

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

May 11, 2025 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 05/12	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	4:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
Tue. 05/13	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	Outdoor Stations Meeting
Wed. 05/14	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 05/15	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 05/16		
Sat. 05/17	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 05/18	10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

MERCY MEMORIES



Our Church is boldly identified on the exterior with a large cross that has been integrated into the building. The cross is a universal symbol of Christianity, representing love, sacrifice, and redemption. The cross is arranged to squarely face north, south, east, and west. This is similar to the interior features such as the altar top crosses, wall consecration crosses, and Baptismal Font polished granite floor tiles. This symbolizes Christ's reach to the four corners of the earth.

We Remember...

Rick Knepper,
 who passed away recently.
 Please hold him, and his family in
 prayer during this difficult time.

*Loving
 Memory*

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 05/12	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 05/13	8:30 a.m.	Justin Raydo (Carole Peters)
Wed. 05/14	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Thur. 05/15	8:30 a.m.	Robert Koenig (Bandur Family)
Fri. 05/16	8:30 a.m.	Christopher Kaeberlein (Fred & Kay Kaeberlein)
Sat. 05/17	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 05/18	9:30 a.m.	Dorothy Barbarini (Vera Powell Family)

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 17th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....Bob Cline
 Bowl 1.....Rochelle Edwards
 Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
 Greeter.....Rochelle Edwards
 Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo

Sunday, May 18th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Karen Sweeney
 Lector 2.....Rachel Still
 Bowl 1.....Brian Meyer
 Bowl 2.....Ed Meyer
 Cup 1.....Karen Meyer
 Cup 2.....Marlene Meyer
 Cup 3.....Christine Morealli
 Cup 4.....Greg Morealli
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Marilyn Garwig
 Greeter.....Tony Gilmore
 AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling
 CLW.....Sally Donikowski



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Comedy Corner

Which month of the year is the shortest?
 May. It only has three letters.



Grief Support

All who are grieving are invited to join us on **Monday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.** At our May gathering, we will be sending messages to Heaven with a balloon release. This will be followed by ice cream sundaes.



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.** at the home of Kay Kaerberlein, 109 Kraus Dr., to discuss The Autumn of Ruth Winters by Marshall Fine. Our June title will be Allegedly by Tiffany D. Jackson.



Save the Stations



For many years, the outdoor Stations of the Cross on our parish grounds have offered a peaceful place for prayer and reflection. Tucked in the wooded area behind the church, this sacred path has unfortunately fallen into disrepair and is now seldom used. We believe it's time to breathe new life into this space—not only restoring the Stations, but also creating an inviting outdoor worship area for prayer, small services, and spiritual connection with nature. We are forming a group of parishioners to explore this vision and bring it to life. The project scope and timeline is not defined - and we welcome all families and groups to join us in this effort. We are holding a site visit and brief meeting starting at the picnic shelter on **Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m.** Please contact Gary Smith at gsmith.erie@outlook.com or at **814 397-4647** if you're interested in being part of this meaningful project.

Bus Trip To Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

A few seats remain open for the **May 31** bus trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. The cost of the trip is \$65. (This does not include meals). See the easel in the Gathering Space for more information or call the Faith Formation Office at **814-899-6132**.



Sundae Sunday



Let's celebrate the birthday of the Church with cake and ice cream. Join us on **Sunday, June 8** immediately after Mass for a make-your-own-sundae-bar and a cake walk. The event is free and open to everyone. We need donations of cakes for the cake walk.

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of April 28 was **Brooke Ducharme, grade 3**, who knew that Revelation is the last book in the Bible.



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.

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God His Excellency
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL.
Bishop of Erie cordially invites
the Reverend Diocesan and Religious Clergy, and the Faithful
of the Diocese of Erie to

The Presbyteral Ordination of

THE REVEREND MR. MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER SCANGA

THE REVEREND MR. BRANDON MATTHEW FEIKLES

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025
7:00PM AT ST. PETER CATHEDRAL
230 W. 10th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania

Eucharist to the Homebound

Would you be willing to bring Christ to a member of our parish who is unable to join us due to age or illness?



We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring the eucharist to the homebound. If you can assist, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132. If you are unable to join us on Sunday morning, let us bring the eucharist to you. Contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.



Hospital Ministry

We are reviving our parish hospital visitor ministry. COVID shut down this ministry for several years. But it is now possible to send visitors to those

hospitalized. If you are willing to be on a rotating schedule of parishioners who will bring the eucharist to those hospitalized, please contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132. We will be setting a date to train those who are interested. **Reminder to all in our parish, PLEASE** indicate on your admission forms that you are a member of OLM if you are hospitalized. If you do not include this info, the hospital can't let the parish know that you are admitted. Please also contact the parish office if you know of a parishioner who has been admitted.

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 Ball Tower - 48 feet tall, was built during the 25th Anniversary Year, 1981, and includes the statuary 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 Galezka at 814-873-9501.

MUSIC FOR MASS

Proclamation:

425 Jesus is Risen

Responsorial Psalm:

"We are God's people, the sheep of his flock."

Preparation of the Offerings:

Shepherd Me, O God

Antiphon

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Verses

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side;
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

Text: Psalm 23; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen
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Communion: # 791 Gift of Finest Wheat

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...*)

PRAYER UPON THE ELECTION OF A NEW POPE

O God, who in your providential design
willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter,
whom you set over the other Apostles,
look with favor, we pray, on N. our Pope
and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor,
may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity
in faith and of communion.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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____ Change of Address ____ Moving out of the Parish

____ New Parishioner

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