



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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Third 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
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 Nicene and Apostolic Creeds are expressions of our baptismal call. The Apostle's Creed dates back to the second century. This creed was mostly used for baptismal rites. The Catechumen (non-baptized) would receive and learn this prayer before their baptism. Then at the baptismal rite they would express their belief publicly for the first time. The Nicene Creed dates back to the Council of Nicaea in 325AD. This was the first council after the Edict of Toleration in 313AD which allowed Christians to worship publicly. This creed was incorporated into the liturgy and was used to express the common Christian belief in the Trinity and the Church. The Nicene Creed became a source of disagreement in 1054AD between the Roman and Orthodox churches. The Roman Church stated that the Holy Spirit proceeded from the Father and the Son (homoousios) while the Orthodox Church argued that the Holy Spirit proceed from the Father through the Son (homoiousios). That one 'i', or in Greek iota, made all the difference. After the creed is professed, the church offers prayers for specific intentions. "The people respond in some sense to the Word of God which they have receive in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal Priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all." These are typically offered as the needs of the Church, for public authority, for worldly difficulty and prayers for the local community. After these prayers are expressed, along with a prayer for those who have died, the community sits to enter into the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The greatest gift we give and receive. God's Peace, Fr. Brian





Mass Intentions

December 18–December 24

Monday 8:30 AM Marie Romano
by Joanne & John Romano

Wednesday 8:30 AM Nicholas E. Perry

Friday 8:30 AM Francis & Marian Perl

Saturday 5:30 PM Gertrude Jablonski
by daughter & family

4th Sunday of Advent

**Sunday 9:30 AM All living & deceased Members
& Benefactors of OLMC**

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Fr. Ed Zawodniak
**10:00 PM Priestly Vocations in the
Diocese of Scranton**

*The Sanctuary Light this week is in loving memory of
Otto Neher offered by Joan & family*



Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23

5:30 pm

Sunday, December 24

9:30 am

Christmas Eve 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day 10:00 am



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!

Stewardship Financial Reports

Weekly Donation	\$2,366.25
Weekly Budget	\$2,787.51
To Date Donations	\$72,078.99
To Date Budget	\$78,677.01
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$6,598.02)



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Bishop's Annual Appeal

Parish Goal	\$19,000.00
Total Raised	\$11,787.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$7,213.00)
Participating Members	20.52%

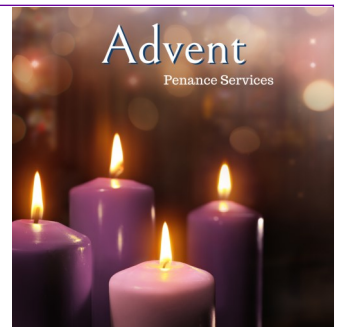
Advent Penance Services

Monday - Dec. 18th @ 5pm

St. Nicholas, Wilkes-Barre

Tuesday - Dec. 19th @ 7pm

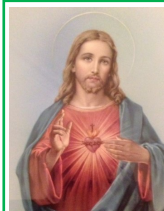
St. Faustina, Nanticoke



Volunteers Needed

Saturday, Dec. 23 @ 9am

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



First Friday and Saturday Devotions

January 5 @ 8:30 am

First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration,
Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

January 6 @ 8:30 am

First Saturday Mass w/Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Eucharistic Adoration, Prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Confession



www.eucharisticrevival.org

**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

**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!

NOTICE

Office Hours

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF 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.

**Faith Formation Classes are on a little
Christmas Break
Dec. 24 to Jan 7**



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!



A Letter of thanks was received from the Pa. Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs on behalf of the residents of
Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center for the donation of lap blankets.

Thank you to our Prayer Shawl Ministry for your generous donation to those in need of some comfort and kindness.

**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations



**Thursday,
January 4th**

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin



JMJ Catholic Radio 104.5 FM

