



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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## Second Sunday of Advent

### OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

#### Clergy

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

#### Staff Members

	Stewardship Coordinator
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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.



After the Gospel is proclaimed, the priest or deacon kisses the words of the Gospel and silently recites the prayer, "Through the words of the Gospel, may our sins be wiped away." After this short prayer a homily must be given on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation and recommended on other days. The homily connects the readings to the life of the parish and, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, with the people listening. So often preachers use humor and antidotes in order to make this connection. However, the Church asks that these tools only be used to serve a supporting role to the main idea of the homily. The homily should also be an appropriate length based on the culture of the parish. Fr. Richard would often say that in Ghana the homily would last for 30-45 minutes. Anything less and the people would consider the priest ill prepared. In our culture the homily usually lasts from 8-15 minutes. Anything more and the people would consider the priest long winded. A homily also looks at one idea from the readings and unfolds that one idea to gain a greater understanding and spiritual insight. This would be different from an exegesis of the text, which is when the preacher examines the literary and historical contexts of the text and how it relates to the Sacred Scripture in total. The homily is spiritual and moral where an exegesis is educational, though the homily may have an exegetical quality to make it's point. Finally, after the homily is given, there is a period of silence to absorb the readings and any insight provided by the homily. The people reflect on how their lives are connected to the Word of God before professing our faith. God's Peace, Fr. Brian





# Mass Intentions

## December 11–December 17

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Ruthann Ryczak</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Kathy Hudak Davis</b> <i>by Hanish Cousins</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Paul &amp; Bertha Almeter</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>All living &amp; deceased Members &amp; Benefactors of OLMC</b>

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Otto Neher</b> by Joan & Family
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>George Pavlick</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pegarella



## Christmas Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday, December 23</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday, December 24</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4:00 pm and 10:00 pm</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>



## 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!

## NOTICE

TEMPORARY  
CHANGE OF  
OFFICE HOURS

## 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.

## Stewardship Financial Reports

Weekly Donation	\$2,607.00
Weekly Budget	\$2,787.51
To Date Donations	\$68,907.74
To Date Budget	\$75,196.22
On-Line Donations	\$1,154.66
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$6,288.48)

## Monthly Budget

Energy Donations	\$726.00
Energy Budget	\$641.76
Dues Donations	\$2,915.00
Dues Budget	\$3,422.28
Maintenance Donation	\$542.00
Maintenance Budget	\$597.12
November Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$477.86)
Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$6,815.40)



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[annualappeal.org](http://annualappeal.org)



## Bishop's Annual Appeal

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

## 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!**



A huge thank you to all who donated  
their time and hard work to help  
make over **3,500** of our  
Christmas pierogies.  
You're the Best!

## Volunteers Needed

**Saturday, Dec. 23 @ 9am**

for help decorating the church  
for Christmas. Any help would  
be greatly appreciated!





### 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**



### 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



### THE MIRACLE OF BETHLEHEM

**Saturday and Sunday.**

**Dec. 16 and 17 - 7:00 p.m.**

**St. Faustina Cultural Centre**

38 W. Church Street, Nanticoke

Free Will Offering is appreciated and food is available  
A shuttle bus will be available from and back to the church parking lot starting at 5:45



**MJM Catholic Radio 104.5 FM**



### Faith Formation Information Sundays at 9:30am



**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 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!



### 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!

### Advent Penance Services

**Tuesday - Dec. 12th @ 7pm**

Gate of Heaven, Dallas

**Monday - Dec. 18th @ 5pm**

St. Nicholas, Wilkes-Barre

**Tuesday - Dec. 19th @ 7pm**

St. Faustina, Nanticoke

