

Our Lady of Mercy Church

MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 a.m.
Weekday: Tuesday-Friday	8:30 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday	3:45 p.m.

OFFICE AND CHURCH HOURS

837 Bartlett Rd. Harborcreek, PA 16421
Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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The Week Ahead

For a complete calendar of events, please visit:
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Mon. 12/15	Parish Office Closed
	9:30 a.m. Steel Magnolias SCC
	5:30 p.m. Wild Hope SCC
	6:00 p.m. Roman Candles SCC
Tue. 12/16	8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	9:15 a.m. Prayer Shawl
	10:00 a.m. Angels In Training SCC
	1:00 p.m. Potters Clay SCC
	4:00 p.m. Religious Ed. Gr. 3-6
	6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 12/17	8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	8:30 a.m. Food Pantry Distribution
	6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
Thu. 12/18	8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m. Painting/Crafting Group
	6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 12/19	
Sat. 12/20	10:00 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 a.m. Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 12/21	10:30 a.m. Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 7-8
	10:30 a.m. Healing Ministry

Mass Intentions

Mon. 12/15	No Mass
Tue. 12/16	8:30 a.m. Carol Perrotto (Bob & Kathy Thomas)
Wed. 12/17	8:30 a.m. Christal Schultz (Marge Camera & John)
Thu. 12/18	8:30 a.m. Nancy Loring (Dave & Marilyn Rinke)

Mass Intentions

Fri. 12/19	8:30 a.m. Kathy & Gino Mazza (The Loftus Family)
Sat. 12/20	4:30 p.m. Mary Meg Reske (Mike Reske)
Sun. 12/21	9:30 a.m. For the People of OLM



Liturgical Ministry Schedule

If you cannot make your scheduled Mass, please contact another minister to sub for you & notify the Parish Office of any schedule changes.


Saturday, December 20th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector	Marilyn Rinke
Bowl 1	Anne Spring
Altar Server	Nick Mauro
Greeter	Jason Rzodkiewicz
Greeter	Joyce Rzodkiewicz

Sunday, December 21st at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1	Sophie Bleil
Lector 2	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 1	Donna Schersten
Bowl 2	Chip Shamburg
Cup 1	Gary Smith
Cup 2	Rachel Still
Cup 3	Karen Sweeney
Cup 4	James T. Peters Jr.
Altar Server	Colton Catrabone
Greeter	Gary Smith
Greeter	Mary Beth Smith
AV Ministry	Ken Marshall
CLW	Rachel Still

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Dec. 2 was **Patrick Wuertsle, grade 1**, who knew that we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Dec. 8. 

Offertory Envelope Update

Beginning in 2026, Our Lady of Mercy will be using a different envelope company. You may notice subtitle changes, but for the most part you should not be affected.

Advent Penance Service

If you were unable to make our Advent Penance service, please consider celebrating the sacrament with our neighbors at St. Mark on **Dec. 15th at 6:30 p.m.** or St. Greg on **Dec. 18th at 6:30 p.m.**

The Sunday Silly.

Every year, I'm amazed that advent calendars continue to sell out. I thought their days were numbered.

ha ha ha

olm book group

Join us on Jan. 21 to discuss Michael Without Apology by Catherine Ryan Hyde.



SAVE THE DATE

Dec 14	A Merry Mercy Christmas
Dec 15	Parish Office Closed
Dec 20	Parish Clean Up Day
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30 & 10 p.m.
Dec 25	Christmas Day Mass at 10 a.m.
Dec 31	Holy Day Mass at 4:30 p.m.
Jan 1	Holy Day Mass at 10 a.m.
Jan 11	Pancake Breakfast
Jan 17	Skill Sharing Event - Fishing
Feb 1	Spaghetti Dinner



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Prayer for a New Bishop

O Almighty God,
 Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
 and those who assist him
 in the discernment of our new bishop.
 May the one chosen have the strength
 to be a compassionate leader,
 who models humility and joy.
 Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
 the courage of the apostles,
 and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.

We also pray for the Diocese of Erie
 that he is called to serve.
 May we welcome him with open hearts
 and work with him in a spirit of synodality,
 called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

Through the intercession of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
 St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
 and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
 may we journey the path of life
 with an unwavering focus
 on the hope we have in Christ.

For he lives and reigns forever and ever.
 Amen.

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
 Bishop of Erie



Diocese of Erie
 ROMAN CATHOLIC

PRAYER for a NEW BISHOP

St. Peter Cathedral, Erie

Give a Small Christian Community a Try!

We will soon be starting a new year and embracing fresh resolutions. Consider joining a small faith group in the coming year. Here is one person's experience.

Hello! My name is Sharon Garwig and I joined OLM parish in 2007 when I married my husband, Darrell, and moved to Erie. OLM was wonderful and welcoming, and had numerous SCCs. I had two kids, we had just moved, and I was looking for a full-time job. A weekly meeting to attend a

SCC seemed like more than I could handle, but I yearned for new friends with a Catholic perspective that I could talk to. I found another working mother at Parish Alive who felt the same way I did – a weekly commitment was too much, but we felt that we could meet at least once a month – so we started our own SCC. 16 years later, we are still meeting! I still look forward to our meetings. It's a chance to get away from work and kids (and now grandkids) and chaos, and just listen to the Word in a calm, quiet environment and reflect on how it applies to our lives today. We read the scriptures for the coming week and share what we heard afterward. Almost always, we "hear" something none of us remembers hearing previously! And because God speaks to each of us right where we are each time we hear His Word, when we share our perspectives, scripture comes alive and becomes richer and more meaningful. We also hear God challenging us to live out His Word in our lives. We not only hold each other in prayer, we hold each other accountable to growing in faith and challenge one another to action. My SCC is made up of my closest personal friends. They are the people I call when I need prayer, or direction, or a good laugh. If you could use some "faithful" friends, a positive anchor in your life when things get crazy, and new opportunities to grow in faith – a SCC may be just what you've been looking for. As Advent begins and we think about the coming of Christ, think about your journey to the manger... you don't have to travel alone.

To join a SCC, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.



Music for Mass

Gathering: People, Look East - # 297

Offertory: Patience, People - # 277

Communion: O Come, O Come Emmanuel - # 274

Recessional: Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The musical notation for 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' is presented in two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, and a whole note B4. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note D3, a half note E3, and a whole note F#3. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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