



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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32nd 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

	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.



The ultimate goal of any journey is to know where a person is traveling. Several months ago we used the analogy of this journey as the Holy Mass meeting us where we are and leads us closer to our ultimate goal, Heaven. However, along this journey we need to be reminded that Heaven is ultimately our goal. This reminder is not only needed for our journey but for the journey of the early Church as well. The third reading of the Liturgy of the Word, the fourth of the Holy Mass, is given for our encouragement. In this reading we listen to the letters of the apostles. Even during the Easter Season, we read a letter, the Book of Revelation. "John, to the seven churches in Asia: grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne." (Rev. 1:4) Through these letters the Church is reminded of several key issues. The first is that we are not alone on this journey. We are accompanied by Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the entire Church. The second is that our ultimate goal is in the arms of God. That we are not meant for this world but rather for the world to come. And third, that our salvation is attainable through God's grace and our working with His grace. The works we do is because of the grace of God we have received. Without such grace we would be lost along this journey and worn out from it. The majority of these letters are from St. Paul. However, other letters circulate in and out of the Sunday readings and are heard as the primary reading during the weekday Mass. How do these writers know that the goal is attainable? Because like Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati they lived in relationship with the one who is "the way, the truth, and the life." As Blessed Frassati is quoted, "To live without faith, without a heritage to defend, without battling constantly for truth, is not to live but to 'get along'. We must never just 'get along'." This encouragement leads us to our ultimate guide, The Word of God. God's Peace,

Fr. Brian





Mass Intentions

November 13th to 19th

Monday	8:30 AM	Victoria Zbieg <i>by family</i>
Wednesday	8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
Friday	8:30 AM	Lisa Petruska <i>by Debra & Richard Secor</i>
Saturday	5:30 PM	All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sunday	8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
	11:00 AM	Vincent Scavone, Jr. <i>by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scavone</i>

*The Sanctuary Light this week is
gratitude & blessings for
the Kurt Davison family offered by Dolores Werhun*



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.

Office Hours

As we discern a new position in the office staff, there is a need to change the office hours. These office hours will be in effect until the position is filled. Please continue to pray for a person to help us in the area of Coordinator of Stewardship in our parish.

Tuesday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

This will not effect the Mass Schedule, or the Money Counter Schedule. 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.

NOTICE

**TEMPORARY
CHANGE OF
OFFICE HOURS**

Stewardship Financial Reports

Weekly Donation \$2,309.00
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 \$56,522.67
To Date Budget \$61,398.16
Surplus / (Deficit) (\$4,875.49)



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or visit
annualappeal.org



Parish Goal \$19,000.00
Total Raised \$10,180.00
Surplus / (Deficit) (\$8,820.00)



Anniversary Dedication Book

Do you have a favorite OLMC 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



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Saturday, 11/18/23 after 5:30p Mass

As we continue our 100th anniversary celebration and as a thank you for all the time, talent and treasure given to our parish, we'd like to invite all our volunteers and a guest to a celebration. Whether you helped with any of our social ministries such as making pierogies, working at the festival, CIA or if you volunteer in our ministries such as choir, lecturing, faith formation, etc., please consider joining us for this catered dinner as a thank you. Please RSVP to the office by email or by phone no later than **Tuesday, 11/14** at noon. Thank you for all you do!

**Part Time Position Available
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Hunlock Creek, PA**

Coordinator of Stewardship is a part time position (approximately 20 hours) which will be spread through three days a week. Knowledge of Quickbooks is essential along with use of Microsoft Programs. Good communication skills, both written and verbal, along with a lived understanding of the Catholic faith are virtues found within a good candidate. Interested candidates can contact the office or Fr. Brian at 570-477-5040 for more information. Please keep us in your prayers as we enter this time of discernment.



Thanksgiving Food Collection

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Back Mountain Food Pantry the weekend of November 18th & 19th during the Offertory Procession.

Please consider donating to those in need!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is need of yarn

We are making lapghans, octopus, shawls and scarves for the Oncology Dept. at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, the Gino Merli Veterans Center and local nursing homes.



**Any donations are greatly appreciated!
Anyone is welcome to join!**



**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.

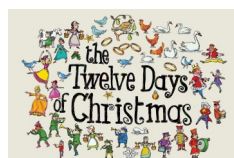
**Contact the office for availability and cost
for the shirts and ornaments.**

More excitement to come stay tuned!



**Twelve Days of Christmas
Celebration Lottery
\$25.00 per ticket**

Benefits our OLMC Building Fund



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

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



Confirmation classes will be held on the **first Thursday of the month** beginning in November.



**Holy Redeemer High School Musical
"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown"**

Friday, Nov. 17 & Saturday Nov. 18 @ 7 pm
Adults: \$10 and Seniors: \$9
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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!

**Volunteers Needed:
Christmas Pierogi Making
Fri & Sat - Dec 1st & 2nd
Beginning at 8:30am**



We will be making Christmas pierogi. Please consider giving some of your time and talent to help us with this initiative – no experience needed! Refreshments will be served. Please reach out to Cindy at 570-690-9427 with questions or to RSVP to help. Pierogies will be available after all Masses beginning Sat, Dec 9th while supplies last. Thank you!



**Surviving the Holidays
Grief Journey Ministry**

When: Sunday, November 12th,
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Who: Anyone who has suffered a loss through death and is grieving.

This is a program designed to help with the difficult hurdles inherent during the holidays and to help find strength discovered in others and in faith.

It is today - so please come if you would like!