

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.



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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 23, 2025 - The 3rd Sunday of Lent

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 03/24	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	4:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
Tue. 03/25	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m.	Angels in Training SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Fireside Chatters 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.	VBS Planning Meeting
Wed. 03/26	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Pastus - Prayer
	6:10 p.m.	Pastus - Soup Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Pastus - Presentation
Thur. 03/27	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	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
Fri. 03/28	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat. 03/29	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Sun. 03/30	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 7-8
	10:30 a.m.	Baptismal Prep Class
	1:30 p.m.	Confirmation Practice
	2:30 p.m.	Confirmation Penance Service



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 03/24	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 03/25	8:30 a.m.	Shirley May (John Abbate)
Wed. 03/26	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (Family)
Thur. 03/27	8:30 a.m.	Jack Case (Family)
Fri. 03/28	8:30 a.m.	Dorothy Kraus (Ann & Greg Badach)
Sat. 03/29	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 03/30	9:30 a.m.	Dorothy Barbarini (Vera Powell 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 29th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Bob Cline
Bowl 1.....	Todd Beckes
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Lisa Spelling
Greeter.....	Rochelle Edwards

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

Lector 1.....	Erica Erwin
Lector 2.....	Joann Collins
Bowl 1.....	Carole Peters
Bowl 2.....	Ginny Fuhrman
Cup 1.....	Candy Henry
Cup 2.....	Tim Lynch
Cup 3.....	Pat Marshall
Cup 4.....	Ken Marshall
Altar Server.....	Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....	Mike Chase
Greeter.....	Jane Chase
AV Ministry.....	Adam Baker
CLW.....	Scott Gotham

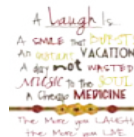
MERCY MEMORIES



The ambo is where our scriptures and homily are proclaimed in our worship space. It carries a similar design as the altar. Three column-like supports rise to the stone reading mensa. Here, the Word is reflected in its trinitarian nature in the creation, life, and spirit of the proclaimed Word. The design of the altar and ambo bear a harmonious and close relationship to one another, in order to emphasize the close relationship between word and Eucharist.

Comedy Corner

How do we know that Peter was a successful fisherman?
By his net income.



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.

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.

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**



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.

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of March 10 was **Logan Taccone, grade 6**, who knew that the 4 Gospels are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

THE SEASON OF LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent
7:00 p.m.

LENTEN PASTUS

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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

April 10
6:00 p.m.

PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE SYMBOLS OF HOLY WEEK

April 16
7:00 p.m.



Lenten Pastus

Our soup suppers and speakers will continue this **Wednesday, March 26**. 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. Fr. David Renne will present "That the Mother of My Lord Should Appear to Me". Despite numerous claims of an appearance by Mary, only 16 have been deemed worthy of belief by the Church. Fr. Renne will unpack the process that the Church uses to evaluate claims of Marian apparitions. He will also look at several of those which have had the greatest impact on the Catholic faithful. Fr. Renne is an instructor of theology at Gannon University while also ministering as the vice-rector of St. Mark seminary.



Book Group



Join us on **Wednesday, April 23** to discuss Maybe You Should Talk To Someone by Lori Gottlieb. Our May title will be The Autumn of Ruth Winters by Marshall Fine.

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.





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
clongua@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!

OUR LADY OF MERCY BUS TRIP TO NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



Spend some time with our Blessed Mother this May!

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston, NY has been a place of natural beauty, art, communal prayer, and renewal to thousands who visit the unique buildings and grounds each year.

National Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima - Fifteen acres of gardens are highlighted by an awe-inspiring glass Dome Basilica topped by a beautiful 13-foot granite statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Two flights of stairs, with 63 steps, lead to the top of the Dome. From there, visitors can view the entire Shrine grounds and surrounding countryside.

The Avenue of the Saints - Over one hundred thirty life-size marble statues represent saints from every race and walk of life.

Giant Rosary - In front of the Basilica is a giant Rosary, one of the largest outdoor rosaries in the world. The heart-shaped Rosary Pool symbolizes Mary's Immaculate Heart, and offers a haven for reflection and prayer. Around the giant Rosary are life-size statues of the Apostles.

The Bell Tower - 48 feet tall, was built during the 25th Anniversary Year, 1981, and includes the statuary group of Our Lady of Fatima and the three children.

Numerous chapels and shrines, including a meditation garden. <https://fatimashrine.com>

The Fatima Gift and Book Shop includes a large selection of Nativity sets, crucifixes, rosaries, Catholic jewelry, Bibles, prayer books, music, videotapes, CDs, Children's Bibles and books, and titles on Scripture, Prayer, Our Lady, Spirituality and Theology.

ITINERARY:


- Bus will depart from OLM at 8:30 am.
- Stop at **Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA** for lunch/shopping 10:30 – 12:30 pm. (See <https://www.fashionoutletsofniagara.com> for online directory of stores & dining)
- Arrive at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine at 1 pm.
- Guided tour of the Basilica at 1:30 pm.
- Self-Guided tour of the grounds 2 – 4 p.m.
- Mass at 4 pm at the Basilica.
- Gift Shop is open till 5:00 pm.
- Depart for home at 6:00 pm.
- Stop for dinner at Interstate Rest Area with Multiple Food Options.
- Arrive back at OLM by 9:00 pm.

IMPORTANT:

- A Sign-up Sheet will be in the Gathering Space.
- **Space is limited, so reserve your spot soon.**
- Cost is \$65 per person. Lunch and dinner will be on your own.
- **Deadline to sign up with payment is April 27**
- Note: No alcohol will be allowed on the bus.

For questions or additional information, contact Rose Galez at 814-873-9501.

Faith On Fire! 'Greater Things' Luncheon




HOW FAITH AFFECTS THE Brain

Saturday 4-12-25 - 9:30 to 1

Saint Joseph Bread of Life Center
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Early Bird \$12.50 until 4/2/25
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10.00 [no lunch] online or at the door

Dr. Sabol is a board certified neuropsychologist and former director of neuropsychology at two university hospitals. She frequently speaks on how faith and science intersect.



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or call TA at 814-636-1800

WORSHIP BY HARMONY'S HOUSE

MUSIC FOR MASS

Proclamation:

712 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

Preparation of the Offerings:

All Is Well with My Soul (on opposite page)

Communion:

Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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. You call us to be penitent,
You tend us patiently,
Preserving us from perishing,
So fruitful we might be.

ALL IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

VILLE DU HAVRE

Verses

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
2. My soul is at rest in the Lord a -
3. My God is my safe - ty, my glo - ry, my
4. O God, I will bless you as long as I

1. way; When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll; What -
2. lone; From God comes sal - va - tion and hope. With
3. strength; My ref - uge when life takes its toll. I
4. live; For your grace a - lone makes me whole. With

1. ev - er my lot, you have taught me to
2. God as my rock, I shall not be dis -
3. trust in my God, as I pour out my
4. glad - ness and joy I will sing of your

1. say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
2. turbed: All is well, all is well with my soul.
3. heart: All is well, all is well with my soul.
4. name: All is well, all is well with my soul!

Refrain

1. It is well with my soul;
2-4. All is well with my soul;

1. It is well, it is well with my soul.
2-4. All is well, all is well with my soul.

Text: 118-119 with refrain. Verse 1 text, traditional; fr. It Is Well with My Soul;
Horatio Gates Spafford, 1827-1888. Verses 2-4 text based on Psalm 62:2-3, 6-9; 63:5.
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Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

____ Change of Address ____ Moving out of the Parish

____ New Parishioner

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