



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Deacon Gene Blockus	Deacon

Staff Members

Karen Wnuk	Stewardship Coordinator
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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.



"In just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

Luke 15:7

"Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin."

Mark 3: 28-29

The prodigal son needed to go to the father and say, "I have sinned against heaven and against you." He needed to confess his sin and receive forgiveness. The sin of pride is deadly. "I don't need to go to confession. I'm not going to hell. I'm a good person and do good, I don't need to change." All these statements lead to the same conclusion, "I don't need Jesus because I am already saved." This slippery slope leads to not praying to God and separating ourselves from the source of our light and life. Our journey to healing begins with going to Confession! God's Peace, Fr. Brian





Mass Intentions

September 18-September 24

Monday	8:30 AM	Fr. Ed Zawodniak
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Kathy Hudak Davis <i>by Hanish Cousins</i>
Friday	8:30 AM	Lisa Petruska <i>by Bob & Sandy Slezak</i>
Saturday	5:30 AM	All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sunday	8:30 AM	Carl Zapusek <i>by Daughter & Son-in-law</i>
	11:00 AM	Charles "Mike" Kopka <i>by Lynette & Avery Beretsky</i>

The Sanctuary Light this week is in loving memory of Robert & David Pavlick offered by Dolores Pavlick & Family

♥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 Jesus. 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.)



**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.



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!



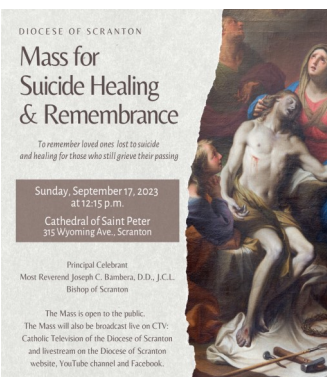
NEXT WEEKEND

We invite you to join us in answering



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annualappeal.org



**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.

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	\$1,959.52
Weekly Budget	\$2,787.51
To Date Donations	\$32,762.97
To Date Budget	\$34,842.36
Surplus / (Deficit)	(-\$2,079.39)

End of Month August, 2023

Fuel Budget	\$1,283.52
Fuel Donation	\$1,129.00
Dues Budget	\$6,844.56
Dues Donation	\$5,910.00
Maintenance Budget	\$1,194.24
Maintenance Donation	\$1,346.00
Surplus/Deficit	(\$937.32)

Online Giving Budget	\$1,781.22
Online Giving	\$1,606.81
Surplus/Deficit	(\$174.41)



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.