



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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Sixth 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.



This is a great time to review a little of our conversation. Remember, before we even come to the church our preparation for Holy Mass begins by our prayer at home. We pray through the week with our hopes and joys, struggles and crosses, always uniting our life of prayer to our life lived in the world. We then gather our thoughts before we come to the Holy Mass to remember our week and our needs. We arrive at Holy Mass early in order to call these prayers to mind and place them before the Father. Then the community prays for these intentions during our Opening Prayer (Collect) as we are asked, "Let us pray." God then speaks to us through Salvation History

and the teachings of Jesus Christ in the Gospel and Homily. We then pray for the world and the world's needs. Then, AGAIN, we present to God our gifts and our very selves in the Presentation of the Gifts. The great part of this next presentation is that our intentions coming into the church might be different then the intention we bring to the altar. The intention might be answered,. It might be looked at differently. We might be different in the presentation of the intention. The intention might not be different but rather might be intensified in its need. However the intention might be, our intention and our very selves are presented to the Father through the sacrifice of the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the power of the Holy Mass. God listens to each and everyone of us and it is through His Grace we are transitioned, transformed, transubstantiated into being more God's child. What do you bring to the Holy Mass? God's Peace!

Fr. Brian





Mass Intentions

February 12-February 18

Monday	8:30 AM	Rev Ed Zawodniak
<u>Ash Wednesday</u>		
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Ruthann Ryczak
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Adoration
Friday	8:30 AM	Paul & Bertha Almeter
Saturday	5:30 PM	Peggy Line by Nancy Barrett
<u>First Sunday of Lent</u>		
Sunday	8:30 AM	George Pavlick by Mickey & Len
	11:00 AM	All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC

The Altar Flowers this week are in loving memory of George Pavlick offered by wife & family



World Marriage Day

This weekend we celebrate World Marriage Day! Let's take time to pray for our spouses and each other to lift our marriages. Your goal in this Vocation of Marriage should be to get your spouse to heaven. Take time to ponder in your heart how you can do that, starting right now.

The Light is On for You

Beginning **Monday**, February 19th, beginning at **5:30pm** until **7:30pm** the church will be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

"Ask Jesus what He wants from you and be brave."
Pope Francis



There will also be a priest available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There is no better way to spend only one hour a week with the Lord through Lent!



Lenten Men's Retreat "Spiritual Direction: I'm Not Lost, I'm Wondering"

March 15th to March 16th
Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, Dalton.
The cost of the retreat is only \$75

To register, visit www.beacatholicman.com. For more information, contact Joe Adcroft at 570-380-5070

The Season of Lent Beginning Wednesday - February 14th

Ash Wednesday February 14th

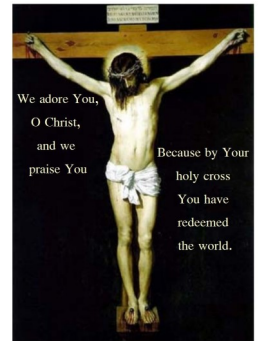
Ash Wednesday is a day of prayer, fast and abstinence. All Catholics are to abstain from eating meat today. Fasting is two small meals with one main meal with no snacking in between meals. We will offer two opportunities of prayer and to receive ashes:

8:30am Holy Mass
6:00pm Evening Prayer with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Stations of the Cross

Beginning **Friday**, February 16th, at **6:00pm** we will journey with Jesus along His way of the Cross. This Lenten devotion is rooted in ancient times of pilgrimage to the Holy Land. For those who cannot make this pilgrimage, we are given the opportunity at our local parishes.



ALSO remember that every Friday is a day of abstinence. Every Catholic, especially during Lent, is to abstain from meat on Fridays. Outside of Lent, another act of penance must be performed on Fridays when meat is eaten.

DIocese of SCRANTON
KINGSTON DEANERY

LENTEN HOLY HOUR

with **Bishop Bambera**

Thursday, February 15
at 7:00 P.M.

Holy Family Parish
574 Bennett Street
Luzerne, PA 18709

NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival

Stewardship Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,787.51
Week February 4	\$ 2,795.00
To Date Budget	\$ 120,930.63
To Date Donations	\$ 110,226.57
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$10,704.06)



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Bishop's Annual Appeal

Parish Goal	\$19,000.00
Total Raised	\$18,782.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$218.00)
Participating Members	27.12%



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.



BE AMONG THE FIRST TO TASTE 40 DAYS THE DOPPELBOCK THAT GIVES BACK!



Enjoy our limited-release collaboration brew inspired by the Paulaner friars' drink of choice while they fasted for the 40 days of Lent. Brewed with a touch of chocolate pale malt, light notes of caramel and toast, and prominent aromas of contrition and forgiveness.

WHAT: RECTORY, SET, COOK! 2024 LAUNCH PARTY!
 CRAFT DRINKS, TASTY EATS, FOODIE + KITCHEN-THEMED RAFFLE BASKETS, BEER HISTORY LESSONS & EVEN A FEW SINGING PRIESTS!
 WHEN: 5-7 P.M. FAT TUESDAY, FEB. 13
 WHERE: BREAKER BREWING COMPANY, 787 E. NORTHAMPTON ST., WILKES-BARRE TWP.
 WHY: TO SUPPORT THE 35+ DIOCESE OF SCRANTON PASTOR CHEFS AND THEIR STUDENT AND PARISHIONER PARTNERS HELPING TO FIGHT HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS THIS LENT!
 TICKETS: \$20. ONE TICKET INCLUDES ONE 40 DAYS DRAFT PLUS PIZZA, CHARCUTERIE, CHEESE, VEGETABLES AND OTHER LIGHT APPS.

Altar Flowers

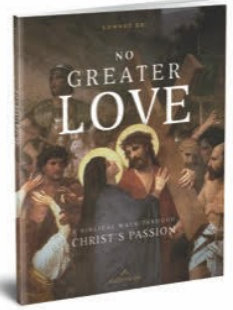


Anyone who would like to donate an altar bouquet or offer the Weekly Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one please call the parish office (570-477-5040)

Soup, Salad and Study for the Soul

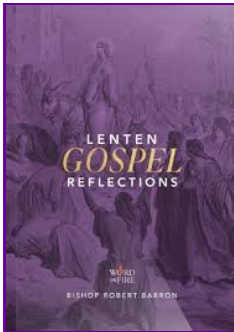
After Stations of the Cross on Friday, our community will gather to discover faith and fellowship.

Every **Friday** beginning around **6:30pm** we will be examining a journey of faith through **No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through the Lord's Passion** with **Edward Sri**.



Also, if you would like to bring some vegetarian soup (that includes the broth), salad (no bacon bits) or bread please bring some to share!

Parish Gift for Lent



This year the parish is also offering **Word on Fire: Lenten Reflections** for all members of our parish family. Please take one home for your family to pray and journey together. This small book is filled with reflections and prayers for your Lenten Journey!

Collecting Old Palms

We will be collecting old palms for burning. These ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday. If you have any palm, please drop them off at the office or in church **before Monday, February 12th**. Thank you!!



Ecumenical Soup and Scripture Wednesdays @ 6pm

Every Wednesday we will be coming together as Christians to explore the Sacred Scriptures. The hosting parish will offer fellowship followed by a teaching from Sacred Scripture.



All are invited to attend!

- Feb 21 Maple Grove UMC
5876 Main Rd - Hunlock Creek
- Feb 28 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Please bring some food for our guests!
- March 6 Prince of Peace Episcopal
- March 13 Lehman-Idetown UMC
- March 20 St. Paul's Lutheran