

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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First Sunday of Advent



The proclamation of the Gospel is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word. Over the course of the three Sunday cycles and two weekday cycles, we hear 90% of the Gospels proclaimed. We hear from St. Matthew in cycle A, St. Mark in cycle B, and St. Luke in cycle C. St. John's Gospel is proclaimed throughout the cycles particularly during the Easter season and with St. Mark in cycle B. The Gospel may be proclaimed from a special book which is carried in procession. If this book is used it can be incensed before the proclamation of the Gospel. This solemnity adds to the understanding that these words, about to be proclaimed, are the teachings of God given to us by the Word of God, Jesus. Again, taking the journey imagery, we are getting directions from the One who was sent to us from our destination, Heaven. "No one has ever seen God, the only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed Him." (John 1:18) "For the Father himself, loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father." (John 16:27-28) However, even in these passages from St. John's Gospel, the disciples of Jesus did not understand His proclamation. He needed to explain the teaching a little

further. This is the next part of our Liturgy which is rooted

in Hope! God's Peace, Fr. Brian

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Clergy

Rev. Brian Van Fossen Pastor
Rev. Richard Gyansah-Tabiri Assistant
Deacon Gene Blockus Deacon

Staff Members

Stewardship Coordinator Ann Rish Office & Bulletin Coordinator **Daniel Kotsko Faith Formation** Coordinator Amanda Matysik Youth and Young **Adult Minister** Matt Shaul Sacred Music Coordinator Chris Janusz Maintenance Coordinator

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.



Mass Intentions

December 4 - December 10

Monday 8:30 AM Kellie Lyn Walsh

by Noel & George Jones & family

Wednesday 8:30 AM All living Members of

The Priests Purgatorial Society

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday 7:00 PM All living & deceased Members &

Benefactors of OLMC

Friday 8:30 AM Tracy Gototweski by Patty Garzio

Saturday 5:30 PM All living & deceased Members &

Benefactors of OLMC

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday 8:30 AM Lisa Petruska

by Theresa Yatsko-Burgess

11:00 AM George Strish

by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pegarella



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.



Christmas Oplatki is available near the altar. Requested Donation is \$5.00

Calendars are at the doors of the church. Thank you for sharing the beauty of our faith!

National Night of Prayer for Life December 8 beginning at 9pm St. Faustina Kowalska Parish

Now more than ever we need to pray for the end of violence and the culture of death.







Stewardship Financial Reports

Weekly Donation \$2,695.00 Weekly Budget \$2,787.51

To Date Donations \$65,146.08
To Date Budget \$70,627.49
Surplus / (Deficit) (\$5,481.41)



Scan to donate or visit annualappeal.org



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Parish Goal \$19,000.00
Total Raised \$10,627.00
Surplus / (Deficit) (\$8,373.00)
Participating Members 18.16%



The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to thank Marie Roginski and all who have helped through your donations of finances and yarn.

NOTICE

Office Hours

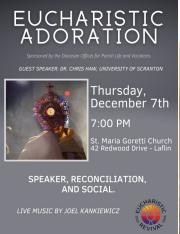
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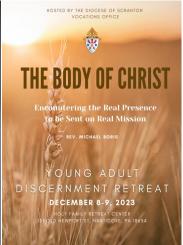
TEMPORARY CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS Tuesday 9:00am - 4:00pm Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

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If there is an immediate need please call St. Faustina Office at (570) 735-4833. Otherwise we will be in touch with you as soon as it is possible.

Thank you for your understanding.





Volunteer Needed once a Month



With changes in office staff we are in need of someone to volunteer several hours once a month for some light housekeeping in our rectory. Sweeping, dusting, bathroom cleaning and normal care is all that is needed.

If interested, please call the parish office 570-477-5040. Thank you for all your help!

100th Anniversary Merch T-shirts and Ornaments



These shirts will be available at the parish office! We have a variety of sizes and, if we run out, we will order more!

We will also have Christmas Ornaments available for purchase. These pewter ornaments are beautifully crafted and great gifts for this coming year.

Ornaments

\$10

T-Shirts

Kids \$10 Adult \$13

3x or higher \$15

Twelve Days of Christmas Celebration Lottery \$25.00 per ticket





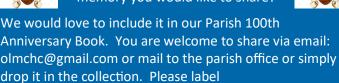
\$250.00 for Christmas \$240.00 for Mary, Mother of God (New Years Day) \$120.00 all other 10 days of Christmas On Sale at the Office or after Mass

THANK YOU for your support!

Anniversary Dedication Book



Do you have a favorite Our Lady of Mount Carmel story or special memory you would like to share?



"OLMC 100th Anniversary Memories" Deadline for submission December 31, 2023

Faith Formation Information Sundays at 9:30am





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



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT Dec. 17 from 2-4pm Ages 5-13 at Our Lady Of Mount Carmel

The children will make crafts and goodies to give to local service personnel. Sign-up forms are available in the back of church and in Religious Ed. classes.

Return forms by Dec. 10 to Faith Formation Class or in the collection basket, or Parish office.



The Annual Giving Tree will be displayed in the hall until December 9/10

Please consider choosing an envelope and help make someone in need a little happier this Christmas. Please return your gift envelope in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!

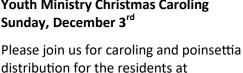


Saturday, Dec. 9 from 6-8PM St. Faustina Parish Center

A night of fun and surprises for ages 5-13 and for family to work with Santa or just relax.

Register by Sunday, Dec. 3 by calling the parish office.

Youth Ministry Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 3rd





Lakewood Nursing Home at 2:00pm and Birchwood Home at 3:00pm.

Cookies and Cocoa will follow in the Youth Center. Pickup is at 5:00pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Amanda at youthmin@sfkparish.com or via your Flocknote invitation.