



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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## Second Sunday in Lent

### 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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#### 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 sacrifice is gathered and now being offered. Just as the Opening Prayer collects all our prayers into one prayer of the Church, the Preface does the same but much more. At this point in the Holy Mass we bring together the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, the sacrifice we bring to this Holy Mass, and the Sacrifice of the Lamb at the end time. Thus, we enter into eternity as we unite ourselves in both time and place as the entire Church (Militant, Triumphant, and Suffering) gathering at one Holy Mass. All time and place is thus brought together before the Cross of Christ and offered with Christ to the Father. We are not offering Christ Crucified again and again; rather, we are uniting ourselves to that one sacrifice and thus fulfilling Sacred Scripture:

“Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice.” (Hebrews 9:25-26)

Thus, we unite ourselves to Christ’s sacrifice and the fullness of worship at the end time whenever we pray the Holy Mass.

We then pray with all the angels and saints the Sanctus, the Holy. We begin with the vision of Isaiah echoed in Revelation, “Holy, holy holy is the Lord of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory,” (Isaiah 6:3) We then unite ourselves to the triumphal entry into Jerusalem with cries of “Hosanna in the highest.” We then pray with David and Jesus Psalm 118:26 “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” This psalm is Jesus’ lament over Jerusalem, after the triumphal entry, where He longs for their love and unity with God. We then console Jesus as we offer another Hosanna and our willingness to unite our sacrifice to His, “filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ.” (Col 1:24) How awesome is God’s eternal love. God’s Peace! Fr. Brian





# Mass Intentions

## February 26 - March 3

- Monday 8:30 AM Peter Zbieg** *by Family*
- Wednesday 8:30 AM John Romano, Sr.** *by John & Joanne Romano*
- Friday 8:30 AM Joseph Jablonski** *by Daughter & Family*
- Saturday 8:30 AM Priestly Intentions**  
**5:30 PM All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC**

## Third Sunday of Lent

- Sunday 8:30 AM George Pavlick** *by Heather Brassington & Family*
- 11:00 AM Tracy Gototweski** *by Charles & Georgette Vivian & Family*

*The Sanctuary Light this week is in loving memory of Helen Zapusek offered by Daughter & Son-in-law*

## Ecumenical Soup and Scripture Wednesdays @ 6pm

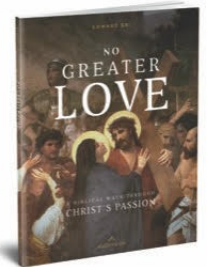


Every Wednesday we will be coming together as Christians to explore the Sacred Scriptures. The hosting parish will offer fellowship followed by a teaching from Sacred Scripture.

**All are invited to attend!**

- Feb 28 Our Lady of Mount Carmel **Please bring some food for our guests!**
- 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!

## 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.

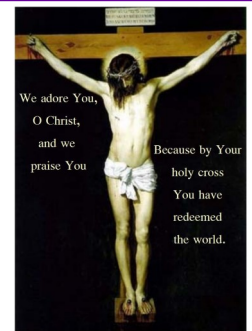
There will also be a priest available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There is no better way to spend only one hour a week with the Lord

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



## 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.

## First Friday and Saturday Devotions March 1 @ 8:30 am

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



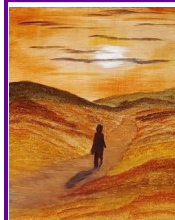
## March 2 @ 8:30 am

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



## 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](http://www.beacatholicman.com). For more information, contact Joe Adcroft at 570-380-5070





**Stewardship Report**

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,787.51
Week February 4	\$ 2,522.00
To Date Budget	\$ 127,078.75
To Date Donations	\$ 115,735.62
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$11,343.13)



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



**Our Sincere Thanks**

Thank all who participated in our pizza fundraiser and all our volunteers who donated their time and hard work in another pierogi making weekend. You're the BEST!



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.



**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!

**Parish Festival Survey**

Last week we included a festival survey in the bulletin. If you can please fill it out and return it to the parish office that would be greatly helpful! If you need a copy please find one where the bulletins are located and fill one out today!



**Again, thank you for all your support and guidance!**

**THANK YOU!**



To quote, St. Theresa of Calcutta, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." I come to you with a heart that is full of "great love" and humility as expressed from the many cards I received both at Christmas and in Get Well Wishes that were filled with concern and encouragement, during my recent illness. But, the greatest "gift" I received from everyone, was your constant prayers. This is the best medicine I could have asked for; and believe me, I felt them in my heart.

Also, to my brother priests, who were a constant source of prayer and guidance, Thank you! Please know all of you have a very special place in my heart. God is good and always faithful. Please let us continue to prayer and support one another.

Much love and prayers - Fr. Alco



**Prayer Service for Peace and to Commemorate  
the Second Year of War in Ukraine**

Sunday, February 25, 2024 2:30 p.m.  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton