



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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6th 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.



“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit”
(1 Cor 12:4-7)

The words of the Our Father we use during the Holy Mass is from Matthew 6:9-13. The other prayer can be found in Luke 11: 2-4. Though different, there is a great deal in common between these two versions.

The first is the plural nature of the prayer: **Our Father, Us** this day, **Our** daily bread, forgive **Us**, etc. The very prayer reminds us that we are a community of saints and sinners in need of God as Father. We are never alone! As a community of believers our first focus is toward God. We recognize His name, His kingdom, and His will on Earth and Heaven. Again, remember, we are entering more fully into the arms of God. Then, only after our love of God is expressed, can we focus on our relationship within the community of believers. We pray to give us, forgive us, lead us, and deliver us. “This is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.” (John 6:40) If we take the words of the Lord’s Prayer to heart, our lives would reflect that of the Son. “Let this cup pass from me but not my will but yours be done.” (Matthew 26:39) “I am the bread of life.” (John 6:35) “Father forgive them.” (Luke 23:34) Our lives are lived rooted in our relationship with the Holy Trinity. We are able to recognize temptation and have the strength to fight against it. We are able to recognize evil and be delivered from it. We are able to stand against the full strength of the enemy and overcome it by the power of the Cross. We are able to embrace peace by the help of His mercy, free from sin and safe from distress, all because we can call God Our Father. Thus, to God is all the glory and honor and power for ever and ever. Amen! God’s Peace! Fr. Brian





Mass Intentions

May 6-May 12

Monday 8:30 AM Health for Robert, Steve & Judi
by Ken Wolfe

Wednesday 8:30 AM Rose Maza by Ken Wolfe

Ascension Thursday

Thursday 8:30 AM All Living & Deceased Members and Benefactors of OLMC

6:00 PM Robert Rey by Joseph Mikolajczyk

Friday 8:30 AM Alvin Baigis
by Wife, Barbara & children

Saturday 5:30 PM All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

11:00 AM Helen Simon
by Cindy, Courtney, & Ellie



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)

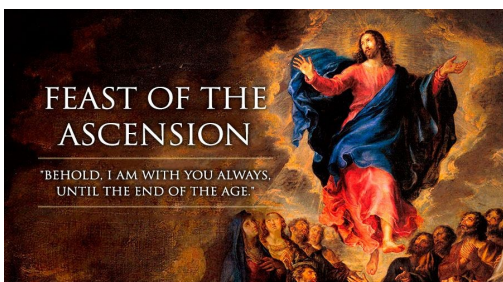


Mother's Day Carnation Sale for Life

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!



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."

Thursday
May 9th

8:30am
and
6:00pm



Bereavement Ministry

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



*W*EDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

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



DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Marywood University, Scranton, PA

Register at cwcnepa.com



Jackie Angel

Mother of 5
Homeschooler



JMJ Catholic Radio 104.5 FM



Weekly Stewardship Report

Weekly Budget	\$2,787.51
Week Donation	\$2,905.00
On-Line Budget	\$1,781.22
On-Line Donation	\$1,764.00
To Date Budget	\$163,692.99
To Date Donations	\$152,649.15
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$11,043.84)

Monthly Stewardship Report

Utilities Budget	\$641.76
Utilities Donation	\$650.00
Dues Budget	\$3,422.28
Dues Donation	\$3,153.00
Maintenance Budget	\$597.12
Maintenance Donation	\$626.00
Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,039.60)



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.



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

Festival Preparation

Pierogi 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)



Green Thumb Volunteers Needed

Help to plant the bulbs from our Easter flowers around the parish grounds on **Wednesday, May 22 @ 12:30 pm.**

We will meet outside the rectory. We greatly appreciate your help and everyone is welcome. Green thumb not necessary, just come and join in the fun and effort to beautify our OLMC grounds. Thank you!

**Bake Sale to Benefit
 the Wilson Family
 Corpus Christi - June 1st and 2nd**

As you may recall, the Wilson family entered into full communion with the Holy Catholic Church this past Holy Saturday. Sadly, Eric Wilson passed away very unexpectedly just days later. As we celebrate Corpus Christi, we have a special opportunity to care for the Body of Christ on earth: Amy Wilson and her boys.

We need your help!

Baked goods or other homemade treats can be dropped off in the hall on Saturday, 6/1 between 4p and 5:20p and before each Sunday Mass. Consider enjoying someone else's special recipe and purchase them that weekend. Finally, any donations will be gratefully accepted during the bake sale. All proceeds go to help the Wilson Family.

Thank you so much for your support!

"If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy."

1 Cor 12:26

**Church Cleaning Crew
 Organizational Meeting
 on Thursday,
 May 16th @ 6pm
 in the Rectory.**

