



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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5th 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.



“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

We stand, which again means we are moving, and offer the greatest prayer given to us to pray. Before we look at the prayer, let us look at the movement. We were just at the foot of the Cross and the Altar of the Lamb. So where are we moving toward? We are moving into eternity, the arms of our Heavenly Father. We experience the fulfillment of a promise given to us, “If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.” (Romans 6:8) “You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.” (Colossians 2:12) Thus, “you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry ‘Abba, Father!’” (Romans 8:15) Like prodigal sons and daughters, we run into the arms of God our loving Father. Inspired by Christ we dare to call God, “Our Father”. God’s Peace! Fr. Brian





Mass Intentions

April 29-May 5

- Monday 8:30 AM Wilson Family**
by Paul & Susan Walters
- Wednesday 8:30 AM Health & Blessings**
John & Joanne Romano
by Daily Mass Group
- Friday 8:30 AM Edmund A. Mikolajczyk**
by Joseph Family
- Saturday 8:30 AM Intention of Priest**
5:30 PM George & Catherine Pavlick Family
by Marie Brojakowski & Family

Sixth Sunday of Easter

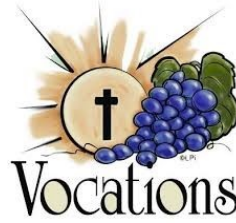
- Sunday 8:30 AM All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC**

11:00 AM Kellie Lyn Walsh *by Barbara Baigis*

The Sanctuary Light this week is in loving memory of George & Catherine Pavlick Family offered by Marie Brojakowski & Family



Faith Formation Classes
Sundays at 9:30 AM



Vocation Reminder

"He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus." On May 1st, we celebrate Religious Brothers Day! Brothers live in religious communities. Though not ordained, they take vows and promise to use their talents to serve God wherever the community decides they are needed. Please pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, talk to your priest or reach out to the vocation office at 570-207-1452 or vocations@dioceseofscranton.org.



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.



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



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., and the Office for Parish Life invites couples celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding

Anniversary in 2024 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 23rd**. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a reception in the Diocesan Parish Center.

Please register for this event by **May 26, 2024** by going to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org> or contacting Bridget Guarnieri at (570) 207-2213 or via email at familylife@dioceseofscranton.org

First Holy Communion

will take place on
Sunday, May 5 @ 11am Mass

Please pray for these little angels!



Weekly Stewardship Report

Weekly Budget	\$2,787.51
Week Donation	\$2,533.00
To Date Budget	\$159,124.26
To Date Donations	\$147,980.15
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$11,144.11)



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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%



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)

A **HUGE** thank you to all who came forward to volunteer for leadership at our parish festival! We have been able to fill all the areas in need. Now that we have some leaders, we will be looking for people who can give a little time through the weekend to help these men and women work the stands. We truly appreciate all our volunteers and all who make our parish such a great place for families. Again, **THANK YOU!**



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.

Parish Monthly Meetings

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Monday - April 29
 6pm in Rectory

Festival Committee

Wednesday - May 1
 6pm in Rectory



Mother's Day Carnation Sale for Life

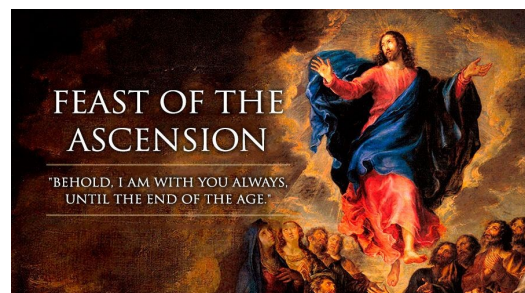
The weekend of May 11th and 12th carnations will be available for purchase for **only \$1.**

You can take them home or leave them before the image of our Blessed Mother.

Donations go to Pennsylvanians for Human Life!



JMJ Catholic Radio 104.5 FM



Thursday
May 9th

8:30am
and
6:00pm