



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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3rd Sunday of Easter



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
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 Jesus was made known to the disciples in the Breaking of the Bread. He is made known to us today. Just to recap our conversation concerning the Eucharistic Prayer. We now stand at the foot of the Cross, from the Gospels, and the Throne of the Lamb, from the Book of Revelation. However, it is important to understand the first three words of the previous statement, we **NOW** stand. Just as Jesus was made known to the disciples in Emmaus, He is **NOW** made known to us. This is why the phrase, "do this in memory of me" is not just a recalling of an event long ago. The Eucharist is truly a re-mem-bering. We are re-mem-bered to Jesus as the disciples were. We are re-mem-bered to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob because God is not a God of the dead but of the living. (Mark 12:27) The priest offers the bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Jesus. The people offer themselves and their prayers silently to God the Father through the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit. The priest does offer the intention of the Holy Mass at this time, sometimes announcing aloud but mostly silently. This is also why the priest and the people do not say the same thing. How awesome is that moment! This is why the Holy Mass is the source and summit of our prayer life as a Church. We offer our prayers with that of Jesus, through the priest, directly to God the Father! We pray for the living and the dead for we are all alive in Christ Jesus. (1 Cor 15:22) Christ then leads us to the great AMEN! God's Peace! Fr. Brian





Mass Intentions

April 15-April 21

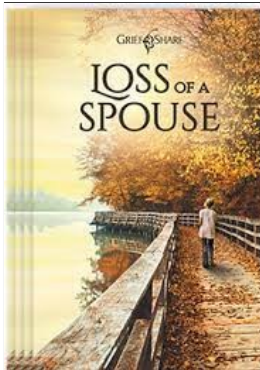
- Monday 8:30 AM Paul & Bertha Almeter**
- Wednesday 8:30 AM Bob Folmar**
by Christine Zbick Drabick
- Friday 8:30 AM Kathryn Zbieg** *by Family*
- Saturday 5:30 PM John & Pauline Polachek & Alex & Lottie Kormas**
by Jeff & Alexis Segeda

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Sunday 8:30 AM All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC**
- 11:00 AM Tracy Gototweski**
by Wally & Jean Stryczynski

The altar flowers week of April 8 are in loving memory of Harold Rosencrance offered by Brenda, Shane & Devin

The altar flowers this week are in loving memory of Thomas Rish & Tracy Gototweski offered by Family



GRIEF JOURNEY: LOSS OF A SPOUSE Sunday, April 14th 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



First Friday and Saturday Devotions May 3 @ 8:30 am

First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

May 4 @ 8:30 am

First Saturday Mass w/Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Eucharistic Adoration, Prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Confession



Faith Formation Classes Sundays at 9:30 AM



Congratulations to our young men and women who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this year!



- Riley **Francis** Badman
- Lukas **Joseph** Conte
- Matthew **Sebastian** Finarelli
- Haley **Grace** Lukavitch
- Briana **Christina** Noto
- Ella **Brigid** Siergiej
- Jesse **James** Strenfel
- Kenzie **Raymond** Williamson-Coleman

Please join us in celebrating these young men and women who chose to establish a deeper relationship with God and become closer to Jesus Christ as they live their faith! Please also keep them and their families in your prayers.



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



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

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!



Weekly Stewardship Report

Weekly Budget	\$2,787.51
Week Donation	\$2,224.00
To Date Budget	\$153,549.24
To Date Donations	\$142,812.15
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$10,737.09)



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Bishop's Annual Appeal

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

Parish Monthly Meetings

Finance Council	Wednesday - April 17 6pm in Rectory
Parish Council	Wednesday - April 24 6pm in Rectory
Buildings and Grounds Committee	Monday - April 29 6pm in Rectory

www.eucharisticrevival.org



After consultation with Parish Council, we are looking at discontinuing the streaming of the Holy Mass from Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The number of viewers average around 4 and the time that the Holy Mass is viewed averages 15 minutes. The main focus of the Holy Mass, the Holy Eucharist, is missing being that viewership drops drastically after the Homily. Though this was an important ministry during the COVID crisis, the need for this ministry seems to be waning but also causing a crisis in people not receiving the Blessed Sacrament. The Conference of Catholic Bishops remind us that "the televised Mass is never a substitute for the Church's pastoral care for the sick in the form of visits by parish ministers who share the Scriptures and bring Communion, nor is it ever a substitute for the Sunday Mass celebrated within a parish faith community each week." We are looking at discontinuing this ministry by May 19th. However, please let us know your thoughts. If there is a real need, we will discuss at our next Parish Council Meeting. Please keep us in your prayers and know of our prayers for discernment.

Vocation Reminder



"Peace be with you." His peace will be fully felt when you are living the vocation that he has called you to. If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest or in consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at 570-207-1452

Save the Dates: 2024 Parish Festival
Friday, July 26th & Saturday, July 27th

Festival Preparation

Pierogie Making

Friday, May 17th & Saturday, May 18th
and
Friday, June 7th & Saturday, June 8th

Piggie Making

Friday, June 28th & Saturday, June 29th
(All days starting at 8:30)



We Also Need Your Help in Planning!

This year, we are planning to adjust the festival to match our new reality - less volunteers. We are very grateful for the many years of service which so many dedicated volunteers gave to the festival. However, due to life factors, some of these volunteers can not continue in the roles they previously played and we do not have new volunteers to pick up their work. As a result, we need to recruit new volunteers to lead in the following areas:

Flea market, cheesesteak/burger/sausage & pepper stand, porketta, pork bbq and/or pizza.

Please call/text Cindy to discuss possibilities by **April 27th** at 570-690-9427. Unfortunately, if we don't have new volunteers to work/lead these stands, we'll have to eliminate or make changes. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.