



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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7th 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
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Amanda Matysik	Youth and Young Adult Minister
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Sacraments

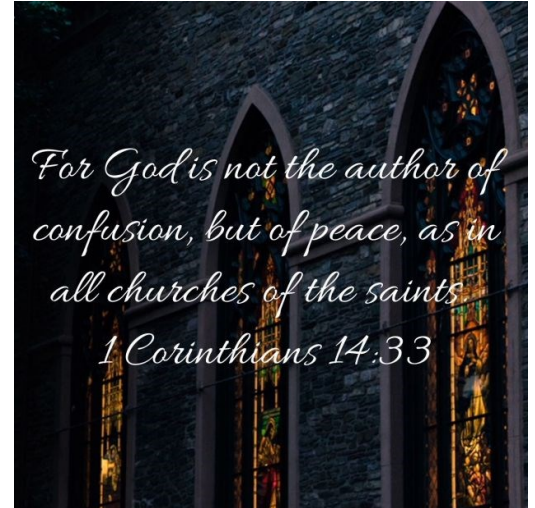
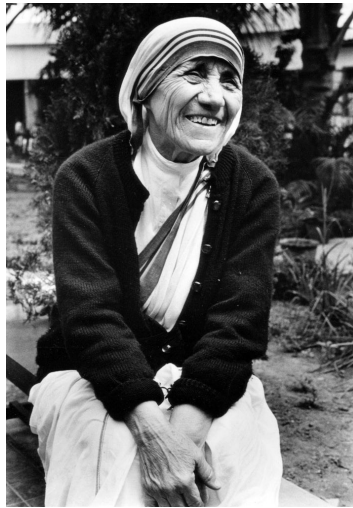
Baptism: Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to call the Parish Office to schedule a preparation session and the tentative date.

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.



For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints
1 Corinthians 14:33

Deliver us, Lord we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles; Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

These two short prayers are packed with meaning. They are offered right after the Our Father and before the Sign of Peace. We begin asking God for deliverance from evil and peace in our days. We recognize that this peace is not the absence of war, but a relationship with God and others. The mercy of God is needed for this peace because it offers us freedom from sin. However, we know of our sinfulness, we have been recognizing this throughout the entire Mass. But we also acknowledge Jesus as our Savior, this is the faith of the Church in which we have been baptized. This faithfulness may not be found in the individuals but in the entire Body of Christ into which we are members. As a member of the Church we are free from distress, despair, because we are filled with the hope rooted in the Resurrection and Christ's presence upon the altar in the Holy Eucharist. From this flows peace and unity in accordance with God's will. This is the peace we offer, unity with God and each other, when we offer the sign of peace. God's Peace! Fr. Brian





Mass Intentions

May 13-May 19

- Monday 8:30 AM Steve & Eva Wolfe by Ken Wolfe**
- Wednesday 8:30 AM Lisa Petruska by Mom & Dad**
- Friday 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena**
- Saturday 5:30 PM All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC**

Pentecost Sunday

- Sunday 8:30 AM George Pavlick by Wife & Family**
- 11:00 AM Karen Sorber by Margaret Moyer**

The altar flowers this week are in loving memory of George Pavlick offered by Wife & Family

Mother's Day Novena

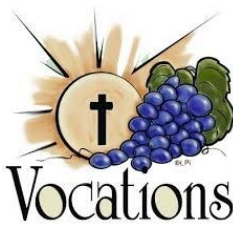
Beginning on Mother's Day, we will offer the Holy Mass nine times for the intentions of the mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers listed on the Novena envelopes.

This Novena of Prayer is a beautiful spiritual bouquet offered to God in thanksgiving for the mothers in our lives, both living and deceased.

Flowers and other sentiments are beautiful; but prayer is an eternal gift. Please pray for all mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers during the month of Mary, the mother of God and our mother as well.



Vocation Reminder



"As You sent me into the world, I have sent them." If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or contact

570-207-1452 or vocations@dioceseofscranton.org

We are praying for you!

Sunday, June 9, 2024

at the 8:30am Mass

we celebrate our

high school and college graduates!



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



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



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	\$2,345.00
To Date Budget	\$166,480.50
To Date Donations	\$154,994.15
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$11,486.35)



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)

Festival Volunteers

Please consider donating some of your time to help in making this year's festival another success. We can not thank our hard-working workers enough but we always need more help! Please call the office or Denise Stefanowicz @ (570) 477-5319 with questions or to volunteer. 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



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!

www.eucharisticrevival.org



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

