



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Sacraments

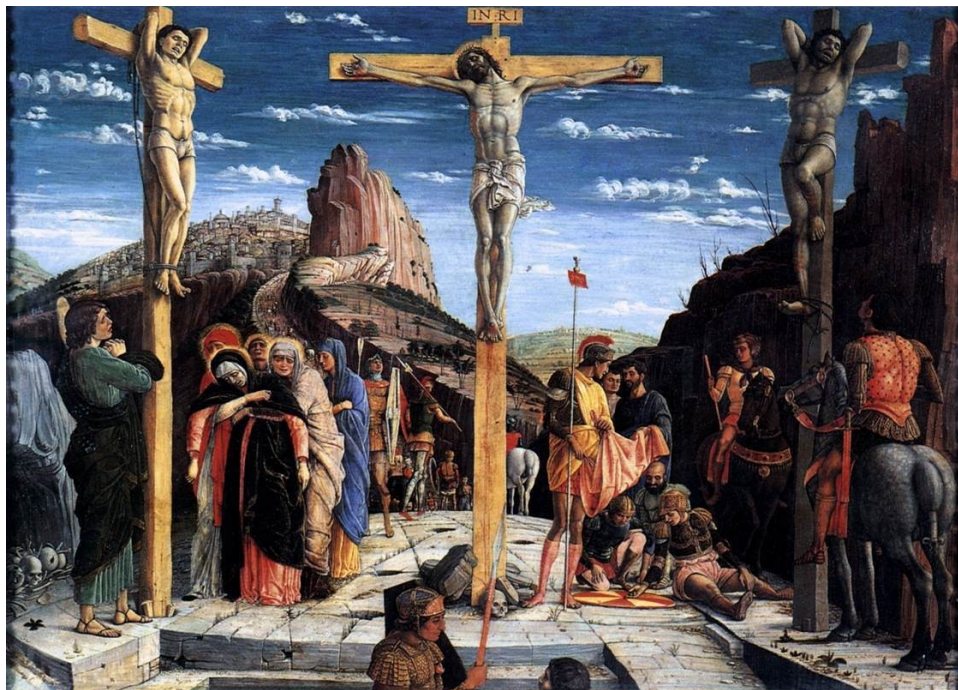
Baptism: Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to call the Parish Office to schedule a preparation session and the tentative date.

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.



At the Holy Mass, we are united at the altar of the Cross. As a reminder, Jesus offered Himself once and for all. He is the High Priest and the Lamb of Sacrifice offered on the altar of the Cross. "Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own." (Heb 9:25) At this particular moment of the Holy Mass we stand before this event, the Crucifixion. During the Stations of the Cross, a pilgrimage of the Cross, we genuflect and kneel at each station. We genuflect at the phrase: "We adore you O Christ and we praise you. Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world" We kneel for a time of contemplation at every station recalling Jesus' love and sacrifice. We are humbled because of Jesus' humility as we recall from St. Paul to Philippi, "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross." (Phil 2:8) Imagine how you would react to the crucifixion as a disciple of Jesus. When you saw Him upon that cross, what would be your affect? Would you stand, kneel, pass by? Would you laugh, cry, or become angry? What would you bring to the Cross of Jesus? This is the point of the Holy Mass when we get to do just that. You are able to bring to the Cross of Jesus all your burdens, joys, fears, hopes, sorrows, and pains. We look into the eyes of our Savior as we look to the Eucharist. God's Peace! Fr. Brian





Mass Intentions

March 11 - March 17

- Monday 8:30 AM Donna Gavlick by Ed Williams**
- Wednesday 8:30 AM Nicholas E. Perry**
- Friday 8:30 AM Francis & Marian Perl**
- Saturday 5:30 PM Bob Folmar**
by Bonnie & Pamela Turchin

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- Sunday 8:30 AM All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC**
- 11:00 AM Kellie Lyn Walsh**
by Mary Ann Dougherty & Family

Ecumenical Soup and Scripture Wednesdays @ 6pm

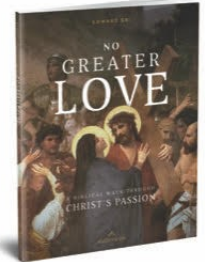


Every Wednesday we will be coming together as Christians to explore the Sacred Scriptures. The hosting parish will offer fellowship followed by a teaching from Sacred Scripture.

All are invited to attend!

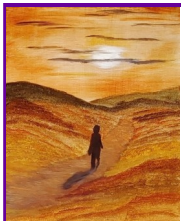
- March 13 Lehman-Idetown UMC
- March 20 St. Paul's Lutheran

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!



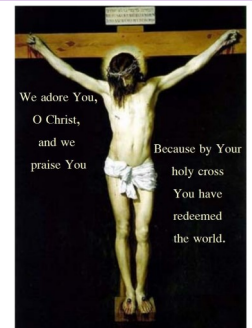
Lenten Men's Retreat "Spiritual Direction: I'm Not Lost, I'm Wondering"

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

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.

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.

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



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.ppcscranon.org. Thank you and a Blessed Lent.



Stewardship Report

Weekly Budget
 Week Donation

 To Date Budget
 To Date Donations
 Total Surplus/(Deficit)



Scan to donate or visit annualappeal.org



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Parish Goal	\$19,000.00
Total Raised	\$18,832.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$168.00)
Participating Members	27.36%



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

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



RCIA
A Journey In Faith

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Is being offered at our parish. RCIA is a wonderful way to explore Catholicism. Mostly for members of our community who want to explore becoming united more closely to the Catholic Church and Jesus Christ. It is for those who have been baptized and those who are not. We would love to have you join our family of faith!



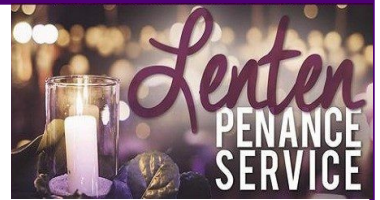
Vocation Ministry

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light." Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Are you called to belong to Christ alone as priest or through consecrated life?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations office at 570-207-1452 or at vocations@dioceseofscranton.org

Deanery Penance Services

Monday - March 11 @ 5pm
 St. Nicholas Parish
 226 S. Washington St.
 Wilkes-Barre, PA



The Light is On For You will be combined and will not be at the individual parishes.



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



OLMC Prayer Shawl Ministry received a note of thanks and deep gratitude from Geisinger Northeast for the handmade crochet items distributed to their patients.



Choir Members Welcome!

We have a couple celebrations coming up in the next few months: Holy Week and Easter at the end of March and Confirmation with Bishop Bambara on April 10th with a combined choir. If you love to sing, we would love to have you join us!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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

Volunteers and donations of individually wrapped candy are greatly appreciated!



Any donations or questions can be given at the parish office by March 24

Thank you for your support!



Go to 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!



100th Anniversary T-Shirts

These shirts will be available at the parish office! We have a variety of sizes.

Kids \$10

Adults \$13

3x or higher \$15



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