less.  
we shall live To pray and work to - geth - er.



Fa - ther, for - give us! Through Je - sus hear us!



As we for - give one an - oth - er!

Preparation of the Gifts:  
#702 Prayer of St. Francis

Communion: # 785 Behold the Lamb

Recessional: # 575 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

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City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Change of Address \_\_\_ Moving out of the Parish

\_\_\_ New Parishioner

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