

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: 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 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday

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

Comedy Corner

A laugh is
A ~~CHILD~~ but ~~CHILD'S~~
An ~~URGENT~~ VACATION
A ~~do not~~ WASTED
MILE to the ~~SOUL~~
A Gently ~~TO~~ MEDICINE
The More you LAUGH,
The More you LIVE



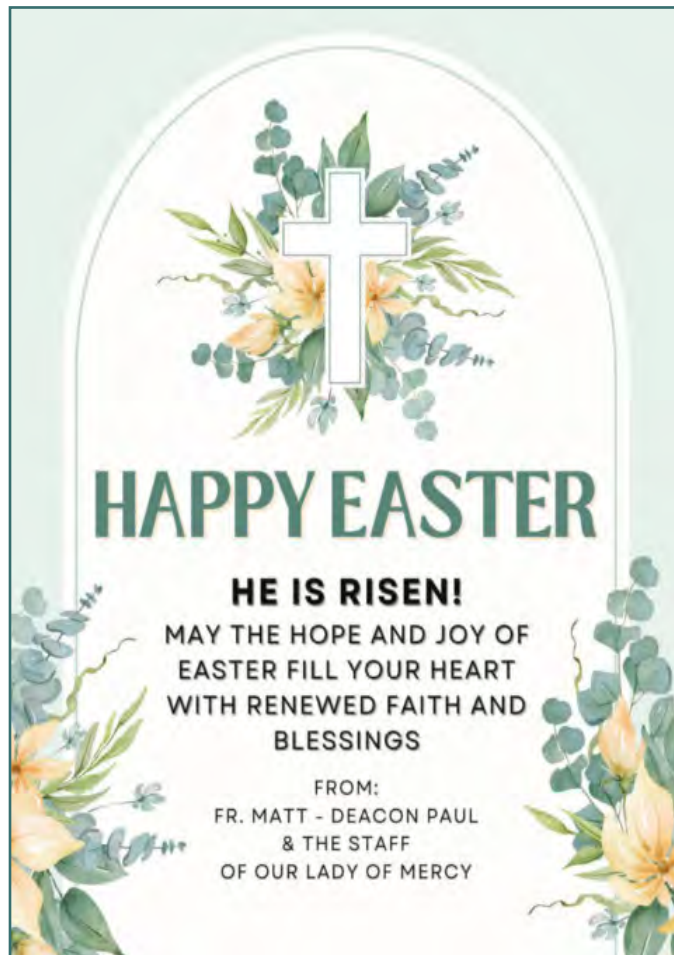
Our crucifix is called a processional cross. It allows for flexibility according to the celebrations and liturgical seasons. Its normal placement is on a stand behind the altar. The assembly can be brought to a deeper realization of the power of this saving sign when the cross is carried in procession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

Mon. 04/21	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 04/22	8:30 a.m.	Clemens & Millie Herrmann (Family)
Wed. 04/23	8:30 a.m.	Justin Raydo (Potters Clay SCC)
Thur. 04/24	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (Linda Prichard)
Fri. 04/25	8:30 a.m.	Charles Braeger (Tom Braeger)
Sat. 04/26	4:30 p.m.	Ross Owens (Don & Jane Mallin)
Sun. 04/27	9:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM

***Please notify the Parish Office
of any schedule changes***

Lector..... Deb Barko
Bowl 1..... Judy Iesue
Altar Server..... Gabby Peters
Greeter..... Rochelle Edwards
Greeter..... Lisa Spelling

Lector 1.....	Carrie Galbreath
Lector 2.....	Tim Fuhrman
Bowl 1.....	Christine Morealli
Bowl 2.....	Greg Morealli
Cup 1.....	Tom Palisin
Cup 2.....	Kathy Pearson
Cup 3.....	Donna Schersten
Cup 4.....	John Skuce
Altar Server.....	Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....	Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter.....	Colton Wuerstle
AV Ministry.....	Ken Marshall
CLW.....	Scott Gotham



Grief Support

Easter reminds us that death is not the end. But even our firm hope in the promise of eternal life does not mean we don't feel the deep sorrow when our loved ones are called home to God. Join the monthly gathering of the Grief Support Group on **Monday, April 21 at 7:00** to find comfort in the support of others. This is open to anyone who is feeling the pain of loss, both parishioner and non-parishioner.



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 Kaerberlein, 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!

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.



Child Abuse Prevention Month

Be Vigilant: It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. In the Diocese of Erie for particular questions, 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 April 7 was **Carson Shamburg, grade 3**, who knew that Palm Sunday is the only Sunday when we hear 2 Gospel readings at Mass.

Easter Has Come Today

The heavy stone has rolled away,
giving radiant light to our glorious Easter day.
Out of our darkness do we now lie;
for Jesus has risen, no more to die.
He has opened up the Golden Door;...
our Savior, whom we adore.
Our many sins are gone,
as a bright new morning comes with the dawn.
And now my heart does sing;
all praise, glory and honor to our majestic King.
On this day, the Angels and Saints worship thee;...
Jesus, the second person of the Trinity.
A great miracle has come for all to see;
and by God's grace,
we can share in this loving mystery.

By: Mary Ann McQuiston

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.



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**.

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://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:

- 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:

- 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.



Women of Light

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Speaker: Mimi O'Connor

Location: Our Lady of Mercy

F.A.I.T.H: Falling Awake in the Holiness

In this life, "falling" into the darkness of hard times is unavoidable. Together we will explore the healing pathway of putting feet to Faith. We will uncover the practical Grace that "awakens" us, comforting us through the darkness, guiding us back to the Light. It's time to come home...to our Holiness, the Divine Guarantee of our wholeness.

**Our Lady of Mercy
Vacation Bible School 2025**

Make A Splash

July 28 - August 1
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Age 4 thru entering 6th grade

For more information call Irene Lucas 814-899-5342
or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Registration Deadline is July 21st

30th Annual Knights of Columbus
Our Lady of Mercy Council 11144

GOLF & SPORTS RAFFLE Casino Night

Benefiting Youth Activities at Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Friday, May 9, 2025

Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sperry Hall

Bartlett and Dutton Roads, Harborcreek / Doors Open 6-11 pm

FREE FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

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All prizes must be claimed by August 31, 2025

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5. Men's Strata Plus Irons - OLLINGER PLUMBING & HEATING
6. Garmin Golf Rangefinder - GERY T. NIETUPSKI ESQ.
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9. Titleist GT2 Driver - H AND H DIRECTIONAL DRILLING
10. Golf for Four - WHISPERING WOODS GOLF COURSE
11. Scenic Heights Golf Course - One Year Membership - WAC
12. Bill's Logo Golf Bag - JOE B'S CARPET
13. Three Walleye Passes - TELL NO TALES CHARTER - N.E. TIRE & SERVICE
14. GREEN MEADOWS GOLF and RICARDO'S Dinner for Four
15. Women's Strata Plus Irons - BATES COLLISION / NIETHAMER & OWENS
16. Titleist Cart 14 Bag - LAKEVIEW MOTEL
17. \$200 Gift Basket - Harbor House
18. Four Seawolves Tickets at 2 Games - PRO WASTE SERVICES
19. Odyssey Ai Putter - Trinity Club
20. 3 Two Hour Sessions - THE CLUBHOUSE INDOOR GOLF

DONATION
\$15.00 EACH
OR
2 FOR \$25.00

Tickets may be purchased at: Our Lady of Mercy Church 9-3 (M-Th) and at the door
MUST BE 21 AND OVER TO ATTEND

MUSIC FOR MASS

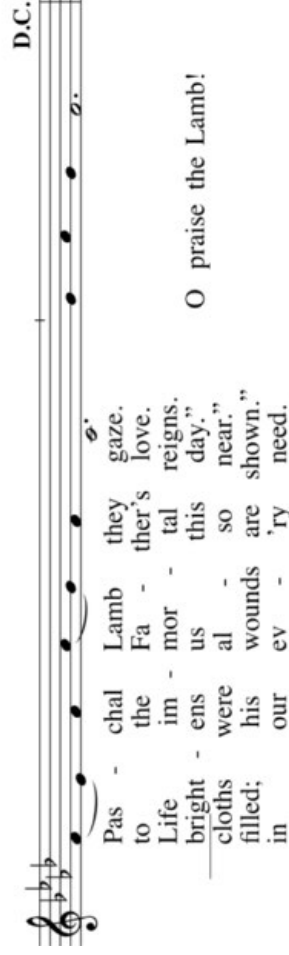
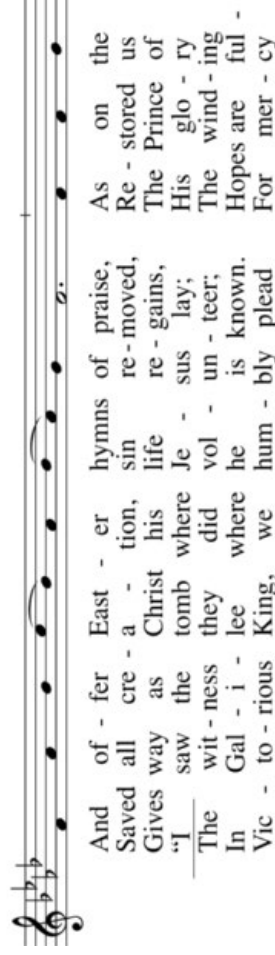
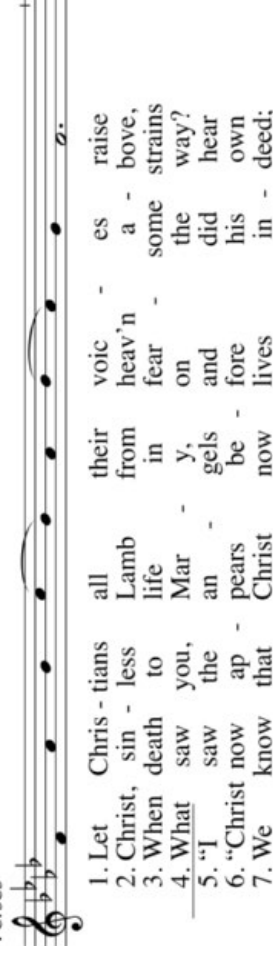
Processional:

401 Jesus Christ is Risen Today (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Easter Sequence *(after the Second Reading):*
Let Christians All Their Voices Raise



Verses



Text: Easter Sequence; attr. to Wipo of Burgundy, c.1000-c.1050; tr. by Jerome Siwek, 1930-2004, © 1980, World Library Publications
Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE, 888.4 with refrain; Mode II, French carol, 15th C.

Preparation of the Offerings:
406 Three Days

Communion:
774 The Supper of the Lord

Recessional:
Alleluia! Love is Alive

1. People of God, see the morning is new;
rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb.
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.
God who was with us is here with us still.
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

Alleluia! Love is alive;
conquered the grave and defeated the night.
Alleluia! Love is alive!
The Son has arisen for all.
Your people sing alleluia!

2. People of God now rejoicing in Christ,
carry your joy to the darkness of night.
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!
Hear the good news of this glorious day,
every heart singing as heaven proclaims:
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive!
(Alleluia! Love is alive...)

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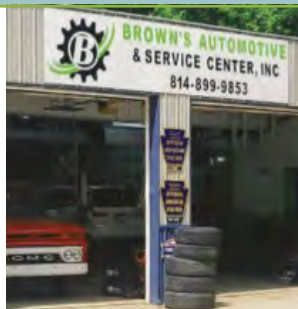
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Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

____ Change of Address ____ Moving out of the Parish

____ New Parishioner

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