



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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## Divine Mercy Sunday

### OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

#### Clergy

Rev. Brian Van Fossen	Pastor
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Deacon Gene Blockus	Deacon

#### Staff Members

Ellie Scovish	Stewardship Coordinator
Ann Rish	Office & Bulletin Coordinator
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.



Happy Easter! As we continue our Easter Celebration we come to today's special observance of God's Divine Mercy. This mercy is offered every day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as we commemorate the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. During the Stations of the Cross we proclaim, "For by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world." During the Divine Mercy Chaplet we proclaim, "For atonement of our sins and those of the whole world." This is why the message of the Cross can never be separated from God's Mercy. So this begs a question, how is suffering merciful? If one is suffering, they are lacking in something. If one suffers physically there is a physical deficiency. If one is suffering spiritually there is a spiritual deficiency. This lack cannot be overcome on our own without greater suffering. Also, if this lack is not addressed it can lead to death, the absence of life. It is through the Cross of Jesus that death is overcome along with suffering. The first thing one needs to realize is that there is a loss in one's life. This need recognizes the suffering one is going through. Once a person recognizes this suffering they are able to ask for help. This is where mercy enters the story. Through the Cross of Jesus, mercy overcomes suffering and Jesus unites His suffering to our own. "From His fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace." (John 1:16) All we need to do is ask. It is through this grace in the reception of the Holy Eucharist and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that God's grace fills our suffering soul. We no longer lack anything because we are full of Divine Mercy. Suffering leads us to mercy for it was Christ's mercy that led Him to the Cross. How beautiful is God's Love! God's Peace! Fr. Brian





# Mass Intentions

### April 8-April 14

- Monday 8:30 AM Robert Folmar**  
*by Joseph & Kathleen Niznik*
- Wednesday 8:30 AM Paul & Bertha Almeter**
- Friday 8:30 AM Francis & Marian Perl**
- Saturday 5:30 PM All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC**
- Sunday 8:30 AM George Pavlick by Wife & Family**
- 11:00 AM Kellie Lyn Walsh**  
*by Mom, Dad & Brothers*



### Faith Formation Classes

Sundays at 9:30 AM

### Confirmation Classes

First Thursday of the month



### First Communion Retreat

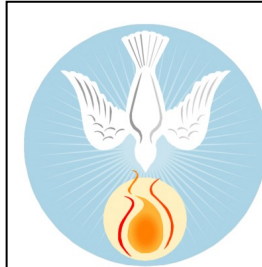
Saturday - April 13

10am to 2pm

St. Faustina Parish Hall



As we did last year, we are preparing our First Communion students in prayer. We will be joined by young adults from the Diocese to share the wonder of the Holy Eucharist. Food will be provided. For more information contact Dan Kotsko.



### Sacrament of Confirmation

St. Faustina Kowalska Parish

Wednesday - April 10 @ 5pm

This year Our Lady of Mount Carmel will join with St. Faustina Kowalska, Holy Spirit and St. Leo Parishes for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bambera. All are welcome to attend!



### Divine Mercy Sunday

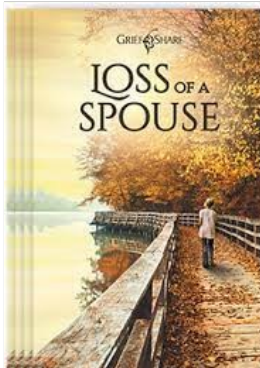
St. Faustina Kowalska Parish - Nanticoke  
from Noon to 3pm

Join us as we contemplate the mercy of God. Confessions will be heard throughout this time along with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Rosary. Our time will conclude with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.



### Day of Service

Catholic Worker Farm  
for Level 1 Confirmation  
Saturday - April 27th



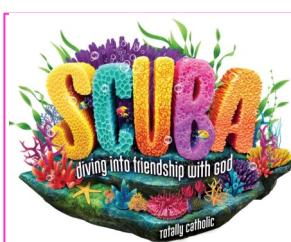
### GRIEF JOURNEY: LOSS OF A SPOUSE Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:30 P.M.

The Loss of Spouse session is designed to assist a grieving life partner through the grief journey.

OLMC Church office (570) 477-5040 to let us know that you will attend.

**Come to me all you who are weary, and I will give you rest.**

Matt. 11:28-30



### Vacation Bible School

this Summer

June 10 - 14

9am to Noon

St. Faustina Cultural Center  
Nanticoke

Mark your calendars and come join us for an amazing adventure diving into friendship with God!

### Listening with the Heart

April 25 @ 2pm

St. Faustina Office Bldg

This ministry to visit our homebound is always welcome to anyone who would join. Bringing Christ to others!



### Vocation Reminder

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ’s mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest?



**Weekly Stewardship Report**

Weekly Budget	\$2,787.51
Week Donation	\$2,499.00
Easter Budget	\$6,182.99
Easter Donation	\$6,205.00
On-Line Budget	\$1,781.22
On-Line Donation	\$1,505.38
To Date Budget	\$150,761.73
To Date Donations	\$138,005.15
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$12,756.58)

**Monthly Stewardship Report**

Fuel Budget	\$641.76
Fuel Donation	\$650.00
Dues Budget	\$3,422.28
Dues Donation	\$3,153.00
Maintenance Budget	\$597.12
Maintenance Donation	\$626.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,130.44)



**Spring Trivia Night**  
**Saturday - April 13**  
**Starting around 7pm**

We had such a great time in the Fall we are looking to celebrate the Spring.

All are welcome to attend - fun for the whole family!  
 Food and drink (adult and child) will be available for purchase. You can also bring your own.  
 Cost of the event is free but a free will offering will help our Building Fund for the parish.



**Monthly Parish BINGO - Sunday, April 7**  
**Cultural Centre of St. Faustina**  
 (38 W Church St)

Doors open at 12:30 PM with games start at 1:30 PM

\$25.00 for 16 games with \$25 winning with Specials and a **Progressive Jackpot** and other fun!

**Jackpot \$250.00 this month**

Come enjoy a great afternoon.

Food and beverages available for purchase.



Scan to donate or visit [annualappeal.org](http://annualappeal.org)



**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Parish Goal	\$19,000.00
Total Raised	\$19,082.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$82.00
Participating Members	27.59%



**GRIEF JOURNEY MINISTRY**  
*"Be Not Afraid, I Go Before You."*

**Mondays**

**May 13, 20 and June 3, 10**  
**from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Please do not be afraid to take a small step toward healing with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Grief Journey Ministry as we travel with Jesus, toward healing. If you are suffering from the loss of a loved one, please join us.

Please let us know that you will be attending by calling: OLMC Parish Office at (570) 477-5040. Registration is not required but is helpful. The road to healing is difficult, but there is Hope in God's love, fellowship, and prayer.

***I (God) LOVE YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE***

**Parish Monthly Meetings**

<b>Festival Committee</b>	Wednesday - April 3 6pm in Rectory
<b>Finance Council</b>	Wednesday - April 17 6pm in Rectory
<b>Parish Council</b>	Wednesday - April 24 6pm in Rectory

**Buildings and Grounds Committee is TBD.**



**100th Anniversary T-Shirts**

These shirts will be available at the parish office! We have a variety of sizes.

**Kids \$10**

**Adults \$13**

**3x or higher \$15**



Providence Pregnancy Center would like to thank the parishioners of **St. Faustina and Our Lady of Mount Carmel** for their very generous support of the recent baby bottle fundraiser.

**A total of \$3307.00** was raised and will go directly to helping mothers in crisis. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity. More info on our center can be found at [www.ppcscranton.org](http://www.ppcscranton.org).



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