

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 27, 2025 - The Second Sunday of Easter

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 04/28	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
Tue. 04/29	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
Wed. 04/30	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Hospitality Committee
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Thur. 05/01	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 05/02	6:30 p.m.	Women of Light Event
Fri. 05/02		
Sat. 05/03		
		FIRST EUCHARIST WEEKEND
	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 05/04		
		FIRST EUCHARIST WEEKEND
		Casserole Club Drop Off
	10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

Comedy Corner

What do you call a rabbit with fleas?
 Bugs Bunny



MERCY MEMORIES

Did you know the lead glass windows on display in Mary's Chapel, the Office, and Library are from the original Church's entrance. In addition, the stained glass on the outside wall of the Penance Room is from the west facing windows of the original Church. This becomes a remembrance of the past and a view for the hope of the future.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 04/28	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 04/29	8:30 a.m.	Jack Case (Family)
Wed. 04/30	8:30 a.m.	Anthony & Helen Bandur (Family)
Thur. 05/01	8:30 a.m.	John Jack Lynch (John Abbate)
Fri. 05/02	8:30 a.m.	Richard Wilhelm (Family)
Sat. 05/03	4:30 p.m.	Ann Nagosky (Kevin & Michelle Kaspar)
Sun. 05/04	9:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM

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, May 3rd at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Tom Camillo
Bowl 1.....	Carol Stauffer
Altar Server.....	Nick Mauro
Greeter.....	Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....	Christine Stroker

Sunday, May 4th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Denise Lewandoski
Lector 2.....	Christine Morealli
Bowl 1.....	Gary Smith
Bowl 2.....	Rachel Still
Cup 1.....	Karen Sweeney
Cup 2.....	Erica Taccone
Cup 3.....	Nancy Clark
Cup 4.....	Lorraine Bucklin
Altar Server.....	Madden Inthavong
Greeter.....	Paul Sacco
Greeter.....	Patty Sacco
AV Ministry.....	Lisa Spelling
CLW.....	NO CLW



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 or using the QR code provided.

We Remember...

Richard Pekelnicky;
 who passed away recently.
 Please hold him, and his family in prayer during this
 difficult time.

In Loving Memory

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of April 13
 was **Makayla Inthavong, grade 6**, who knew that the
 days of the Triduum are Holy Thursday, Good Friday
 and Easter Sunday.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for content
 submission for our May
 2025 Edition of the For
 Mercy's Sake newsletter is
Sunday May 4th. Please send all content to Katie in the
 Parish Office by emailing
secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org

NewsLetter DEADLINE

Grief Support

The Grief Support group meets on the **3rd Monday of the month at 7:00** and is open to anyone who is experiencing the pain from the death of a loved one. Feel free to come once or every month.



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, May 21 @ 7:00 p.m.** to discuss The Autumn of Ruth Winters by Marshall Fine.



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.

A Special Thank You

Esther did not accomplish her purpose alone. She had the support of her community fasting and praying for her. Similarly, we cannot make it through life alone. We need the support of our community praying for us. There are not enough words to say how grateful we are for all the well wishes, cards, thoughts, support and most importantly prayers we have received from this beautiful community. Even more impressive is the sustainability of it over such a long period of time. Craig and Joanne Fournier



Child Abuse Prevention Month

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. Mandated Reporters in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.



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 and in the Parish Office 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. Questions? Contact Pat Marshall at **814-440-4890**.

2025 Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus in Erie and Crawford Counties are conducting our 4th annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Your charitable donations thus far have enabled the Knights to purchase five state of the art Ultrasound Machines and a Mobile Ultrasound Clinic for the Women's Care Center of Erie. Since 2018, 702 babies have been born to women after they viewed their ultrasounds. They chose life for their babies even though they were originally abortion bound. The Women's Care Center continues to face a financial crisis due to a large cut in funding by the state of PA that began last year. They actively promote childbirth as an option, rather than abortion by providing pregnancy, parenting, and adoption support services. In order to keep providing these vital services, the Women's Care Center depends on our financial support. Baby bottles will be distributed at the Church entrances on Mother's Day weekend (**May 10-11th**). Please take one home and fill it with spare change, cash, or checks. Envelopes will also be available as an option to the Baby Bottles. The bottles and envelopes should be returned the weekend of **June 21-22nd** (Weekend following Father's Day). We thank you in advance for your kind generosity, and pray you will once again join us in our continuing efforts in saving the lives of unborn children. God Bless!

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Info

Scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors are being accepted by the OLM Knights of Columbus Council. The scholarship program began almost 30 years ago with the purpose of awarding a portion of the annual Golf and Sports Raffle proceeds to college-bound students, who along with their parents are members of the parish. An application form, brief essay and certified and sealed transcript from the applicant's school are required. The deadline for application is **Sunday, May 18**. It is understood that the transcript will only include grades through the most recent grading period. Please remind others who may be interested in applying. Watch the bulletin and check the OLM website for reminders.

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.

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

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1. \$1,000 CASH - STAN'S GARDEN CENTER
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3. Two Steelers Tickets / 50 Yard Line "You Pick Game" - WIDGET FINANCIAL
4. Four Tickets Kaulig Sr. Tourney Akron, OH - ROSETO-SUTER OVERHEAD DOOR
5. Men's Strata Plus Irons - OLLINGER PLUMBING & HEATING
6. Garmin Golf Rangefinder - GERY T. NIETUPSKI ESQ.
7. 55" HDTV - VNET
8. Membership for One Year - FOX RUN
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

Proclamation: # 403

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Preparation of the Offerings:

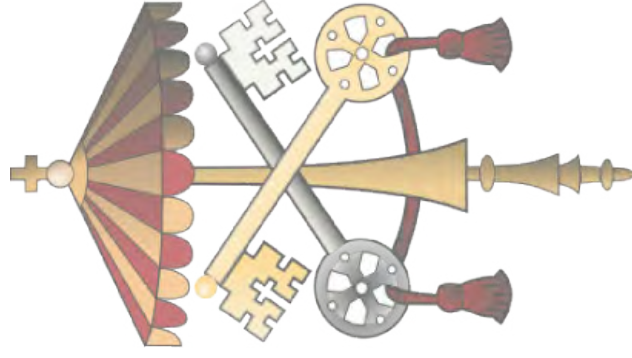
702 Prayer of Saint Francis

Communion:

405 O Sons and Daughters

Recessional:

415 Alleluia! Alleluia!



The umbrella with crossed keys is the emblem of the Holy See while the Papacy is vacant.



"A little bit of mercy
makes the world
less cold
and more just."

- *Angelus*,
March 17, 2013

Pope Francis In Memoriam

December 17, 1936 – April 21, 2025



O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,
whom you have made successor of Peter
and shepherd of your Church,
may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven
the mysteries of our grace and compassion,
which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

____ Change of Address ____ Moving out of the Parish

____ New Parishioner

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process please call the
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it to the office by mail or
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