OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Pastor

Rev. Alex J. Roche

Daily Mass:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:30 AM

Confession:

Saturday at 4:00 PM or by appointment

Sunday Mass:

5:00 PM Saturday Vigil 8:30 AM 11:00 AM

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Sacraments at OLMC

Penance- Saturdays at 4PM or by appointment **Baptism and Marriage**-Contact the parish office to set up an appointment with Fr.Alex

First Communion, First Penance,

Confirmation - Contact Mrs. Elaine Herceg to set up an appointment. (570-256-4390)

Joining the Catholic Church- Contact the parish office to join our RCIA classes with Mrs. Maggie Fishel

OLMC High School Youth Group

This year we are rolling out some new opportunities for high school parishioners:

OLMC Youth Group - 2nd Sunday of the month 12:00pm (January 14).

OLMC High School Bible Study -

3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm (Jan 18) Come check it out and join us for service opportunities, food, and faith.

Rosary Intentions: Please join us in December to pray for a peaceful and holy Advent Season, for those who have lost their faith, for the homeless, for the mentally ill, for God's Blessing in the New Year.

Prayer Intentions: If you or someone you know are in need of prayers, please call or text Wendy Scavone @ 570-905-5310 to be added to the prayer list. Anonymous Intentions may also be added to the list.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Offertory

\$5,427.00

Thank you for your generosity & continued support

2018 OLMC calendars are available in the hall

<u>Diocesan Annual Appeal</u> We are now \$3,206 over our \$20,000 Goal!! Thank You

Religious Ed

Director: Mrs. Elaine Herceg *elaineherceg@gmail.com or (570) 256-4390*

Religious Ed Perfect Attendance

Any student having perfect attendance from Sunday, November 5th through Sunday, March 4th, will be entered into a drawing to win four W-B Scranton hockey tickets to a game in early April. The drawing will take place on Sunday, March 4th. Good Luck!

Mass Intentions (January 1-January 7)

Monday	8:30 AM	All Parishioners
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Fr. Ed Zawodniak
Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	8:30 AM	Donald Mills - Dolores Kovaleski
Saturday	4:00-4:45	PM Confession
	5:00 PM	Mitchell Kamionka - Lisa & Sami Stashik
Sunday	8:30 AM	Cherub Straigis - Ron & Sherry Cross
	11:00 AM	All Parishioners

New Year's Day Mass 8:30 am is not obligatory

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all our parishioners and their families!

<u>New Year's Prayer</u> Gracious God

As a new year begins, we place our trust in you.
May the time to come bring us closer to recognizing
our need to love and cherish one another.
May those in power understand the importance of
cultivating peace and bringing an end to war.
May those who struggle with disease, loss, poverty,
and despair find light in the midst of their struggles
and suffering. And may we grow stronger in our
desire to imitate the love and compassion of Jesus
Christ, your Son, in whom our hope abides.

CIA

Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets, The CIA is once again selling the magnets to remind us that Jesus is the reason for the season. The magnets are available in a basket at the church entrance. Cost \$5.

Please be sure to pick up your magnets by January 7th.

Calling all College Students: Your parish family would like to stay in touch during the upcoming semester. If you are not on our list and would like to be added, (whether you are dorming or commuting), please email your contact information (including mailing address) to cia.olmc@gmail.com.

RCIA 7:00 PM:

Tuesday: January 2nd Wednesday: January 17th Thursdays: January 11th & 25th

Catholicism Video

Please join us on Monday, January 8 @ 7 pm for the next video (The Indispensable Men) to be shown in the church hall. The video series will be shown the second Monday of each month. There will be optional discussion afterwards.

Community

Virtus Training

Wednesday, January 10 at the CYC, W-B @ 6 pm If you are an adult employee or volunteer who has direct contact or routine interaction with children, please make every effort to participate in this training. Your attendance is important. Thank you.

Bold Choices Retreat

Finding Your Passion and Living it Fully
The Retreat for young adults(18-35) will be held on
January 5th & 6th at St. Gabriel's Monastery in Clarks
Summit. The 24 hour retreat will include presentations and interactive sessions on prayer, making
choices based in faith, finding your passion, the art of
discernment, small group discussion, social time &
more. Cost is \$65 and includes lodging, meals & retreat materials (a limited number of scholarships are
available for those who need financial assistance).
For more information and registration email:
vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452



Soup for the Souls Soup Sale

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Buttonwood will hold the Sale on January 11th. Soup of the month is Clam Chowder. Pickup time is 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Cost is \$8. Pre orders are appreciated. For more information, please call 570-825-6370

Respect Life Mass

The Annual Respect Life Mass, sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Councils, Knights of Columbus, will be held at St. Faustina Parish, Nanticoke, on Sunday, January 14 at the 11 am Mass. The Knights of Columbus, along with Pro-Life Representatives, will offer prayer intentions during the Mass for a greater respect of all Human Life and to end abortion. Fr. James Nash, Pastor, warmly invites all to attend and to pray for the most vulnerable of Human Lives, those with disabilities, the ill, and the unborn. Thank You! For information regarding the local bus going to the March For Life in Washington, Friday, January 19, contact Christopher @ 570-824-5621.

National Memorial

The 24th Annual National Memorial for the Preborn and their Mothers and Fathers will be held on Friday, January 19, 2018 at historic DAR Constitution Hall. 1776 D St., NW (18th & D St.), Washington, DC. Free admission. Large groups welcome. Catholic Mass at 7:30 am. Interdenominational Service from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Special Guests: The Benham Brothers. Award Recipient: Alan Sears.

Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Our shared faith is deeply present in the cultures of Central and Eastern Europe., but this faith was severely tested over the course of the previous century. Countries in this region were under communist rule for 40 to over 70 years. During this time, bishops, priests, and church leaders were arrested and martyred. Churches were confiscated, communities broken, and people were forced to practice their faith in secret. Despite this religious persecution, the faithful of Central and Eastern Europe today are rebuilding and renewing what was lost--and you can help. With your support of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe you aid those who strive to rebuild their faith communities.

There will be a special collection in February to help support the Church. Collection dates will be posted in future bulletins.

