

May 17, 2026 – The Seventh 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.

OFFICE AND CHURCH HOURS

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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:
ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar

- Mon. 05/18** 9:30 a.m. Steel Magnolias SCC
5:30 p.m. Wild Hope SCC
6:00 p.m. Roman Candles SCC
6:30 p.m. Fireside Chatters SCC
- Tue. 05/19** 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
6:00 Family Faith Formation
6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Wed. 05/20** 8:30 a.m. Food Pantry Distribution
8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
1:00 p.m. Grief Support Group
6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
6:30 p.m. OLM Book Group
- Thu. 05/21** 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. 05/22**
- Sat. 05/23** 10:00 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
- Sun. 05/24**

The Sunday Silly.

What type of flower do you
plant in the dark?
A light bulb.

ha ha
ha ha

From the Office

Liturgical Ministers, please send your conflicts for
June-July to the Parish Office by this **Sunday,**
May 17th. Any conflicts sent after this deadline are
not guaranteed to reflect on the schedule.

Mass Intentions

- Mon. 05/18** 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**
- Tue. 05/19** 8:30 a.m. **Analida Braeger**
(Tom Braeger)
- Wed. 05/20** 8:30 a.m.
- Thu. 05/21** 8:30 a.m. **Mark Slomski**
(Karen & Dave Nelson)
- Fri. 05/22** 8:30 a.m. **Loretta Herzing**
(Janice Cannella)
- Sat. 05/23** 4:30 p.m. **For the People of OLM**
- Sun. 05/24** 9:30 a.m. **LouAnn Nowosielski**
(Family)

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, May 23rd at 4:30 p.m.

Lector	Tom Camillo
Bowl 1	Kathy Mauro
Altar Server	Nick Mauro
Greeter	Rochelle Edwards
Greeter	Lisa Spelling

Sunday, May 24th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1	Denise Lewandoski
Lector 2	Addison Matusiak
Bowl 1	Brian Meyer
Bowl 2	Ed Meyer
Cup 1	Karen Meyer
Cup 2	Marlene Meyer
Cup 3	Carole Peters
Cup 4	Donna Schersten
Altar Server	Colton Catrabone
Greeter	Paul Sacco
Greeter	Patty Sacco
AV Ministry	Ken Marshall
CLW	NO CLW

olm book group

Join us on **Wednesday, May 20 @ 6:30**

at the home of Bunny Weber, 3752 Harbor Ridge Trail, to discuss What Remains by Carole Radziwill.



Our June title will be The River is Waiting by Wally Lamb. The Correspondent by Virginia Evans will be our July title.

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. The next gathering will be **Wednesday, May 20 @ 1:00** in the Ritchie Room.



Mercy in Motion Diaper Wrapping Party

Join us as we prepare for our first Mercy in Motion distribution! We are looking for volunteers to help sort, wrap, and organize diapers for families in need. **Sunday, May 17 after 9:30 a.m.**

Mass in the Large Classroom No experience needed—just come ready to help! Thank you for supporting families in our community and helping us put mercy into motion.

Upcoming Distributions

Mercy in Motion is a parish ministry supporting families in need by providing essential baby items such as diapers and wipes. Our upcoming distribution dates are:

May 20 (8:30–11:30 a.m.)

During the Food Pantry Distribution
(Harborcreek Food Pantry participants only)

June 6 (8:00–10:00 a.m.)

In the Gathering Space
(Open to all families in need)

We are currently collecting diapers and wipes. Donations are still being accepted. Thank you for helping us put mercy into motion.

Vacation Bible School

Save the date. VBS 2026 at OLM will be **July 27-31 from 9:00 to noon.** Children from 4 years of age to those starting 6th grade are welcome. There is no charge.

Our Lady of Mercy Bus Trip Monday, June 22

Our Lady of Mercy is hosting a bus trip to Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica in Buffalo, NY. The trip includes a guided tour of the Basilica, time to visit the Father Baker Museum and Gift Shop there, and a stop at the Buffalo Botanical Gardens across from the Basilica.



Cost for the trip is \$80, which includes admission to the Botanical Gardens.

Payment is due by **May 17.**

A sign-up sheet is located in the Gathering Space.

Notice Regarding Copy Room Usage



Starting sometime in mid-June, we will begin requiring copy codes for all groups and organizations using the copier.

Please do not take offense to this change — this is simply a good business practice that will allow us to:

- Track overall copier usage
- Better understand supply and maintenance costs
- Ensure fair and responsible use of parish resources

You will be given your group's copy code as soon as we determine how many codes are needed and can get them properly set up. Please provide us with an email address so we can email your code to you once the setup process is complete.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we implement this new process. We greatly appreciate all that our groups do for the parish community.

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.

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.

2026 Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus in Erie and Crawford Counties are conducting our 5th 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, 793 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 in 2024. 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 9-10th). Please take one home and fill it with spare change, cash, or checks. Donation envelopes will also be available as an option to the Baby Bottles.

The bottles and envelopes should be returned Father's Day weekend. June 20-21st. 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!

Pancake Breakfast

May 17
10:30 a.m.
in Sperry Hall

Music for Mass

Gathering: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus - # 458

Offertory: To You Who Bow

1. To you who bow, to you who bend,
 2. To you who teach, to you who heal,
 3. To you who weep, to you who bleed,
 4. To you who starve, to you who thirst,
 5. To you who rise, to you, our peace, to you who

do not cling to heav-en, but un - to us de - scend; you who
 lep - er's res - to - ra - tion, the vic - tim's last ap - peal; you whose
 bound - ries of O - ri - on, but will not break the reed; you whose
 deemed to death by mal - ice, a - ban - doned and ac - cursed; you who
 lead the way be - fore us, whose spir - it binds and frees; at once the

sum - mon us as ser - vants and call your ser - vants friends;
 life is sown and gath - ered and of - fered as a meal;
 sow the end of em - pire with ti - ny, peace - ful seed;
 prom - ised to the wretch - ed the last will be made first:
 Al - pha and O - me - ga, whose love shall nev - er cease:

To you we lift our song, love ev - er new, O
 God who bows, we sing our song to you.

O God who bows, we sing our song to you.

Communion: I Receive the Living God

Refrain

I re - ceive the liv - ing God, And my
 heart is full of joy. I re - ceive the liv - ing
 God, And my heart is full of joy.

Verses

1. Je - sus says: I am the Bread Sent to
 2. Je - sus says: I am the Vine, Far from
 3. Je - sus says: I am the Way, And my
 4. Je - sus says: I am the Truth, If you
 5. Je - sus says: I am the Life, Raised in
 6. Je - sus says: I am the Day, Shin - ing

you from God Most High, Take and eat, and you will
 whom no life can grow. If you join your - self to
 path is straight and true. Fol - low me to where I
 fol - low close to me, You will know me in your
 tri - umph from the dead. As one Bod - y now re -
 bright - ly through your night. Wel - come me, and you will

live; You need nev - er fear to die.
 me, A rich har - vest you will know.
 lead; There my Fa - ther waits for you.
 heart, And my word will make you free.
 main, Mem - bers joined to me, the Head.
 walk By the Spir - it's guid - ing light.

7. Jesus says: I am the Love
 Which can bind you close to me.
 Those who know this gift I bring
 Will find true community.

8. Jesus says: I am the Peace
 Which the world cannot bestow,
 Learn to love and live in me,
 And in you my Reign will grow.

Recessional: At the Name of Jesus - # 466



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