

April 19, 2026 – The Third Sunday of Easter

Our Lady of Mercy Church

MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 a.m.
Weekday: Tuesday-Friday	8:30 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday	3:45 p.m.



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Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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The Week Ahead

For a complete calendar of events, please visit:
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- Mon. 04/20** 9:30 a.m. Steel Magnolias SCC
1:00 p.m. Sophia's Circle SCC
5:30 p.m. Wild Hope SCC
6:30 p.m. Fireside Chatters SCC
- Tue. 04/21** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
9:15 a.m. Prayer Shawl
9:30 a.m. Angels In Training SCC
1:00 p.m. Potters Clay SCC
4:00 p.m. Religious Ed. Gr. 3-6
4:00 p.m. Finance Council
6:00 p.m. Family Faith Formation
6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Wed. 04/22** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
6:00 p.m. VBS Planning Mtg
6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Thu. 04/23** 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. 04/24**
- Sat. 04/25** 8:45 a.m. First Eucharist Retreat
10:00 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
- Sun. 04/26** 10:30 a.m. Religious Ed. Gr. K-2 & 7-8

Mass Intentions

- Mon. 04/20** 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**
- Tue. 04/21** 8:30 a.m. **Sam Garwig**
(Liana Wathen)
- Wed. 04/22** 8:30 a.m. **Analida Braeger**
(Tom Braeger)
- Thu. 04/23** 8:30 a.m. **Ann Nagosky**
(Richard Nagosky)
- Fri. 04/24** 8:30 a.m. **Jack Eaglen**
(John Abbate Family)
- Sat. 04/25** 4:30 p.m. **Dan Kaeberlein**
(Sue & Kevin Berdis)
- Sun. 04/26** 9:30 a.m. **For the People of OLM**

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

If you cannot make your scheduled Mass, please contact another minister to sub for you & notify the Parish Office of any schedule changes.

Saturday, April 25th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector	Clara Camillo
Bowl 1	Kathy Mauro
Altar Server	Gabby Peters
Greeter	Jason Rzodkiewicz
Greeter	Joyce Rzodkiewicz

Sunday, April 26th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1	Sophie Bleil
Lector 2	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 1	James T. Peters Jr.
Bowl 2	Donna Schersten
Cup 1	Chip Shamburg
Cup 2	John Skuce
Cup 3	Gary Smith
Cup 4	Anne Spring
Altar Server	Madden Inthavong
Greeter	Gary Smith
Greeter	Mary Beth Smith
AV Ministry	Ken Marshall
CLW	Rachel Still



Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of March 29 was **Patrick Wuerstle, grade 1**, who knew a man becomes a deacon, priest or bishop through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.



Grief Support Group

The Grief Support group meets on the **third Wednesday of the month at 1:00**. Anyone dealing with the pain of loss is invited.

There is no need to commit to a certain number of sessions. Come as you are, whenever you desire.



Sister Parish

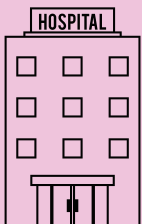
Test your knowledge of the OLM sister parish. Each week during April, a different question will be posted in the bulletin with the right answer.

Q. What is the secondary language of our sister parish?

A. Mayan. Some of the families in the parish speak Mayan at home and the homily is repeated on Sunday in Mayan.

UPMC Patients

Due to a recent change in their database system, UPMC Hamot can no longer inform Our Lady of Mercy when a parishioner is in their hospital.



If you or a loved one is a patient at UPMC Hamot and would like to have a visit from one of our hospital visitors, please notify Our Lady of Mercy by calling **814-899-5342** and telling us the room number. Thank you for your understanding on this new protocol.

Invitation to a Small Christian Community

Easter is a season of new life and new beginnings. Like the first disciples, we are invited to walk with the Risen Lord who is present in the Church. A Small Faith Group is an incredible way to become more aware of the Risen Christ in your life. Here is what one person has experienced as part of a SCC. "Ours was formed many years ago when SCCs were introduced throughout the diocese. A book is provided by the church for each of us to use as a guide. Its focus is on the upcoming Sunday scripture readings, so our meetings look forward and prepare us for the next Sunday. The goal of each meeting is to integrate into the format the five elements of community: Prayer, Support, Sharing, Learning and Outreach or Ministry. A typical meeting begins with a few minutes of silence to enter more deeply into the presence of God, followed by proclamation of the Gospel, reflection on it, group sharing (including the other readings), an invitation to act and closing prayer. Meetings last about one hour and we leave with a renewed sense of community and mission. Try a Small Christian Community and I believe you'll be glad you did." John Skuce

If you would like more information about joining a small faith group, contact Irene at **814-899-6132** or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org. We have communities to meet a variety of schedules.



olm book group

Join us on **Wednesday, May 20 @ 6:30** to discuss What Remains by Carole Radziwill.



Discover the Woman



The next Discover the Woman Within event featuring Rochelle Edwards & Sue Moreno titled: **Sister Act** will be held on **Monday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of Mercy

All women are invited to attend this event.



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KofC Golf & Sports Raffle

31st Annual KofC
Golf and Sports Raffle

Friday, May 8, 2026

Tickets on sale
NOW in the Parish Office.



KofC Basket Raffle Donations Needed



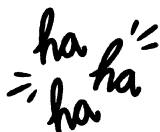
The Knights are currently accepting donations for the basket raffle. Please drop items off in **Classroom 1**. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Marshall at **814-440-4890**.

KofC Scholarship

Scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors are being accepted by the Our Lady of Mercy Knights of Columbus Council. The scholarship program began over 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, including a brief essay, along with a certified and sealed transcript from the applicant's school are required and should be submitted to the church office. The deadline is **Sunday, May 17**. 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. The application form is available on the OLM website. Watch the bulletin for reminders.

The Sunday Silly.

When is the best time
to wash your Slinky?
During spring cleaning.



From the Diocese

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Child Abuse Prevention Month

Report Child Abuse: It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Physical and sexual abuse of minors are pervasive societal problems, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. According to the latest Pennsylvania statewide report in 2024 there were 5,214 substantiated reports of child abuse. 1,693 or 32.5% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse and 1,410 substantiated reports were physical abuse. 61.4% of child abuse victims were female. Mother and Father remain the person most responsible for abuse of their children. To report child abuse, call Childline at **800-932-0323** (anytime 24/7). For questions on reporting abuse in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at **814-824-1195**.

Gift Basket BINGO!

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Music for Mass

Entrance Procession: **Jesus is Risen** - # 425

Offertory: **This Day Was Made by the Lord** - # 419

Communion: **The Supper of the Lord** - # 774

Recessional: **Sing a New Song** - # 598

Our Lady of Mercy 50th Anniversary Medallions

While cleaning out the office closet, we found a handful of **Our Lady of Mercy 50th Anniversary Medallions**. If you would like them, they are free and can be picked up on the table in front of the Parish Office. These are available on a first come, first serve basis.
Help yourself!

An Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith

Some days, the world feels as if it is spinning out of control. Natural disasters, international crisis, political discord, economic uncertainty, ecological threat, we often find ourselves grasping for an anchor to steady our lives. God is the one anchor that remains sure and stable, no matter what troubles shake the ground under our feet. A relationship with God, our Creator, our Savior, our Advocate lived in the supportive arms of the Church family and nourished by the grace of the sacraments can help us live with peace and joy no matter what life throws at us. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Have you toyed with the idea of being baptized? Would you like to explore your questions about what life as a Catholic Christian would mean? If you would like to start a conversation or learn more about the process of preparing to join the Catholic faith, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.

Prayer for a New Bishop

O Almighty God,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
and those who assist him
in the discernment of our new bishop.
May the one chosen have the strength
to be a compassionate leader,
who models humility and joy.
Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
the courage of the apostles,
and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.

We also pray for the Diocese of Erie
that he is called to serve.
May we welcome him with open hearts
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
may we journey the path of life
with an unwavering focus
on the hope we have in Christ.

For he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

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**3-Day
Summer
Festival**

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY
FRIDAY, JULY 10TH
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Featuring Live Music from:
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Auction

BINGO!
SATURDAY, JULY 11TH
6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00

Harborcreek Fire Hall
BYOB
Presale - \$25
Door Sale - \$30
Concessions Available!

SUNDAY JULY 12TH 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
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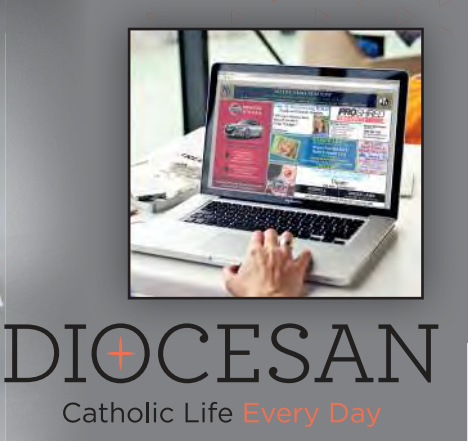
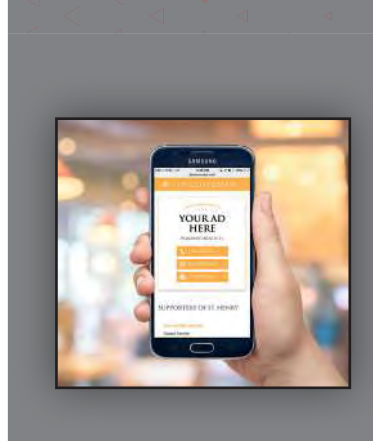
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