



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Clergy

Rev. Brian Van Fossen	Pastor
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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-Can.

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.

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





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.



JMJ Catholic Radio 104.5 FM



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)



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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

**TEMPORARY
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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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations
GUEST SPEAKER: DR. CHRIS HAW, UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON



**Thursday,
December 7th**
7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

**SPEAKER, RECONCILIATION,
AND SOCIAL.**

LIVE MUSIC BY JOEL KANKIEWICZ



HOSTED BY THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
VOCATIONS OFFICE



THE BODY OF CHRIST

**Encountering the Real Presence
to be Sent on Real Mission**

REV. MICHAEL BORIS

**YOUNG ADULT
DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

DECEMBER 8-9, 2023

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER
151 OLD NEWPORT ST. NANTICOKE, PA 16854

www.eucharisticrevival.org

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

Benefits our OLMC Building Fund



\$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?

We would love to include it in our Parish 100th Anniversary Book. You are welcome to share via email: olmchc@gmail.com or mail to the parish office or simply drop it in the collection. Please label

"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

Please join us for caroling and poinsettia distribution for the residents at **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.

