

# 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

Fr. Matthew Kujawinski, Pastor  
Deacon Paul Barko, Deacon Assistant  
Irene Lucas, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation  
Katie Stephenson, Administrative Assistant  
Sue Berdis, Business Administrator  
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Brandon Vogt, Director of Music and Liturgy  
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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 18, 2025 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

## THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit  
[ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

Mon. 05/19	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Sophia's Circle SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Tue. 05/20	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m.	Angels In Training SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Family Faith Formation
Wed. 05/21	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball Club Party
Thur. 05/22	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Fri. 05/23	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Sat. 05/24	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 05/25		

## 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 24th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Glory Piovarcy
Bowl 1.....	Anne Spring
Altar Server.....	Rochelle Edwards
Greeter.....	Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....	Christine Stroker

### Sunday, May 25th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Joe Tarquinio
Lector 2.....	Erica Erwin
Bowl 1.....	Pat Marshall
Bowl 2.....	Nancy Clark
Cup 1.....	Tom Palisin
Cup 2.....	Kathy Pearson
Cup 3.....	Donna Schersten
Cup 4.....	Chip Shamburg
Altar Server.....	Zachery Henry
Greeter.....	Paul Sacco
Greeter.....	Patty Sacco
AV Ministry.....	Ken Marshall
CLW.....	NO CLW

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE CONFLICTS

Schedule conflicts for the June-July schedule are due to Katie by the end of the day TODAY, Sunday May 18.

Please email all conflicts to  
[secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org).



Please join our "flock" by signing up at  
[olmharborcreek.flocknote.com](http://olmharborcreek.flocknote.com)  
 or using the QR code provided.

**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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org)  
 Registration Deadline is July 21st

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 05/19	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 05/20	8:30 a.m.	Analida Braeger (Tom Braeger)
Wed. 05/21	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (Family)
Thur. 05/22	8:30 a.m.	Ann Nagosky (Richard Nagosky)
Fri. 05/23	8:30 a.m.	Ben Markiewicz (Jim & Sue Felice)
Sat. 05/24	4:30 p.m.	Leo Bliley (Gretchen & Mary Gallagher)
Sun. 05/25	9:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM

## Comedy Corner

What do you call a bunch of rabbits  
 walking away from you?  
 A receding hare-line.

*A Laugh Is...*  
 A smile that doesn't  
 go away  
 A day not wasted  
 A laugh to be  
 shared  
 A heart  
 that goes on  
 living



## 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.



## Walking With Moms In Need

OLM is exploring the possibility of initiating a new ministry. Walking With Moms in Need is an initiative of the U. S. Bishops and the Diocese of Erie. It is an opportunity to support parents facing need either during pregnancy or as they raise their children. There will be an informational session **after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, June 1.** If you are unable to attend this meeting, but are interested, contact Irene at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or 814-899-6132. The level of parish interest will determine if OLM moves forward with this.



## 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](mailto: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.



## 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.



## 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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or 814-899-6132.

CLW leaders need state clearances. Training will be provided.

## Hearing Impaired Devices Available

For those who have a problem hearing at Mass we have help for you. Hearing receiver units are available that have ear buds that receive a signal directly from a transmitter behind the altar.

Speaking voices are clear with adjustable volume control. If you are interested call **Tom Palisin at 814-572-5437** or see or call Katie in the office.



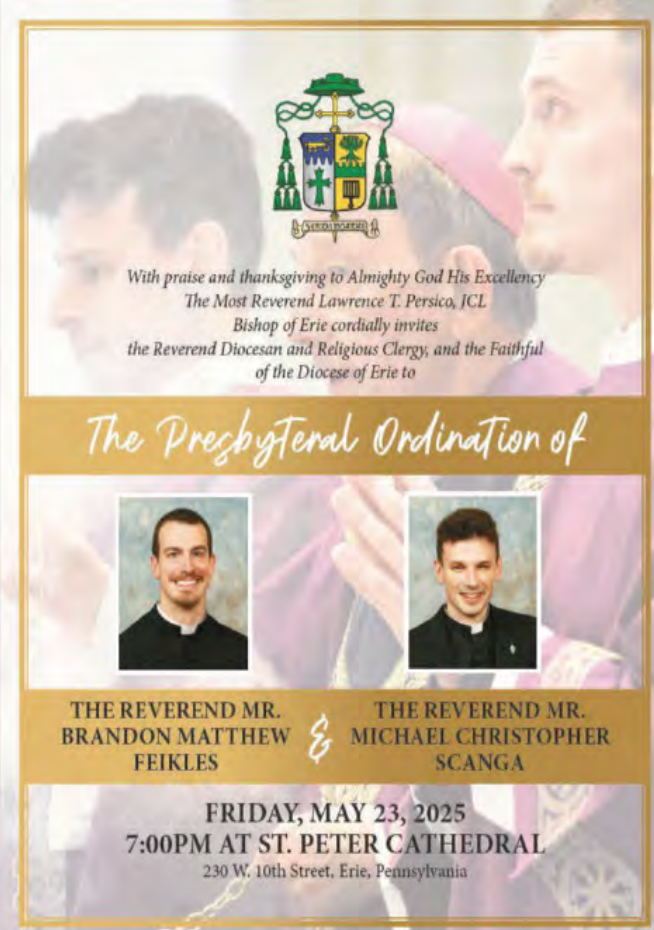
## 2025 Baby Bottle Fundraiser


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). To donate electronically through FlockNote, scan the QR code above. 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. BRANDON MATTHEW FEIKLES & THE REVEREND MR. MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER SCANGA

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Vegetable Container Gardening for Beginners



Interested in planting a Container Garden but don't know how to begin? Fortunately, we have two gardening experts right here at Our Lady of Mercy who are willing to share their knowledge with the rest of us!

**Cindy and Jim Skarzenski of Stan's Garden Center will give a Vegetable Container Gardening session on Saturday, June 7 at 1:00 p.m. in the church pavilion (or in Sperry Hall, if needed). A personal demo is always better than a YouTube video!**

**Container gardening** is simply growing plants in pots; many vegetables, herbs, fruits, and flowers thrive in containers. It's perfect for those who lack gardening space, or who have a patio, balcony, or terrace. In addition, gardening in containers is easier to tend and less intimidating for new growers.

### The Benefits of Container Gardening

The great thing about growing in containers is being able

to pick up pots and move them where you know they'll thrive. Even if it's only one or two pots on the side of your driveway or in the corner of your balcony, gardening in containers allows you to maximize all of your available space.

If you can easily access your plants, you are more likely to take care of them and harvest them in a timely manner. You'll certainly have fewer weeds or none at all, and harvesting is much cleaner and easier, too.

Cindy and Jim will talk about which plants work well in containers and which do not. They can answer all your questions regarding size and structure of a good container, and where to best put your containers—considering things such as sunlight exposure, water needs/accessibility, and protection from wind.





# MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional:

# 759 Sing With All the Saints in Glory

Responsorial Psalm:

*"I will praise your name forever, my king and my God."*

Preparation of the Offerings:

# 776 Ubi Caritas

Communion:

# 785 Behold the Lamb

Recessional: God Bless Your Church With Strength



1. God, bless your Church with strength!  
2. God, bless your Church with life!  
3. God, bless your Church with hope!



be, thrive, days  
Build up your ser - vants as we work In  
Un - blem - ished, whole - some, bear - ing fruit, A -  
May we in dark - ness shine, to light A -



com - mon min - is - try. Urge us from fledg - ling faith  
bun - dant - ly a - live. From you, one Ho - ly Vine,  
path - way through life's maze. May jus - tice be our aim



To ven - ture and to soar, Through o - pen skies to  
In free - dom may we grow. Sus - tain us in our  
And kind - ness ours to share; And let us walk in



sing the praise Of Christ, whom we a - dore.  
mis - sion, Lord, Your love and peace to show.  
hum - ble - ness, As - sured our God is there.

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Tune: DIADEMATA, SMD, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893



## Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

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 Leo 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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### Membership Form

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\_\_\_\_ 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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