

# 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  
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Irene Lucas, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation  
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Kirk Mientkiewicz, Maintenance Coordinator  
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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

March 9, 2025 - The 1st Sunday of Lent

# THE WEEK AHEAD

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

<b>Mon. 03/10</b>	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	4:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
<b>Tue. 03/11</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
	5:00 p.m.	First Eucharist Parent Meeting
<b>Wed. 03/12</b>	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
<b>Thur. 03/13</b>	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	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. 03/14</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Sat. 03/15</b>	9:00 a.m.	Cursillo Team Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
<b>Sun. 03/16</b>	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2
	10:30 a.m.	Gr 7 & 8 Retreat
	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Interviews
	10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 03/10</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>- No Mass -</b>
<b>Tue. 03/11</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Justin Raydo</b> (Gerry & Sandy Raydo)
<b>Wed. 03/12</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Chet Widomski</b> (John Abbate)
<b>Thur. 03/13</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Lisa Baronner</b> (Fred & Kay Kaerberlein)
<b>Fri. 03/14</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Sat. 03/15</b>	4:30 p.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>
<b>Sun. 03/16</b>	9:30 a.m.	<b>Elaine Brady</b> (The Kaerberlein Family)

## 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 15th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Tom Camillo
Bowl 1.....	Carol Stauffer
Altar Server.....	Rochelle Edwards
Greeter.....	Christine Stroker
Greeter.....	Marilyn McDaniel

### Sunday, March 16th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Reagan Andrews
Lector 2.....	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 1.....	Chris Morealli
Bowl 2.....	Greg Morealli
Cup 1.....	Kathy Pearson
Cup 2.....	Chip Shamburg
Cup 3.....	John Sukec
Cup 4.....	Rachel Still
Altar Server.....	Makayla Inthavong
Greeter.....	Marilyn Garwig
Greeter.....	Tony Gilmore
AV Ministry.....	Lisa Spelling
CLW.....	Rachel Still

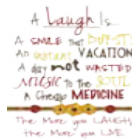
## MERCY MEMORIES

Did you know the 12th Station of the Cross is the crucifix from our original Church Building. A parishioner renovated the crucifix before being installed in its current location.



## Comedy Corner

I was going to give up lunch meat for Lent...  
But I just couldn't quit cold turkey.

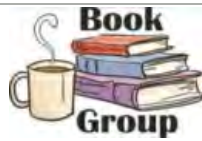


Please join our "flock" by signing up at [olmharborcreek.flocknote.com](http://olmharborcreek.flocknote.com) or using the QR code provided.



### Book Group

Join us **Wednesday, March 12 @ 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Pat Marshall, 516 W. Eaglewood Dr., to discuss The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Leftari. Our April title will be Maybe You Should Talk To Someone by Lori Gottlieb.



### Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Feb. 24 was **Luca Burick, grade 4**, who knew that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

### Lenten Reflections



If you would like to receive the weekly reflections written by parishioners this Lent, be sure to click that group on your Flocknote account. The first reflection will be sent on **Monday, March 10.**

### 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.

### Liturgical Minister Schedule



Liturgical Ministers please send your conflicts for the April-May schedule to Katie no later than **Sunday March 16.** Any conflicts sent after this date can not be guaranteed to be met on the upcoming schedule.

### 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.



### 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.**

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



### Grief Support



During Lent, we reflect on the cross of Christ. Our lives also require the carrying of a cross. The loss of a loved one may be the heaviest cross of all. But like Simon, we can ease the burden for one another. All are invited to the monthly gathering of the Grief Support group on **Monday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.** This is open to all; you don't need to belong to OLM.

### Lenten Pastus Series

Our Lenten Pastus begins on **Wednesday, March 19** with a simple soup supper at **6:00** followed by a speaker at **6:30** in Sperry Hall. Our first presenter is Fr. Michael Kesicki. Until You Come Again: Reflections on the Last Things A summary of the Church's teaching on the Second Coming of Christ and the Teaching on Heaven, Hell and Purgatory. What does the Church believe and how do we carry this out in life and worship? Fr. Michael Kesicki is University Chaplain at Gannon University and has taught there since 1997. He worked in seminary formation at St. Mark Seminary until 2022 and currently is in residence at St. Peter Cathedral. In addition to his pastoral ministry to the Gannon community and at the Cathedral parish, he teaches courses in philosophy, theology, and foreign language.



### 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.







**25TH ANNIVERSARY  
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**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  
clongua@gmail.com or (814) 464-4832 by March 24

## THE SEASON OF LENT

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent  
7:00 p.m.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday Evening  
March 12  
6:00 p.m.

### LENTEN PASTUS

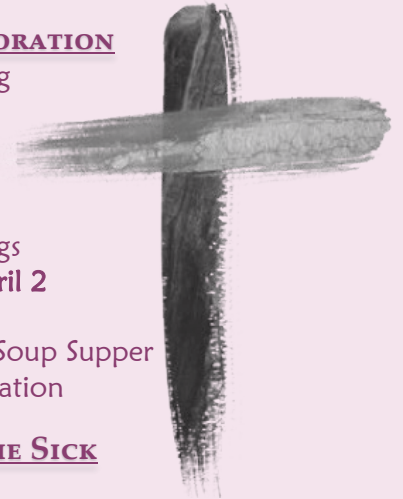
Wednesday Evenings  
March 19, 26 & April 2  
6:00 p.m. - Prayer  
6:10 p.m. - Simple Soup Supper  
6:30 p.m. - Presentation

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

March 15 & 16  
All Weekend Masses

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

March 10  
6:00 p.m.



# The Book of Signs ~ The Gospel of John

## A Lenten Scripture Study



**Thursday, Mar. 6 thru Apr. 10**  
**9:30-10:30 a.m.**

**OR**

**Saturday, Mar. 8 thru Apr. 12**  
**5:30-6:30 p.m.**



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# MUSIC FOR MASS

Communion:  
# 533 Remember Your Love

Processional:  
# 351 Led By the Spirit

Recessional:  
From Ashes to the Living Font

Preparation of the Offerings:  
Tree of Life

REFRAIN *All*

Turn our hearts, turn our minds, make us branch-es hold-ing  
fast to the vine. Pa-tient Keep - er, draw us  
to your ten-der mer-cy, Tree of Life.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, accessible style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

VERSES *Cantor*

1. We re - mem - ber we are mor - tal, breath of  
2. We are sin - ful, we are pride - ful. We have  
3. As we trav - el on our jour - ney take our

1. God but of the earth. Through the des - ert we must  
2. all gone a - stray. Deep with - in us we are  
3. hearts and make them new. Je - sus walked this road be -

To Refrain

1. trav - el, tast - ing hun - ger, know - ing thirst.  
2. need - ful of a clean heart day by day.  
3. fore us as our God, but hu - man, too.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the verses, followed by a section labeled 'To Refrain'. The notation is similar to the refrain, with lyrics written below. The lyrics are: '1. We re - mem - ber we are mor - tal, breath of / 2. We are sin - ful, we are pride - ful. We have / 3. As we trav - el on our jour - ney take our'. The second section has lyrics: '1. God but of the earth. Through the des - ert we must / 2. all gone a - stray. Deep with - in us we are / 3. hearts and make them new. Je - sus walked this road be -'. This is followed by the refrain: '1. trav - el, tast - ing hun - ger, know - ing thirst. / 2. need - ful of a clean heart day by day. / 3. fore us as our God, but hu - man, too.'

1. From ashes to the living font  
Your Church must journey, Lord,  
Baptized in grace, in grace renewed  
By your most holy word.

2. Through fasting, prayer, and charity  
Your voice speaks deep within,  
Returning us to ways of truth  
And turning us from sin.

3. From desert to the mountaintop  
In Christ our way we see,  
So, tempered by temptation's might  
We might transfigured be.

4. From ashes to the living font  
Your Church must journey still,  
Through cross and tomb to Easter joy,  
In Spiritfire fulfilled.

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

\_\_\_ New Parishioner

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