

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
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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

March 16, 2025 - The 2nd Sunday of Lent

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 03/17	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.	Grief Support Group
Tue. 03/18	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
Wed. 03/19	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	6:00 p.m.	Pastus - Prayer
	6:10 p.m.	Pastus - Soup Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Pastus - Presentation
	7:30 p.m.	Cursillo Set Up
Thur. 03/20	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Sister Parish Committee
Fri. 03/21		CURSILLO WEEKEND
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat. 03/22		CURSILLO WEEKEND
	9:00 a.m.	Spring Clean Up Event
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Sun. 03/23		CURSILLO WEEKEND
	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2



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 22nd at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Clara Camillo
Bowl 1.....	Rochelle Edwards
Altar Server.....	Bill Matrogran
Greeter.....	Jason Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....	Joyce Rzodkiewicz

Sunday, March 23rd at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Nathan Henry
Lector 2.....	Adriana Grosch
Bowl 1.....	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2.....	Steve Brainard
Cup 1.....	Karen Sweeney
Cup 2.....	Erica Taccone
Cup 3.....	Joann Collins
Cup 4.....	Nick Heise
Altar Server.....	Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....	Paul Sacco
Greeter.....	Patty Sacco
AV Ministry.....	Ken Marshall
CLW.....	Sally Donikowski

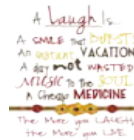
MERCY MEMORIES

On the north, south, east, and west indoor walls of our Church, there are small metal crosses called "consecration crosses". They mark the points where the church building was anointed with holy oil during the dedication on April 9, 2000. This signifies the sanctity of the space and presence of God throughout the building.



Comedy Corner

I'm giving up spreadsheets for forty days. Excel Lent.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 03/17	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 03/18	8:30 a.m.	Analida Braeger (Tom Braeger)
Wed. 03/19	8:30 a.m.	Audrey Kupniewski (Daniel & Mary Ann Tempestini)
Thur. 03/20	8:30 a.m.	Ross Owens (Carol Rogers)
Fri. 03/21	8:30 a.m.	Girolama Abbate (John Abbate)
Sat. 03/22	4:30 p.m.	Leo Bliley (Angels In Training SCC)
Sun. 03/23	9:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM



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



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 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.

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.



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.**

Pilgrimage Through The Symbols of Holy Week

Are you looking for a way to experience the celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter with fresh eyes and a deeper appreciation? Join us on **Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.** for a unique and engaging experience that will help the rituals of Holy Week come alive. This is an interactive event. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a wine glass. This is open to everyone, so invite friends.



Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of March 4 was **Veda Irvin, grade 1**, who knew that we give up eating meat on Fridays during Lent.

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



Our first soup supper and speaker will be this Wednesday, March 19. Join us at 6:00 in Sperry Hall for a short prayer followed by a homemade soup supper. The

speaker will begin at **6:30** in Sperry Hall. Our series begins with "Until You Come Again: Reflections on the Last Thingsj" by Fr. Michael Kesicki. Fr. Kesicki serves the Gannon community as both a professor and a chaplain. In his talk, he will explore the teaching of the Catholic Church on heaven, hell and purgatory.

Book Group

Our April title will be Maybe You Should Talk To Someone by Lori Gottlieb.



OLM SPRING CLEANING

Let's come together to take care of our beautiful church. Join us for a day of spring cleaning!

MARCH 22

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Feel free to bring your own cleaning supplies.



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
 cilongua@gmail.com or (814) 464-4832 by March 24

BASKET & CASH BINGO!

With a basket raffle, food, and lot's of fun!

April 12, 2025 11 am -3 pm. (Doors open at 10 am)	Sperry Hall at Our Lady of Mercy Church 837 Bartlett Rd Harborcreek, Pa	Basket raffle, food, friends, & lot's of laughs
This is the 2025 youth mission trip fundraiser for CHWC	10 Parishes have come together to serve this year!	Where: Bowling Green, KY June 29 - July 5
Tickets are \$20 for 12 games of unimaginable fun!	For tickets please call 814-392-6517 or stop in at the O.L.M. office	May God bless you abundantly!

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.

PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE SYMBOLS OF HOLY WEEK

April 16
7:00 p.m.



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.



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 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 or 814-899-6132

January & February 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	\$24,203.47	\$101,784.93	\$123,605.04
Regular Envelopes	\$33,131.41	\$131,802.39	\$114,423.08
Total	\$57,334.88	\$233,587.32	\$238,028.12
Difference			(\$4,440.80)

MUSIC FOR MASS

Preparation of the Offerings:
824 Christ, Be Our Light

Processional:
We Remember

Musical notation for the processional 'We Remember'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The lyrics are: We re - mem - ber how you loved us to your death, and still we cel - e - brate, for you are with us here; and we be - lieve that we will see you when you come in your glo - ry, Lord. We re - mem - ber, we cel - e - brate, we be - lieve.

Communion:
726 Transfigure Us, O Lord

Recessional:
From Ashes to the Living Font

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.

1. Here, a million wounded souls
are yearning just to touch you and be healed.
Gather all your people,
and hold them to your heart. (*We remember...*)
2. See the face of Christ revealed
in ev'ry person standing by your side,
Gift to one another,
and temples of your love. (*We remember...*)

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Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

___ Change of Address ___ Moving out of the Parish

___ New Parishoner

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