



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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## Third 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.



We ended our reflection last week with Jesus' lament and how we comfort His longing heart. We are now entering into the most solemn part of the Holy Mass, the Eucharistic Prayer. However, before we consider this prayer of Jesus to the Father, we need to notice a change in the Liturgy. "The Lord be with You!" is a phrase used to awaken our spirit (and with your spirit) to move closer to God. It occurs in the beginning of the Holy Mass, in the greeting. It will also occur twice at the end of the Holy Sacrifice. In the beginning we are moving closer to God by entering into the community of faith. What are we moving closer to here? "Lift up your hearts" We are moving closer into the Sacred Heart of Jesus, uniting our hearts to His. So we lift our hearts to the Lord. This unity with Jesus fills us with thanksgiving to the Lord, our God. For it is "right and just". "To do justice and to love goodness and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8) We are humbled because only by uniting our hearts to Jesus can we walk with the Father. "Nothing unclean will enter [heaven], nor any[one] who does abominable things or tells lies. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life." (Rev 21:27) The entire Mass is a prayer to the Father through the Son. However, it becomes very apparent beginning here. The priest is now totally directing his address to the Father. We now kneel before the throne of God in humility as the priest offers the Sacrifice. We kneel before the Cross and Heaven itself! God's Peace! Fr. Brian





# Mass Intentions

### March 4 - March 10

- Monday 8:30 AM Fr. Ed Zawodniak**
- Wednesday 8:30 AM Paul & Bertha Almeter**
- Friday 8:30 AM Ruthann Ryczak**
- Saturday 5:30 PM Bob Folmar by Barbara Baigis**

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Sunday 8:30 AM All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC**

**11:00 AM Heath Mitchell by Bearchik Family**

*The Sanctuary Light this week is in loving memory of Thomas Rusnak offered by Wife & Family*

### Ecumenical Soup and Scripture Wednesdays @ 6pm

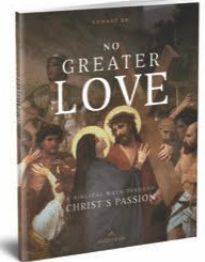


Every Wednesday we will be coming together as Christians to explore the Sacred Scriptures. The hosting parish will offer fellowship followed by a teaching from Sacred Scripture.

**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"

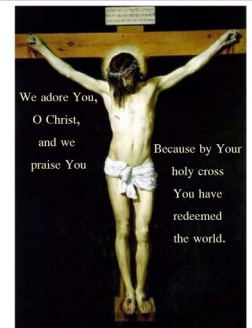


March 15th to March 16th  
Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, Dalton.  
The cost of the retreat is only \$75

To register, visit [www.beacatholicman.com](http://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.

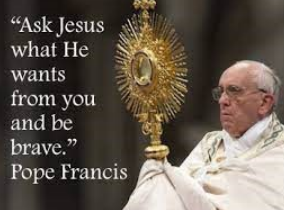


**ALSO** remember that every Friday is a day of abstinence. Every Catholic, especially during Lent, is to abstain from meat on Fridays. Outside of Lent, another act of penance must be performed on Fridays when meat is eaten.

### The Light is On for You

Beginning **Monday, February 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



### 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!



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](http://www.ppcscranon.org). Thank you and a Blessed Lent.



**Stewardship Report**

Weekly Budget	\$2,787.51
Week Donation	\$2,638.00
To Date Budget	\$129,866.26
To Date Donations	\$118,101.67
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$11,764.59)

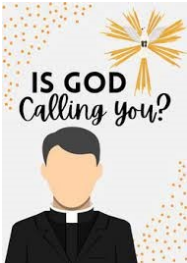


Scan to donate or visit [annualappeal.org](http://annualappeal.org)



**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

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



Vocation Ministry

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people.



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

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



**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 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.**

**Church Festival Survey**

There has been some changes in our parish festival over the past years. We moved from a three day to a two day festival. We are in need of volunteers and individuals who would like to lead in areas of the festival. We have been up against some other festivals and was wondering if a change is needed. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and drop it in the collection basket. Your input will help us discern the future of our parish festival!

**When would you like the festival to take place?**

- Mid-July - around the 15th \_\_\_\_\_
- Mid-August - around the 15th \_\_\_\_\_
- Mid-September - around the 15th \_\_\_\_\_

**How many days would you like the festival?**

- Thursday \_\_\_\_\_
- Friday \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

**What hours do you recommend for these days?**

Please include opening and closing times.

- Day 1 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- Day 2 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- (Day 3) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your favorite aspect of our parish festival?**

Please be specific on food or games.

**What can we improve upon in the festival?**

**Would you be willing to volunteer?**

Please include your name, phone, and an area you would like to volunteer (beer stand / food stand / raffle / etc.).

**Would you like our festival to have a band or DJ?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ DJ is OK \_\_\_\_\_