



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Clergy

Rev. Brian Van Fossen	Pastor
Rev. Richard Gyansah-Tabiri	Assistant
Deacon Gene Blockus	Deacon

Staff Members

Ellie Scovish	Stewardship Coordinator
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Daniel Kotsko	Faith Formation Coordinator
Amanda Matysik	Youth and Young Adult Minister
Matt Shaul	Sacred Music Coordinator
Chris Janusz	Maintenance Coordinator

Sacraments

Baptism: Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to call the Parish Office to schedule a preparation session and the tentative date.

Matrimony: Couples planning to enter into Holy Matrimony are to call the office at least one year prior to set a tentative date and schedule Pre-Cana.

Reconciliation: Please consult the bulletin for dates and times or call one of our priests for an appointment.

Hospital and Homebound: Please call the office for First Friday or Anointing.

Priesthood and Religious Life: Contact our priests for an appointment.



Before our little break during the Christmas Season, we ended our reflections on the Liturgy of the Word. The second part of the Holy Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. For those who are keeping track, this is the point in the story of Emmaus when the disciples ask Jesus to stay with them. "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." (Luke 24:29) This echoes the disciples request of Jesus in St. John's gospel. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and you will see.'" (John 1:38-39) As the disciples were asking Jesus to stay with them, they were inviting Him into a greater relationship. There is more than the Liturgy of the Word, there is Christ's full presence in the Holy Eucharist. This is why attending Holy Mass is so important. We can watch the Holy Mass on TV, but we can not receive Him in the Blessed Sacrament. I can watch personalities on TV, but I do not have a relationship with them. It is only when I stay with them, go to their home, eat with them and share my gifts with them that I now can say I have a relationship. Thus, the echoes of the Little Drummer Boy rings through the Christmas Season into Ordinary Time. "Our finest gifts we bring to lay before the King." The Presentation of Gifts is symbolic and real. We bring bread, wine, and an offering for the care of the ministry of the church. With these physical gifts, we also bring ourselves. Remember the idea of processions. We are moving to Jesus, the King, as a community. By bringing ourselves we are bringing all that we are: hopes, fears, frustrations, joys, but not our sins. It is only our finest gifts we bring. This is where our hearts begin to burn within us. God's Peace,

Fr. Brian





Mass Intentions

January 15-January 21

Monday	8:30 AM	Fr. Ed Zawodniak
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Donna Gavlick <i>by Steve & Judy Boyanowski</i>
Friday	8:30 AM	Eddie Turchin <i>by Mom & Sister</i>
Saturday	5:30 PM	All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC
Sunday	8:30 AM	Irene Bedford <i>by Family</i>
	11:00 AM	Safety of LTC Kimberly Sorber currently serving in Iraq. <i>by Aunts & Cousins</i>

The Altar flowers this week are in loving memory of Irene Bedford offered by Family



Prayer Request and Requests

Fr. Brian will be attending his annual priestly retreat beginning January 15th. Please pray for him and, if you have any intentions, pass them along to him to keep in prayer.

WOMEN'S RETREAT
Bold and Beloved
Inspired by the teaching of St. Thérèse of Lisieux
January 26-28, 2024
Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414



Kara Kardell
Sinner striving for sainthood.
Wife and mother of 3.



Fred Shellabarger
Husband, Father, Spiritual Arsonist.
Big Kid Who Loves Jesus.



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Stewardship Report

Weekly Budget	\$2,787.51
Week Jan 7	\$502.00
To Date Budget	\$107,999.37
To Date Donations	\$97,043.58
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$10,955.79)

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Bishop's Annual Appeal	
Parish Goal	\$19,000.00
Total Raised	\$13,052.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$5,948.00)
Participating Members	24.53%

Stewardship

All things are possible with God

2023 Contribution Statements

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of our parish in 2023. Your time, talent and treasure has made it possible to worship the Lord, serve our neighbors and build our community. If anyone would like to request an end of year contribution statement, please contact the parish office. 570-477-5040 or email at olmchc@gmail.com

NOTICE

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours	
Monday	9:00am - 4:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday	9:00am - 4:00pm

If there is an immediate need please call St. Faustina Office at (570) 735-4833.



A note of thanks & appreciation from the Pray Shawl Ministry for the recent donation of yarn



Altar Flowers

Anyone who would like to donate an altar bouquet or offer the Weekly Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one please call the parish office.

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The parish office will be closed
Monday, January 15, 2023
Martin Luther King Day



Faith Formation Classes
Sundays at 9:30 AM

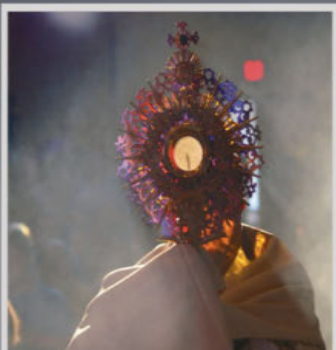
Confirmation classes will be held on the first Thursday of the month.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
Is being offered at our parish. RCIA is a wonderful way to explore Catholicism. Mostly for members of our community who want to explore becoming united more closely to the Catholic Church and Jesus Christ. It is for those who have been baptized and those who are not. We would love to have you join our family of faith!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations



**Thursday,
February 1st**

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin



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SCAN TO REGISTER
College Age +

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**A RETREAT FOR MEN DISCERNING THE
PRIESTHOOD**

Rev. Alex Roche

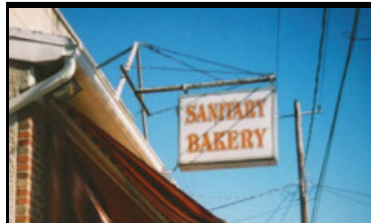


Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center, Nanticoke

Hosted by the Diocese of Scranton Vocations Office

MARCH 1-2, 2024

REGISTER AT DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG/VOCATIONS



Sanitary Bakery Pizza Sale
Jan 20th - Feb 4th

\$12 box (12 cuts)

Picked up on Feb. 10th
from 3:30pm until 5:15pm

Proceeds benefit Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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