

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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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

April 6, 2025 - The 5th Sunday of Lent

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 04/07	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Sophia's Circle SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
Tue. 04/08	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.	Lenten Penance Service @ St. Mark
Wed. 04/09	6:00 p.m.	25th Anniversary Celebration - Mass with Bishop Persico
Thur. 04/10	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
	4:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Penance Service @ OLM
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 04/11	6:00 p.m.	First Friday Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	7:30 p.m.	Ultreya
Sat. 04/12	10:00 a.m.	Mission Trip Bingo
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Sun. 04/13	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 7-9

We Remember... *In Loving Memory*
Terry Cousins,
 mother in law of Patty Cousins;
 who passed away recently.
 Please hold her, and her family in prayer during this difficult time.

Comedy Corner

Why is April so clean?
 Because April showers.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 04/07	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 04/08	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Wed. 04/09	8:30 a.m.	Sally Mink (John Abbate)
Thur. 04/10	8:30 a.m.	Leonard Popovich (The Kujawinski Family)
Fri. 04/11	8:30 a.m.	Lisa Baronner (Steve & Donna Smicker)
Sat. 04/12	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 04/13	9:30 a.m.	Louis DeLuca (Rose Marie DeLuca)

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 12th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	.....
Bowl 1.....	.....Jim Peters
Altar Server.....	.....Rochelle Edwards
Greeter.....	.....Jason Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....	.....Joyce Rzodkiewicz

Sunday, April 13th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	.....
Lector 2.....	.....
Bowl 1.....	.....Pat Marshall
Bowl 2.....	.....Ken Marshall
Cup 1.....	.....Brian Meyer
Cup 2.....	.....Ed Meyer
Cup 3.....	.....Karen Meyer
Cup 4.....	.....Marlene Meyer
Altar Server.....	.....Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....	.....Marilyn Garwig
Greeter.....	.....Tony Gilmore
AV Ministry.....	.....Adam Baker
CLW.....	.....Sally Donikowski

MERCY MEMORIES



Our Chapel of Reservation, also known as a Eucharistic Chapel, is a dedicated space for the reserved Eucharist. It contains our original tabernacle and sanctuary lamp, where the consecrated bread is kept for private prayer, adoration, and for bringing communion to the sick. With its clear glass walls and doors, the chapel of reservation is conspicuously located and accessible from both the worship space and gathering space. A canopy-like form frames the tabernacle. Wall seating units in stall-like forms focus attention on the reserved Sacrament and invite one to stay, read scripture, or contemplate. Available kneelers are provided for devotional prayer.



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



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.



Grief Support

As we celebrate the Passion of Christ this Easter, the weight of the cross may weigh heavily on many of us, particularly if we are grieving the death of a loved one. As Simon helped Jesus carry his cross, we can lighten that load for one another. The Grief Support group is open to all who know the pain of loss no matter who it was, how long it has been or what faith community you pray with. The next Grief Support group meeting will be **Monday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

Vacation Bible School 2025

Mark your calendars for **July 28-Aug. 1** and Make A Splash at OLM from **9:00-noon**. Volunteers are needed to accompany groups of children as they move through the various activity areas. All Volunteers need clearances, so sign up early. If interested, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-898-4383**.



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 Gottlieb. Our May title will be The Autumn of Ruth Winters by Marshall Fine.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Reporting Child Abuse

It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Physical and sexual abuse of minors are pervasive societal problems, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the 2023 Pennsylvania statewide report there were 5,129 substantiated reports of child abuse. 1,749 or 34.1% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse, 1,350 were physical abuse. Parents remain the persons most responsible for abuse of their children. To report child abuse, call Childline at **1-800-932-0313** (anytime 24/7). For particular questions on reporting abuse in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at **814-824-1195**.



Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of March 24 was **Patrick Cillessen, grade 2**, who knew that we are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

THE SEASON OF LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent
7:00 p.m.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

April 10
6:00 p.m.

PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE SYMBOLS OF HOLY WEEK

April 16
7:00 p.m.



OLM Pickleball Round Robin

It's time to sign up for the pickleball round robin on **Friday April 25th**. There are 2 sessions, 5-6:30 or 6:30-8. Cost is \$15—pay the day of play. Sign up in the gym. The profits will benefit the Women of Light speakers for 2025. It is going to be a lot of fun. You are not going to want to miss it!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Golf & Sports Raffle

The 29th Golf & Sports Raffle will be held on Friday **May 9** in the Gym and Sperry Hall from **6 to 11 p.m.** Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Space after Mass. Tickets will also be on sale in the Parish Office during Monday—Thursday from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The grand prize this year is \$ 1,000! Our Golf & Sports Raffle has become the largest in the Erie area thanks to the support of our parish and our many ticket sellers. Proceeds from the raffle are used to support youth programs in the parish, provide scholarships for parish high school seniors, and fund capital projects. Please help the Knights help the parish.

KofC Basket Raffle Donations Needed

The Knights are currently accepting donations for the basket raffle. Please drop items off in Classroom 1. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Marshall.



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
cllongua@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.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: <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

Proclamation: Christ In Me Arise

Refrain

Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark - ness.

Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.

Christ in me pour out your bless - ing and heal - ing.

Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.

Verses

1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show - ing me
2. Be now my foot - steps, lead - ing the way, tak - ing me

1. all that I must see. / On - ward to the king - dom,
2. where I must go. }

1, 2. you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you.

to Refrain

Preparation of the Offerings:
732 Only This I Want

Communion:
532 Loving and Forgiving

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 self-righteously condemn –
Though all of us have sinned –
You show us mercy's healing touch;
New life in you begins.

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____ Change of Address ____ Moving out of the Parish

____ New Parishioner

To start the new member process please call the parish office at 899-5342; or request a phone call by filling out this form and returning it to the office by mail or collection basket.



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