

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
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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

March 30, 2025 - The 4th Sunday of Lent

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 03/31	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
Tue. 04/01	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.	Adult Faith Formation
Wed. 04/02	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Pastus - Prayer
Thur. 04/03	6:10 p.m.	Pastus - Soup Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Pastus - Presentation
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
Fri. 04/04	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 04/05	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Sun. 04/06	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry



Comedy Corner

Why is everyone exhausted on April first?
Because they've just finished a 31-day March!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 03/31	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 04/01	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Dan Carneval II (John Abbate)
Wed. 04/02	8:30 a.m.	Peter & Linda Bianchi (Gloria Bianchi)
Thur. 04/03	8:30 a.m.	Richard Wilhelm (Family)
Fri. 04/04	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Sat. 04/05	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 04/06	9:30 a.m.	Diane Bock (Marge Lefaviver)

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, April 5th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Glory Piovarcy
Bowl 1.....	Gerri Extein
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....	Christine Stroker

Sunday, April 6th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Sophie Bleil
Lector 2.....	Maria Carney
Bowl 1.....	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2.....	Steve Brainard
Cup 1.....	Joann Collins
Cup 2.....	Carole Peters
Cup 3.....	Candy Henry
Cup 4.....	Tim Lynch
Altar Server.....	Zachery Henry
Greeter.....	Jill Henry
Greeter.....	Baileigh Bleil
AV Ministry.....	Lisa Spelling
CLW.....	Rachel Still

MERCY MEMORIES



The priest's or presider's chair is a distinctive feature in our worship space. It signifies the priest's role as leader of the liturgical assembly with the authority and unity of the Church. The close proximity of the chair to the church seating represents unity of the priest and congregation.

We Remember... *In Loving Memory*

Yvonne Peters,
sister in law of Carole Peters &
Terry Cousins, sister in law of Patty Cousins;
who passed away recently.

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



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.



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.

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 or 814-899-6132.



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

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.

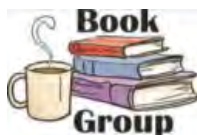
PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE SYMBOLS OF HOLY WEEK

April 16
7:00 p.m.



Lenten Pastus

Our soup suppers and speakers will conclude this **Wednesday, April 2**. 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. "Ignited by the Spirit" will be presented by several members of our parish family. Each of us received and was sealed with the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and Confirmation. Yet many of us move through the day unaware of the Spirit's gifts in our lives. At this final Pastus, parish members will reflect on the way they experience the Holy Spirit at work in their lives.



Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, April 23 @ 7:00 p.m** at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss Maybe You Should Talk To Someone by Lori

Gottleib. 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.fashionoutletsniaagara.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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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For questions or additional information, contact Rose Galez at 814-873-9501.



Ella Cochran Food Pantry Easter Food Drive Shopping List

- 13oz scalloped potatoes
- Can of yams
- Applesauce—jar
- Canned vegetables
- Boxed Dessert
- Drink mix
- Easter Candy (optional)

**Please return by
Sunday, April 13, 2025**

MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional:

680 **Amazing Grace**

Preparation of the Offerings:

529 **Hosea**

Communion:

Tree of Life (on opposite page)

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. When we repent, you run to us,
Forgiving arms flung wide;
You celebrate when we return
And come home to your side.

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.

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.

Aaron Thompson
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___ Change of Address ___ Moving out of the Parish

___ New Parishioner

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