



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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## Fifth Sunday in Lent

### 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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#### 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.



The Holy Mass is also rooted in the end of time with the Paschal Lamb of God. This is why, toward receiving the Eucharist, the priest announces, "Behold the Lamb of God." These words come from St. John the Baptist, "Behold the Lamb of God." (John 1:29) They also echo the words of Pilate at the judgement, "Behold the man." (John 19:5) These two "beholds" echo each other to point to Jesus as the Lamb of sacrifice and our salvation. This can be found in the Book of Revelation, "Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb." (Rev. 7:10) We also read, "The Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rev. 7:17) This language sounds familiar for the early Christians as well as our family today. "Life giving water" is from Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well. (John 4) "Good shepherd" is also coming from John's Gospel in the tenth chapter. All these connections point to the Holy Eucharist and this point of the Holy Mass where we unite all time from the Incarnation to the Second Coming of Christ. So we kneel before the Altar of the Cross and the Throne of the Lamb. "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue will give praise to God. So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God." (Romans 14:11-12) This is why we kneel instead of stand, in humility and worship. However, there is also the posture of the heart as we come before the Lord. What is your posture of worship? God's Peace! Fr. Brian





# Mass Intentions

## March 18 - March 24

- Monday 8:30 AM Eddie Turchin**  
*by Mom & Sister, Pam*
  - Wednesday 8:30 AM Mary Mikolajczyk**  
*by Joseph & Family*
  - Friday 8:30 AM Donna Gavlick**  
*by Steve & Judy Boyanowski*
  - Saturday 5:30 PM All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC**
- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
- Sunday 8:30 AM Bob Folmar** *by Kathleen Drialo*
  - 11:00 AM Kellie Lyn Walsh**  
*by Janice & Joe Jablonski*



### 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)

### The Light is On for You

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

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!

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



### 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.

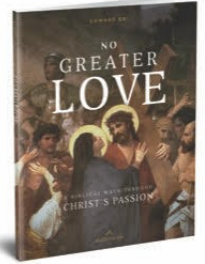
**All are invited to attend!**

March 20 St. Paul's Lutheran



### Soup, Salad and Study for the Soul

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**.

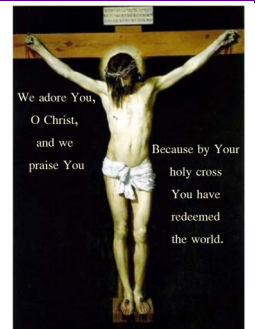


**Also**, if you would like to bring some vegetarian soup (that includes the broth), salad (no bacon bits) or bread please bring some to share!

### Stations of the Cross Fridays 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.



### Parish Open House

**Sunday March 17th beginning at 2pm**

Since we were snowed out for Epiphany, Fr. Richard and Fr. Brian would like to invite the parish to an open house for St. Patrick's Day! Come to the rectory at 38 W. Church St. to celebrate and relax with food and fellowship!

**All are welcome to attend.**



Our Lenten Alms Giving will be focusing on baby bottles for the **Providence Pregnancy Center**. We encourage you to take a bottle home and fill it with coins, cash, or checks (made payable to Providence Pregnancy Center) throughout the season of Lent.

All the proceeds will go directly to women and children in crisis who need counseling, diapers, clothing, groups, and education. **Please return your bottle by March 24th**. You can learn more about Providence Pregnancy Center at [www.ppcscranton.org](http://www.ppcscranton.org). Thank you and a Blessed Lent.



**Stewardship Report**

Weekly Budget	\$2,787.51
Week Donation	\$2,182.00
To Date Budget	\$137,222.50
To Date Donations	\$124,666.67
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$12,555.83)



Scan to donate or visit [annualappeal.org](http://annualappeal.org)

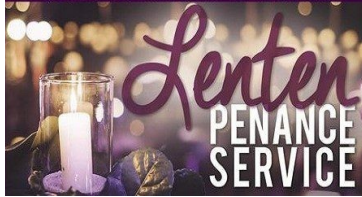


**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Parish Goal	\$19,000.00
Total Raised	\$19,032.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$32.00
Participating Members	27.36%

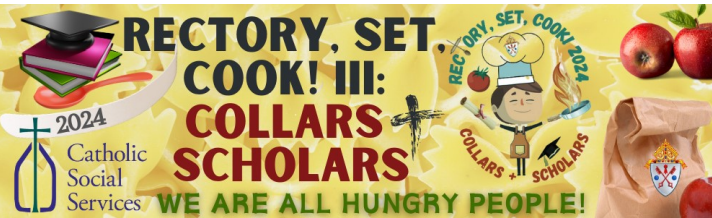
**Deanery Penance Services**

**Sunday - March 24 @ 4pm**  
 St. Ignatius Parish  
 339 N Maple Ave.  
 Kingston, PA



**Faith Formation Classes**  
 Sundays at 9:30 AM

Confirmation classes will be held on the first Thursday of the month



Go to [DioceseofScranton.org](http://DioceseofScranton.org) to cast your vote.  
 Also - **March 20th from 5pm-7pm** we are having our closing party at Breaker Brewing Company.  
 Information is on the Diocesan Website!

**Parish Festival Meeting**  
**Wednesday - April 3rd @ 6pm**  
 Parish Rectory

We will be discussing the results of the survey and looking forward to the planning of our 2024 Festival.



**All are welcome to attend!**



**Holy Week Schedule 2024**

**Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 23/24**

- 5:30pm Holy Mass w/ Palms
- 8:30am Holy Mass w/ Palms
- 11:00am Holy Mass w/ Procession of Palms
- 4:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
St. Ignatius in Kingston

**Monday, March 25th**

- 8:30am Mass of Holy Week

**Tuesday, March 26th**

- 4:00pm Chrism Mass  
St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton

**Wednesday, March 27th**

- 8:30am Mass of Holy Week

**Holy Thursday, March 28th**

- 8:30am Morning Prayer
- 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 10:00pm Night Prayer

**Good Friday, March 29th**

- 8:30am Morning Prayer
- 6:00pm Good Friday Liturgy

**Holy Saturday, March 30th**

- 8:30am Morning Prayer
- 12:00pm Basket Blessing
- 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, March 30  
 10:00am at the Parish Pavilion



Volunteers and donations of individually wrapped candy small enough to fit in small plastic eggs and plastic grocery bags are needed. Help filling the eggs will be on Monday, March 25 @ 6:30 pm.

Any donations or questions can be given at the parish office by March 24 or donations can be brought the night we fill the eggs.

**Thank you for your support!**



**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Please pray for our candidates and catechumens as they approach the Easter Sacraments.