

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

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 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

February 18, 2024 - The 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Mon. 02/19	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Jesus and the Eucharist (at St. Mark)
Tue. 02/20	6:30 p.m.	Dunkin Discussion
	9:30 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
	6:30 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
Wed. 02/21	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	6:30 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 02/22	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 02/23	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat. 02/24	12:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 02/25	8:30 a.m.	Confirmation Retreat
	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. K-1
	9:30 a.m.	First Penance Retreat

Mon. 02/19	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	/ Mt 25:31-46
Tue. 02/20	Is 55:10-11	/ Mt 6:7-15
Wed. 02/21	Jon 3:1-10	/ Lk 11:29-32
Thur. 02/22	1 Pt 5:1-4	/ Mt 16:13-19
Fri. 02/23	Ez 18:21-28	/ Mt 5:20-26
Sat. 02/24	Dt 26:16-19	/ Mt 5:43-48
Sun. 02/25	Gn 22:1-18 / Rom 8:31-34 / Mk 9:2-10	

Why can't muggers catch Catholics during Lent?
They fast.



Mon.	02/19		- No MASS -
Tue.	02/20	8:30 a.m.	Robert Jones (Barb Jones)
Wed.	02/21	8:30 a.m.	Helen Behringer (Carol Ann Dieler)
Thur.	02/22	8:30 a.m.	Gerri Gallagher (SSJ Assoc.)
Fri.	02/23	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Andrew Braeger (Tom Braeger)
Sat.	02/24	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun.	02/25	8:30 a.m.	Justin Raydo (Linda Sanner)
		11:00 a.m.	Sarah Selleny (Suzanne Selleny)

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	75	\$ 5,295.30
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 146.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,000.95

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Call **Donna Smicker** at 814-899-9108
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Call **Gerri Extein** at 814-490-9681

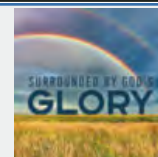


Ronald Hall, brother of Judy Skuce
& **Eleanor Hopkins**,
mother of Peggy Jacquell;
who passed away recently.

In
Loving
Memory

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

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous “Double Rainbow” video on YouTube to feel better. It’s hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. “Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!” he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, “What does it mean?” Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean?

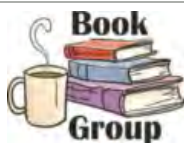
Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante's medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God's promise of peace. For Dante, it's even more: nature's encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, "Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory." This Lent let's embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

— Father John Muir
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Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, Feb. 21 @ 7:00** at the home of Cheri Longua, 4512 North Woods Dr., to discuss Finding Me by Viola Davis. In March we will discuss The Edge of Sadness by Edwin O'Connor.



Lenten Pastus Series



Our Lenten Pastus series will begin on **Wednesday, Feb. 28**. Be nourished by the Eucharist at **5:30**, by a homemade soup supper at **6:10** and by a presentation at **7:00**. Everyone should feel free to attend only the portion of

each evening that fits their schedule and interest. Our first presentation will be by Dr. Robert von Thaden, Professor of Religious Studies at Mercyhurst Univ. The Church of Later Day Saints, commonly known as Mormons, is among the fastest growing religions. Born in New York in the early 19th century, it quickly took hold and spread, capturing the religious imagination and fidelity of countless converts. Dr. von Thaden will explore this piece of U.S. history and help us to understand the young missionaries that ring our bell every year.

Parent Baptismal Prep Session

All families who have welcomed a child into their home or are expecting the arrival of a baby, the next Parent Baptismal Preparation Session at OLM will be held on

March 3 at noon. The Diocese of Erie asks all parents to attend a preparation session prior to scheduling their child's baptism. To register, call the parish office at **814-899-5342 by February 29**. There will not be another session held at OLM until the fall. If this date does not work for anyone, feel free to attend a parent session at a neighboring Catholic parish.



New Ministry at OLM



We would like to organize what we have been doing as a community for decades. We are forming a ministry to bring meals to families facing health or other difficulties. If

you would be willing to serve on this ministry, to be available to help if someone needed a hot cooked meal, please contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**.

Ministry to Homebound Parishioners

If you are or if you know of a parishioner who is unable to be present for the Sunday Mass due to frail health or limited mobility and who would like the Eucharist brought to their house, please call Irene in the parish office at **814-899-6132**. If you are willing to bring the Eucharist to the homebound, please contact Irene Lucas in the Faith Formation Office.



FORMED.ORG

If you are new to the parish, you can enjoy formed.org for free by signing up as part of the parish subscription. All you need is your email, then select the option for an "institution or parish" subscription and search for Our Lady of Mercy Harborcreek.

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Feb. 5 was **Lydia Peters, grade 3**, who knew that we begin the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

Dunkin' Discussion

February's Dunkin' Discussion will be on **Monday February 19th** at the Dunkin' on Buffalo rd. at

6:30 p.m.; middle school through college students are welcome to join for a brain teaser and an engaging discussion about the faith through the lens of a secular movie! February's movie will be the 'Barbie' movie!



Mission Trip Gift Basket Bingo

The mission trip bingo basket raffle event is also coming up **March 2nd from 12-4** at St. James place on Buffalo Rd. You can stop in to the office to purchase your tickets, they are \$20. The group is so thankful for your generosity!

Women's Cursillo #261

Our Lady of Mercy is hosting a Women's Cursillo **April 5-7th**. If you are interested in making this retreat, please apply online at eriecursillo.org or talk to someone who has made a Cursillo before. OLM's very own, Kathy Pearson will be the Rector for this Cursillo.



A Thank You

I am grateful to the community of Our Lady of Mercy for the wonderful celebration to honor my 20 years of service to the parish. The words of praise and encouragement were quite humbling. My decision to leave the employment of the parish did not remove its people from my heart. I carry you with me and all the blessings I have received from you. I pray that this community continues on its trajectory of love and welcome. In Christ

Donna Clark

PS Congratulations on adding Sue Berdis to the parish team. In my opinion, a most excellent choice.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Fred Kaeberlein
Bowl 1.....Kay Kaeberlein
Bowl 2.....Marilyn Rinke
Cup 1.....Chris Kaschak
Cup 2.....Tom Eckendorf
Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo
Greeter.....Christine Stroker

Sunday, February 25th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Rachel Still
Lector 2.....Karen Sweeney
Bowl 1.....Dave Lefaiver
Bowl 2.....Marge Lefaiver
Cup 1.....Tim Lynch
Cup 2.....Pat Marshall
Cup 3.....Ken Marshall
Cup 4.....Geoff McCreary
Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....Mike Chase
Greeter.....Jane Chase
AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, February 25th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Nathan Henry
Bowl 1.....Judy Iesue
Bowl 2.....Carole Peters
Cup 1.....Maureen Brainard
Cup 2.....Steve Brainard
Altar Server.....Madden & Makayla Inthavong
Greeter.....Jill Henry
Greeter.....

***If you can not make your scheduled Mass,
please contact another minister to sub for you***

Saturday, March 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Glory Piovarcy
Bowl 1.....Anne Spring
Bowl 2.....Carol Stauffer
Cup 1.....Todd Beckes
Cup 2.....Gerri Extein
Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, March 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Joe Tarquinio
Lector 2.....Nancy Mowery
Bowl 1.....Brian Meyer
Bowl 2.....Ed Meyer
Cup 1.....Karen Meyer
Cup 2.....Marlene Meyer
Cup 3.....Greg Morealli
Cup 4.....Tom Palisin
Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....Rochelle Edwards
Greeter.....Marilyn Garwig
AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall

Sunday, March 3rd at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Adriana Grosch
Bowl 1.....Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2.....Steve Brainard
Cup 1.....Judy Iesue
Cup 2.....Erica Taccone
Altar Server.....Zachery Henry
Greeter.....Christine Stroker
Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo

All are welcome to join a unique S.C.C. hosted by Parish Impact Coordinator, Nick Heise. This S.C.C. meets every **Thursday at 6:30 p.m.** via Google Meet! Simply scan the QR code to join through your phone or tablet. To join via computer please email youthministerourladyofmercy@gmail.com and you'll receive the link! We look forward to seeing you!



CSA 2024

One Faith, One Family

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. United as One Faith, One Family, your faithful commitment allows us to live out the mission of the Church. As your pastor, I am inspired and grateful for your support. Today our parish is at XX% percentage of goal. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, anything over goal will be used for new carpeting in the parish.

Let's Keep The Conversation Going!



Many parishioners from the Diocese of Erie participated in parish-level listening sessions during Phase I of the Synod on Synodality held in the winter of 2021-22. Following the international gathering in Rome last fall, synod organizers now are asking dioceses to cultivate additional dialogue before its planned October 2024 session. The Diocese of Erie is therefore facilitating additional opportunities, open to all, to deepen and broaden their prayerful reflection. Sessions will be held via Zoom in the diocese on **Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 8 pm, Thursday, Feb. 29 at 10 am, and Tuesday, March 5 at 12 pm.** Registration, open to all, is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/47PyuTyARs>. Please see the attached infographic for a quick overview of progress to date. More information about the synodal process and its history in the Diocese of Erie can be found at <https://www.eriecd.org/synod.html>.

THE SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 14
8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Mass with
Distribution of Ashes

STATIONS OF THE

CROSS

Fridays of Lent
7:00 p.m.
Followed by Visio Divina

EUCCHARISTIC

ADORATION

Wednesday, February 21
Wednesday, March 20
6:00 p.m.

LENTEN PASTUS

Wednesday Evenings
February 28 March 6 & 13
5:30 p.m. - Mass
6:10 p.m. - Soup Supper
7:00 p.m. - Presentation

ANOINTING OF

THE SICK

March 16 & 17
All Masses

LENTEN PENANCE

SERVICE

Wednesday, March 20
7:00 p.m.

PILGRIMAGE

THROUGH

HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, March 27
7:00 p.m.

Lent



DUNKIN' DISCUSSION

Join our
Parish Impact Coordinator,
Nick Heise at Dunkin' Donuts
4007 Buffalo Rd, Erie PA 16510
for a theological discussion
on the movie



**MONDAY FEBRUARY 19
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.**

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Membership Form

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Phone _____

☐ 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.

