

# 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

**April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

# THE WEEK AHEAD

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

<b>Mon. 04/14</b>	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	4:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
<b>Tue. 04/15</b>	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.	OLM Pickleball Club
<b>Wed. 04/16</b>	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	Pilgrimage Through the Symbols of Holy Week
<b>Thur. 04/17</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>	
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Liturgy
<b>Fri. 04/18</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
	1:00 p.m.	Outdoor Stations of the Cross
	3:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
<b>Sat. 04/19</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	
	10:30 a.m.	Blessing of Easter Food
	8:30 p.m.	The Great Easter Vigil
<b>Sun. 04/20</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Mass

## 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 statutory group of Our Lady of Fatima and the three children.

**Numerous chapels and shrines**, including a **meditation garden**. <https://fatmashrine.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.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:**

- 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 Galeza at 814-873-9501.

## Comedy Corner

What does the Easter Bunny say before it eats? "Lettuce pray."



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 04/14</b>	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
<b>Tue. 04/15</b>	8:30 a.m.	Gerri & Joe Gallagher (Family)
<b>Wed. 04/16</b>	8:30 a.m.	Audrey Kupniewski (Daniel & Mary Ann Tempestini)
<b>Thur. 04/17</b>	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Lords Supper
<b>Fri. 04/18</b>	3:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Lords Passion
<b>Sat. 04/19</b>	8:30 p.m.	The Great Easter Vigil
<b>Sun. 04/20</b>	9:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday

## MERCY MEMORIES

Our crucifix is called a processional cross. It allows for flexibility according to the celebrations and liturgical seasons. Its normal placement is on a stand behind the altar. The assembly can be brought to a deeper realization of the power of this saving sign when the cross is carried in procession and placed in the midst of the people.



Please join our "flock" by signing up at [olmharborcreek.flocknote.com](http://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](mailto: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.

### 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!



### Child Abuse Prevention Month

Recent statistics tell us one in ten children are sexually abused before they turn 18. 91% of sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child or the child's family knows. This means that on every Sunday in our congregation there are people who have been abused and may continue to experience the pain of that abuse. Reaching out to those who have suffered from abuse is critical in bringing hope and the love of Christ to them. Assistance is available for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse by contacting the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Gerard Tobin at **814-451-1521.**



### Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of March 31 was **Beau Lewandowski, grade 1,** who knew that Judas betrayed Jesus.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or **814-899-6132.** CLW leaders need state clearances. Training will be provided.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Knights of Columbus Golf & Sports Raffle

The 31st 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 \$15 each or 2 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 at **814-440-4890.**



# Holy Week & Easter Triduum Schedule

You are invited to experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Liturgy.

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## Saturday, 12 April 2025

- 4:30 pm Mass with Blessing of the Palms
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## Palm Sunday, 13 April 2025

- 9:30 am Mass with Blessing of the Palms
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## Tuesday, 15 April 2025

- 8:30 am Daily Mass
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## Wednesday, 16 April 2025

- 8:30 am Daily Mass
  - 7:00 pm Pilgrimage Through the Symbols of Holy Week
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## Holy Thursday, 17 April 2025

- 7:00 pm Celebration of the Mass of The Last Supper, followed by a procession of the Eucharist
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## Good Friday, 18 April 2025

- 1:00 p.m. Outdoor Stations of the Cross
  - 3:00 pm Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion and Death
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## Holy Saturday, 19 April 2025

- 10:30 am Blessing of Easter Food
  - 8:30 pm The Great Easter Vigil
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## Easter Sunday, 20 April 2025

- 9:30 am Easter Mass

# MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional:  
**Hosanna!**

Refrain

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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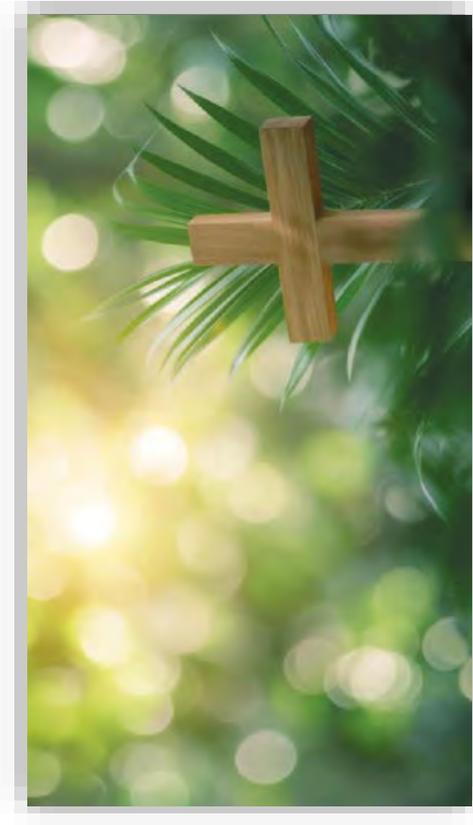
Preparation of the Offerings:  
# 732 **Jesus, the Lord**

Communion:

# 532 **Behold the Lamb of God**

Depart in Silence

1. Children of Jerusalem shouting praises followed him.  
"This is he who comes to save,  
He our ransom from the grave." (*Hosanna...*)
2. Entering Jerusalem crowds of people covered him.  
"Hosanna to the chosen One!  
Blessed is he, God's only Son!"
3. Open wide the sacred door  
the king of glory rides once more.  
Sing hosannas, shout his name,  
to the world God's love proclaim. (*Hosanna...*)
4. Spirit of the living God,  
pouring forth eternal love,  
help us praise the blessed One,  
praise until our life is done. (*Hosanna...*)



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

\_\_\_ New Parishioner

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