



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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4th Sunday of Easter

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
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Amanda Matysik	Youth and Young Adult Minister
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Sacraments

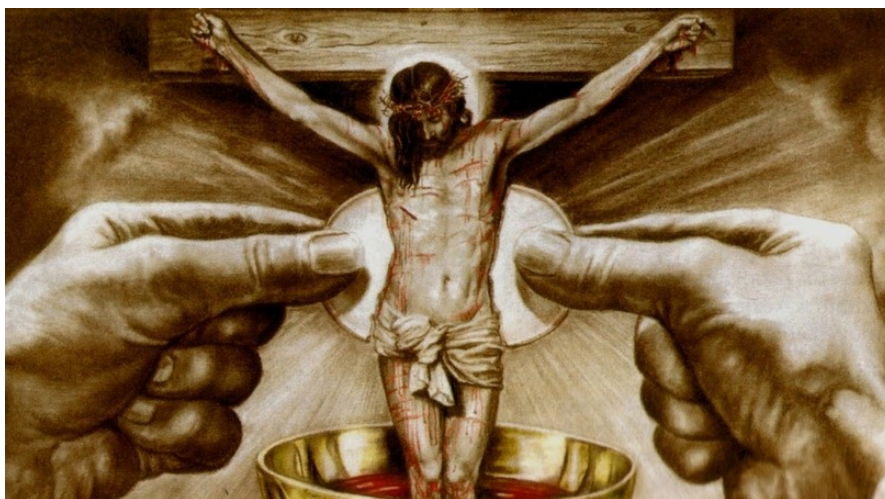
Baptism: Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to call the Parish Office to schedule a preparation session and the tentative date.

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.



During the Eucharistic Prayer we have prayed for all living and deceased members of our families. We prayed for unity with the entire Church. We prayed for peace and grace in our lives and our world. We recognized all the love given to us through the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. We stand at the foot of the Cross and the Altar of the Lamb uniting all time, heaven and earth and our prayer with the saints and angels. Now the Church acclaims: "Though Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." Jesus Christ is the Him in this statement. We recognize what Christ told his disciples, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 We also recognize the powerful promise from St. Paul, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens and empowers me." Phil 4:13 The way we are able to accomplish this amazing moment is in the power of the Holy Spirit. When we are united to the Holy Spirit in fellowship with each other and in grace with God. Repeated several times in the Apostolic Letters, we affirm that the Holy Spirit unites and the evil spirit divides. "Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness." 1 John 2:9 In this moment of unity and peace we give glory to our almighty Father. "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Eph 4:3-5 This is an awesome moment in the Holy Mass! It is all culminated in a great AMEN in the Heavens and on the Earth and in our hearts! God's Peace! Fr. Brian





Mass Intentions

April 22-April 28

Monday 8:30 AM Health & Blessings Carl Litchkofski
by Daily Mass Group

Wednesday 8:30 AM Health & Blessings Deacon Gene & Pat Blockus by Daily Mass Group

Friday 8:30 AM 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mark and Marianna Oplinger

Saturday 5:30 PM Eric Wilson
by Paul & Susan Walters

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 8:30 AM All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC

11:00 AM Raymond & Mary Kulakowski
by Helen, Bob, Mary, Brian & Justin

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!



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



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



Faith Formation Classes

Sundays at 9:30 AM



RCIA
A Journey In Faith

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!



IS GOD Calling you?

Vocation Reminder

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call. Are you a young person who feels called to the priesthood or religious life? Call Vocations Office at vocations@dioceseofscranton.org

Please be assured of our prayers for you.



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

Weekly Stewardship Report

Weekly Budget	\$2,787.51
Week Donation	\$2,585.00
To Date Budget	\$156,336.75
To Date Donations	\$145,447.15
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$10,889.60)



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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

Parish Council	Wednesday - April 24 6pm in Rectory
Buildings and Grounds Committee	Monday - April 29 6pm in Rectory
Festival Committee	Wednesday - May 1 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.



The **Back Mountain Food Bank** sent a note of appreciation to OLMC for January through March donations of **145 lbs.** of non-perishable food. Please continue to support those in need! **Thank You!**

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:

Cheesesteak/burger/sausage & pepper stand, porketta, and/or pork bbq.

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.