



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Clergy

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

Staff Members

Karen Wnuk	Stewardship Coordinator
Ann Rish	Office & Bulletin Coordinator
Maggie Fishel	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.

Sin, Repentance, Forgiveness, and Mercy



“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful.”

James 5:16

“If anyone sees his brother sinning, if the sin is not deadly, he should pray to God and he will give him life. This is only for those whose sin is not deadly. There is such a thing as deadly sin, about which I do not say that you should pray. All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not deadly.”

1 John 5:16-17

At this point in the Holy Mass we are gathering together in the name of Jesus and presenting ourselves to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. However, we are not coming as people who do not need this relationship but as sinners in need of salvation. This is why, at every Mass, we acknowledge our sins and ask God for His mercy and forgiveness. We pray for each other, knowing that we are called to support each other in our prayer. We also pray for our own conversion as well as the strength to help others in their journey of faith. The unity we profess is not a false hope but the beautiful reality that “God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” **Romans 5:8.** However, this forgiveness is for sin which is not deadly. For this, there is even better news. God’s Peace, Fr. Brian





Mass Intentions

September 11—September 17

- Monday 8:30 AM** **Lena Bongiovanni**
by Joanne & John Romano
- Wednesday 8:30 AM** **Don Meeker** by Marie Pavlick & Georgette Vivian & Family
- Friday 8:30 AM** **Karen Ziegler**
by Marianna Oplinger
- Saturday 5:30 AM** **All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC**
- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Sunday 8:30 AM** **Robert & David Pavlick**
by Dolores Pavlick & Family
- 11:00 AM** **Tracy Gototweski**
by Aunt Tina & Uncle Bill



Altar Flowers

Anyone who would like to donate an altar bouquet in Memory of a loved one, please call the parish office



CIA Meeting

Monday, September 18 @ 6PM
in the church hall.
All are invited.

We are always looking for volunteers to help serve those in need.

Our sincere thanks to our parishioners who donate their time & effort to weed the flower & shrub beds around the church and rectory.
Your hard work is greatly appreciated!



DIocese of SCRANTON Mass for Suicide Healing & Remembrance

To remember loved ones lost to suicide and healing for those who still grieve their passing

Sunday, September 17, 2023
at 12:15 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Peter
315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton

Principal Celebrant
Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.,
Bishop of Scranton

The Mass is open to the public.
The Mass will also be broadcast live on CTV
Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton
and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton
website, YouTube channel and Facebook.



Mass for Suicide Healing & Remembrance Sunday, September 17th 12:15pm

The Cathedral of St. Peter
During Mass, Bishop Bambera will offer prayers and those attending will be invited to bring forward a flower in memory of those lost to suicide.

All are invited to attend.



Fatima Devotions

**Our Lady of Victory, Harvey's Lake,
every 13th of the month
from May through October
beginning at 7pm**

With Fatima prayers, the Rosary, and Marian hymns, all are welcome to attend and celebrate Our Blessed Mother.

Prayer Ministry and First Friday Visitation

If you or a loved one is in need of prayer or if you or a loved one has been away from receiving the Blessed Sacrament because of health please call the office so we can pray for them! We have an active Prayer Ministry who prays for all who put their intention forward. We also visit our homebound parish members at least once a month. The hospitals or rehabilitation facilities cannot give us information because of government regulations. So **PLEASE** call the office at 570-477-5040 so we can keep in touch!



♥GRIEF JOURNEY MINISTRY

"Be Not Afraid, I Go Before You."

Please do not be afraid to take a small step toward healing. OLMC Parish Grief Journey Ministry will be there with you as you travel the road of grief with Je-

sus. A four week Journey session will begin on Monday, September 18 from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Lake Silkworth: 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, and 10/9.

We will share prayer, information, and listening hearts. If you are suffering from the loss of a loved one, please join us.

For more information and to register, call- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Office at (570) 477 5040. Registration is not required but is helpful for preparations. ALL ARE WELCOME.

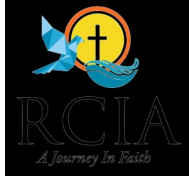
(Please note: This is a not a professional counseling service.)

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to thank Marainna Oplinger for her generous donation of yarn. This will help our Ministry create more shawls for those in need of some comfort and love.

Faith Formation Information

Start Date: Sunday, Sept 17th

Please keep an eye on the bulletin for more information. Thank you to all who are willing to help in this most important ministry.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Is being offered at our parish for this coming season. RCIA is a wonderful way to explore Catholicism. This time is 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. If you or someone you know is interested in joining RCIA, please call the office. We would love to have you join our family of faith!

Catholic Men's Conference
October 7, 2023
Holy Redeemer High School
"Stand Fast in the Faith"
\$40 (Early Bird \$30)
Students \$15



Registration and information can be found on-line at www.BeACatholicMan.com.

or you mail your registration and check to:

Be a Catholic Man

c/o William Leandri, Treasurer

239 Hayfield Rd. Shavertown, PA 18708

Put "Men's Conference" on the memo line of the check.

For further information contact Mike Kilmer at 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.



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.

Contact the office for availability and cost for the shirts and ornaments.

More excitement to come - stay tuned!



Stewardship Financial Reports

Weekly Donation	\$2,526.00
Weekly Budget	\$2,787.51

Weekly donation constitutes money given through envelopes and loose in the collection. This money stays in the parish for our expenses.

To Date Donations	\$30,803.45
To Date Budget	\$32,054.85
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,251.40)



Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

**Come celebrate
the Fall with Friends
September 30, 2023**
right after the 5:30pm Mass.



100 years and still going!
Menu and ideas will be listed soon.



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