

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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Passion (Palm) Sunday Holy Week

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Sacraments

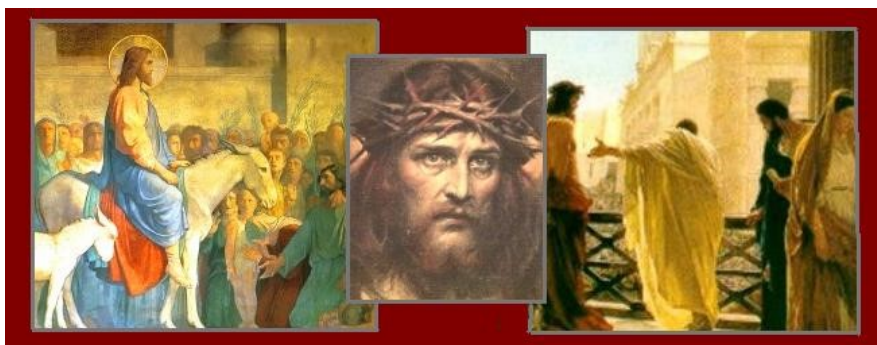
Baptism: Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to call the Parish Office to schedule a preparation session and the tentative date.

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.



This week we commemorate the fullness of our faith and the Sacred Liturgy. It all starts with Passion (Palm) Sunday. We start outside the church to begin a procession commemorating Christ's entry into Jerusalem. As the procession enters the church, the tone of the liturgy changes. The priest dons the chasuble and begins with the Opening Prayer (Collect) and moves directly into the Passion Readings. The Holy Mass maintains its solemn Lenten tone. Lent finally ends on Holy Thursday and the Sacred Triduum begins. "In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried and risen. The Paschal Fast should also be kept sacred. It is to be celebrated everywhere on the Friday of the Lord's Passion and, where appropriate, prolonged also through Holy Saturday as a way of coming, with spirit uplifted, to the joys of the Lord's Resurrection." Holy Thursday begins a three day liturgy, focusing on the principal mysteries of the institution of the Holy Eucharist and of the priestly Order, and the commandment of the Lord concerning fraternal charity. Good Friday continues the liturgy of Holy Thursday but shifts its focus on Christ Crucified and the mystery of the Cross. The Holy Cross offers salvation to all people through the sacrifice of the Lamb of God. Finally, "on Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and on his Descent into Hell, and awaiting His Resurrection." The darkness of death and the tomb give way to the glory of the Resurrection. The fire is lit and the solemn vigil begins. Once the Gloria is sung, we enter into Easter. The tone of the liturgy changes fully with light, music, and the Alleluia acclamation. If you can attend all of Holy Week you will be able to enter into the greatest beauty and mystery of our Redemption: the immense love of God! God's Peace!

Fr. Brian





Mass Intentions

March 25 - March 31

Monday 8:30 AM Health & Blessings: Lenny Emlett
by Daily Mass Group

Wednesday 8:30 AM Health & Blessings: Pat Blockus
by Daily Mass Group

Sacred Tridium

Thursday 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
All Living and Deceased priests who have served at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

10:00 PM Night Prayer

Friday 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
6:00 PM The Lord's Passion

Saturday 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
12:00 PM Basket Blessing
8:00 PM The Vigil of Easter
All Living & Deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC

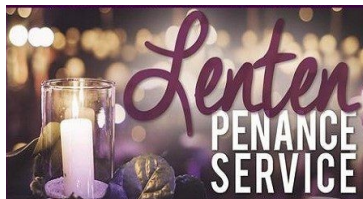
Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 8:30 AM All the Flower Intentions offered for the Easter Season

11:00 AM All who have been received into the Church this Easter

Deanery Penance Services

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



Confessions will not be offered on Monday or Saturday.

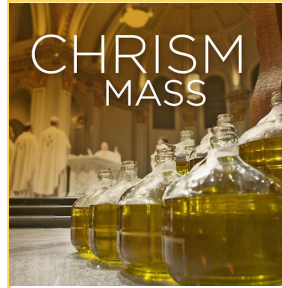
Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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 fill eggs will be on Monday, March 25 @ 6:30 pm.
Thank you for your support!



CHRISM MASS

Mass of the Holy Oils
St. Peter's Cathedral
Tuesday, March 26 @ 4pm

The blessing of the holy oils and consecration of Sacred Chrism takes place along with the renewing of priestly promises.

Please pray for our priests and for vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Scranton.



Blessing of Easter Baskets
Saturday, March 30 @ Noon
in the Church

What goes into the basket to be blessed and why?

This is the break of the fast - breakfast - for Easter morning. Meats, cheeses, butter, salt, wine, eggs, breads, sweets, flowers, candles, horseradish, all have a place at the breakfast table. All these items have gained spiritual significance over the years. I would check out any platform to inform you about these traditions. However, simply, we have the baskets blessed to give to God thanks and praise for what He has provided and the graces received over Lent.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

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

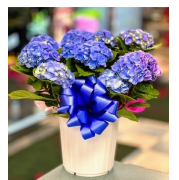


Divine Mercy Sunday
St. Faustina Kowalska Parish
520 S. Hanover St. - Nanticoke
Noon to 3pm

Join us as we contemplate the mercy of God. Confessions will be heard throughout this time along with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Rosary. Our time will conclude with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.

Church Decorating
Saturday - March 30th @ 9am

Help transform our sanctuary to Easter Glory!
All are welcome to attend!



Stewardship Report

Weekly Budget	\$2,787.51
Week Donation	\$2,874.00
To Date Budget	\$140,010.01
To Date Donations	\$127,504.77
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$12,505.24)

Easter Break

The tomb is open but the parish office will be closed for the celebration of Easter on the following days:



Good Friday, March 29
Easter Monday, April 1



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Bishop's Annual Appeal

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

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

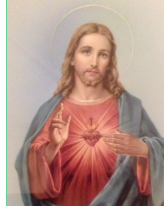
We will be discussing the results of the survey and looking forward to the planning of our 2024 Festival.



All are welcome to attend!

First Friday and Saturday Devotions
April 5 @ 8:30 am

First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



April 6 @ 8:30 am

First Saturday Mass w/Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Eucharistic Adoration, Prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Confession



Vocation Reminder



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (570) 207-1452 or email vocations@dioceseofscranton.org



There are no classes this week nor next for the celebration of Easter.

Classes will resume on April 7th.
HAPPY EASTER!!



Sacrament of Confirmation
St. Faustina Kowalska Parish
Wednesday - April 10 @ 5pm

This year Our Lady of Mount Carmel will join with St. Faustina Kowalska, Holy Spirit and St. Leo Parishes for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bambara.
All are welcome to attend!

Monthly Parish BINGO - Sunday, April 7



Cultural Centre of St. Faustina
(38 W Church St)
Doors open at 12:30 PM with games start at 1:30 PM

\$25.00 for 16 games with \$25 winning with Specials and a **Progressive Jackpot** and other fun!

Jackpot \$250.00 this month

Come enjoy a great afternoon.
Food and beverages available for purchase.

Choir Members Welcome!



Confirmation with Bishop Bambara on April 10th will have a combined choir from all the parishes. If you love to sing, we would love to have you join us for practice on Tuesdays at 7pm!

www.eucharisticrevival.org

